



## O'Hare reacts as coronavirus reaches US

Flyers from Wuhan, China, to be screened for respiratory illness

BY LAUREN ZUMBACH AND LISA SCHENCKER

O'Hare International Airport will begin screening travelers from Wuhan, China, for symptoms of a new respiratory virus as health officials said a man in Washington state is infected with the coronavirus, the first confirmed case of the illness in the United States.

The virus has killed six people and infected close to 300 people in China. The U.S. is the fifth country to report seeing the illness, following China, Thailand, Japan and South Korea.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention began screening passengers traveling from Wuhan to San Francisco International Airport, Los Angeles International Airport and New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport last week.

Airport screening is being expanded to O'Hare and Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport this week, and travelers from Wuhan to the U.S. are being routed to the five airports that are conducting screening, CDC officials said Tuesday.

Health authorities in China said the new coronavirus first appeared late last month. Initially, many patients had some link to a seafood and animal market in Wuhan, suggesting that the virus spread from animals to people.

A growing number of patients have not been exposed to animal markets, indicating the virus can also spread from person to person,

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## Ill. abortions up about 7% over 1-year period

Despite 2018 uptick, overall rate down over last three decades

BY ANGIE LEVENTIS LOURGOS

The number of abortions performed in Illinois has increased about 7%, with about 3,000 more terminated pregnancies reported in 2018 compared with the previous year, according to the latest data from the Illinois Department of Public Health.

The annual Illinois abortion report released last week shows 42,441 pregnancies were terminated statewide in 2018, up from 39,329 in 2017. The increase mostly came from Illinois residents, with approximately 4,000 more in-state women having abortions in 2018 than in 2017. Data for 2019 is not expected to be released for about a year.

Every year, thousands of women travel from out-of-state to have abortions here as well, but that number only increased slightly during the same time period.

The newest Illinois abortion statistics come as the country grows increasingly polarized over reproductive rights amid mounting threats to the landmark 1973 Supreme Court case Roe v. Wade. Wednesday marks the 47th anniversary of that historic and controversial decision, which legal-

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## IMPEACHMENT OF PRESIDENT TRUMP



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Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., makes his way to his office during a break in the Senate impeachment trial Tuesday.

# McConnell backs off initial plans for trial

In Republican shift, senator adds 1 day of arguments for each side

BY LISA MASCARO AND ZEKE MILLER

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate plunged into President Donald Trump's impeachment trial Tuesday with Republicans abruptly abandoning plans to cram opening arguments into two late-night sessions and Democrats arguing for more witnesses to expose Trump's "trifecta" of offenses.

The turn of events was a setback for Republican Senate leader Mitch McConnell and the president's legal team, exposing a crack in the GOP ranks and the growing political unease over the historic impeachment proceedings unfolding amid a watchful public in an election year.

Chief Justice John Roberts gavelled open the session, with House prosecutors on one side, Trump's team on the other, in the well of the Senate, as senators sat silently at their desks,



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President Donald Trump, who is attending the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, kept up with parts of the Senate impeachment trial Tuesday. He tweeted "READ THE TRANSCRIPTS!"

under oath to do "impartial justice." No cellphones or other electronics were allowed.

Opening day stretched into the night. Senators returned to the chamber following a dinner break. Republicans turned back Democratic amendments to sub-

poena documents from the White House and State Department.

McConnell stunned senators and delayed the start of proceedings with his decision to back off some of his proposed rules. Republicans were said to be

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concerned over the political optics of "dark of night" sessions.

Instead, 24 hours of opening arguments for each side will be spread over three days, swelling Democrats' momentum as they push to break the standoff over calling new witnesses.

As the visitors' gallery filled with guests, actress and activist Alyssa Milano among them, and Trump's most ardent House allies lining the back rows, the day quickly took on the cadence of a trial proceeding over whether the president's actions toward Ukraine warranted removal from office.

"It's time to start with this trial," said White House Counsel Pat Cipollone, the president's lead lawyer, voicing impatience

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## Applications for medical weed cards rise



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Dana Balkin, 24, applied for her medical marijuana card, for which a medical professional must certify she has a qualifying condition.

Increase may reflect desire to skirt sky-high legal marijuana taxes

BY ALLY MAROTTI

Since recreational weed went on sale in Illinois three weeks ago, long lines have formed outside dispensaries, stores have established buying limits and some have run out of product.

All that was expected, based on what's happened as other states legalized cannabis. But there's also been a less anticipated result: More people want medical marijuana cards.

More than 2,570 people applied for medical cards between Jan. 1, when recreational sales started, and Jan. 17, according to the Illinois Department of Public

Health. That's a nearly 34% increase over Dec. 1 though 17.

Included in that uptick, analysts said, are people interested in using marijuana for medical purposes now that recreational sales are legal. The increase also is driven by consumers looking for a way around sky-high taxes attached to some products.

Medical marijuana has been available in Illinois since late 2015, and about 100,000 Illinois residents already have the medical cards that are needed to buy it at dispensaries. Getting a card can take weeks, but once patients submit the documentation to the state, they are granted provisional access to buy it.

Boosting the ranks of medical customers will further strain

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Backers of a plan to move Illinois to 100% renewable power by 2050 say new federal rules could raise bills for ComEd customers. **Chicagoland**, Page 4

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The former Blackhawks coach was honored with a video tribute and a standing ovation and shouts of "Q!" from the crowd. **Chicago Sports**



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## JOHN KASS

# Dems desperate to protect their source of power

The partisan farce that is President Donald Trump Impeachment Theater is a political puppet show, a diversion that covers a truly titanic battle obscured by the dancing marionettes.

The audience knows how the Democratic impeachment show ends, with likely acquittal by the Republican majority in the Senate.

Some must figure Trump's impeachment has been designed by Democrats to continue their delegitimization of the president. And, aided as they are by their liberal Beltway media handmaidens, they seek to weaken the Republican hold on the Senate.

But what this is really about is Democratic desperation to protect their true source of power. It's just off-stage, in the wings of the theater—the magic weapon they need to continue remaking America in their own image:

The federal administrative state. This administrative state is driven by the Kemalist bureaucrats who write the law and protect the state from the people; and by the liberal federal judges who empower them.

It is a state plopped down on top of the republic from the time of President Woodrow Wilson and the beginning of progressivism, if not before, originally as a reasonable response to the excesses of the robber barons who bought politicians and ruled feudal American empires.

And now that administrative state has grown so large, it reaches into every aspect of Americans' lives.

It gives liberals power they can't otherwise achieve over the middle class that they've abandoned, as Democrats align themselves with the new robber barons, the high-tech giants who help make up the new Democratic coalition.

I've touched on this before, and my friend Charles Lipson, professor emeritus of political science at the University of Chicago, has made it a focus of recent writings in Real Clear Politics, as have others.

It is this administrative state that Trump, through his appointment of scores of federal judges and two Supreme Court justices, is waging war against. His attack on the administrative state is his great sin, as far as

Democrats are concerned.

And for this, the Democrats must stop him.

At Tuesday's opening of the puppet show, there was some drama, as evidenced in the preening of House impeachment manager Adam Schiff, the California Democrat and chairman of the House Intelligence Committee.

Schiff talked of fairness. If Schiff were in fact the demigod of truth and beauty that he pretends to be (or that CNN and MSNBC and others portray him as being), then his lips would have certainly burst into flame.

Adam Schiff and fairness? He must have mentioned "fairness" a half dozen times, but I couldn't write down his quotes, as I was too busy stabbing my eardrums with forks to stop the pain.

It was Schiff who kick-started this impeachment episode over the president's phone call to Ukraine. It followed the Democrats' failed effort to get rid of Trump through their debunked Russia collusion theory, which cost tens of millions of dollars to investigate, and fizzled upon the release of the Mueller report, which found no collusion by Trump with Vladimir Putin's gang.

If Mueller had found Trump/Russia collusion, Trump would have already been bounced from office. The American people would have demanded it. But Mueller didn't find that, and so Democrats latched onto the new shiny object, the phone call from Trump to the president of Ukraine.

It was ill-advised and it was wrong of Trump to ask a foreign country to investigate rival politicians, even if that politician was Joe Biden, the Obama vice president and point man to Ukraine. Biden's son Hunter had cashed in with a corrupt government and was protected by his daddy's threats to withhold \$1 billion in U.S. foreign aid.

Trump's call was perhaps worthy of censure. But is it worthy of impeaching and removing a president—less than a year before an election—without overwhelming support from the American people on his removal? No.

Schiff, who talks about fairness, played a central role in unfairly orchestrating the Ukraine scandal into impeachment. He or his staff colluded with the so-called whistleblower, the one we can't name, the one who was placed in the Trump White House by former CIA boss and Trump hater John Brennan. The complaint of the "whistleblower" was leaked by Schiff's team to the media, and Schiff protected the "whistleblower" from testifying in the House.

To be fair, the lips of the lipless Mitch McConnell should have burst into flame as well. The Republican Senate majority leader from Kentucky also invoked "fairness" repeatedly.

Fairness and Mitch McConnell? That's like putting a delicate orchid into the withered palm of Emperor Palpatine and expecting the blossom to thrive.

Fairness has nothing to do with it. This is about power. And this is about the administrative state, which is true power.

Trump is not a moral or philosophical man. You could say he's not a very good man. The vulgar things he says and tweets don't cover him with virtue.

Years ago, America did have a virtuous and moral man as president in Jimmy Carter. He was an abject failure. And Democrats hated him for his weakness.

Trump is transactional, a deal-maker, and so he dangles the appointment of conservative judges in order to win reelection.

He relies on the good counsel of the Federalist Society to make those conservative judicial appointments to dismantle the administrative state.

And for this, Democrats want him stopped, which is why America is being treated to a puppet show, with politicians talking about fairness with Kemalists and the liberal judges of the administrative state in the wings, watching.

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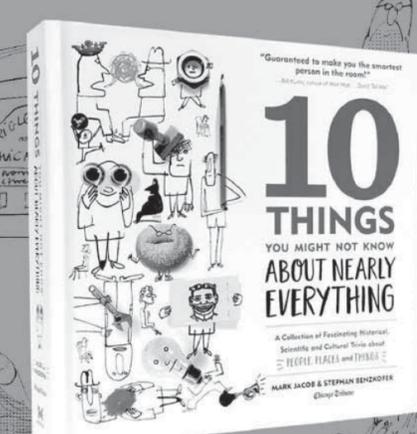



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# Vow to combat poverty bold, but fight not easy



**DAHLEEN GLANTON**

Mayor Lori Lightfoot used the “P” word the other day. Most politicians aren’t comfortable talking about poverty, but Lightfoot didn’t hold back.

Speaking to a roomful of community and civic leaders Monday at a Rainbow/PUSH breakfast honoring the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., the mayor announced plans to confront the issue of poverty in Chicago head-on.

“My commitment to this city this year and every year that I am mayor is to make sure that we step forward in a bold way and tackle the challenge ... of inter-generational poverty,” she said. “In this city, with our wealth, that is a shameful thing that we must come to terms with, and we must do something about.”

Brava to the mayor for saying out loud what many politicians, regardless of their progressive-ness, are too scared to say. People are suffering, not just in Chicago but all over America, and too few politicians are willing to put their career on the line to address it.

Poverty is so embedded in some Chicago neighborhoods that young people who have never known prosperity can’t fathom anything other than despair. Old-timers, who have spent years listening to promises that ultimately were broken, are wary.

Before Lightfoot can even begin to eliminate poverty, she has to convince the impoverished that she isn’t going to abandon them when it comes time to balance the city’s budget or when neighborhoods that are used to getting everything they want start complaining about being short-changed.

The mayor has to miraculously get people who are accustomed to being ignored to believe that she is sincere and that she actually has a viable plan to put an end to poverty. The metrics used to determine success must be precise and indisputable.

Lightfoot is starting that process with a summit next month, bringing voices from all over the city together to exchange ideas



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Mayor Lori Lightfoot speaks last week at the 34th annual interfaith breakfast celebrating the life of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.

and figure out a game plan that will give people from all walks of life a chance to participate in this unique venture to transform Chicago.

The details are still in the works, but Lightfoot has made it clear that this isn’t going to be a quick project. By engaging every city department in the effort, she’s working toward institutional change that will continue to evolve long after she leaves office.

That isn’t going to be easy. If President Lyndon Johnson were still alive, he could attest to the challenges of making such a bold proclamation. Depending on whom you talk to, his 1964 War on Poverty was either somewhat successful or a monumental failure. No one seems to think the federal government won. Ronald Reagan once quipped that poverty did.

The results were obscure

enough to scare most politicians to never mention the “P” word again. What we hear instead is lots of talk about the middle class.

What Lightfoot has going in her favor is a deep knowledge of what’s really going on in Chicago’s neighborhoods. She understands, perhaps better than the last two mayors, the correlation between violence and the lack of access to a good education, decent paying jobs and an environment where robust businesses and basic services allow a quality of life comparable to other parts of the city.

There are “people in this city who have never seen a community that has less than 25% unemployment, who everyone that they know relies upon government assistance for their daily bread and where families are literally struggling every single day to determine which bill they can pay, whether or not they’ll

will be able to eat, whether or not their children will have clothes and shelter,” she said.

That’s the reality for thousands of residents in neighborhoods such as Englewood, Riverdale, Washington Park, North Lawndale and West Garfield Park, where 40% to nearly 60% of households are below the poverty level, according to city data.

That’s why those who can are leaving Chicago in droves.

When the mayor says it’s time for the city to “turn in a different direction and make sure that we leave no one behind because of their race, their gender or ZIP code,” the rest of us should be showing our way into line behind her.

Economic parity is the backbone of a viable city. And she’s laying the foundation for fundamental change in the way we take care of each other as neighbors. Chicago’s foundation is only as

strong as its neighborhoods. And one neighborhood under siege is a threat to every neighborhood, even the affluent ones that appear to be able to stand on their own.

Ending poverty can’t just be a Lightfoot initiative. It requires a commitment from the business community, philanthropic groups, religious institutions, educators and regular Chicagoans like you and me.

In other words, we’re all in this together.

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Illinois Clean Jobs Coalition members stand Tuesday at a news conference regarding the Clean Energy Jobs Act in Chicago.

## Advocates of energy overhaul fear \$864M ComEd bill spike

They say if lawmakers don't act, new federal rules would mean increase

By DAN PETRELLA

Backers of a plan to move Illinois to 100% renewable power by 2050 say a recent decision by federal regulators could increase electric bills for the average Commonwealth Edison customer by about \$5 per month, giving new urgency to their push for an overhaul of state energy policy.

The Clean Energy Jobs Act was introduced in the state legislature last year but took a back seat to other high-profile issues — such as marijuana legalization, gambling expansion and a massive infrastructure program — that dominated Gov. J.B. Pritzker's first session. With the cloud of a federal investigation hanging over both ComEd and the state Capitol, the legislation's prospects this year remain uncertain.

But advocates say if lawmakers don't act, a December decision by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission would increase ComEd customers' power bills by \$864 million.

Seeking to offset state subsidies that lower the cost of renewable energy, the commission, whose members are appointed by President Donald Trump, issued new rules for how customers of ComEd and other utilities in the region pay for future energy capacity.

The commission said the move was meant to level the playing field among different energy sources, but advocates say it will give a boost to the coal industry at the expense of states like Illinois that maintain nuclear power plants and have enacted policies to encourage development of renewable sources.

"This plan would force Illinois consumers to pay more for dirty power we don't need," Citizens Utility Board Executive Director David Kolata said Monday at a news conference in the Loop.

A spokesman for the Federal Energy Regulator Commission declined to com-

ment, pointing to a previous statement from Chairman Neil Chatterjee: "Competition, not subsidies, should be the engine of our energy economy."

State Rep. Ann Williams said Illinois lawmakers need to pass comprehensive energy legislation during the spring legislative session, which begins Jan. 28, in order to prevent a cost increase for consumers and protect the environment.

"We can take action right here in Illinois, this legislative session to control our energy future," the Chicago Democrat said.

Williams is the House sponsor of the Clean Energy Jobs Act, which among other changes would put the state in charge of overseeing energy capacity in Illinois, negating the effects of the federal decision.

The proposal faces strong opposition from business interests, including the Illinois Chamber of Commerce, which said in a statement Tuesday that it was "disingenuous ... for advocates to claim with any certainty" that the federal agency's decision "will significantly raise electricity rates for consumers."

"Advocates should stop trying to panic the legislature and governor into action," the chamber's statement said.

The chamber said it believes the Clean Energy Jobs Act as introduced would increase energy costs for Illinois residents and businesses.

Williams and the measure's Senate sponsor, Democratic state Sen. Cristina Castro of Elgin, are making the renewed push at a time when ComEd and parent company Exelon — political powerhouses in Springfield — are under the eye of federal investigators over their lobbying practices at the statehouse.

The state's last major overhaul of energy policy — the Future Energy Jobs Act in 2016 — was the result of long negotiations and compromise among ComEd and Exelon, environmental groups, consumer

advocates and others. The law subsidizes a pair of Exelon's Illinois nuclear plants while also investing in solar and wind power.

With the federal investigation of ComEd looming, it's unclear what lawmakers' appetite will be for taking on major energy legislation this spring. But Williams and Castro said they want to move ahead, regardless of what happens with the federal probe.

"ComEd has to provide power — that's how we get our power. The generation that Exelon provides is necessary to turn the lights on," Williams said. "But in terms of setting the foundation and laying the groundwork and establishing how we want our future to look, our renewable energy future in Illinois, I don't think they are going to be part of that broader conversation."

Castro added: "In the past, utilities used to drive that. No more. We drive that."

Exelon has its own agenda for the spring. CEO Chris Crane said on an earnings call in October that the company could shut down four nuclear plants in Illinois if it doesn't get more help from state lawmakers. The company issued similar warnings about its Clinton and Quad Cities nuclear plants before 2016 law passed.

It remains to be seen whether House Speaker Michael Madigan, whose inner circle has been touched by the federal investigation of ComEd, and newly elected Senate President Don Harmon will place a priority on passing an energy overhaul.

Castro said backers of the legislation are scheduled to meet with the Pritzker administration this week "to start negotiating what a bill would look like."

Gov. J.B. Pritzker supports a shift to renewable energy and will work with legislators toward that goal, spokeswoman Jordan Abudayyeh said.

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## Full benefits upheld for firefighter's widow

Buffalo Grove contested line-of-duty cancer claim

By KAREN ANN CULLOTTA

The family of a 51-year-old Buffalo Grove firefighter who died of colon cancer will be awarded a full line-of-duty pension benefit, a trio of appellate court judges ruled unanimously Friday.

The ruling arrived after the village of Buffalo Grove appealed to the Second District Appellate Court to overturn a 100% line-of-duty death pension benefit awarded to the family of late firefighter Kevin Hauber, which was approved by the village's Firefighters' Pension Board in 2018 and upheld in 2019 by a Lake County Circuit Court judge.

"Kevin loved his job, the people he got the honor of helping, and his second family at the fire department," Kevin Hauber's widow, Kim Hauber, said on Friday.

"He was, and is, a hero to our family and to others he served," Kim Hauber said. "I'm saddened that the village administrators felt it necessary to engage in protracted litigation. I am happy, though, that after almost two years of litigation, we can finally put this behind us."

The Hauber family's attorney, Thomas Duda, said he was pleased that the appellate court ruled in favor of his client and her four daughters, but expressed dismay that the village of Buffalo Grove has rejected the pension board's decision. The difference between the 100% pension and the 75% pension the village of Buffalo Grove believes Hauber should receive is about \$25,000 annually.

Duda said he was also frustrated that public concerns about the state's budget woes and the impact on property taxes have left some local taxpayers criticizing the pension board's decision to award Kim Hauber her late husband's full pension.

"These benefits have nothing to do with the problems the state is having with unfunded public employee pension funds," said Duda, who added that he anticipates the village of Buffalo Grove will likely petition the Illinois Supreme Court to hear the case.

Officials in Buffalo Grove were not immediately available for comment Friday.

But last month, the village's attorney, William Nichols, told the appellate court justices that the Hauber case concerns "a sad and unfortunate situation."

"This is a highly sympathetic case, and it's very difficult ... but you still have to prove something more than the inherent risk," Nichols said.

Buffalo Grove officials last year appealed the lower court's ruling to award Kevin Hauber's widow, Kim Hauber, the 100% line-of-duty death pension benefit due to concerns that it could set what they described as "a dangerous and costly legal precedent."

Nichols said although Kevin Hauber provided 23 years of honorable service to the village, which included 127 calls that involved a fire, he said the burden of proof to receive the 100% benefit was not met under the state's statutory requirements.

"There is no direct evidence of whether he was actually exposed to carcinogens and toxic smoke" that caused him to develop colon cancer, Nichols said last month.

Duda has maintained that the village's job description for firefighters states that part of the duties involve situations where they will be exposed to various toxic substances, including carcinogenic materials.

Appellate Justice Joseph Birkett said last month that before making a ruling the lower court reviewed Hauber's medical history, which found no history of colon cancer in his family, which was affirmed by genetic testing.

"He was 51, and otherwise in good health, and was not a drinker, and there's no genetic predisposition found, and he was exposed to fires. The village's own job description describes exposure to toxic substances," Birkett said. "Firefighters are exposed to cancerous substances, and in this case, there's proof in the record that he was exposed to smoke and chemicals."

Nichols, the attorney for Buffalo Grove, told the appellate justices last month to consider that Hauber never filed a formal complaint with the department about any incidents in which he may have been exposed to toxic chemicals.

Village officials have said that Hauber's widow, Kim Hauber, 41, and the mother of the couple's preteen triplet daughters, and teenage daughter, is entitled to a surviving spouse benefit, which is equal to 75% of her late husband's final salary of \$101,549, or \$76,161 annually.

In a ruling based on their conclusion that Kevin Hauber's service as a firefighter caused his colon cancer, of which he died in January 2018, the Buffalo Grove Firefighters Pension Board awarded the additional pension benefit of about \$25,000 a year to the Hauber family.

Village officials have said previously that they appealed the lower court judge's ruling to uphold the 100% pension benefit to the Hauber family, as they have estimated it would cost the village an additional \$17 million due to the line of duty death award.

## For Wheaton cops, no crying over spilled doughnuts

By CLIFFORD WARD

Sometimes in the course of an average day you happen onto something that, without question, must be chronicled on video. For example, the sight of police officers responding to a call involving dozens of doughnuts.

Matt Topic came upon such a scene Sunday in Wheaton, and his video post of Wheaton police officers shoveling up smashed doughnuts off a roadway drew laughs on Twitter, including from the Wheaton Police Department itself.

"The humor's not lost on us either," Deputy Chief P.J. Youker said Monday.

Topic, who is a lawyer, declined to comment on the scene he saw on Naperville Road between the Danada Square East and West shopping centers.

Youker said police got a call about 10 a.m. reporting a roadway hazard, and officers found about six dozen doughnuts strewn about the street. Setting aside the potential for danger — "It could have been a trap," Youker joked — officers temporarily blocked off a lane of traffic and quickly collected the crushed crullers.

In a scene that would break the heart of Homer Simpson himself, the video showed officers dumping a shovelful of doughnuts into big metal buckets and then stomping them down to make space for the remainder.

Police don't know how the doughnuts ended up in the street. They may have fallen from a delivery vehicle or may have been left on top of a person's vehicle before he or she drove off, Youker guessed.

Youker said the traditional association between cops and



MATT TOPIC

In a still image from video shot by Matt Topic, police officers shovel up spilled doughnuts on a Wheaton street Monday.

doughnuts remains, and Wheaton police have participated in past fundraisers for Special Olympics with Dunkin' Donuts. Yes, he said, cops still like doughnuts, though there are limits. "Who doesn't like a good doughnut?" Youker said. "But not one that's been run over 100 times on Naperville Road."

Clifford Ward is a freelance reporter.

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An interpretive sign about the history of Dixie Highway in Blue Island is shown in an undated picture.

## A racist highway name? Or are the critics just whistling Dixie?



TED SLOWIK

Some public officials in Florida are questioning whether a historic national route that remains a main thoroughfare in Chicago's south suburbs bears an antiquated name that some might find offensive.

"Is 'Dixie Highway' racist? The debate is growing," declared a Dec. 27 headline in the South Florida Sun-Sentinel newspaper. The article described how some elected officials in Florida's Broward and Miami-Dade counties believed the word "Dixie" was a painful reminder of a past that glorified slavery and white supremacy.

The debate sounded reminiscent of the controversy over the display of Confederate monuments in public spaces.

"Dixie was the term for the South during the Civil War," Hallandale Beach, Fla., Vice Mayor Sabrina Javellana said in December, according to the article. "It was also a song that became the anthem of the Confederacy, with lyrics that were painting a positive imagery of slavery, talking positively of picking cotton. It's not reflective of the times we're in."

My inquiries this week appear to be the first time the question was posed to some elected officials here on the northern terminus of the nearly 1,400-mile route between Chicago and Miami.

"I wasn't aware of the debate. I don't have comment at this time," said Hazel Crest Mayor Vernard Alsberry, past president of the South Suburban Mayors and

Managers Association.

In Florida, the town of Riviera Beach renamed a portion of Dixie Highway to honor former President Barack Obama. In Hallandale Beach, Javellana proposed the road be renamed Freedom Highway to honor Harriet Tubman and others who escaped from slavery.

In Hollywood, Fla., officials changed the names of three streets that had honored Confederate generals. Some older residents were unhappy about the change and spoke out against renaming Dixie Highway. Officials in some jurisdictions want to gather more public input before taking action.

"I believe such considerations are worth conversation and exploration," Harvey Mayor Christopher J. Clark said. "Similar to Florida, I would consult with our long-term citizens in an effort to determine whether the name has impacted their lives. They may or may not have the same or similar experience."

In Florida, officials are weighing the cost of replacing signage and other factors. Civic leaders also are concerned about different towns coming up with different new names for sections of Dixie Highway, confusing motorists.

Public debate about potentially renaming Dixie Highway has yet to catch on in Chicago's south suburbs. Some scholars and historians offered insight as to why that might be the case.

"There is an important conversation going on in our country about statues, streets and other places that reflect a past of discrimination and racist ideas," said Larry McClellan, a founding professor at Governors State University in University Park and expert on regional

history. "However, this needs to be a careful conversation."

McClellan hosts tours of local landmarks that were stops along the road to freedom as slaves escaped to Canada in the decade before the Civil War.

McClellan points out that Dixie Highway originated as part of a real estate scheme. Carl Fisher was a promoter who was instrumental in developing Lincoln Highway, the nation's first coast-to-coast thoroughfare, in 1912-1913, McClellan said.

Following his success with Lincoln Highway, Fisher bought a bunch of swampland in south Florida and devised an elaborate plan to bring tourists and settlers from Illinois, Ohio and Michigan to the sunny south, McClellan said. In 1915, Dixie Highway became the result of Fisher's efforts.

"To my thinking, this use of Dixie (Highway) is a far cry from the creation of statues and the naming of streets to foster and romanticize the memory of those who were advocates of slavery and division," McClellan said.

"There are more than enough pressing concerns about the impact and dangers of racism and deep inequality to engage our passions and our demands for justice and I would put to the side trying to change the name of an old highway," he added.

Dixie Highway is actually a series of various north-south routes that run somewhat parallel from the Midwest through the Deep South. In Illinois, Dixie Highway once started at Michigan and Adams streets in Chicago and still retains its name in Harvey, where Western Avenue ends, and south through Markham, Hazel Crest, East Hazel Crest, Homewood and Chicago

Heights.

Dixie Highway was about more than just making money off Florida real estate, said Jim Wright, president of the Homewood Historical Society. Wright authored the book, "The Dixie Highway in Illinois" and has helped organize the annual Drivin' the Dixie event since its inception in 2002. The festival on the third Saturday of June attracts classic-car enthusiasts and others to stops between Blue Island and Mokena.

Dixie Highway brought tourist dollars and promoted development in economically depressed areas, Wright said.

"Another important goal, and one often forgotten about today, was the intent of highway organizers to have the road serve as a unifying force for the North and South in a country that only 50 years before had seen the end of the Civil War, the most divisive event in the nation's history," Wright said.

Efforts to use Dixie Highway to promote unity, tourism and economic development in the region continue to this day. In 2019, seven brewery businesses from Blue Island to Crete banded together to launch the Dixie Highway Brewery Trail, which offers patrons the chance to have passports stamped for visiting various sites.

In contrast to the debate being waged along the historic route's southern terminus, the responses I received to inquiries of south suburban elected officials, scholars and historians seem to point to a shared consensus.

The name Dixie Highway is not racist, at least not in the opinion of several prominent people in the south suburbs.

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## How did over 500 non-citizens get registered to vote?

Illinois secretary of state's office blames programming error

By JAMIE MUNKS

More than 500 people who indicated they were not U.S. citizens during Illinois' automatic voter registration process were erroneously registered to vote after the Illinois secretary of state's office transferred data to the Illinois State Board of Elections.

The issue was caused by a "programming error" that was identified last month, secretary of state spokesman Henry Haupt said. The office then notified the Illinois State Board of Elections and the people who were inadvertently registered, Haupt said.

There were 574 people who began the automatic voter registration process at driver's license facilities who indicated they were not U.S. citizens, which is supposed to stop the entire process. But the secretary of state's office mistakenly transferred that data to the Illinois State Board of Elections.

Of those 574, 545 were registered to vote, while the other 29 were rejected for one reason or another, state Board of Elections spokesman Matt Dietrich said.

From that group, 16 people cast 19 ballots in elections since November 2018. State law provides relief for people who are accidentally registered to vote when they did not intend to register, Dietrich said. But if someone who isn't a citizen then actually casts a vote, "that can be much more problematic," he said.

Gov. J.B. Pritzker acknowledged Tuesday that under state law currently, if people are identified as having voted when they were ineligible to do so, "then they may in fact be deported."

There's "still a lot of work to do" to ensure "we have the facts right," Pritzker said. "So we'll know more in the next few days."

The state Board of Elections is in the process of working with local election authorities to determine the status of the individuals who voted. What's clear is that these people said no when asked if they were a U.S. citizen as part of the automatic voter registration process, Dietrich said.

"That's all we know," Dietrich said. "We don't know that they were all noncitizens."

Of the 16 people who cast ballots, four of them had "lengthy voter histories — long before AVR (automatic voter registration) went into effect," he said.

"That might be an indication that these were legitimate voters who have been voting for years, and for some reason they checked a box that said they weren't a U.S. citizen and they are a U.S. citizen," Dietrich said. "That's what we're trying to

figure out now."

Those who were inadvertently registered received a Dec. 20 letter from the secretary of state's office telling them, "The Secretary of State's Office made the mistake in this matter, not you."

The letter tells the people if they have received a voter registration card they should destroy it or return it to the election authority that issued it.

"Most importantly, you should not vote in any elections," the letter states.

Pritzker said securing elections is a priority for his administration and "we want to fully investigate."

The secretary of state's office is "continuing to scour the records to make sure there's nothing else and to eliminate that problem," Pritzker said during an unrelated news conference.

Under so-called motor-voter registration, the secretary of state's office sends information electronically to the Board of Elections. The information from driver's license or identification card applications was accidentally part of a "batch transfer" of data to the state Board of Elections, according to the letter sent to the affected individuals.

"As soon as the programming error was identified, it was fixed," Haupt said. "We discovered it, we fixed it. And we regret the error. We want the program to work perfectly — that's our goal."

Since automatic voter registration began in Illinois in July 2018, the state Board of Elections has received 746,114 applications through the secretary of state's office, and 688,163 of those resulted in completed voter registrations, Dietrich said.

"The secretary of state says this is fixed and we've been working with them to make sure that's the case and that there's not some other hole in their system," Dietrich said. "We do believe the secretary of state's office has acted in good faith and that they have taken care of this problem, but we are going to circle back and we are going to make sure this can't happen again."

Former Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner signed into law the measure that automatically adds Illinois residents to voter rolls when they get or renew their driver's license. Rauner had previously vetoed an automatic voter registration bill, but signed into law reworked legislation in 2017 that passed with bipartisan support from lawmakers.

The Illinois Senate Republican Caucus on Tuesday sent a letter to Secretary of State Jesse White asking whether there will be an investigation to identify those responsible and asking for assurances that the issue won't happen again.

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## Abortion

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ized abortion nationwide.

As states such as Missouri, Georgia and Alabama have recently passed some of the toughest abortion restrictions in the nation, others like Illinois have increased access to the procedure.

Many abortion foes attributed the recent rise in Illinois abortions to a new state law permitting taxpayer funding for the procedure for Illinois residents, which went into effect in 2018. Although Illinois is generally considered a reproductive rights haven in the often more restrictive Midwest, many conservative lawmakers decried the passage of House Bill 40, which included abortion coverage for state employees and Illinois residents approved for Medicaid.

Former Republican state Rep. Peter Breen, an outspoken critic of that law, believes it spurred the rise in the number in-state residents who terminated pregnancies.

"We knew that abortions would continue to increase as taxpayer funding of abortions took hold, but seeing an increase of nearly 4,000 more Illinois babies aborted is shocking," said Breen, vice president and senior counsel of the Chicago-based Thomas More Society, a national public interest law firm that opposes abortion.

Yet others say it's impossible to attribute to a particular cause any changes from one year to the next. Fluctuations in one year don't necessarily indicate a trend, said Brigid Leahy, senior director of public policy with Planned Parenthood of Illinois. "Therefore, we cannot know to what extent implementation of HB40 affected the overall numbers.

"We have no way of knowing how many Medicaid patients would have been able to have an abortion if it were not covered and how many would have been forced to continue their pregnancies if they did not have coverage," she said.

In mid-2018, the Tribune went inside several Illinois abortion clinics to speak with some of the women

using Medicaid to pay for their procedure. One patient from the south suburbs had said the hundreds of dollars she saved on her surgical abortion would help pay her utility bills and rent.

"A lot of people don't have finances to come to the doctor. There's a lot of stuff going on in the world," she told the Tribune at the time. "It helps people that use it, that can't afford it, that (are) in bad situations."

There was also a slight increase in the number of women who came from other states to Illinois for the procedure, with 5,668 out-of-state patients in 2018 compared with 5,528 in 2017.

Advocates on both sides of reproductive rights debate largely attributed this travel to more restrictive laws in many nearby states. Katie Watson, professor at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine, described the situation as sad "because these patients are like refugees."

"Yet it's impressive that Illinois doctors cared for over 5,000 women whose home states made it impossible for their citizens to

exercise their constitutional rights," said Watson, author of the book "Scarlet A: The Ethics, Law and Politics of Ordinary Abortion." "Being forced to travel out of state for any medical procedure robs a patient of energy, time and money they should have been able to invest in their health and life, and having to cross state lines for an abortion may also impose emotional harm from the stigma and politics that led to that travel."

Adrienne Guldin, of west suburban Oak Park, volunteers with the nonprofit Midwest Access Coalition, which provides accommodations and support for those traveling for abortion care. Guldin says she has hosted in her home about two dozen women traveling from out-of-town to have abortions locally since 2017.

"I love doing the work," she said. "I wish there wasn't a need. Because it should be normalized, it should be accessible, it should be affordable. ... It shouldn't be difficult for people to access the health care they need. And it is."

Breen with the Thomas

More Society forecasts that out-of-state numbers will increase in the future in the wake of the Illinois Reproductive Health Act, a sweeping expansion to abortion access signed by Gov. J.B. Pritzker in June.

This prospect is deeply troubling to Eric Scheidler, executive director of Pro-Life Action League.

"Illinois has become the abortion capital of the Midwest," he said.

Nationwide, abortion numbers have generally declined in recent years, and 2017 marked the lowest rate in history since Roe v. Wade, according to a report by the Guttmacher Institute, a research group supporting reproductive rights. That data doesn't include 2018, though, so it doesn't provide a direct comparison for Illinois and national trends.

Despite the 2018 increase in Illinois, the overall rate of abortions has largely decreased over the past three decades, down drastically from the mid-1990s or more around 50,000 or more pregnancies were terminated annually, according to state data.

While the annual Illinois

abortion report provides basic data on the number of terminated pregnancies and some statistics about patients, there's little information explaining changes in numbers from year to year. The report also includes an "unknown" category for the patient's residence, and this number deviates wildly from year to year, with 60 unknowns in 2018 and more than 900 in 2017.

Ameri Klafeta, of the American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois, said "it's impossible to know with certainty why the number of abortions increased in Illinois," adding that women make the choice to terminate a pregnancy based on a variety of very personal factors.

"What we can observe is that the state of Illinois has created a legal landscape and climate where we trust women to make the most intimate, most critical decisions about their own lives," said Klafeta, director of the ACLU's Women and Reproductive Rights Project.

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# Prosecutors want alleged madam locked up

She's accused of pitching business even while on trial

By JASON MEISNER

The ad posted last month on fetish classified site sexyjobs.com promised an extraordinary opportunity to work at a Chicago "members only" club.

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

There was just one problem, according to federal prosecutors. The ad was posted by Jessica Nesbitt, a self-proclaimed Chicago

madam awaiting trial on charges alleging she and several employees had sex with clients for money at risque parties.

Now prosecutors are asking U.S. District Judge Robert Dow Jr. to revoke Nesbitt's bond, arguing in a court filing Tuesday that posting the ad violated the orders of a magistrate judge to stay away from the sex industry while her charges were pending.

The six-page filing alleged that Nesbitt, also known as "Madame Priscilla Belle," took only rudimentary steps to disguise what she was doing.

Though she changed the name of the business, records provided by sexyjobs.com showed a billing address matching Nesbitt's three-flat building in the 2400 block of West Augusta Boulevard, where she's run her fetish business for years,

according to prosecutors.

A phone number used to set up the account matched Nesbitt's, and an email address used the domain kechicago.com — a reference to her longtime business name, Kink Extraordinaire, prosecutors said.

"Hiring employees further suggests that she is attempting to restart — or has already restarted — KE's operations under a different name in order to circumvent her pretrial release conditions," Assistant U.S. Attorney Devlin Su wrote.

A court hearing was set for next week.

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

unsecured bond.

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

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

The indictment, however, alleged that from 2010 to 2017, Nesbitt placed ads on websites such as backpage.com and eros.com offering paid sex with herself and at least six employees.

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

In addition to acts of prostitution carried out in

Nesbitt's building, she also arranged for herand her employees to perform sex acts in California, Washington, Florida, Indiana, Nevada and Wisconsin, the indictment said.

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

At Nesbitt's bond hearing, her attorney, Barry Sheppard, argued she believed she was running a legal business that provided services to consenting adults. He said she is the single mother of a teenage son just trying to earn a living.

Prosecutors, though, said they had concerns that Nesbitt continued to run her business for months after agents raided her home. In fact, the FBI had the building under surveillance as customers showed up at all hours carrying duffel bags and bottles of Champagne, prosecutors said.

A maintenance worker told investigators "he had personally observed sex toys in every single room in that building," Su told the judge at the hearing.

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

Valdez also rejected a plea from Sheppard to allow her to continue to do phone sex while on bond.

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

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## Virus

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the CDC said Tuesday. That "certainly raises our level of concern," said Nancy Messonnier, director of the National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases.

But it's not clear how easily it spreads from person to person, and officials continue to believe the risk to the American public is low, she said.

Though no cases of the virus had been confirmed in Illinois as of Tuesday afternoon, a spokeswoman for the Illinois Department of Public Health said the department is working with the CDC, the Chicago Department of Public Health and other local health departments to monitor for cases.

The state health department is advising health care providers across Illinois to ask all patients with a fever or respiratory symptoms whether they've traveled to Wuhan or been in contact with someone diagnosed with the virus, and to isolate those who may have the illness. The department is coordinating the collection of specimens to be sent to the CDC for testing.

The Chicago Department of Public Health, Department of Aviation and Chicago Fire Department are working with the CDC and other agencies on the airport screening program, which is expected to begin this week, the health department said in a news release Tuesday.

The CDC is advising airports to look for sick travelers arriving from Wuhan who have a fever, cough or difficulty breathing, the city's health department said. If a passenger is found to be ill during a flight, airports are advised to take the passenger's temperature, look for other symptoms and ask whether they were in Wuhan in the past two weeks.

"This action will impact a very limited group of trav-



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Arriving passengers walk past a health quarantine sign at Noi Bai International Airport in Hanoi on Tuesday.

elers, and the broader traveling public and airport employees are not at risk. Nevertheless, we will continue to take this seriously, as well as continue working with our partners to ensure the airport community is fully informed," Aviation Department Commissioner Jamie Rhee said in a news release.

Airlines and area hospitals said they are staying in touch with federal, state and local authorities regarding the virus.

Health care workers at Amita Health Resurrection Medical Center Chicago, which is about 6 miles from O'Hare, already ask all emergency room patients if they've traveled out of the country, and, if necessary, they isolate those who have and are at risk of specific illnesses in those areas, spokesman Tim Nelson said

in an email.

Cook County Health, which runs Stroger and Provident hospitals, will start screening for coronavirus as soon as possible, likely within the next day or so, said Dr. Sharon Welbel, the system's director of infection control and hospital epidemiology.

If patients have traveled to Wuhan recently and have certain symptoms, they'll be isolated and a specimen will be collected for testing. The system posed a similar question about travel to incoming patients during the Ebola outbreak several years ago.

"We need to prepare in case it is spread very efficiently, in case there are a lot of deaths from it, but we just don't know yet," Welbel said. "We do want to be prepared and not caught off guard."

The illness doesn't appear to spread as easily from person to person or be as severe as coronaviruses like SARS and Middle East respiratory syndrome based on initial reports, said Michael G. Ison, an infectious disease specialist at Northwestern Medicine.

Cases have so far involved people who were in Wuhan or in direct contact with someone in the region, suggesting that Chicagoans who haven't traveled to the region or been in touch with someone who just returned shouldn't be concerned, he said.

Still, the virus is new and there are many unanswered questions, such as what animal was the source of the virus, experts said. Identifying the source will help authorities figure out how to contain the virus, said Mary Rodgers, the head of Ab-

bott's global viral surveillance program.

The Washington state man diagnosed with the virus returned to the Seattle area in the middle of last week after traveling to the Wuhan area. The man is in his 30s and is in good condition at a hospital in Everett, outside Seattle. He did not visit the markets or know anyone who had been ill, officials said.

The CDC is advising travelers to Wuhan to avoid animals, animal markets and contact with people who are sick.

People who traveled to Wuhan and have a fever, cough or difficulty breathing should stay home except to seek medical care and call ahead to notify doctors of their symptoms and recent travel, according to the CDC.

Officials around the world have implemented

similar airport screenings in hopes of containing the virus during the busy Lunar New Year travel season.

Airport screening is good at spotting people who are experiencing symptoms, Northwestern Medicine's Ison said. But people infected with similar viruses can be contagious for five to seven days before they begin noticing symptoms, which means travelers could slip through the cracks.

Broader screening is "definitely not warranted, and it would cost a fortune to keep everyone contained until the tests came back," he said.

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## Marijuana

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Illinois' nascent recreational weed market and could mean more customers who don't have a card leave dispensaries disappointed and empty-handed.

That's because cardholders typically skip the line and the law requires dispensaries to have enough product for patients — a critical incentive amid statewide shortages that have halted recreational sales at some shops.

Doctors around the state who certify medical marijuana patients immediately noticed the swell in interest after recreational marijuana became legal.

"We predicted that there would be a bump in patient load for cannabis certification but not the extent we are seeing," said Dr. Rahul Khare, CEO and founder of Innovative Wellness, which certifies patients for medical cannabis.

The Lincoln Park practice, which also consults with patients on how to best use marijuana, is seeing about 150 patients per week, up from 80 to 90

before Jan. 1. It has brought on extra staff members and added appointment times to handle the surge.

Humboldt Park resident Dana Balkin had her second appointment at Innovative Wellness on Tuesday and is set to apply for her medical card. Balkin has postural orthostatic tachycardia syndrome, which causes an abnormal heart rate when she stands. That often results in severe nausea and dizziness, which can only be relieved by lying down, she said.

"There was never anything that worked for the nausea," said Balkin, 24.

But last year while visiting Las Vegas, where recreational weed is legal, she went to a dispensary to buy marijuana. When she experienced a bout of nausea, the marijuana treated her symptoms. On Jan. 2, she was in a dispensary in Chicago, buying weed in her home state.

"Once they got it recreational, it just made so much more approachable to me," Balkin said. "They had a table set up telling people about the benefits of getting your medical card, about how you don't have to wait in line."

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"The biggest thing is not waiting in lines," she said. "Waiting in lines is what makes me the sickest."

To get a card, patients must have a medical professional certify that they have one of about 50 qualifying conditions. A doctor must have a physician-patient relationship with the patient to certify them, have recently conducted an in-person exam and assessed their medical history.

Patients also must pay a \$100 to \$250 application fee to the state, depending on how long they want the card to remain valid.

The fees and medical visits could make financial sense, depending on how much marijuana someone buys, since patients pay less taxes than recreational con-

sumers.

Recreational cannabis taxes vary from 10% to 25%, depending on the product's potency. The products are also subject to state and local taxes, plus municipalities can add another 3% tax.

Chicago levied a 3% tax that will kick in on July 1. Cook County recently approved a 3% tax to take effect this summer. Add that to the city's 10.25% sales tax, and recreational marijuana purchased in Chicago could be taxed as high as 41%.

Medici Health Care is seeing about 300 people a week at its offices in Wicker Park and Andersonville, up from about 180 before recreational sales started. Some of those are patients

who let their medical card expire and need to get recertified. Others are new patients who tried recreational marijuana and realized the benefits of getting a card.

"They experimented recreationally and they think, this worked for my depression, my migraines, my PTSD, whatever, and they want to see the doctor," said Dr. Mauricio Consalter, Medici's medical director.

Other states have seen patient counts increase and decrease following recreational sales, but analysts say tax breaks have been a driving factor.

Patient count went up during 2014, the first year of recreational sales in Colorado where patients avoid a 15% excise tax on weed. The numbers have since declined, but Illinois residents have a greater incentive to get their medical cards, said Tom Adams, managing director of industry intelligence at cannabis research firm BDS Analytics.

"If you're being spared 20 or 30% cost on an edible and concentrate by being a medical patient, then you've got a real strong motivation to get a card," he said.

Illinois' medical marijuana program last year doubled in size, to about 100,000 patients, after fingerprinting and background check requirements were lifted, the list of qualifying conditions expanded and people prescribed opioids were given access to medical marijuana.

The increase in patients contributed, in part, to a statewide marijuana shortage. Some medical patients say dispensaries were running low on weed for months before recreational sales started.

Earlier this month, the state warned dispensaries that they are required by law to keep enough product on hand for medical patients.

Veriheal, another company that certifies medical patients, also saw a bump in business at its three Illinois locations. But it's not just people who want their cards, said Sam Adetunji, managing partner at the Washington, D.C.-based company. Many just want to know more about how weed might affect them.

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Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi says that his commercial assessments are more accurate and transparent than those done under his predecessor.

## Cook County assessor: Some real estate investors playing politics

Kaegi says critics trying to maintain flawed status quo

BY HAL DARDICK

Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi on Tuesday pushed back at critics in the development community, suggesting they are playing politics to maintain an old, error-laden system of property taxation that worked to their financial benefit.

The first-term assessor's remarks to the City Club of Chicago come after his initial round of assessments last year in the north and northwest suburbs showed the commercial valuations of business properties for tax purposes rose much more than those of homes.

Since then, developers have said that in some cases, Kaegi's approach — combined with rising taxes, dramatically underfunded

public worker pension funds and higher minimum wage and sick leave requirements — is scaring investors away from investing in commercial developments in Chicago.

"This pause on investment is framed, without evidence, as an effect of the work of my office and its embrace of fairness, ethics and transparency, suggesting developers will abandon our city for elsewhere," Kaegi said Tuesday. "I think it's an effort to create short-term political wins at the expense of long-term economic gains."

Kaegi acknowledged his changes mean there's an adjustment period, but contended "it makes no sense to say that an opaque, unaccountable, idiosyncratic assessment system generates more certainty than a transparent, predictable one."

Many developers point to a slowdown this year in

commercial property sales, although Kaegi notes that businesses are leasing property in the city at increasingly higher rates. Under those commercial leases, businesses typically pay their own property taxes.

"I do think there are folks out there who will try to cherry pick certain data points to make a political point at the cost of confusing people who are not in our market day to day," Kaegi told the Tribune after his speech. "When people read quotes that the sky is falling, some people will think that, and it hurts the cause of our market to serve some people's political purposes."

Asked if he was saying that some businesses were pushing the narrative because they benefited financially under the old way of assessing properties, Kaegi said: "That sure seems like what it would be to me. If

we can stipulate that there are folks out there who profit from a system that's inefficient and that can be gamed, it only stands to reason that some people will try to muddy the waters enough to prevent any change in reform that's happening."

Kaegi maintains that his commercial assessments are more accurate and done in a much more transparent way than they were under his predecessor, Joe Berrios.

The "Tax Divide" series, published by the Tribune and ProPublica Illinois, found that county assessors before Kaegi had significantly undervalued commercial and industrial properties. As a result, owners of high-value business properties got a break, which shifted some of the property tax burden to homeowners and small businesses.

Kaegi also sought to allay

concerns in the south suburbs, which will be reassessed this year, that business properties in many financially struggling cities and villages will be hit as hard as those in the north suburbs.

"The trends we saw in the north suburbs will not necessarily carry over into the south suburbs," Kaegi said.

Kaegi used the City Club speech to tout some efforts by his office, including Gov. J.B. Pritzker's recent signing of a bill the new assessor championed that allows the senior homeowner exemption to renew automatically. Next month, residential property owners will be able to file for exemptions or appeal their assessments online for the first time, Kaegi announced.

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## Palos Heights students schooled in gamesmanship

The high schoolers tried to get vacant store redeveloped

BY JANICE NEUMANN

A group of high schoolers working an assignment on how to make the world a better place figured the best place to start was right in their own back yard, where a former Dominick's Finer Foods building in Palos Heights for years has been little more than a depressing vacant storefront in a formerly thriving shopping strip.

They got busy looking for ways to bring the site back to life with an arcade or skating joint, but instead they received a lesson in how good ideas can get swept aside by corporate policy.

"We as a group thought the building was a major eyesore and there were so many possibilities that could be done with the building," said Meadow Homa, a junior from Alsip, who is working on the project for a Language and Composition advanced placement class at Shepard High School. "We were thinking at least the place could be used for extra parking for Shepard High School until a business came along."

They discovered the building was being leased by Albertsons, the company that owns Jewel-Osco, which already had a grocery operating in Palos Heights, a city of about 12,400.

They attended a Palos Heights City Council meet-

ing and talked to officials but came away discouraged in their hopes of getting the site filled.

Palos Heights Mayor Bob Straz said he feels the students' frustration every time he looks out of his window at the empty site, which is near CNB Bank & Trust, where he is market president.

Straz was one of eleven suburban mayors who gathered in 2016 to tell Albertsons about the need to fill more than a dozen remaining former Dominick's sites that had been shuttered in 2013. No one from Albertsons showed up, Straz said, though they did send a letter pointing out many of the 72 former Dominick's sites had been redeveloped.

"We'd love to do something with it," Straz said. "The problem is the corporate entity that owns Jewel-Osco owns the subsidiary company of (the former) Dominick's." Straz said he had also tried talking to Albertsons in the past, but "they just give you a song and dance, saying 'we're willing to lease it.'"

The investment group Cerberus Management Company purchased Albertsons' in 2014 and merged it with Safeway, the former owner of Dominick's.

The shopping strip is owned by Rocco Suspenzi, chairman and CEO of Parkway Bank and Trust Co. in Harwood Heights. Suspenzi, Mary Trucco, vice president of Public Affairs & Government Relations at Jewel-Osco and Albertsons did not return calls seeking



JEFF VAZZANA

Students at Shepard High School want this former Dominick's site to be transformed into something useful.

comment.

"They control the leases," Straz said. "They're willing to keep it empty, because obviously when you've got one grocery store in town, people are going to go there."

"They would rather pay rent ... their property taxes are probably at a lower amount because there is

**"By going public with the stalled negotiations, we created a groundswell of support and, to be honest, frustration and anger from citizens who demanded Dominick's owners and all parties focus on a solution."**

— Kevin Burns, mayor of Geneva

nobody in the store," Straz said.

Other towns are still struggling to fill the vacancies, though some have found tenants.

Geneva subdivided its site and threw in redevelopment of a parking lot and landscaping, also talking to Albertsons and the strip mall's owner. The grocer Fresh Thyme and Burlington Coat Factory are now at the site, 2000 S. Randall Road.

Mayor Kevin Burns, who

oversaw the process in 2016, said public anger also played a part.

"By going public with the stalled negotiations, we created a groundswell of support and, to be honest, frustration and anger from citizens who demanded Dominick's owners and all parties focus on a solution," said Burns.

brokers but, as I recall, their corporate process was pretty quiet and it was very difficult for us to make any headway.

"It seemed they were interested in buyers only," said Cook.

Back in Palos Heights, Dan Harris, who owns Palos Ace Hardware near the vacant Dominick's lot, said business has dropped off at his store 15 to 20 percent. Harris said the empty space has created "blight and a lack of sales tax dollars now in the community."

"I put a little at the feet of the landlord and definitely the lease being held onto," said Harris. "Why they won't release that lease right now is pretty evident."

"The community should be outraged," Harris said.

But the Shepard students haven't given up. They plan to circulate a petition asking the city to get the space filled with something that will generate money and be a place for community events.

"It's a pretty shameful thing to just have a well-functioning building sitting there collecting dust because of greed," said student Angela Castanon, a junior who lives in Worth.

Janice Neumann is a freelance reporter for the Daily Southtown.



Dominic Sanders, a University Park resident, denies killing Andrea Urban.

## Jurors see defendant's recorded denials

Cops told he stole from but didn't kill Hinsdale woman

BY CLIFFORD WARD

DuPage County jurors on Tuesday watched video of Dominic Sanders telling police an evolving account of his whereabouts and actions on the day when he is alleged to have killed a Hinsdale woman.

Prosecutors at Sanders' murder trial played excerpts from a four-hour police interview with Sanders that took place May 25, 2017, three weeks after Andrea Urban, 51, was found murdered in her kitchen. Sanders is accused of killing Urban with a kitchen knife during a break-in on May 4, and then pawing an Urban family heirloom wedding ring set that afternoon.

In the police video, Sanders, 32, a University Park resident, denied killing Urban. But when confronted with evidence placing him near Urban's home and showing that he sold the jewelry at a Melrose Park pawn shop, Sanders admitted stealing the rings.

When detectives asked him whether he stole the rings for money, Sanders expressed regret.

"I needed the cash, but I didn't need it so bad I had to do something stupid like that," he said on the video.

He repeatedly denied killing Urban, saying he had not seen her when he knocked on her door, found it ajar, and then reached into an entryway and took the rings.

That final account differed from what Sanders told detectives earlier in the interview. He initially said he hadn't pawned anything in almost a decade, but later said the rings belonged to his sister and that she had asked him to sell them at a pawn shop.

Sanders said he got the rings at his father's home in Matteson, and then drove to Melrose Park with a friend named Bobby. They had tacos together, Sanders said.

But when police showed him photos and videos that placed him and his car in the Hinsdale area on May 4, Sanders said he had sold candy there for an organization many years before, and that he was considering selling candy again.

Earlier trial witnesses reported seeing a man on the day of the murder in a utility-style reflective vest in Urban's neighborhood. Sanders told police in the video that he wore such a vest because it put people at ease.

"When you wear a vest it makes people a little more comfortable talking to you," Sanders said.

When police asked about the vest in the video, Sanders said he hadn't seen it recently, and thought one of his cousins may have taken it.

Hinsdale Detective Thomas Kreffit, who questioned Sanders, testified that police never recovered the vest, or a black hooded sweatshirt Sanders was seen in that day.

The trial before Judge Brian Telander is scheduled to continue Wednesday.

Clifford Ward is a freelance reporter.

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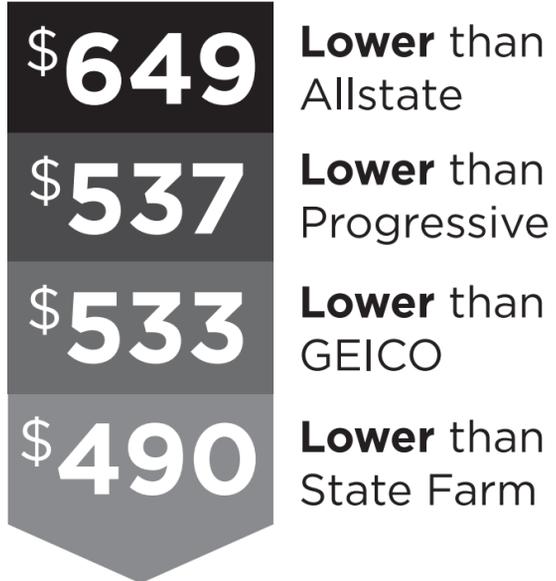
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### 'I did it for the victims and families'

Ex-CIA contractor defends post-9/11 Gitmo techniques

By BEN FOX  
Associated Press

FORT MEADE, Md. — An architect of the brutal CIA interrogation and detention program developed after the Sept. 11 attacks defended the agency and its practices Tuesday as those techniques become the focus of an effort to dismiss key evidence against five men charged in the terrorist plot.

James Mitchell spent the first day of what is expected to be at least a week of questioning by defense teams at the U.S. base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, providing details about the CIA's interrogation program as well as what he said was the "context" necessary to understand it.

The CIA was the "tip of the spear" in the months after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and was urgently trying to gather vital intelligence using techniques that had been authorized by the U.S. government, the retired Air Force psychologist told the court.

"We were trying to save American lives," Mitchell said.

Mitchell is facing questions now because lawyers for the five men accused of planning and providing logistical support for the Sept. 11 attacks are seeking to prevent the government from using statements the defendants gave to the FBI as evidence against them in a war crimes trial scheduled to start next January at the U.S. base in Cuba.

The testimony in Guan-



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The interrogation of 9/11 suspects at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba included waterboarding and intense sleep deprivation.

tanamo is an important milestone in the Sept. 11 war crimes proceedings, which have been bogged down in the pretrial phase since the May 2012 arraignment.

The five defendants, who include the self-proclaimed mastermind of the Sept. 11 hijacking plot, were subjected to waterboarding and other methods now widely regarded as torture. Mitchell, who helped develop the program with another private contractor and others, insisted the CIA feared "another catastrophic attack," possibly involving nuclear weapons, and was trying to stop it.

"My sole focus was stopping the next attack," he said.

Mitchell agreed to come

to Guantanamo to testify without a subpoena to give his version of events, which he also detailed in a book, called "Enhanced Interrogation," that he co-wrote with a CIA spokesman.

"I'm happy to talk about my role in the program and what the program did," he told the court.

At times, however, he appeared to bristle at the questioning. When defense lawyer James Connell thanked him for coming to court, he replied, "I did it for the victims and families, not for you."

Mitchell and another psychologist, Bruce Jessen, were contracted by the CIA to develop the interrogation program, which also included intense sleep deprivation, confinement in a

small box, prolonged shackling in "stress positions" and being doused with cold water.

Defense lawyers for the five men charged in the attacks have called the contractors, who observed and took part in interrogations at clandestine CIA facilities, as witnesses in an effort to disqualify statements the defendants made to the FBI after they were transferred to Guantanamo in September 2006.

It was the first time that the defendants and one of the main architects of their brutal treatment had faced each other in court.

Mitchell and Jessen gave depositions in a lawsuit filed by the American Civil

Liberties Union on behalf of three former prisoners, including one who died in custody.

The case was settled for undisclosed terms in August 2017, and the two former contractors did not testify in court.

"This testimony marks a critical moment for reckoning with the torture committed in the American people's name," said ACLU staff attorney Dror Ladin, "Mitchell and Jessen, along with collaborators in the U.S. government, are responsible for shameful cruelty that the CIA is still trying to cover up."

Mitchell was expected to be followed on the stand by Jessen. Their testimony will likely take up much of a

pretrial hearing scheduled to last two weeks.

The defendants include Khalid Shaikh Mohammed, an al-Qaida operative who has portrayed himself as the mastermind of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks. All five face the death penalty if convicted of charges that include terrorism and nearly 3,000 counts of murder for their alleged roles planning and providing logistical support to the hijacking plot.

Under a 2006 law that set up the military commission, any statements must be voluntary to be admitted into evidence and the government is not seeking to use at the trial anything the men said while in CIA custody.

But the prisoners also gave what prosecutors have called "clean" statements to the FBI after they arrived at Guantanamo.

Lawyers for the five defendants argue that everything the men have said in custody was tainted by the torture they were subjected to while in CIA confinement.

James Connell, a lawyer for defendant Ammar al-Baluchi, said he believes the FBI helped guide some of the questioning of the men and that others in the government were also involved in developing the program.

"Dr. Mitchell plays an important role but ultimately a small one," in developing and carrying out the interrogations, said Connell.

A Senate investigation in 2014 found that the interrogation program designed by Mitchell and Jessen was used on 39 detainees and produced no useful intelligence.

## New rules could lead to raucous caucuses in Iowa

Confusion over delegate numbers may spark clashes

By ALEXANDRA JAFFE  
Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — The Iowa caucuses are never simple. Voters spend hours in high school gymnasiums or public libraries, starting their night by declaring support for their preferred presidential candidate. That's followed by a feverish round of lobbying in which supporters of eliminated candidates are pressed to make a new pick by the evening's end.

This year, the caucuses could be even more chaotic.

New rules that will be implemented for the Feb. 3 contest could give presidential candidates an unprecedented opportunity to spin the results. In previous years, the Iowa Democratic Party reported just one number: the number of state delegates won by each candidate.

For the first time, the party will this year report two other numbers — who had the most votes at the beginning and at the end of the night.

The additional data is a

nod to Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders and his supporters, who argue the previous rules essentially robbed him of victory in his 2016 race against Hillary Clinton. That contest ended in a narrow delegate victory for Clinton in Iowa.

Party officials in Iowa and at the national level argue the new process will enhance transparency. But with the caucuses just weeks away, there's a growing sense that the new information will breed confusion by giving multiple candidates the chance to claim victory.

The Iowa caucuses are supposed to set the tone for the contests that follow, ultimately helping winnow the field. If multiple candidates can claim success in Iowa, it could prolong the fight for the Democratic nomination.

"Adding additional numbers is going to make it more confusing for news organizations and people watching the caucuses," said Derek Eadon, who worked as Julián Castro's deputy campaign manager, was a top Iowa aide to Barack Obama in 2008 and is supporting Sanders. "People are going to want to know who won, and I don't know if there's consensus on one number that people will use to de-

clare that."

What's happening in Iowa will also play out in other states that hold caucuses, including in Nevada on Feb. 22. Three numbers will be reported: the first round of votes, the final vote total after low polling candidates are eliminated and what are called state delegate equivalents. They represent the number of delegates each candidate will have at the party's state convention in June. That, in turn, determines how many national convention delegates each candidate receives.

The Associated Press has determined it will base its race call of the winner on state delegate equivalents because delegates are the metric used to decide the eventual winner of the nomination. Iowa and national Democratic Party figures emphasize this is the number to watch.

"This is a contest for delegates," Iowa Democratic Party Chairman Troy Price said. "Campaigns will highlight whatever number is the most advantageous for them. But in the end, what matters is the delegates that come out of Iowa to the national convention, and (state delegates) will remain



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Teachers watch as democratic presidential hopefuls speak Saturday at the Iowa State Educators Association forum in West Des Moines, Iowa.

the best indicator of that."

David Bergstein, a spokesman for the Democratic National Committee, echoed that.

"The only way to become the Democratic Party's presidential nominee is by winning a majority of national convention delegates," he said. "We strongly encourage anyone who wants to understand who is winning the race for the nomination to pay attention to those results."

The question is whether candidates will follow their lead.

Sanders' chief adviser, Jeff Weaver, said his team is "trying to win all three"

categories of results. But he also suggested the campaign will emphasize the raw totals from the first round of votes no matter the eventual outcome.

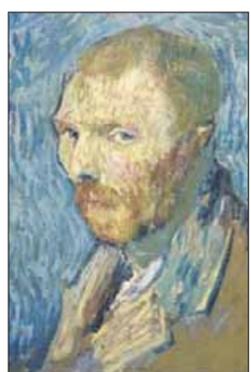
"At the end of the day, the first impression is probably the most accurate portrayal of who won the night," Weaver said.

There's a chance a candidate might win the most support during the first vote but lose out on the final alignment — and ultimately the delegate count — after supporters for candidates who are not viable realign after the first round of counting. This is a scenario that could play out for a

candidate like Sanders or former Vice President Joe Biden, both of whom are expected to be viable in the largest number of precincts statewide.

The changes reflect a hangover from the 2016 campaign that looms over Iowa Democrats.

Some Sanders backers argued the publicly reported outcome of the caucuses, which showed Sanders and Clinton nearly tying in the delegate count, with Clinton slightly ahead, didn't adequately reflect the raw number of voters turning out to support the Vermont senator.



PETER DEJONG/AP

Authenticity of Vincent van Gogh's 1889 self-portrait was confirmed Monday.

## Van Gogh self-portrait is genuine, experts say

By MIKE CORDER  
Associated Press

AMSTERDAM — After years of doubts about its authenticity, experts in Amsterdam have confirmed that a Vincent van Gogh self-portrait was indeed painted by the Dutch master as he recovered in a French asylum from a mental breakdown.

Van Gogh Museum researcher Louis van Tilborgh dispelled the doubts this week, saying the oil-on-canvas painting of the an-

guished-looking painter was completed in the late summer of 1889 while Van Gogh was at the Saint-Remy asylum in southern France.

Questions about the painting rose in the 1970s. The use of a palette knife to flatten brush strokes on Van Gogh's face and what were then considered to be unusual colors in the painting, led to speculation about the authenticity of the work, which was bought as a genuine Van Gogh in 1910 by Norway's National Museum.

In an attempt to put those doubts to rest, the museum asked the Van Gogh Museum to analyze the painting in 2014.

"It feels really reassuring to know that its genuine," said Mai Britt Guleng of the Norwegian museum.

Van Tilborgh said the use of an unprimed canvas and a muddy green color were, in fact, typical of Van Gogh's time in Saint-Remy in 1889.

What sets the work apart is Van Gogh's use of a palette knife.

"So he has painted it and

during the process he suddenly decides that it has to become flat," Van Tilborgh said. "We tend to think that it has to do with the fact that it's made during a period of psychosis."

Van Tilborgh said Van Gogh used painting as both a way of portraying his mental breakdown and of helping him to recover.

"He wanted to say in this picture that he was an ill person and so it's a kind of therapeutic work we tend to think," he said. "He was a Protestant and as a Protes-

tant you have to accept the facts of life — if you suffer, you have to face the suffering."

Norway's most famous artistic son, painter Edvard Munch, whose iconic work, "The Scream," also is a vivid expression of mental anguish, was fascinated by the Van Gogh painting.

"He thought it was one of the best of the collection of the national gallery but he also found it scary, because of the gaze from the self-portrait staring back at him," Guleng said.



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Carlos Gutierrez, a migrant from El Salvador, takes a seat Tuesday on the international border bridge, which links Tecun Uman, Guatemala, and Ciudad Hidalgo, Mexico.

## Mexico returns hundreds of migrants to Honduras

BY MARIA VERZA AND SONIA PEREZ D.  
Associated Press

CIUDAD HIDALGO, Mexico — Hundreds of Central American migrants who waded across a river into Mexico in hopes of eventually reaching the United States were sent back to their homeland or retreated across the border Tuesday after Mexican troops blocked their way.

Fewer than 100 remained in the no man's land along the river between Guatemala and Mexico.

The caravan of thousands had set out from Honduras last week in hopes Mexico would grant them passage, posing a fresh test of President Donald Trump's effort to reduce the flow of migrants arriving at the U.S. border by pressuring other governments to stop them.

Mexican Foreign Secretary Marcelo Ebrard said 2,400 of the migrants entered Mexico legally over the weekend. About 1,000 of them requested Mexico's help in returning to their

countries. The rest were being held in immigration centers while they start legal processes that would allow them to seek refuge in Mexico or obtain temporary work permits that would confine them to southern Mexico.

An additional 1,000 had tried to enter illegally Monday, he said, and hundreds of them were apparently detained by Mexican National Guardsmen and immigration agents. Immigration officials estimated Monday night that 500 had evaded capture by the security forces.

Ebrard said Mexico has begun deporting some back to Honduras, putting 110 on a flight to San Pedro Sula and sending 144 back by bus. Honduran officials said an additional flight and several scheduled busloads would bring Tuesday's total to 691.

Most of the hundreds stranded in the no man's land on the Mexican side of the river returned to Guatemala overnight in search of water, food and a place to sleep. Mexican authorities distributed no water or

food to those who entered illegally, in what appeared to be an attempt by the government to wear out the migrants.

Alejandro Rendon, head of Mexico's social welfare department, said his colleagues were giving water to those who turned themselves in or were caught by immigration agents, but were not doing the same along the river because it was not safe for workers to do so.

"It isn't prudent to come here because we can't put the safety of the colleagues at risk," he said.

Mexican President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador said Tuesday that the government is trying to protect the migrants from harm by preventing them from traveling illegally through the country. He said they need to respect Mexican laws.

"If we don't take care of them, if we don't know who they are, if we don't have a register, they pass and get to the north, and the criminal gangs grab them and assault them, because that's how it was before," he said.

## Files: Extremists wanted Va. rally to start civil war

BY MICHAEL KUNZELMAN  
Associated Press

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — A hidden camera captured members of a white supremacist group expressing hope that violence at a gun rights rally in Virginia this week could start a civil war, federal prosecutors said in a court filing Tuesday.

Former Canadian Armed Forces reservist Patrik Jordan Mathews, 27, also videotaped himself advocating for killing people, poisoning water supplies and derailing trains, a prosecutor wrote in urging a judge in Maryland to keep Mathews and two other members of The Base detained in federal custody.

But the Canadian national didn't know investigators were watching and listening when he and two other group members talked about attending the Richmond rally in the days leading up to Monday's event, which attracted tens of thousands of people and ended peacefully.

Last month, a closed-circuit television camera and microphone installed by investigators in a Delaware home captured Mathews talking about the Virginia rally as a "boundless" opportunity.

"And the thing is you've got tons of guys who should be radicalized enough to know that all you gotta do is start making things go wrong and if Virginia can spiral out to (expletive), full blown civil war," he said.

Mathews and fellow group member Brian Mark Lemley Jr., 33, of Elkton, Maryland, discussed the planning of violence at the Richmond rally, according to prosecutors. Lemley talked about using a thermal imaging scope affixed to his rifle to ambush unsuspecting civilians and police officers, prosecutors said.



ROBERTO SCHMIDT/GETTY-AFF

Virginia State Police keep watch on gun-rights advocates Monday in front of the state Capitol in Richmond.

"I need to claim my first victim," Lemley said Dec. 23, according to Tuesday's detention memo.

"We could essentially like be literally hunting people," Mathews said, according to prosecutors. "You could provide overwatch while I get close to do what needs to be done to certain things."

Lemley talked about ambushing a police officer to steal the officer's weapons and tactical gear, saying, "If there's like a PoPo cruiser parked on the street and he doesn't have backup, I can execute him at a whim and just take his stuff," according to prosecutors.

FBI agents arrested Mathews, Lemley and William Garfield Bilbrough IV, 19, of Denton, Maryland, last Thursday as part of a broader investigation of The Base. Authorities in Georgia and Wisconsin also arrested four other men linked to the group.

Detention hearings for Mathews and Bilbrough are scheduled for Wednesday at the federal courthouse in Greenbelt, Maryland. Their attorneys didn't immediately respond to the memo filed Tuesday by Assistant U.S. Attorney Thomas Windom.

Mathews and Lemley are charged with transporting a firearm and ammunition with intent to commit

a felony. Bilbrough is charged with "transporting and harboring aliens."

Bilbrough's attorney, Robert Bonsib, said last Thursday that he was "underwhelmed" by a prosecutor's arguments for keeping his client detained. Bilbrough was the only one of the three men not facing a firearms-related charge.

"I think this 19-year-old man should be released," Bonsib told reporters.

Lawyers for Mathews and Lemley declined to comment after last Thursday's hearings.

Mathews, who was a combat engineer in the Canadian Army Reserve, illegally crossed the U.S. border near Minnesota in August after reporting by the Winnipeg Free Press led to his identification as a member of The Base.

Investigators believe Bilbrough and Lemley, who was a "cavalry scout" in the U.S. Army, drove from Maryland to Michigan to pick up Mathews and bring him to the mid-Atlantic region, authorities said.

On Jan. 5, Mathews and Lemley returned to the Delaware home from a gun range in Maryland and began packing rations and other material that investigators believe they planned to use during and after the Virginia rally, court documents said.

## Clinton mum on supporting Sanders if he's Dem nominee

BY WILL WEISSERT  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Hillary Clinton refused to say whether she would endorse Bernie Sanders, her 2016 rival, if he wins the Democratic nomination and offered a broad condemnation of the progressive candidate's style of politics.

"I'm not going to go there yet," she said in an interview with The Hollywood Reporter published on Tuesday in response to whether she'd back Sanders. "We're still in a very vigorous primary season. I will say, however, that it's not only him, it's the culture around him. It's his leadership team. It's his prominent supporters. It's his online Bernie Bros and their relentless attacks on lots of his competitors, particularly the women."

She added: "I really hope people are paying attention to that because it should be worrisome that he has permitted this culture — not only permitted, (he) seems to really be very much supporting it."

Clinton suggested that Sanders was "very much supporting it" and said, "I don't think we want to go down that road again where you campaign by insult and attack and maybe you try to get some distance from it, but you either don't know what your campaign and supporters are doing or you're just giving them a wink."

"I think that that's a pattern that people should take into account when they make their decisions," Clinton said.

Her comments ripped open the scars of the 2016 primary battle between Sanders and Clinton just as Democrats and Clinton poised to begin voting on their next nominee. It could also energize Sanders loyalists who believed the Democratic establishment rigged the 2016 primary in Clinton's favor. That could be especially



ANDREW HARNIK/AP

Hillary Clinton and Sen. Bernie Sanders wave to supporters during a Democratic rally July 12, 2016, in Portsmouth, N.H., where Sanders endorsed Clinton for president.

helpful with the Iowa caucuses less than two weeks away and Sanders working to establish a clear lead in a top tier that includes former Vice President Joe Biden, Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren and Pete Buttigieg, the former mayor of South Bend, Indiana.

Sanders, like other senators who are running for president, was in Washington on Tuesday to participate in President Donald Trump's impeachment trial.

In a statement, Sanders said, "together, we are going to go forward and defeat the most dangerous president in American history."

Clinton's aides sought to minimize any fallout from her comments.

Nick Merrill, Clinton's spokesman, tweeted that "we all need to work our heart out for the nominee, whoever that is, and @HillaryClinton, as usual, won't be any exception."

Still, the lingering tension between Clinton and Sanders is evident.

In the interview, she was asked about comments she makes in an upcoming documentary in which she says Sanders has been in Congress for years but "nobody likes him, nobody wants to work with him, he got nothing done. He was a career politician. It's all just

baloney and I feel so bad that people got sucked into it."

Asked if that assessment still holds, she said "yes."

Clinton also blamed Sanders' supporters for fostering a culture of sexism in politics — a charge that is sensitive now, given that Sanders' top progressive rival in the 2020 race, Warren, has accused him of privately telling her a woman couldn't win the White House.

Sanders has denied that, but Warren refused to shake his outstretched hand after a debate last week in Iowa and both candidates accused the other of calling them "a liar." Warren has steadfastly declined to comment further, but Sanders, 78, said Sunday that while sexism was a problem for candidates, so were other factors, like advanced age — touching off another online firestorm.

His feud with Warren has overshadowed a series of clashes between Sanders and another 2020 rival, Biden, for an op-ed penned by one of the senator's supporters suggesting that the former vice president was corrupt.

"It is absolutely not my view that Joe is corrupt in any way. And I'm sorry that that op-ed appeared," Sanders told CBS.

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# 2020 hopefuls stuck in DC send in the surrogates

Senators sitting for impeachment trial have stump help

BY ALEXANDRA JAFFE  
Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — Steve Sovern had low expectations for a recent event he hosted to support Elizabeth Warren's presidential campaign. Iowans are legendary for expecting to meet White House hopefuls in person — multiple times — and the candidate wasn't going to be there, represented instead by California Rep. Katie Porter.

"Surrogates are usually not much of a draw," Sovern said.

But 45 people crammed into Sovern's Cedar Rapids condo, and Porter, an Iowa native, made such a strong case for Warren that several undecided voters left the event saying they planned to caucus for the Democratic senator from Massachusetts.

Porter is one of dozens of surrogates who have developed across the early voting states in recent weeks to expand the footprint of White House hopefuls before the Iowa caucuses usher in the Democratic

contest in less than two weeks. They'll become even more important this week as four senators running for president will be stuck in Washington to serve as jurors for President Donald Trump's impeachment trial.

Progressive star Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, a Democratic congresswoman from New York, will appear in Iowa this weekend on behalf of Sen. Bernie Sanders. "Queer Eye" host Jonathan Van Ness will also be in Iowa stumping for Warren in addition to Philadelphia Mayor Jim Kenney and Massachusetts Rep. Joe Kennedy III, who will be in New Hampshire.

And roughly 25 supporters of Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar, for instance, held a news conference on Tuesday in Concord to promote her candidacy.

Facing the unprecedented situation of being sidelined from campaigning in the critical final stretch before voting, these proxies can help fill in the gap.

"Surrogates generally stump for the candidate when they can't be in two places at once, or go out on their own to drum up grassroots energy," said Jennifer Rosenbaum, who was deputy national surrogate di-

rector for President Barack Obama's 2012 campaign.

But the stand-ins fill other needs as well.

For some candidates, surrogates help keep their hands clean of controversy by acting as an attack dog. Former Housing Secretary Julian Castro quickly endorsed Warren after he withdrew from the race. He called out her rivals by name during a recent campaign swing through Iowa, saying neither Sanders nor Joe Biden are as widely acceptable to Democrats. Warren herself rarely mentions her opponents on the stump unless she's prompted by a voter or reporter.

As Biden fended off attacks this month from Sanders about his 2002 vote authorizing the Iraq War, John Kerry was on hand in Iowa. Kerry served two purposes: vouching for Biden's foreign policy knowledge, as Kerry is a former secretary of state, and appealing to Iowans as someone who won the 2004 Democratic caucuses.

Surrogates also offer reassurance to voters that the candidate understands and will pay attention to local issues. While every candidate has picked up a hand-



ANDREW HARNIK/AP

Former Secretary of State John Kerry speaks at a campaign stop in Fort Dodge, Iowa, to support the Democratic presidential candidacy of former Vice President Joe Biden.

ful of endorsements from local Iowa elected officials and state lawmakers, Biden has some of the biggest Iowa names on his team: former Gov. Tom Vilsack and his wife, Christie; Attorney General Tom Miller; and Rep. Abby Finkenauer. All have appeared on the trail with him recently.

Pete Buttigieg, the former mayor of South Bend, Indiana, picked up the endorsement of retiring Rep. Dave Loebsack, who will introduce him across Iowa this week.

"An Iowa endorsement gives you some credibility there," said Howard Dean, the former Vermont gover-

nor who came in third in the 2004 Iowa caucuses.

Surrogates can also bring a dash of star power to the campaign trail to keep voters engaged. Sanders has some of the biggest names in music and movies on his team, and recently actor Danny Glover campaigned for him in South Carolina while the senator was in Iowa.

Andrew Yang, meanwhile, brought actor, comedian and rapper Donald Glover onto his team as a creative consultant, after the two hosted a pop-up shop in Los Angeles featuring merchandise Glover designed as a fundraiser for

the campaign. Comedian and actor Dave Chappelle is also backing Yang and plans to hold two shows this month to benefit his campaign.

Judy Sheindlin, the reality television star known as Judge Judy, recently hit the trail with Michael Bloomberg.

Celebrities don't have to appear in person to boost their candidate. A video that soccer champion Megan Rapinoe tweeted of her phone call with Warren received 1.8 million views. A conversation Sanders had with rapper Cardi B in a Detroit nail salon racked up 2.3 million views on Twitter.

## Senate

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as the proceedings opened in public after weeks of delay.

Cipollone scoffed that the House charges against Trump were "ridiculous," insisting the president "has done absolutely nothing wrong."

The White House legal team did not dispute Trump's actions, when he called Ukraine and asked for a "favor," which was to investigate Democrat Joe Biden as the U.S. was withholding military aid the ally desperately needed as it faced off with hostile Russia on its border. But the lawyers insisted the president did nothing wrong. "Absolutely no case," Cipollone said.

Rep. Adam Schiff, chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, opened for the prosecution saying America's Founding Fathers added the remedy of impeachment in the Constitution with "precisely this type of conduct in mind — conduct that abuses the power of office for a personal benefit, that undermines our national security, and that invites foreign interference in the democratic process of an election."

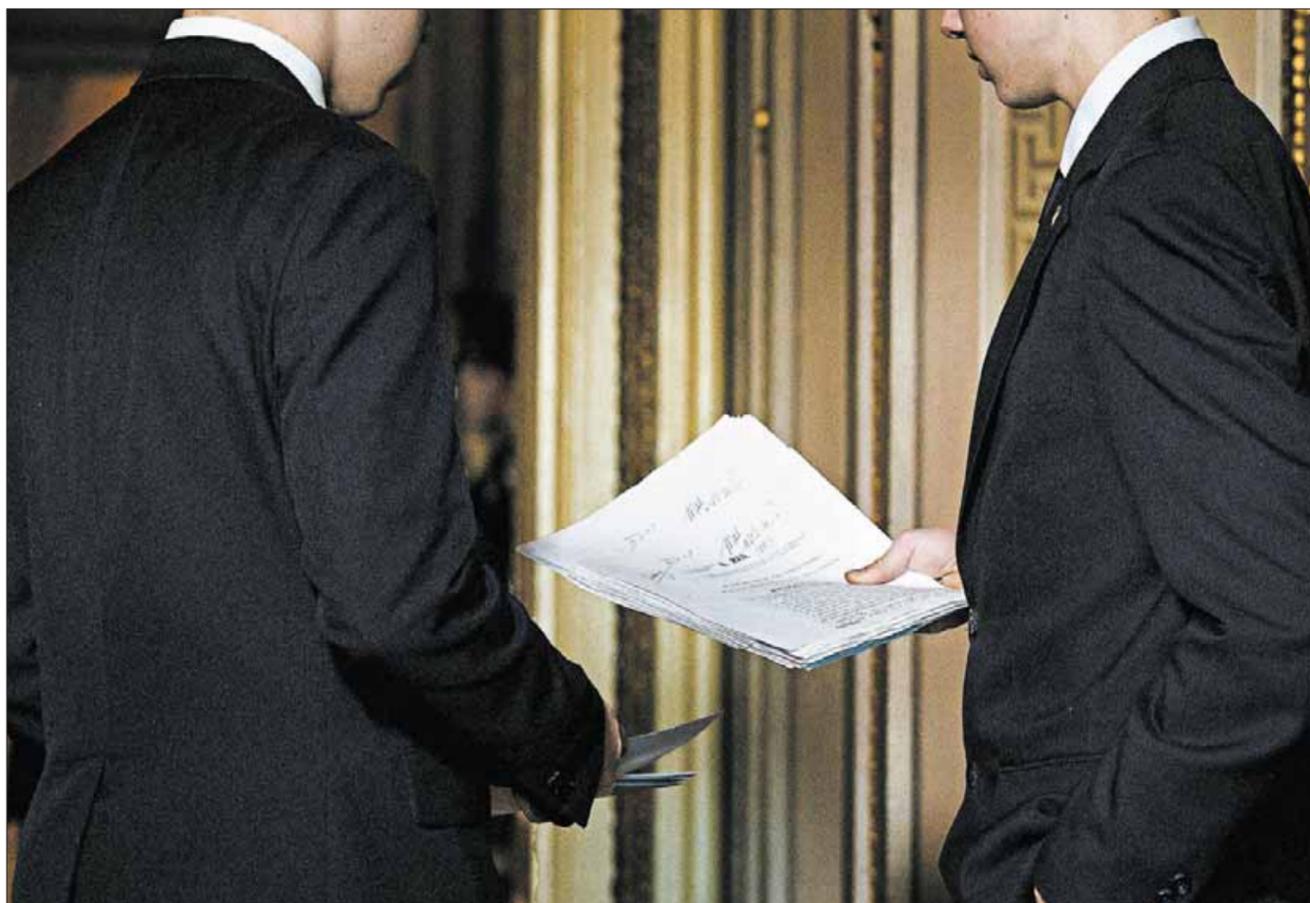
"It is the trifecta of constitutional misconduct justifying impeachment," Schiff, D-Calif., said.

The other lead lawyer on Trump's team, Jay Sekulow, retorted, "I'll give you a trifecta," outlining complaints over the House Democrats' impeachment inquiry process.

The impeachment trial, unfolding in an election year, is testing whether Trump's actions toward Ukraine warrant removal at the same time that voters are forming their own verdict on his White House.

The day began as a debate over rules, and it was only when the clerk started reading the language of the resolution that the handwritten changes became apparent.

McConnell made the adjustment after encountering resistance from Repub-



T.J. KIRKPATRICK/THE NEW YORK TIMES

Senate aides carry copies of Resolution 483, the rules that will determine how the impeachment trial will play out, complete with last-minute changes.



SENATE TELEVISION

Rep. Adam Schiff voices support for an amendment offered by Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y.

licans during a closed-door lunch meeting. Senators worried about the public reaction to cramming the 24 hours of opening arguments from each side into two days.

Sens. Susan Collins, R-Maine, and Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, along with other Republicans, wanted to make the

changes, according to people familiar with the situation. Some senators argued the two-day limit would have helped Democrats cast Republicans as squeezing testimony through in the dead of night.

The White House wanted a session kept to a shorter period to both expedite the trial and shift



SENATE TELEVISION

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell calls to table a Democratic amendment in the impeachment trial.

more of the proceedings into late night, according to a person familiar with the matter.

"READ THE TRANSCRIPTS!" Trump tweeted from a global leaders conference in Switzerland.

That's the transcript of his phone call in which he asked new Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky

for "a favor."

The Democrats cite that transcript as solid evidence against Trump, though he repeatedly describes it as "perfect."

A whistleblower's complaint led the House to impeach Trump last month on a charge of abuse of power for pushing Ukraine to investigate Democratic

rival Biden and his son Hunter Biden as the White House was withholding military aid from Ukraine. Trump also was impeached on a second charge, of obstruction of Congress, in the House probe.

Senate Democratic Leader Chuck Schumer of New York said Republican senators "felt the heat" and it "shows that they can make other changes, and that we can get documents and witnesses."

Schumer offered the first of several amendments to the rules — a proposal to issue a subpoena to the White House for "all documents, communications and other records" relating to the Ukraine matter. It was rejected on a party-line vote. A second amendment, to subpoena documents from the State Department, also was rejected by the same vote.



SENATE TELEVISION

Chief Justice John Roberts presides over the impeachment trial of President Donald Trump on Tuesday in the Senate.

## Roberts burning capital candle at both ends

BY JESSICA GRESKO  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Chief Justice John Roberts is starting to juggle two jobs as the impeachment trial of President Donald Trump gets underway.

On Tuesday morning, he donned his black robe and oversaw two arguments at the Supreme Court before heading across the street to the U.S. Capitol, where he is presiding over the trial in the Senate chamber. His busy schedule meant he

didn't have time to join his fellow justices for a group lunch, a high court custom following arguments.

Over the past 14 years, he has gotten comfortable in the role of chief justice of the United States, but presiding over Trump's trial will be a new, public role for Roberts, who is used to proceedings that aren't televised as they are in the Senate.

Roberts' added responsibilities shouldn't affect the work of the court. That's because the justices gener-

ally finish their joint business in the mornings, giving Roberts time to preside over oral arguments and lead the justices' regularly scheduled private conferences before beginning his Senate duties in the afternoon.

Supreme Court spokeswoman Kathy Arberg said in written responses to questions from reporters that it's expected to be "business as usual" at the court during the trial.

And if there's a good time in Roberts' schedule to take on added responsibility, this

is it, because it's a relatively quiet time at the court. After one more oral argument scheduled for Wednesday, the court is taking its standard break from oral arguments until late February.

It's not until later in the spring that it gets to be crunchtime for opinion writing for the justices, who finish their work in June before adjourning for the summer.

Trump's trial could be over by the time oral arguments resume at the Supreme Court on Feb. 24.

# A crisis boils over in rural Montana

County is epicenter for missing, killed indigenous females

BY JACK HEALY  
The New York Times

BIG HORN COUNTY, Mont. — Jackie Big Hair slept in her car again, waking every few hours to fire up the engine and gaze at the frozen highway rest stop where her 16-year-old daughter had been reported missing.

"I just have to be here," Big Hair, 50, said. "I don't know where else to go."

That was her vigil, along with searches in Billings about 30 miles away, three weeks after her youngest child, Selena Not Afraid, was reported missing from a barren stretch of Interstate 90 in a southern Montana county where 65% of the population is Native American.

Law enforcement officials said a van carrying Selena home the day after a New Year's party in Billings had pulled into the rest stop after breaking down, and then reportedly started up again and was driven away without her. Nobody had heard from her since.

On Monday, the family's worst fears came true. A search team found Selena's body less than a mile from the I-90 rest area where searchers began looking for the girl on the evening she disappeared.

The sheriff said Monday that no foul play was suspected. An autopsy was planned.

A national outcry over the killings and disappearances of indigenous women has reached a boiling point in Big Horn County, a rural stretch of rolling mountains and ranch lands that contains the Crow and Northern Cheyenne reservations and has the highest rate of missing and killed Native Americans in Montana and among the highest nationwide.

Local activists had an incomplete count of Native women who had gone miss-



Selena Not Afraid's cousins gather Jan. 11 at a Montana rest stop, where she was last seen. Her body was found Monday.



Jackie Big Hair, Selena Not Afraid's mother, holds the last photo Selena sent her boyfriend before she went missing.

ing in recent memory in Big Horn County alone. Now, there are nearly 30. The difference here and in many parts of the West is that for decades the disappearances almost invariably played out in utter obscurity, with modest law enforcement investigations that almost invariably languished unsolved.

Activists and researchers

say the crisis went unheeded for generations until a few years ago, when families' stories of how their loved ones were sex trafficked, slain with impunity or dismissed as chronic runaways gained traction through grassroots organizing and social media, forcing politicians and law enforcement to take notice.

Last year, 5,590 indigenous women were reported missing to the FBI's National Crime Information Center, but advocates say the high rates of violence suffered by indigenous people is still not fully reflected in official accounting. Some victims are misclassified as Asian or Latino, or overlooked if they live in urban areas instead of reservations, or their cases are lost in a jurisdictional maze over which state, federal or tribal law enforcement agency bears responsibility for investigating.

Law enforcement officials said these can be difficult cases to investigate, sometimes ranging over vast expanses of territory, but that they are committed to solving them. The families say the problem is more a matter of will and resources.

"Native women have been dehumanized from the very beginning," said Desi Rodriguez-Lonebear, a demographer who grew up

in Big Horn County and is on the board of the Sovereign Bodies Institute, which has created its own database of cases. "The law has failed us time and time again."

Families are taking an urgent public stand to pressure politicians and law enforcement to provide more aggressive responses to these cases. They are raising alarms through social media and even bracing themselves against Montana blizzards to keep their loved ones from being forgotten.

In recent months, a flurry of federal and state agencies across the country and in Montana have raced to respond with task forces and law-enforcement resources, including a new Justice Department effort to coordinate federal and local responses to disappearances and murders in Indian Country.

At 16, Selena already knew the toll of violence too well. She had buried three

siblings — a brother who had been fatally shot by Billings police officers; a sister who was struck and killed by a car; and her twin sister, who died by suicide when she was just 11 years old.

"I've always felt like there's a bad presence against us," Selena's older brother, R.J., said. "I've expected the worst."

After Selena was reported missing, police from South Dakota and Wyoming joined Big Horn County sheriff's deputies, Bureau of Indian Affairs officers and volunteers to search the nearby hills. Federal and local law-enforcement officers set up a command center was set up in the basement of the county courthouse. Thermal drones and helicopters buzzed overhead.

The FBI issued an alert for Selena and sent in a search team, but agents and sheriff's investigators had said little before her body was found.

Selena's case marks the latest in a long string of murders and disappearances of American Indian women in recent years that have garnered national attention.

Pease ticked off some names she said had never received justice: 14-year-old Henny Scott, who was found dead two weeks after she went missing in December 2018. Bonnie Three Irons, a mother of six, whose body was found in the mountains in April 2017. Or Kaysera Stops Pretty Places. It was late August when Kaysera, 18, went out with friends in her hometown of Hardin, the county seat.

Four days later, a jogger found her body in a suburban backyard next to the house where she had been that evening, just steps from a busy road.

"Where the hell were these big shots when my granddaughter was missing?" asked Carmelia Brown.

Associated Press contributed.

## NEWS BRIEFING

Staff and news services

### High court refuses challenge to Obamacare in election year

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court refused Tuesday to take up another challenge to the Affordable Care Act, leaving the health care law known as Obamacare intact but still under legal challenge.

Instead the justices turned away appeals from the California attorney general and House Democrats who sought a speedy ruling in a pending lawsuit in Texas that has the backing of the Trump administration.

Democrats say the Texas lawsuit threatens the 2010 law and its protections for millions of Americans with pre-existing medical conditions. They wanted the high court, which has twice upheld the law, to knock down this latest challenge.

Trump's lawyers argued that since nothing has been decided in the lower courts, there was no reason for the Supreme Court to intervene now.

### Activists: Airstrike in northwest Syria kills 9, including a family

BEIRUT — An airstrike on a rebel-held village in northern Syria on Tuesday killed at least nine people, including an entire family, Syrian opposition activists said.

The strike on Kfar Taal comes amid a government offensive on the northwestern province of Idlib, the last rebel stronghold in the country, and rebel-held parts of nearby Aleppo province.

A new cessation of hos-

ilities agreement between Russia and Turkey, who support opposite sides in the conflict, went into effect earlier this month, but the violence has continued.

Idlib province is dominated by al-Qaida-linked militants. It's also home to 3 million civilians, and the United Nations has warned of the growing risk of a humanitarian catastrophe along the Turkish border.

### Putin forms new Cabinet amid constitutional reforms

MOSCOW — Russian President Vladimir Putin formed his new Cabinet on Tuesday, replacing many of its members but keeping his foreign, defense and finance ministers in place.

The Cabinet shake-up comes as Putin has launched a sweeping constitutional reform that is widely seen as an attempt to secure his grip on power well after his current term ends in 2024.

Immediately after announcing the proposed changes last week, Putin fired Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev, who had the job for eight years, and named tax chief Mikhail Mishustin to succeed him.

Putin, 67, has been in power for more than 20 years, longer than any other Russian or Soviet leader since Josef Stalin, who led from 1924 until his death in 1953.



A girl competes in a contest Tuesday as part of the Kolyada holiday period, which marks the end of Orthodox Christmas in Belarus. Festivities include a ceremony where the kolyada, or "wheel," is hoisted onto an old tree for yearlong prosperity.

### Iranian attending college in Boston is denied entry to US

BOSTON — An Iranian student attending college in Boston was denied entry to the U.S. and ordered to immediately fly back to his native country, despite a court order temporarily staying his removal, immigration lawyers and civil rights groups said Tuesday.

Shahab Dehghani, a 24-year-old economics student at Northeastern University, arrived in Boston with a valid student visa but was detained by U.S. Customs and Border Patrol at Logan International Airport, according to his lawyer Kerry Doyle.

Customs officials or-

dered Dehghani to leave on the next available flight because they determined he was intending to reside in the U.S. longer than his temporary student visa allowed, Doyle said.

Dehghani's lawyers reject that claim. They say he had attended the University of Massachusetts Boston before transferring to Northeastern, had undergone a nearly one-year visa review and planned to return to Iran when he completed his studies.

"He's understandably upset," said Heather Yountz, a lawyer also in-

involved in Dehghani's case. "He's been a student here in Massachusetts for two years. His life has now been turned around."

Northeastern University said it has also been in touch with federal officials to get Dehghani back to Boston for his classes.

"We still have not received a satisfactory explanation from Customs and Border Protection for this action," the university said late Tuesday. "Only in the most extreme instances should students have their academic pursuits interrupted by government intervention."

### Iran admits firing Russian missiles at Ukraine jet

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Iran acknowledged Tuesday that its armed forces fired two Russian anti-aircraft missiles at a Ukrainian jetliner that crashed after taking off from Tehran's main airport earlier this month, killing all 176 people on board.

But the new preliminary

report by Iran's Civil Aviation Organization stopped short of blaming the TOR-M1 for the crash of the Boeing 737-800, flown by Ukraine International Airways.

For days after the Jan. 8 shootdown, Iran denied that it fired missiles at the plane.

The report identified the missiles fired at the aircraft as coming from the TOR-M1. In 2017, Iran received the delivery of 29 TOR-M1 units from Russia.

However, the report said "the impact of these missiles on the accident and the analysis of this action is under investigation."

### Trudeau says Canada will move forward on trade deal

TORONTO — Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said Tuesday that Canada will move next week to formally approve the new North American trade agreement.

Trudeau said the government will introduce a motion when Parliament resumes Jan. 27 and will introduce legislation to ratify the deal two days later.

Trudeau said millions of Canadians depend on reliable trade with their largest trading partners.

That will effectively remove the final legal hurdle to the deal with the U.S. and Mexico.

Last week, the U.S. Senate passed its implementation bill of the new U.S.-Mexico-Canada Agreement.

Trudeau's government had been waiting for the U.S. to formally ratify the pact before introducing its own bill. Mexico ratified the deal in June.

**In Canada:** Prince Harry has reunited with his wife Meghan in Canada as he steps back from royal duties.

Video from Sky News shows Harry landing at Victoria's airport on Vancouver Island late Monday. The prince, Meghan and their 8-month-old son, Archie, were reportedly staying at a mansion on the island off Canada's Pacific coast.

The palace announced Saturday that the prince and his wife will give up public funding and try to become financially independent. The couple are expected to spend most of their time in Canada while maintaining a home in England near Windsor Castle.

Harry remains a prince but will not be a working royal.

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## EDITORIALS

# The right role for Washington in ending seclusion room abuses nationwide

In November, the Tribune and ProPublica Illinois published a shocking investigative report documenting the rampant abuse of children in Illinois public schools — practices that put students into “seclusion rooms” and physical restraints to deal with unwelcome behavior. In many cases, the kids have autism or other disabilities.

One 9-year-old with autism and epilepsy who was locked in a 5-foot-square box wet his pants, defecated and smeared feces on the wall and cried to be let out. A 7-year-old banged his head on a concrete wall. One child was confined for 10 hours.

Gov. J.B. Pritzker responded by calling for steps to prevent such mistreatment. The Illinois State Board of Education took emergency action, banning the use of such rooms except when a trained adult is present and the door is unlocked. Timeouts can be used only to protect the safety of students and staff or for therapeutic reasons — not as punishment for disobedience or other infractions.

While we applaud the response from Springfield, those temporary rules expire in April. The General Assembly is considering legislation to address the issue.

The rising concern about seclusion rooms also has migrated to Washington, D.C. Last week, Illinois’ U.S. senators and 10 members of the state’s House delegation submitted a letter to federal Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos urging the department to prohibit seclusion, as well as physical restraints that restrict breathing. Both practices, they argue, are “putting the psychological well-being and lives of children at risk every day.”

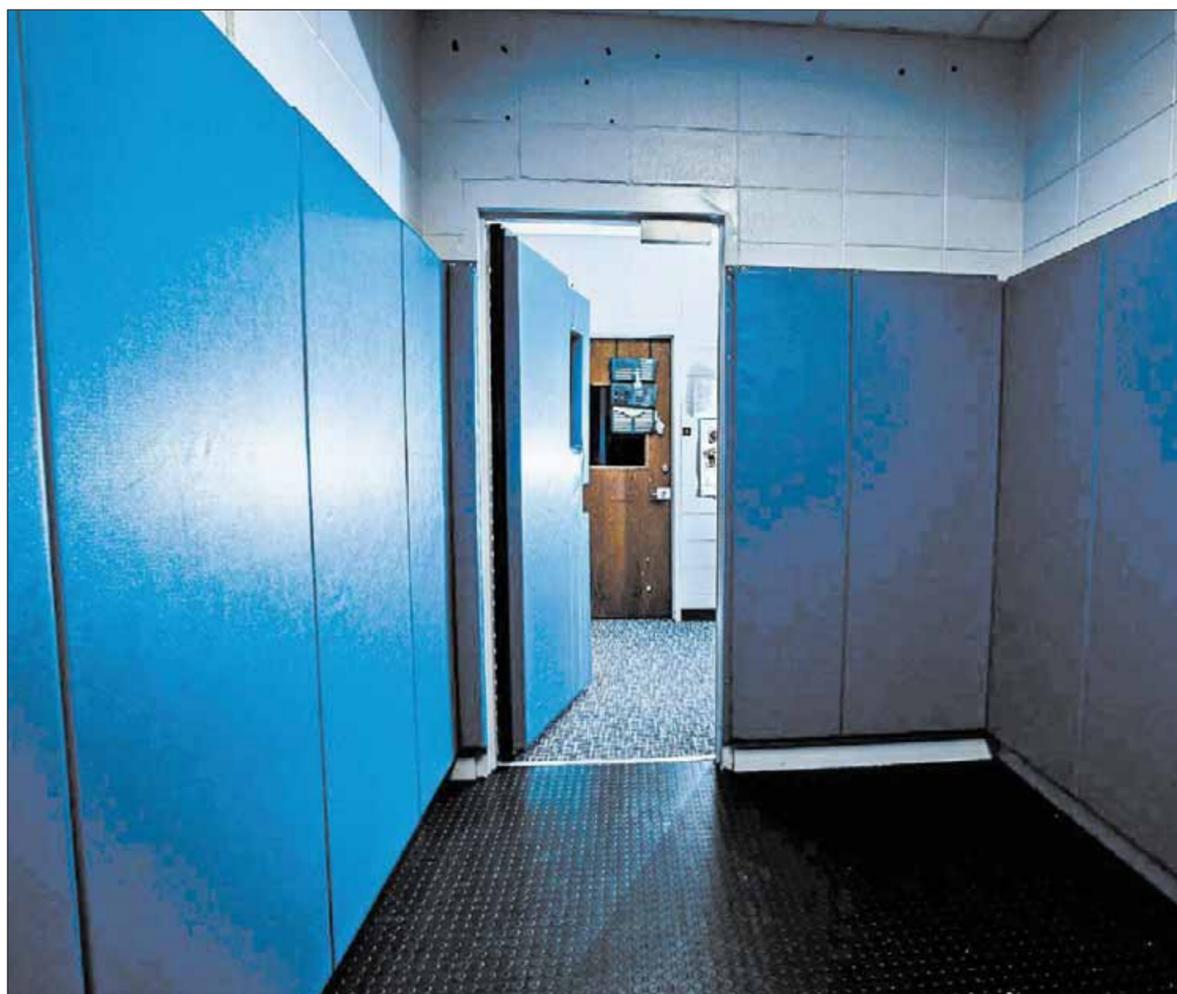
The members of Congress are right to be worried. In Illinois, thousands of kids were locked up not because they posed threats to anyone’s well-being, but instead as discipline for ordinary misbehavior. In more than a third of the 12,000 examined cases in which the basis for seclusion was recorded, the Tribune/ProPublica report noted, “school workers documented no safety reason for the seclusion.”

We can’t say with authority that a federal ban is the best overall solution to the grave abuses cited by the Tribune and ProPublica Illinois. The behavioral problems of some special needs students can be exceptionally challenging for teachers and other school staff, who may be bitten, scratched or hit. There may be value in giving state education policymakers the flexibility to experiment with different methods of helping students.

But the Department of Education immediately can — should — help state lawmakers and education officials assess and eradicate current levels of abuse. This is the moment for Washington to bring rapid research and guidance to what’s suddenly become a national issue.

This should be a prompt search for best practices and best laws, not a five-year project. Among the questions an Education Department inquiry can resolve:

- Nationwide, how widespread is the Illinois-style overuse and misuse of seclusion rooms and physical restraints?
- How is it that some school districts have halted all use of seclusion rooms — and come to appreciate, rather than regret, that decision?
- What are the realistic alternatives for calming children whose special needs require impulse control, orderly environ-



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The isolated timeout space at the Southwest Cook County Cooperative Association for Special Education in Oak Forest.

FROM A NOV. 24, 2019, CHICAGO TRIBUNE EDITORIAL

## Stop the ‘quiet room’ abuse of Illinois schoolchildren

On Tuesday a joint investigation by the Tribune and ProPublica Illinois revealed a shockingly abusive practice by public schools across the state: Children with emotional or behavioral disabilities were being confined — alone — in small enclosures for classroom disciplinary reasons, in violation of the law.

Reasons for seclusion ran the gamut — children failing to finish classwork, talking back or swearing, raising their voices and more. Under state law, none of those behaviors warranted seclusion. The investigation also documented damage wrought by schools’ abuse of

the seclusion law.

The investigation uncovered a glaring lack of oversight of schools and their seclusion policies. Parents of children isolated in seclusion rooms often received bare-bones notice of the incidents — at times a form letter with a checked box indicating the child had been secluded. At the school 9-year-old Jace Gill attended, the district’s director said he wasn’t aware how often seclusion was being used until he began looking through incident reports requested by the reporters. Afterward, he said, the scale involved “really did kind

of hit home.”

It’s hard to fathom that kind of inattention to a flagrantly illegal practice so damaging to students with disabilities. Parents and their children rely on school administrators to provide oversight to prevent such abuses. If officials can’t do that, they are failing in their work.

So much went wrong at these schools. So much also went wrong at the state level. ... What happened in Illinois didn’t help or protect children. It hurt them. Quiet room abuses should never have happened.

ments, or occasional separation from classroom stimuli.

Federal guidelines published in 2016 currently serve as a check on school districts. The guidelines say it’s permissible “to restrain or seclude a student with a disability in situations where the student’s

behavior poses imminent danger of serious physical harm to self or others.” But the guidelines discourage the repeated use of these practices on individual students “where alternative methods also could prevent imminent danger to self or others.”

That all sounds reasonable, yet the Trib-

une/ProPublica investigation suggests that many school districts are flouting those guidelines. Maybe a nationwide ban is the solution. But the U.S. Department of Education is uniquely positioned to give states and school districts workable alternatives that will stop the abuse.

### WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Are you Team Kate or Team Meghan? If you’re anything like me, you don’t want to pick a side, and you don’t think there should be “sides” at all. Yet ever since Meghan Markle married Prince Harry, parts of the media have pitted the former actor against her sister-in-law.

Where Kate Middleton was once depicted as a dull social climber, she is now presented as the epitome of female virtue: a respectable, silent, discreet, and selfless mother. Meghan must therefore be her opposite — a political, manipulative, “woke” careerist ...

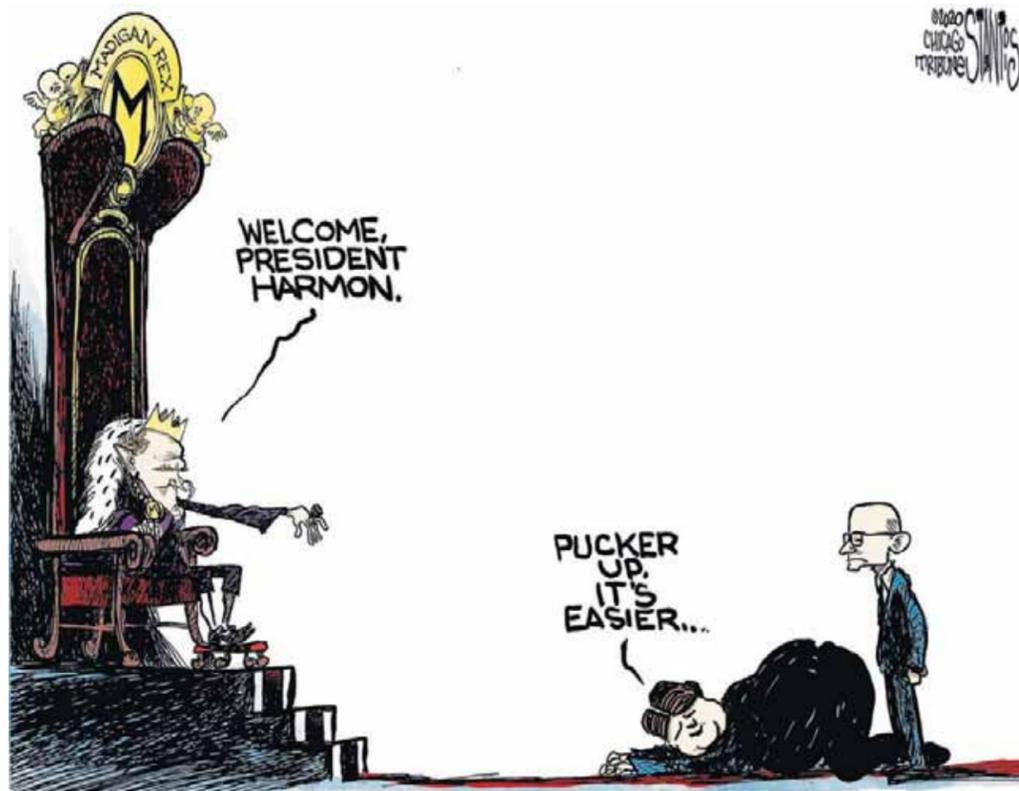
Never mind that they might just be following their own personalities and interests; they have become representatives of two distinct political positions. By carving up the messiness of female lives into a stark binary, the choices open to all women — not just Meghan and Kate — are limited.

Women’s lives provide a particularly vivid arena for the clash between traditionalism and modernity because we love to interpret women’s choices as commentary on other women’s choices. The Meghan-versus-Kate clash has echoes of the “Mommy Wars,” the feminist shorthand for how every decision made by a mother is interpreted as a rebuke to other mothers who choose differently — breast- versus bottle-feeding, C-section versus “natural birth,” stay-at-home mother versus “supermom.” ...

But all women lose when women’s lives are boiled down to these simple binaries: selfless mother against ruthless careerist. ... By focusing only on the differences between them, we lose sight of the institutions — the royal family and the architecture of misogyny — that constrain them both.

Helen Lewis, *The Atlantic*

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## PERSPECTIVE



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Democratic presidential candidates Sen. Elizabeth Warren, left, and Sen. Amy Klobuchar gesture to the crowd during an event Monday in South Carolina.

## My mixed feelings about New York Times endorsement's mixed message



ERIC ZORN

Fittingly enough, I'm of two minds about The New York Times' controversial "we're of two minds..." endorsement editorial.

After conducting extensive interviews with the leading Democratic presidential contenders in advance of the Feb. 3 Iowa caucuses, the newspaper's editorial board on Sunday night gave its nod to both Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren and Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar.

Critics pounced. C'mon, Times! Yanny or Laurel? Paper or plastic? Chiefs or 49ers? Boxers or briefs? Marvel or DC? Tastes great or less filling? Take a stand already!

I took the point. The failure to choose and defend one candidate over all others felt like a betrayal of the board's mission to make definitive pronouncements on the important issues of the day based on the values it has long espoused.

And the anointing of two candidates — Warren from what the editorial referred to as the Democrats' "radical" faction and Klobuchar from the "realist" faction — had a whiff of cowardice,

as though the Times didn't want to offend either side in this intraparty battle for the nomination.

On the other hand, the 3,432-word editorial did effectively identify, analyze and referee the two distinct tournament brackets in the Democratic field, brackets that amount to separate primarylike battles for the coveted "tickets out of Iowa."

The candidates who win, do well enough or sufficiently exceed expectations among the progressive and moderate wings of the party will earn viability in the New Hampshire primary eight days later.

It's common for newspaper editorial boards to offer endorsements in both Democratic and Republican primary races for the same office. And given the split in the 2020 Democratic field in Iowa between the left and the center, the Times' decision to endorse one from each makes a certain amount of sense at this point in the contest.

If you're a committed lefty, the editorial makes the case that you should be favoring Warren over Sen. Bernie Sanders.

If you consider yourself a moderate Democrat, the editorial argues that Klobuchar is preferable to former Vice President Joe Biden, former South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg, former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg and others.

One passage in the editorial sums up just about every conversation I've had

with my fellow dithering Democrats in the last few months: "If there were ever a time to be open to new ideas, it is now. If there were ever a time to seek stability, now is it."

I see this as at once profoundly equivocal and unequivocally profound.

It's a conflicted editorial for a conflicted moment in time. Real endorsement to follow.

I am certain of one thing, though. If there were ever a time to strip Iowa and New Hampshire of their primacy in choosing presidential candidates, now is it.

Current U.S. census estimates tell us that Iowa's population is 85% white, 6.2% Hispanic and 3.5% African American. New Hampshire's population is 90% white, 3.9% Hispanic and 1.7% African American. Meanwhile, the nation itself is 60.4% white, 18.3% Hispanic and 13.4% African American.

And yes, victory in Iowa propelled African American Democrat Barack Obama to the nomination and then the White House in 2008, but there remains value in having voters in a more demographically representative state have the first crack at winnowing the field.

Illinois, anyone? Our demographics — 61% white, 17.4% Hispanic and 14.6% African American — come very close to mirroring the country as a whole, and our economy could really use the boost of all the campaign activity that attends these first-in-the-nation events.

Only one Democratic hopeful this cycle made a stink about the death grip that Iowa and New Hampshire have on the primary process. "It's really about reflecting the values that we say we have as Democrats where everybody has a place at the table," he said. The party is "making the mistake of putting our nominating contest in the hands of two states that hardly have any black people, or hardly have any people of color." He called it "hypocrisy."

That was former Housing and Urban Development Secretary Julian Castro, who dropped out Jan. 2 when it was clear his candidacy had no traction.

Other candidates have not wanted to risk endorsing the idea that the Democratic Party ought to shake up the order next time, a position bound to offend the very voters who will soon decide their fate.

For example, when a radio host put the question about primary order to Warren at a candidate forum in November, her response was defensive astonishment: "Are you actually going to ask me to sit here and criticize Iowa and New Hampshire?" she said, adding, "I'm just a player in the game on this one."

Talk about shrinking from taking a stand.

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## Why teen depression rates are rising faster for girls than boys

BY JEAN TWENGE

We're in the middle of a teen mental health crisis — and girls are at its epicenter.

Since 2010, depression, self-harm and suicide rates have increased among teen boys. But rates of major depression among teen girls in the U.S. increased even more — from 12% in 2011 to 20% in 2017. In 2015, three times as many 10- to 14-year-old girls were admitted to the emergency room after deliberately harming themselves than in 2010. Meanwhile, the suicide rate for adolescent girls has doubled since 2007.

Rates of depression started to tick up just as smartphones became popular, so digital media could be playing a role. The generation of teens born after 1995 — known as iGen or Gen Z — were the first to spend their entire adolescence in the age of the smartphone. They're also the first group of teens to experience social media as an indispensable part of social life.

Of course, both boys and girls started using smartphones around the same time. So why are girls experiencing more mental health issues? Mining three surveys of more than 200,000 teens in the U.S. and U.K., my colleagues and I were able to find some answers.

We found that teen boys and girls spend their digital media time in different ways: Boys spend more time gaming, while girls spend more time on their smartphones, texting and using social media. Gaming involves different forms of communication. Gamers often interact with each other in



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real time, talking to each other via their headsets.

In contrast, social media often involves messaging via images or text. Yet even something as simple as a brief pause before receiving a response can elicit anxiety.

Then, of course, there's the way social media creates a hierarchy, with the number of likes and followers wielding social power. Images are curated, personas cultivated, texts crafted, deleted and rewritten. All of this can be stressful, and one study found that simply comparing yourself with others on social media made you more likely to be depressed.

And, unlike many gaming systems, smartphones are portable. They can interfere with face-to-face social interaction or be brought into bed, two actions that have been found to undermine mental health

and sleep.

It may also be that social media use has a stronger effect on girls than boys. Previous research revealed that teens who spend more time on digital media are more likely to be depressed and unhappy. In our new paper, we found that this link was stronger for girls than for boys.

Only 15% of girls who spent about 30 minutes a day on social media were unhappy, but 26% of girls who spent six hours a day or more on social media reported being unhappy. For boys, the difference in unhappiness was less noticeable: 11% of those who spent 30 minutes a day on social media said they were unhappy, which ticked up to 18% for those who spent six-plus hours per day doing the same.

Why might girls be more prone to unhappiness when using social media? Popu-

larity and positive social interactions tend to have a more pronounced effect on teen girls' happiness than boys' happiness. Social media can be both a cold arbiter of popularity and a platform for bullying, shaming and disputes. Girls continue to face more pressure about their appearance, which could be exacerbated by social media.

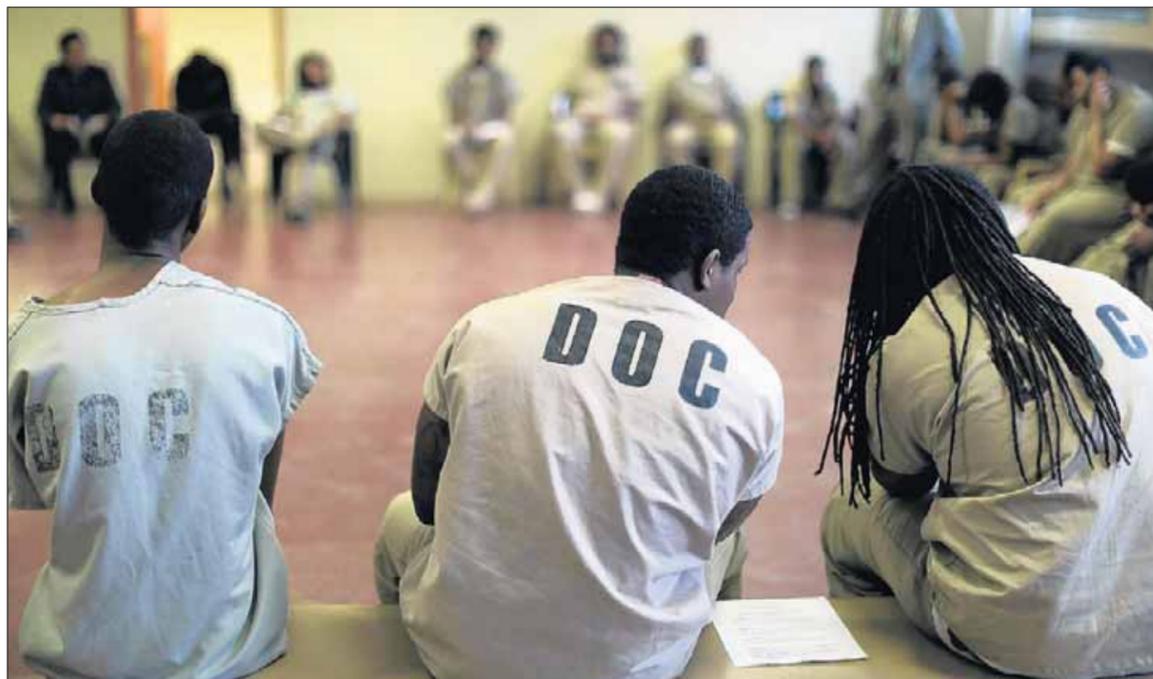
What can we do? First, parents can help children and teens postpone their entry into social media. It's actually the law that children can't have a social media account in their own name until they are 13. This law is rarely enforced, but parents can insist on it.

Among older teens, the situation is more complex, because social media use is so pervasive. Still, groups of friends can talk about these challenges. Many are probably aware, on some level, that social media can make them feel anxious or sad. They might agree to call each other more, take breaks or let others know that they're not always going to respond instantly, and that this doesn't mean they are angry or upset.

We're learning more about the ways social media has been designed to be addictive, with companies making more money the more time users spend on their platforms. That profit may be at the expense of teen mental health — especially that of girls.

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# PERSPECTIVE



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Cook County Jail inmates attend a program in 2017.

## After 10 years, 'New Jim Crow' still has much to say about race and injustice



CLARENCE PAGE

Every so often a book comes along that shakes up the national gabfest in a way that makes all of us talk about an old problem with a new urgency.

Jane Jacobs' 1961 book "The Death and Life of Great American Cities" sparked a movement to preserve urban neighborhood diversity against developers' bulldozers.

Michael Harrington's 1962 "The Other America: Poverty in the United States" helped spur President Lyndon B. Johnson's "War on Poverty."

Rachel Carson's 1962 "Silent Spring" gave flight to what became the environmental preservation movement.

Now 10 years have passed since another breakthrough book shook up the criminal justice debate: legal scholar Michelle Alexander's "The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness."

Since hers was hardly the first study to claim racial bias in our nation's criminal justice system, she recalls in an essay that she wrote for the book's 10th anniversary edition, a lot of people told her not to expect much reaction. Instead, the book climbed the New York Times bestseller list, where it remained for nearly 250 weeks.

A decade later, it is easier to look back and see what made this book stand out — and ignite another debate, even as states like Illinois expunge thousands of minor drug convictions. With ample statistics and historical narratives, she gave voice to what many people had long suspected, especially in black communities. The surge in black incarceration that followed

decades of wars on drugs had become, whether by accident or design, a "new Jim Crow," she argued, metaphorically resembling the original version of racial segregation banned by the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

The nation's criminal justice system uses the war on drugs to enforce forms of racial discrimination, oppression and "social control" that most of us thought had gone away with the hard-won victories of the civil rights era.

For this, she has received some scholarly pushback, even from those who share her concern for racially disproportional incarceration rates. In his book "Locked In: The True Causes of Mass Incarceration and How to Achieve Real Reform," John Pfaff, a Fordham University law professor, argues that Alexander makes too much of the statistics for drug offenders, since they make up only a small part of the prison population — and nonviolent drug offenders an even smaller part.

Most prisoners have been convicted of violent crimes, he points out, and most American prisoners are in county and state justice systems, not the federal system.

Indeed, the federal system houses 221,000 inmates, compared with 1.3 million in state prisons and 612,000 in local jails, according to the Prison Policy Initiative in 2019.

Although the proportion of state prisoners whose primary crime was a drug offense rose sharply from 1980 to 1990, when it peaked at 22%, Pfaff writes, that leaves about four-fifths who were found guilty of some other offense. By 2010, it fell to 17%. Bottom line, says the statistics expert: Reducing the incarceration of drug offenders will not do much to reduce prison populations.

Other scholars have made similar claims. Jonathan Rothwell, a Brookings Institution senior fellow, tries nobly to reconcile the differences by comparing the

time and length of sentences for different crimes. Drug crimes have been the predominant reason for new admissions into state and federal prisons in recent decades, but those offenders tend to serve shorter sentences than those convicted of violent crimes.

"Rolling back the war on drugs would not totally solve the problem of mass incarceration," he writes, "but it could help a great deal, by reducing exposure to prison."

That makes sense. So do a number of black community residents who would like to see tougher law enforcement. The get-tough approach is much less popular now. That helps to explain why former Vice President Joe Biden seemed to be caught in a time warp as he tried to defend his support of the get-tough 1994 crime law that Alexander blames for making the mass incarceration problem worse.

As some of us remember, that bill was supported by a lot of black folks, including the Congressional Black Caucus, although with some reservations as they called for other reforms too.

But today, years after the totally unexpected crime drop in the mid-1990s, more people of all races are asking questions about the role race plays in our justice system. After all, crack cocaine, primarily a plague in black communities, was treated as a crime problem. Opioid abuse, more closely identified with poor white communities, has been treated as a public health problem.

Racial disparities like that are not easily brushed off as coincidence. Nor should they be. Instead, they help to explain the popularity of Alexander's book.

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### VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

#### Impeachment doesn't overturn an election

When I taught in public schools, one of my assignments was to teach the U.S. Constitution. I'd like to clear up an erroneous message. An impeachment does not negate an elected result. In truth, it supports the importance of the electoral process. An impeachment points out that the person who was elected to an office and swore under oath to perform the duties in a legal manner allegedly has violated that promise. It tells all of us to do our homework and understand the importance of selecting people who are dedicated public servants rather than those whose main goal is to use their position for personal aggrandizement.

For example, I was very disappointed that Bill Clinton did not lose his job. I would argue that had I, or any other person in the private or public sector, did what he did as president, we would have been out of a job and arranging bail. The Senate truly dropped the ball in that instance.

To be clear, incompetence is not impeachable. If that were the case, impeachment proceedings would be never-ending at the national, state and local levels. Not everyone is capable of performing governmental duties well. That does not allow them to perform their jobs in direct opposition to their sworn oaths and for their own gain.

Should President Donald Trump lose his job, this would send a very strong signal that the highest elected official in the land is being held to very high standards. I would hope that no one, regardless of political leanings, would argue this point. It is my hope that everyone involved in the impeachment proceedings, whether as members of the House or Senate or the populace, demands a rigorous process that seeks the truth. This is not about changing election results. This is about protecting our way of life and the futures of our children and grandchildren.

— Terry Ferrari, Dyer, Indiana

#### Censure would not satisfy anyone

The editorial "Impeachment is a stain. Censure would be another." (Jan. 21) advocated for censure of President Donald Trump over removal in order to achieve political peace. If the president were to be merely censured, his supporters would believe that he received a slap on the hand. Those 100 million who did not vote last time would call it "politics as usual" and probably stay home again in November.

According to the editorial, "The Government Accountability Office said the Trump administration violated the law by withholding those funds, which had been allocated by Congress." When a president takes over the constitutional duty of deciding which funds to allocate and which ones not to disperse, he must be removed from office for abusing his powers. This is what the Founding Fathers intended. Those brilliant men intended for our government to have three separate and equal branches in order to check for this very kind of behavior.

Instead we have a major newspaper supporting a course of action that will satisfy no one, least of all the judgment of history.

— Jan Goldberg, Riverside

#### House Democrats will feel voters' wrath

The Tribune Editorial Board is certainly entitled to its opinion, but the only stain from this impeachment is on House Democrats, and they will pay in November.

— Roland G. Ley, Arlington Heights

#### Congress is failing to do its job

I agree that there has been an abuse of power in Washington, and every member of our Congress is guilty. We have given them, through our votes and their oaths, the power to serve the country and their constituency. What has been done about immigration? Our infrastructure is crumbling before our eyes. The opioid crisis has been joined by a vaping crisis, and both joined by school shootings. Student loans are crippling the younger generation's ability to buy a home or even get married. The homeless are lining the streets of our once-beautiful cities, and churches are closing for lack of interest.

But today, instead of tackling these problems, the Democrats and Republicans have stopped all essential work to debate the way a president handled a situation that affects no Americans directly. This is the abuse of power that every American actually feels every single day.

— Sue Atkenson, Palos Park

## Supreme Court should finally erase state laws that hinder religious freedom and school choice

BY MARÍA MONTSERRAT ALVARADO

The U.S. Supreme Court will take up a case this week that is poised to have far-reaching effects on religious liberty. At issue are the state laws known as Blaine Amendments, which prohibit the use of government funding to benefit religious schools and other organizations.

These laws have pernicious anti-immigrant origins. The "brown" people targeted in the 1800s were Catholics, Jews, Mormons and Muslims, often labeled "sectarian," which was code for non-Protestant. They were bullied and discriminated against for their faith and traditions by political parties and associations charged with protecting nativist sentiments.

As with many landmark decisions in our country, change comes through the courage of an individual standing up for those without a voice. In *Espinoza v. Montana Department of Revenue*, a single mom started with a simple goal: asserting her right to choose the best school for her daughters to thrive.

As she fights for her parental right to choose the best future for her daughters, lead plaintiff Kendra Espinoza joins the front lines to defend prison ministries, low-income and minority children, and students with disabilities or special needs from laws that have caused over a century of discrimination.

The Supreme Court ruling could spell the end of these discriminatory state laws that stand in the way of freedom, and religious liberty advocates nationwide are holding their breath. Blaine Amendments were enacted during a time of extreme anti-immigrant and anti-Catholic prejudice, specifically designed to restrict

school choice so that undesirable communities would not be able to retain or share their culture and identity. In the 19th century, this meant keeping Catholic influence out of the predominantly Protestant public schools. Today, Blaine Amendments exist in up to 40 states.

The results have devastated the civil society that serves those who need help the most. Blaine Amendments have recently been leveraged to stop a Florida prison ministry with unmatched success lowering recidivism rates in the state; to keep learning-disabled students from using an Oklahoma state scholarship program to attend religious schools that better meet their needs; to shut down a New Mexico textbook program aimed at improving literacy for schoolchildren in rural areas; and to disqualify a Missouri church school from accessing generally available state grants for resurfacing unsafe playgrounds.

In the *Espinoza* case, the state of Montana refused to implement a tax credit scholarship program that would allow residents a tax credit for \$150 of their contributions to a privately run scholarship program. The state claimed the Blaine Amendment forbids tax credits from benefiting schools run by a "church, sect, or denomination." Out of fear of indirectly benefiting religion, the Montana Supreme Court last year ruled against the program, hurting low-income families like *Espinoza's* who are simply seeking better opportunities, often only offered at religious schools.

Under the leadership of both political parties, the federal government has also adopted this misguided view of the relationship between government and religion. Governments have manipulated the

Constitution's Establishment Clause to make it harder for students, the impoverished and the suffering to have their needs met — forgetting that the separation of church and state exists first to stop the government from co-opting religion. Merely allowing all children equal access to statewide benefits is not unconstitutional. It is a celebration of our right to religious liberty.

Yet nationwide, we have seen that having a cross on the wall while using federal dollars to provide lifesaving services can disqualify you from the public square. Following this logic, the largest group of nonprofit health care providers, which cares for 1 in 7 patients daily, would not exist. Disaster relief services would be slower and less organized because houses of worship — which are consistently on the front lines of recovery — would be denied Federal Emergency Management Agency grants. Immigrants arriving on the border would have no one to house them because Catholic Charities would be forbidden from caring for the needy according to their religious mission.

The highest court in the land could send an important message to Americans nationwide that our natural impulse is not the "cancel culture" we see on Twitter but a pluralistic vision where neighbors who hold different views can come together to celebrate their constitutionally protected freedoms. The Blaine Amendments have marginalized religious people, children with special needs and low-income minorities for too long. It's time for the Supreme Court to put an end to this discrimination.

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## Gate closing on a summer return for Boeing 737

Company does not expect regulators to approve Max changes

BY DAVID KOENIG  
Associated Press

Boeing said Tuesday that it doesn't expect federal regulators to approve its changes to the grounded 737 Max until this summer, several months longer than the company was saying just a few weeks ago.

That timetable — the latest of several delays in the plane's approval process — will create more headaches for airlines by pushing the Max's return further into the peak summer travel season or possibly beyond it.

Boeing shares fell nearly 6% at one point, to a 52-week low, and closed down 3.4%.

The company said regulators will decide when the Max flies again but that it periodically

gives airlines and suppliers its best estimate of when that will happen.

"This updated estimate is informed by our experience to date with the certification process," Boeing said in a statement. "It is subject to our ongoing attempts to address known schedule risks and further developments that may arise in connection with the certification process. It also accounts for the rigorous scrutiny that regulatory authorities are rightly applying at every step of their review" of the plane's flight controls and pilot-training requirements.

The latest timetable is based on work remaining to be done before the Federal Aviation Administration will allow the Max back in the sky including work on flight-control computers, according to two people familiar with the matter, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss details that Boeing did not

**"This updated estimate is informed by our experience to date with the certification process."**

— Boeing statement

provide.

The FAA said in a statement that it is conducting "a thorough, deliberate process" to make sure that Boeing's changes to the Max meet certification standards. The agency said, as it has for months, that it has no timetable for completing its review.

The three U.S. airlines that own Maxes — Southwest, American and United — have scrubbed the plane from their schedules

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A worker looks up underneath a Boeing 737 MAX jet in Renton, Wash. Boeing doesn't expect 737 Max changes to be approved until summer.



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Medline Industries temporarily halted sterilization operations at its Waukegan plant, 1160 S. Northpoint Blvd., a month ago.

## Medline Industries forced to temporarily close facility

Company works to meet new chemical rules in Waukegan

BY EMILY K. COLEMAN

Medline Industries has temporarily halted its sterilization operations in Waukegan, a move the company was forced to take about a month ago because it couldn't meet new state ethylene oxide standards.

The closure, which wasn't publicized by the company to either the public or local officials, comes as the company works to complete nearly \$10 million in upgrades designed to bring the plant into compliance with a new state law regulating the cancer-causing chemical.

The company expects to re-

sume full operations within a few weeks once it is finished testing the newly installed equipment, Medline spokesman Jesse Greenberg said in a written statement. Greenberg wasn't able to immediately answer follow-up questions about why the closure wasn't announced to the public.

The Lake County Health Department learned of the closure after it had started, said department spokeswoman Hannah Goering. The department decided not to publicize the closure itself, Goering said, because the department doesn't typically speak for the company but did decide to note its closure in the ambient air testing results released last week.

The closure means that air testing will have to be extended at least 30 additional days, Go-

ring said. This round of air testing is being funded by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, which required at least 30 days of the testing be done after Medline had finished installing its new controls.

The original timeline had the local air testing wrapping up this week.

She said local officials decided not to wait for Medline's controls to be in place despite the IEPA's requirement before starting the air testing because they wanted to collect as much data as possible, and the community was asking for the monitoring to be done.

Data collected during an initial round of air testing wasn't enough for the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry to conduct a health-risk report.

The construction permit issued to Medline by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency requires the entire building to be placed under negative pressure so that air cannot escape.

The air would then be run through stepped-up pollution controls before being released through the plant's existing stack where any emissions are to be continuously monitored and those results reviewed by the IEPA.

The permit also caps emissions from the plant at 150 pounds per year, far less than the thousands of pounds of gas the facility had previously been releasing into the community, an IEPA spokesman has said.

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## Greeting card retailer Papyrus closing all stores



ROY ROCHLIN/GETTY

Papyrus' website says the chain has more than 260 stores in the U.S. and Canada. Six of these locations are in Illinois.

Locations expected to shutter in next four to six weeks, said workers

BY LAUREN ZUMBACH

Greeting card and gifts chain Papyrus is closing all its stores, including six in Illinois, according to employees at two Chicago-area stores.

The employees said they were told last week that all stores were expected to close in the next four to six weeks. Closing sales have already begun in stores and online, the employees said.

Parent company Schurman Retail Group, based in Tennessee, could not immediately be reached for comment and has

not publicly announced closures. Papyrus' website says the chain has more than 260 stores in the U.S. and Canada.

According to retail news website Retail Dive, the company told employees it hired a liquidation firm to help with going-out-of-business sales and blamed "current challenges of the retail industry" for the decision to close.

Papyrus' website lists six shops in Illinois, including locations in Chicago's Loop neighborhood, The Shops at North Bridge and Water Tower Place and suburban stores at Oakbrook Center, Old Orchard and Northbrook Court malls.

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## Yelp to flag restaurants with health violations

Review site will show messages alerting users to bad inspection score

BY ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ

Yelp has started flagging Chicago restaurants with the worst health inspection violations, a feature it hopes will motivate businesses to clean up their acts if they want to keep operating.

The review site, which lists about 10,000 Chicago restaurants and bars, rolled out its health alerts feature Wednesday in Chicago and Los Angeles, following a pilot in its hometown of San Francisco.

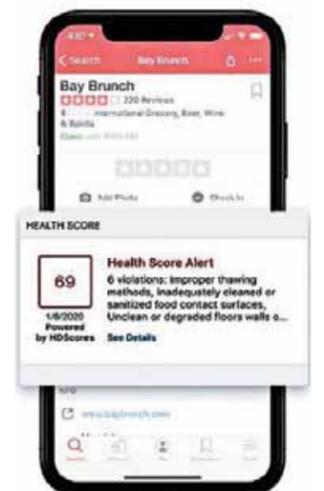
Users of the site will now see a pop-up message alerting them to a bad health score as they scroll down a restaurant's review page. While Yelp already displays restaurants' health scores on their individual pages — a number calculated from health inspection data pulled from public local government sources — the alerts go a step further in drawing attention to violators.

"It's a way to do more to warn consumers and nudge businesses to do better," said Vince Sollitto, senior vice president of communications and public affairs at Yelp.

Only restaurants with the lowest 1% of health scores in the city over the past six months — about 30 Chicago restaurants — will be flagged with an alert, which includes details on the date of the inspection and the kinds of violations found. Common violations include not having adequate hand-washing sinks and improper date marking, according to Yelp. The scores are updated daily as new inspection results are posted.

In San Francisco, the alerts feature seemed to dissuade people from patronizing offending restaurants, according to a paper from Harvard Business School that examined how different methods of disclosing hygiene information affects consumer behavior. When Yelp added health scores to restaurants' review pages in 2013, those with low scores saw a 13% decrease

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Yelp's new health alerts feature was rolled out on Wednesday in Chicago and Los Angeles, following a pilot in San Francisco.

# Tech could cut train crews, but is it safe?

BY JOSH FUNK  
Associated Press

OMAHA, Neb. — How many people does it take to operate a locomotive?

For the railroad industry, the answer is one.

The industry is hoping this year's scheduled completion of an automatic railroad braking system will bolster its argument to reduce the number of crew members in most trains from two. But labor groups argue that single-person crews would make trains more accident-prone.

The \$15 billion braking system, known as positive train control, is aimed at reducing human error by automatically stopping trains in certain situations like when it's in danger of colliding, derailing because of excessive speed, entering track under maintenance or traveling the wrong direction because of switching mistakes.

"Technology, in the form of positive train control, does a lot of the work —

virtually all of the work — that a conductor does sitting in the cab," said Union Pacific CEO Lance Fritz.

For that reason, the industry says there is no need for more than one crew member to operate a train — a key issue in contract talks with railroad unions that began in November and could go on for years. Railroads tried unsuccessfully to reduce crew size in previous contract talks.

"I'm 100% confident that we would not go down this path if we weren't certain that fewer people in the cab of the locomotive had no impact on safety," Fritz said.

Labor groups, however, argue that conductors provide a crucial safety backup in the cab as a second set of eyes to help monitor conditions and the train, and the automatic braking system is not perfect.

"Positive train control only keeps trains from wrecking in certain circumstances. There is still a need for a second man in the crew," said Ron Kaminkow,

an Amtrak engineer who serves as general secretary of the labor advocacy group Railroad Workers United.

During a cross-country rail journey, the engineer is at the train's controls, calling out signals and taking directives from dispatchers. All of that is built into positive train control, according to Fritz.

But Kaminkow, who worked for freight railroads earlier in his career, said having a conductor in the cab helps guard against fatigue when engineers and conductors are working irregular shifts with early start times or facing inclement weather.

The National Transportation Safety Board says more than 150 train crashes since 1969 could have been prevented by positive train control, which was required by a 2008 law approved after a commuter train collided head-on with a freight train near Los Angeles, killing 25 and injuring more than 100.

The braking system uses



NATI HARNIK/AP 2017  
A Union Pacific employee climbs aboard a locomotive in a rail yard in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

GPS, wireless radio and computers to monitor train position and speed, and it can give engineers commands. Regulators say the system could have prevented the December 2017 derailment of an Amtrak passenger train in Washington state that killed three passengers and injured 57 people.

The automatic braking system is scheduled to be in

place on most rail lines by the end of the year. The major freight railroads have the system in place on most of their networks and are working to ensure all their systems work with those on other railroads.

Railroads may keep two crew members on some trains if they know there will be a need to change switches or split out groups of cars at destinations along the route, so it's not immediately clear how many of the thousands of conductor jobs could be eliminated.

The railroads' argument to use one-person crews is bolstered by federal regulators' decision not to address the issue. Last year, the Federal Railroad Administration dropped its proposal to require two-person crews on freight railroads because it said the safety data didn't support such a rule.

The major railroads and several safety experts believe that operating trains with just one person can be safe.

## Medline

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Medline has been "working around the clock" since it received the permit in October, Greenberg said in the statement. Since then, it has installed "world-class" emissions abatement equipment and is in the final stages of balancing and testing that equipment.

"Medline's investment in best available technology was made to meet or exceed both the requirements in the Matt Haller Act and our new Illinois EPA permit. When finished, Medline will abate more than 99.9% of all EtO used at our facility," Greenberg said, using an abbreviation for ethylene oxide.

He said the plant has not laid anyone off as a result of the closure, and employees are continuing to be paid.

The Vantage Specialty Chemicals facility in Gurnee that was also flagged in the Tribune investigation as an ethylene oxide-emitter has completed the improvements necessary to bring it in line with the new state rules, according to its website.

The improvements include the real-time emissions monitoring, which the company said alerts it to the "slightest changes in emissions levels" so that it can take immediate action. If the system detects elevated levels, the company "cannot and will not operate."

The company is also working to identify and eliminate potential sources of small leaks through its leak detection and repair program, which was developed in discussion with the IEPA and is now required by its IEPA-issued permit.

Vantage also installed an additional scrubber ahead of the law change that "has virtually eliminated stack emissions," according to its website.

## Yelp

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in "purchase intentions" — taking steps like looking for directions or calling the restaurant. Once the pop-alerts were added in 2015, affected restaurants saw purchase intentions drop an additional 7%, and the number of reviews for those restaurants declined 11%.

Restaurants flagged with an alert were more likely than their peers to not be flagged again six months later, the study found, suggesting they may have improved their hygiene standards so as not to lose customers. The study also found restaurants with low health scores were more likely to close than their peers, though the relationship wasn't statistically significant.

While restaurants' hygiene information lives on

most municipal Web sites, Sollitto said the alerts help make it more accessible and understandable for consumers at the moment they are making dining decisions.

Yelp says it was inspired to introduce health scores in 2013 after learning about a study that found hospitalizations related to foodborne illness fell 13% in Los Angeles after the city required restaurants to post their inspection grades in the window. Foodborne illness sickens about 48 million people in the U.S. annually, resulting in 128,000 hospitalizations and 3,000 deaths, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Yelp works with some local governments to compile health scores, including in San Francisco and Los Angeles. But for Chicago and many other cities, it uses third party health information aggregator HDScores, which scrapes local government Web sites for inspec-

tion data and calculates a weighted score.

The Chicago Department of Public Health said it is aware of Yelp's health score but declined to comment without knowing more about how it is determined. City health inspectors make unannounced visits to restaurants annually, though those with limited same-day food handling get inspected once every two years and establishments serving only prepackaged foods get inspected only when there is a complaint, according to a department spokeswoman. The most serious violations can result in fines, license suspension or closure.

Yelp rolled its health scores out nationally in 2018 and plans for a broader launch of its pop-up alerts once they have been tested in Chicago and L.A., Sollitto said.

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## Boeing

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until early June. It is possible, however, that they won't use the planes until much later, possibly after the busy summer travel season is over.

Even after the FAA certifies Boeing's work, airlines will need several more weeks to prepare their grounded planes and train pilots. After long insisting that training could be done quickly on tablets, Boeing recently reversed course and recommended that pilots go through sessions on flight simulators before operating the plane, adding more time to airline preparations.

Shortly after the first Max crash in October 2018 in Indonesia, Boeing began updating software that investigators say was

triggered by a faulty sensor and pushed the plane's nose down. Then in March 2019, another Max crashed in Ethiopia. In all, 346 people died.

Boeing has made the software less powerful and tied it to two sensors instead of one. That work was done months ago, but the company is still working on changes to flight-control computers and pilot-training requirements. Another software issue was discovered last week, although one of the people familiar with the situation said it would not cause more delay in the plane's return.

News of the latest delay in Boeing's timing was first reported by CNBC.

Shares of Chicago-based Boeing Co. fell \$10.87 to close at \$313.28. Trading was briefly halted before the company issued its announcement about the Max.



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HOLIDAY GIVING

# Trump touts US economy at climate change forum

## In Switzerland, president offers only tree-planting pledge

BY DARLENE SUPERVILLE  
Associated Press

DAVOS, Switzerland — President Donald Trump said Tuesday that he's led a "spectacular" turnaround of the U.S. economy and urged the world to invest in America, but had less to say about climate change issues that are a focus of this year's gathering of top business and political leaders in the Swiss Alps.

Trump kept to his speech script and did not mention the historic impeachment trial that was set to reconvene in the U.S. Senate in Washington later Tuesday. But he did comment when asked about the trial by the hordes of reporters covering the forum in Davos.

"It's disgraceful," Trump said of the proceedings.

Trump's speech during his two-day visit amounted to an election-year pitch to all those he referred to as "hardworking, ordinary citizens" of the U.S. who "felt neglected, betrayed, forgotten."

Trump reminded the audience that when he spoke here in 2018, "I told you

that we had launched the great American comeback."

"Today I'm proud to declare the United States is in the midst of an economic boom, the likes of which the world has never seen before," the president said.

Climate issues are a main theme at the forum and the phrase "Act on Climate" was written in the snow at the landing zone where Trump's Marine One helicopter set down in Davos.

Trump's lone reference to climate issues in his speech was when he announced the U.S. would join a World Economic Forum initiative to plant 1 trillion trees worldwide. Afterward, in an apparent reference to those who warn about climate change, Trump said the world must "reject the perennial prophets of doom and their predictions of the apocalypse."

Earth just finished its hottest decade on record with the five last years as the five hottest years on record, according to U.S. and other science agencies. Scientists repeatedly point to more extreme weather as a problem worsened by human-caused climate change.

Late last year, the Trump administration began pulling the U.S. out of the landmark 2015 Paris climate agreement under which nearly 200 nations set goals to curb emissions of heat-trapping gasses that lead to climate change. Trump has called the Paris accord an unfair economic burden to the U.S. economy.

Climate activist Greta Thunberg, who has been criticized by Trump, said world and business leaders aren't taking the threat of global warming seriously.

"The facts are clear, but they are still too uncomfortable for you to address," she told business and political leaders in Davos just after Trump's speech. "You just leave it because you think it's too depressing and people will give up, but people will not give up. You are the ones who are giving up."

Thunberg brushed aside Trump's announcement that the U.S. would join the economic forum's initiative to plant 1 trillion trees across the globe to help capture carbon dioxide from the Earth's atmosphere.

"Planting trees is good, of course, but it's nowhere near enough," Thunberg said.



JASON HENRY/NYT

Alphabet, the parent company of Google, hit a market capitalization of \$1 trillion last week, joining Apple, Amazon and Microsoft.

# Google 'trillion-dollar company'

## Internet giant reaches a financial milestone, but also faces stiff tests

BY DAISUKE WAKABAYASHI  
The New York Times

SAN FRANCISCO — Numbers have long held a special significance at Google.

When the internet company was founded in 1998, it based its name on the mathematical term "googol" — the numeral 1 followed by 100 zeros.

When it filed to go public in 2004, it said it planned to raise \$2,718,281,828, which was the sum of multiplying \$1 billion with the mathematical constant "e."

And in 2015 when it reorganized under a parent entity called Alphabet, it announced it would buy back shares worth \$5,099,019,513.59, a figure derived from the square root of 26 — the number of letters in the alphabet.

Last week, Google hit another eye-popping number. The market cap of Alphabet vaulted above \$1 trillion for the first time. That made it the fourth technology company — after Apple, Amazon and Microsoft over the past two years — to pass this once unimaginable valuation.

"So proud to see it hit the storied \$1T

market cap today!" Marissa Mayer, a former Google executive, said in a tweet that prematurely celebrated the Monday milestone. She said she remembered when Google had raised money at a \$100 million valuation in 1999, the year she became employee No. 20.

Google reached its latest numerical milestone as it is facing some of its biggest tests. The Silicon Valley giant is bidding adieu to its founders, Larry Page and Sergey Brin, whose love of math and disregard for Wall Street once embodied Google's free spirit. Page and Brin, both 46, said last month that they would step down from their executive roles.

As part of the transition, Sundar Pichai, a longtime deputy who has been Google's chief executive since 2015, took the reins of what has been a changing company. While Page and Brin once said Google was not a conventional corporation, it has become just that in recent years.

Google has brought on professional managers like Ruth Porat, its chief financial officer, who joined from Wall Street in 2015. It also increasingly paid attention to curbing costs and monitoring the financial viability of its so-called moonshot projects, like self-driving cars or hot-air balloons that provide internet connectivity.

Google has also crammed more advertising onto the top of search results and

squeezed money out of businesses like YouTube. And it has pushed aggressively into wooing corporate customers for its cloud computing business, putting it into the kind of lucrative but boring business that early Googlers once sneered at.

All the while, Google's unique and freewheeling corporate culture appears to be crumbling. Activist employees have complained that Google is cracking down on workers who speak out on issues such as the company's treatment of sexual harassment or working with the U.S. military on technology that could be used to improve weapons.

Last year, Google fired several employees active in labor organizing for what it described as "clear and repeated violations of our data security policies." It has also been working with a firm known for helping companies fend off unions.

Google faces other challenges. Regulators and lawmakers around the world are scrutinizing the company for vacuuming up people's private information and chilling the technology landscape with its market dominance.

The company will also be under the spotlight this year with the U.S. presidential election. It has grappled with criticism over how it allows politicians to target specific audiences with digital ads, a practice it recently scaled back.

# NJ bans sale of flavored vaping products

BY MIKE CATALINI  
Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. — The sale of flavored vaping products is banned in New Jersey under legislation Democratic Gov. Phil Murphy signed Tuesday.

Murphy signed the measure that moved to his desk amid a nationwide scare last year over mysterious illnesses linked to vaping. The ban will take effect in April.

The flavors are meant to hook young people, who are using the products in increasing numbers, according to Murphy and the bill's sponsors.

"This law will help to discourage our youth from taking up this dangerous habit and reduce its prevalence in our homes and schools," Democratic Sen. Shirley Turner, one of the bill's backers, said in a statement.

Opponents of the legislation, who crowded the statehouse when the measure passed the Democratic-led Legislature, argued that officials should better enforce the smoking age instead of barring of-age adults from buying products they enjoy using.

The smoking age in New Jersey is 21. Matthew Elliott, a consumer vaping advocate who attended the statehouse protest, predicted that the new law would expand the black market.

"(Murphy) has welcomed the black market," Elliott said. "You will not see the youth vaping decrease. But what you will see is businesses closing and people going back to smoking. In essence, he has removed the gatekeepers and rewarded the drug dealers."

Massachusetts is the only other state with a statewide ban on flavors, according to the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, though eight states have enacted emergency regulations to halt the sale of flavored vaping products. The rules face legal challenges and are in effect in only three states, according to the campaign: Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Washington.

## BUSINESS BRIEFING

### Banks join study on digital currency

FRANKFURT, Germany — Major central banks have joined together to explore whether they should issue digital currencies as the use of cash declines and more people turn to electronic forms of paying.

The study group is made up of the European Central Bank, the Bank of Japan, the Bank of Canada, the Bank of England, the Swedish Riksbank and the Swiss National Bank.

They said in a statement Tuesday that they will assess the potential case for digital currencies in their home jurisdictions. The Swedish central bank has already studied the issue for years.

Existing cryptocurrencies such as bitcoin are not suited for paying for things because they can fluctuate sharply in value.

### Malaysia returns trash to 13 nations

PENANG, Malaysia — Malaysia has sent back 150 containers holding a total of 4,120 tons of plastic waste to 13 mainly rich countries since the third quarter last year, with the environment minister warning Monday that those who want to make the country a rubbish bin of the world can "dream on."

Shipments of unwanted rubbish have been rerouted to Southeast Asia since China banned the import of plastic waste in 2018, but Malaysia and other developing countries are fighting back.

Of the 150 containers, 43 were returned to France; 42, United Kingdom; 17, U.S.; 11, Canada; 10, Spain; and the rest to Hong Kong, Japan, Singapore, Portugal, China, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Lithuania.

# Strikers cut power to parts of Paris suburbs

BY JOHN LEICESTER  
Associated Press

PARIS — Opening another front in their battle against the French government, protesting workers cut power to thousands of Parisians on Tuesday, plunging homes into darkness and shutting down trains to one of the capital's main airports.

The deliberate outage lasted around two hours. It hit users in the southern suburbs of Paris, which include the Orly international airport and the Rungis market, which supplies food to the Paris region.

Franck Jouanno, a local leader of the leftist CGT union, said power grid workers targeted the area because it is one of "the economic lungs of Europe."

"It's symbolic," Jouanno said of the power cut.

The CGT is pushing for a complete withdrawal of the French government's plans to overhaul the country's pension system. The planned reforms have triggered six weeks of protests and crippling transport strikes.

But with many striking transport workers now returning to work, and train services largely restored in Paris and nationwide, protesters are looking for other methods to keep up the pressure on President Emmanuel Macron and his centrist government.

Jouanno described the Paris households that lost power when families were starting their day as "collateral damage."

"It bothers me, but unfortunately there

is always an impact and a power cut isn't the end of the world," he told broadcaster BFM-TV.

Power was cut to the automated shuttle train that serves Orly airport. The shuttle's operator, the RATP, said thousands of users were affected and that it "firmly condemns this act of malice." Buses were used to transport passengers instead.

Power supplier Enedis said the cut affected 35,000 of its customers.

Macron, who is trying to blend scores of separate pension systems and rules into a universal pension, says his plan will be fairer to all workers and will be sustainable as the country ages. But workers in sectors who can now sometimes retire earlier than the official age of 62 don't want to lose their special privileges.

## Job separations

Quittings, terminations and retirements per month, in millions, seasonally adjusted



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Low: 9,350.20	Low: 3,316.61	Low: 1,684.26
Previous: 9,388.95	Previous: 3,329.62	Previous: 1,699.64

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
-0.07 to 1.76%	-2.40 to \$1,556.40	-0.36 to 109.81/\$1	-0.0003 to .9013/\$1	-0.29 to \$58.25

Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW +.89	NASD +1.29	S&P +1.15	DOW +2.39	NASD +4.67	S&P +3.02	DOW +19.63	NASD +33.48	S&P +26.13

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 20	572.50	582.75	566.75	581.50	+11
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 20	389	389.25	384.25	387.50	-1.75
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 20	930	931.50	915.25	916	-13.75
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Mar 20	33.47	33.61	32.59	32.75	-0.60
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Mar 20	301.00	301.30	298.80	299.10	-1.50
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl- dollars per bbl.	Feb 20	59.17	59.73	57.68	58.25	-0.29
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Feb 20	1.970	1.970	1.830	1.895	-0.108
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Feb 20	1.6524	1.6711	1.6123	1.6365	-0.0041

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	89.73	+0.73	Envestnet Inc	N	71.14	+0.55	McDonalds Corp	N	211.16	-0.82
AbbVie Inc	N	87.99	-0.01	Equity Commonwith	N	33.03	+0.20	Middleby Corp	O	112.07	-1.26
Allstate Corp	N	117.80	+0.25	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	71.61	+1.09	Mondelez Intl	O	55.54	+0.38
Aptargroup Inc	N	115.63	-1.69	Equity Residential	N	83.30	+0.80	Morningstar Inc	O	158.85	+1.17
Arch Dan Mid	N	45.12	-1.13	Exelon Corp	O	47.38	+1.19	Motorola Solutions	N	176.94	+0.82
Baxter Intl	N	91.07	+1.34	First Indl RT	N	43.17	+0.29	NISource Inc	N	29.19	+0.15
Boeing Co	N	313.37	-10.78	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	69.90	+0.49	Nthn Trust Cp	O	108.57	-0.81
Brunswick Corp	N	58.82	+0.07	Gallagher AJ	N	96.19	-0.26	Old Republic	N	22.87	-0.09
CBOE Global Markets	N	117.39	+0.86	Grainger WW	N	334.45	-5.70	Packaging Corp Am	N	106.09	-2.95
CDK Global Inc	O	55.55	-1.08	GrubHub Inc	N	55.68	-0.30	Pacycloy Hldg	O	140.98	-1.62
CDW Corp	O	136.08	-0.77	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	115.14	-0.61	RLI Corp	N	93.43	-0.19
CF Industries	N	44.25	-1.89	IAA Inc	N	49.43	-0.28	Stericycle Inc	O	62.60	-0.75
CME Group	O	206.86	...	IDEX Corp	N	174.86	-0.99	TransUnion	N	93.46	+1.61
CNA Financial	N	45.76	-0.21	ITW	N	177.88	-2.55	US Foods Holding	N	41.72	+0.35
Cabot Microelect	O	156.02	+1.32	Ingredion Inc	N	91.93	-0.65	Uita Salon Cosmetics	O	272.01	-0.88
Caterpillar Inc	N	145.85	-1.93	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	170.40	-1.54	United Airlines Hldg	O	85.79	-3.91
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	32.76	-0.57	Kemper Corp	N	77.30	-1.50	Veritas Inc	N	59.47	+0.66
Deere Co	N	172.56	-3.64	Kraft Heinz Co	O	31.01	-0.02	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	53.87	-0.54
Discover Fin Svcs	N	83.68	-0.76	LKQ Corporation	O	34.23	-0.38	Waltrust Financial	O	66.90	-2.10
Dover Corp	N	117.96	-1.57	Littelfuse Inc	O	190.86	+0.04	Zebra Tech	O	252.42	-0.32

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Chesapck Engy	.60	-0.06
Bank of America	34.26	-0.45
Ford Motor	9.21	-0.05
Uber Technologies	37.60	+2.47
AT&T Inc	38.52	+1.14
Gen Electric	11.66	-0.15
Aurora Cannabis Inc	2.01	-0.12
Sprint Corp	4.99	+0.17
Sthwstn Energy	1.72	-0.14
Itau Unibanco Hldg	7.96	-0.40
Banco Bradesco ADS	7.92	-0.52
Wells Fargo & Co	48.94	-0.24
Freeport McMoran	12.27	-0.60
US Steel Corp	9.95	-0.55
Ambev S.A.	4.41	-0.02
Snap Inc A	19.00	-1.11
Vale SA	13.25	-0.38
Pfizer Inc	40.34	-1.17
Mallinckrodt plc	6.04	+0.84
CenturyLink Inc	14.72	+0.66
Nokia Corp	4.13	-0.01
Denbury Res	1.11	-0.11
Halliburton	23.77	-1.19
Morgan Stanley	55.92	-1.59

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alibaba Group Hldg	222.26	-5.17
Alphabet Inc C	1484.40	+40.1
Alphabet Inc A	1482.25	+27.3
Amazon.com Inc	1892.00	+27.28
Apple Inc	316.57	-2.16
Bank of America	34.26	-0.45
Berkshire Hath B	228.63	-1.57
Exxon Mobil Corp	67.58	-0.98
Facebook Inc	221.44	-0.70
HSBC Holdings prA	26.91	-0.02
JPMorgan Chase	136.84	-1.36
Johnson & Johnson	149.27	+1.0
MasterCard Inc	321.93	-1.73
Microsoft Corp	166.50	-0.60
Procter & Gamble	126.09	-0.32
Taiwan Semicon	58.24	-0.34
Unitedhealth Group	300.53	+2.06
Visa Inc	207.29	+2.59
WalMart Strs	115.59	+0.63

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	34.63	-0.12	+21.6
American Funds AmrnBAlA m	28.97	-0.03	+16.9
American Funds CdtWldGrInCA m	53.10	-0.35	+20.4
American Funds CdtInclBldrA m	63.93	-0.20	+21.9
American Funds FdmTlInvsA m	63.39	-0.29	+22.5
American Funds GrfAmrCA m	53.03	-0.10	+23.2
American Funds IncAmrCA m	23.53	-0.07	+16.4
American Funds InvCAMrCA m	40.41	-0.17	+20.3
American Funds NwPrspctVA m	48.67	-0.19	+25.8
American Funds WAMTInvsA m	48.99	-0.23	+21.2
Dodge & Cox Inc	14.15	+0.03	+10.1
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	43.55	-0.41	+14.5
Dodge & Cox Stk	197.19	-1.47	+17.8
DoubleLine TlRetBdl	10.72	+0.02	+6.9
Fidelity 500IdxInPrm	115.24	-0.31	+26.8
Fidelity Contrafund	14.39	...	+26.4
Fidelity InvMGrdAdmrl	11.66	+0.03	+10.5
Fidelity TlMktIdxInPrm	93.13	-0.26	+25.6
Fidelity USBldxInPrm	12.00	+0.03	+8.6
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	2.35	-0.01	+10.5
Metropolitan West TlRetBdl	10.98	...	+9.5
PIMCO Inc2	12.09	...	+8.0
PIMCO IncInstl	12.09	...	+8.1
PIMCO TlRetInvs	10.42	+0.03	+9.2
Schwab SP500Idx	50.81	-0.13	+26.8
T. Rowe Price BCGr	131.20	...	+27.9
T. Rowe Price GrStk	77.39	...	+28.6
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	306.70	-0.81	+26.8
Vanguard BalIdxAdmrl	40.05	-0.02	+19.3
Vanguard DivGrInv	31.47	-0.04	+28.7
Vanguard EqInAdmrl	80.51	-0.28	+20.5
Vanguard GrIdxAdmrl	98.82	...	+34.9
Vanguard HCAdmrl	90.07	-0.08	+18.5
Vanguard INTTEAdmrl	14.60	+0.01	+7.4
Vanguard InslIdxIn	298.56	-0.79	+26.8
Vanguard InslIdxInPlus	298.58	-0.79	+26.8
Vanguard InstSMInPls	70.62	-0.19	+25.6
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl	105.21	-1.21	+26.7
Vanguard MDCpIdxAdmrl	226.78	-0.66	+24.2
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl	147.55	-0.87	+22.4
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.76	+0.01	+6.1
Vanguard SmCpIdxAdmrl	80.73	-0.47	+17.3
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	32.98	-0.05	+15.3
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	20.15	-0.05	+16.8
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	37.05	-0.11	+17.7
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	22.91	-0.08	+18.6
Vanguard TtBMDIdxAdmrl	11.13	+0.03	+9.8
Vanguard TtBMDIdxIn	11.13	+0.03	+9.8
Vanguard TtInBIdxAdmrl	22.77	+0.04	+8.3
Vanguard TtInBIdxIn	34.18	+0.07	+8.4
Vanguard TtInSIdxAdmrl	30.11	-0.28	+15.8
Vanguard TtInSIdxIn	120.41	-1.10	+15.8
Vanguard TtInSIdxInPlus	120.44	-1.10	+15.8
Vanguard TtInSIdxInv	18.00	-0.17	+15.7
Vanguard TtSMIdxAdmrl	81.96	-0.22	+25.6
Vanguard TtSMIdxIn	81.98	-0.22	+25.6
Vanguard TtSMIdxInv	81.93	-0.23	+25.4
Vanguard WngtInAdmrl	76.25	-0.09	+20.5
Vanguard WlslyInAdmrl	67.10	+0.11	+15.9
Vanguard WndrInAdmrl	66.00	-0.34	+23.6

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	1.53	1.52
6-month disc	1.52	1.52
2-year	1.52	1.55
10-year	1.76	1.83
30-year	2.23	2.29

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1556.40	\$1558.80
Silver	\$17.751	\$18.013
Platinum	\$1002.00	\$1019.40

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	4.75
Discount Rate Primary	2.25
Fed Funds Target	1.50-1.75
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.50

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

A U.S. Dollar buys ...

Argentina (Peso)	60.0889
Australia (Dollar)	1.4609
Brazil (Real)	4.2060
Britain (Pound)	.7663
Canada (Dollar)	1.3071
China (Yuan)	6.9059
Euro	.9013
India (Rupee)	71.256
Israel (Shekel)	3.4557
Japan (Yen)	109.81
Mexico (Peso)	18.7737
Poland (Zloty)	3.81
So. Korea (Won)	1169.97
Taiwan (Dollar)	30.05
Thailand (Baht)	30.41

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	3052.14	-43.6/-1.4
Stoxx600	423.38	-6/-1.4
Nikkei	23864.56	-176.7/-0.7
MSCI-EAFE	2056.00	+7.4/+0.4
Bovespa	117026.10	-1835.5/-1.5
FTSE 100	7610.70	-40.7/-0.5
CAC-40	6045.99	-32.5/-0.5

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## OBITUARIES

DAVID OLNEY 1948-2020

# Singer revered for his poetic sensibility, gruff storytelling

BY BILL FRISKIS-WARREN  
New York Times

David Olney, an uncommonly thoughtful singer-songwriter whose music has been recorded by the likes of Linda Ronstadt and Steve Earle, died on Saturday after apparently having a heart attack while performing onstage in Seaside, Florida. He was 71.

His manager, Mary Sack, said Olney was pronounced dead at a hospital nearby. He had undergone surgery for a heart attack a decade ago.

Olney was stricken while performing at the annual 30A Songwriters Festival, held at venues in and around Seaside, on the Florida Panhandle's Gulf Coast.

"David was playing a song when he paused, said 'I'm sorry' and put his chin to his chest," Scott Miller, a singer-songwriter who was performing with him, said on Facebook. "He never dropped his guitar or fell off his stool. It was as easy and gentle as he was. We got him down and tried our best to revive him until the EMT's arrived."

Olney never had a hit single or won a Grammy Award, but in folk-rock and Americana circles, he is revered for his poetic sensibility and gruff-voiced storytelling, especially by his fellow songwriters, including his musical hero, Townes Van Zandt.

"Anytime anyone asks me who my favorite music writers are, I say Mozart, Lightnin' Hopkins, Bob Dylan and Dave Olney," Van Zandt wrote in the liner

notes to Olney's 1991 album, "Roses." "Dave Olney is one of the best songwriters I've ever heard — and that's true. I mean that from the heart."

Emmylou Harris has recorded several of Olney's songs, including "Deeper Well," which appeared on her Grammy-winning 1995 album, "Wrecking Ball." Other songs of his recorded by others include "Saturday Night and Sunday Morning" (Earle), "Women Cross the River" (Ronstadt) and "Queen Anne's Lace" (Del McCoury).

"David Olney tells marvelous stories, with characters who cling to the hope of enduring love, all the while crossing the deep divide into that long, dark night of the soul," Harris said in a statement on Olney's website.

Olney at times approached his richly imagined character studies from unusual if not implausible perspectives. His wryly titled "Hymn of Brays" was written from the point of view of the donkey that carried Jesus into Jerusalem. The ballad "Titanic" is told from the standpoint of the iceberg that sank the ship. Another song was about the Hall of Fame New York Yankee shortstop Phil Rizzuto.

"I have always read a lot," Olney explained in a 2014 interview for a roots music website. "Besides being a cheap source of entertainment, literature gives constant lessons in how to tell a story."

David Charles Olney was born on March 23, 1948, in Providence, Rhode Island. His father, Peter Butler

Olney, worked as a manager in a cotton plant; his mother, Francis (Swift) Olney, taught elementary school.

The second of three children raised in Lincoln, Rhode Island, Olney had what he described as an "idyllic" childhood. At 15 he saw Ray Charles in concert and a year or so later, in 1964, was in the audience at the Newport Folk Festival in Rhode Island when Bob Dylan made his first appearance there. David was 12 when he received his first guitar.

After high school he briefly pursued a degree in English at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he spent more time playing folk music in bars than studying.

Olney moved to Nashville, Tennessee, in the early 1970s and fell in with similarly literary-minded singer-songwriters like Van Zandt, Earle and Guy Clark. Later he formed Dave Olney & the X-Rays, a new wave-inspired rock band that released a pair of albums in the early '80s. The group also opened shows for Elvis Costello and appeared on the PBS series "Austin City Limits."

The X-Rays disbanded in 1985, after which Olney proceeded to release more than 20 albums, tour extensively and distinguish himself as a widely admired, if not quite famous, singer-songwriter.

He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Regine (Popp) Olney; a son, Redding; a daughter, Lillian Olney; a brother, Peter; and a sister, Debby Atwell.

## Chicago Daily Tribune

ON JANUARY 22 ...

In 1498, during his third voyage to the Western Hemisphere, Christopher Columbus arrived at the present-day Caribbean island of St. Vincent.

In 1788, Lord George Gordon Byron, the romantic poet and satirist, was born in London.

In 1849, playwright and novelist August Strindberg was born in Stockholm.

In 1901, Britain's Queen Victoria died on the Isle of Wight; she was 82.

In 1905, thousands of demonstrating Russian workers were fired on by Imperial army troops in St. Petersburg on what became known as "Red Sunday" or "Bloody Sunday." According to the Old-Style Julian calendar still in effect in Russia at the time, the date was Jan. 9.)

In 1908, Katie Mulcahey became the first — and only — woman to run afoul of New York City's just-passed ban on females smoking in public establishments. (Mulcahey served a night in jail after refusing to pay a \$5 fine; the law, which did not specify any fines, ended up being vetoed by Mayor George B. McClellan Jr.)

In 1909, U Thant, the third secretary general of the United Nations, was born in Pantanaw in what is now Myanmar.

In 1917, President Woodrow Wilson pleaded for an end to war in Europe, calling for "peace without victory." (By April, however, America also was at war.)

In 1922, Pope Benedict XV died; he would be succeeded by Pius XI.

In 1938, Thornton Wilder's play "Our Town" was performed publicly for the first time, in Princeton, N.J.

In 1944, during World War II, Allied forces began landing at Anzio, Italy.

In 1953, the Arthur Miller drama "The Crucible," set during the Salem witch trials, opened on Broadway.

In 1957, suspected "Mad Bomber" George Metesky, accused of planting more than 30 explosive devices in the New York City area since 1940, was arrested in Waterbury, Conn. (He was later found mentally ill and committed to a mental hospital; he was released in 1973, and died in 1994 at age 90.)

In 1968, the fast-paced television sketch comedy show "Rowan & Martin's Laugh-In" premiered on NBC.

In 1970, the first regularly scheduled commercial flight of the Boeing 747 began in New York and ended in London some 6½ hours later.

In 1973, the Supreme Court

handed down its Roe v. Wade decision, which legalized abortion using a trimester approach. Also in 1973 former President Lyndon Johnson died in Texas; he was 64.

In 1987, Pennsylvania treasurer R. Budd Dwyer, convicted of defrauding the state, proclaimed his innocence at a news conference before pulling out a gun and shooting himself to death in front of horrified onlookers.

In 1997, the Senate confirmed Madeleine Albright as the nation's first female secretary of state.

In 1998, Theodore Kaczynski pleaded guilty in Sacramento to being the Unabomber in return for a life sentence in prison without parole.

In 2000, Elian Gonzalez's grandmothers met privately with U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno as they appealed for help in removing the boy from his Florida relatives and reuniting him with his father in Cuba.

In 2001, President George W. Bush signed a memorandum reinstating full abortion restrictions on U.S. overseas aid.

In 2004, South Dakota politician Bill Janklow was sentenced to 100 days in jail for an auto accident that killed a motorcyclist and ended Janklow's career in disgrace.

In 2014, Texas executed Mexican national Edgar Tamayo, 46, for the 1994 killing of a Houston police officer, despite diplomatic pressure from the Mexican government and the U.S. State Department to halt the punishment.

In 2016, a gunman opened fire at a high school and a second location in an aboriginal community in northern Saskatchewan, leaving four dead and at least two injured. Also in 2016 three inmates awaiting trial for unrelated violent crimes, including a killing, escaped from the maximum security Orange County Men's Central Jail.

**Chicago Tribune** Death Notices  
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### Death Notices

#### Andresen, Laura

Laura June Andresen passed away January 9, 2020, at the age of 80. She is survived by her daughters Melody (Michael) Smolik and Krista (Kevin) Hector; and grandchildren Morgan, Mia, Mason, Simeon, and Anastasia. A memorial service will be held at 5 P.M., January 26, at Wellspring Alliance Church, Wheaton. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Breakthrough Urban Ministries, www.breakthrough.org/donate.

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#### Arvetis, Chris John

Chris John Arvetis, age 93, of Lake Forest, IL. Beloved husband of Jane Rumel Arvetis. Loving father of Damian Arvetis and Christiana (Grant) Tye. Proud grandfather of Caroline Tye. Dear brother of the late Jennie (the late Jim) Vovos and Tom (the late Lucille) Arvetis. Visitation Friday, January 24, 2020, 10:00 a.m. until time of Funeral Service 11:00 a.m. at Saints Peter & Paul Greek Orthodox Church, 1401 Wagner Road, Glenview, IL 60025. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery, Skokie, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Lake Forest Fire Department, 255 Deerpath, Lake Forest, IL 60045. Info: www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 675-1990.



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#### Baumann, Sam W.

Sam W. Baumann, suddenly on Tuesday, December 3, 2019. Sam was the devoted and loving son of the late Sam and Anna Baumann; a loving brother and friend to Andrew (Ann), the late Joseph, Barbara (Edward), William (Dorothy) and Frank (Marilyn); beloved uncle, great-uncle, great-great-uncle to many. The devoted partner of the late Willard Hall for over 40 years. A Celebration of Life and Mass will be held Saturday, January 25 at 10:00 am at St. Juliana Catholic Church, 7201 N. Oketo, Chicago. In lieu of flowers, please donate to ASPCA.org.

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#### Bodie M.D., Richard C.

Richard C. Bodie, M.D., 97, of Aurora passed away on Sunday, January 19 surrounded by family. Dr. Bodie was born in Chicago in 1922 to George and Eva Tatman Bodie. He attended Campion High School in Prairie du Chien, WI, Notre Dame University (1943), Loyola Medical School (1946). He completed his general surgical residency at Cook County Hospital. He married Janet McHale in September, 1947. They were loving parents of nine children.

A veteran of the Korean War, Dr. Bodie served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps first at Madigan Army Hospital at Fort Lewis, Washington before serving as a surgeon in a Mobile Army Surgical Hospital (MASH) unit in Korea.

After the Korean War, Dr. Bodie returned to Cook County Hospital to complete his thoracic surgery fellowship before he and his wife moved their family to Aurora in 1954, where they would live for the 50 years of their marriage.

He served Aurora and the surrounding communities as a general and thoracic surgeon until his retirement from practice in 1986. Dr. Bodie was a dedicated and talented surgeon. He loved his practice and was known for his gentle bedside manner and his generosity to his patients.

Starting in 1970, Dr. Bodie assisted the Director of the Kane County Tuberculosis Clinic by evaluating patient's X-rays for TB. In 1985, he was appointed Director of the newly created Kane County Health Department and served from 1985 -1990. One of his proudest accomplishments as the Director was leading the effort to ban smoking in area hospitals and working with Senator Durbin to expand the ban to all hospitals in Illinois.

Dr. Bodie was an active supporter of the Community Foundation of Fox River Valley and the Wauboonsee Foundation. He served on the Wauboonsee Community College Board of Trustees from 1998 -2019. He was originally appointed to the position when his wife, Janet M. Bodie, passed away after serving 17 years on the Board. While serving on the college's Board of Trustees, Dr. Bodie championed the stewardship of taxpayer resources; and advocated at the state and federal level for important community college legislative initiatives including enhanced student financial aid programs and workforce training programs. Dr. Bodie served as the college's representative to the Illinois Community College Trustees Association (ICCTA).

He is predeceased by his wife Janet and his son Richard. He is survived by his children: Kathleen (Paul Kelly), Winchester, MA; Eileen (Michael Unger), Chicago; Robert, Kenosha, WI; Mary (Thomas Beaver), Portland, OR; Brian, Chicago; Elizabeth (David Gross), Barrington, IL; Creighton, Chicago; Janice (Joseph Loran), Sugar Grove, IL. Also by his grandchildren, Mara Kelly Wignell, Brian Kelly, Jenna Kelly Belisle; Katlyn Beaver Heusner; Mack and Genevieve Bodie; Hannah, Joelle and Rachel Gross; Alexandria Bodie, Melissa Bodie Smith, Steven and Claire Loran and by extended family members. And by his great-grandchildren; Emma, Mia, Liam, Jack, Teddy, and James.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, January 25 at Blessed Sacrament Church, 801 Oak Street, North Aurora at 10:00 a.m., followed by interment at Mount Olivet Cemetery. Visitation will be held Friday, January 24 from 4-8 p.m. at **The Healy Chapel**, 370 Division Dr., Sugar Grove, IL 60554. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Janet Bodie Scholarship Fund at Wauboonsee Community College, 45783 IL-47, Sugar Grove, IL 60554. For further information please call (630) 466-1330 or visit our website at [www.healychapel.com](http://www.healychapel.com) to sign the online guestbook.



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#### Bottom, Rita Louise

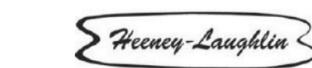
Rita L. Bottom age 88, formerly of Morton Grove. Loving wife of the late William A. Bottom. Beloved mother of Jill (Warren) Dunn, and David Bottom. Proud grandmother of Andrew (Morgan) Dunn, and Amy Dunn. Ecstatic great-grandma of Raegan Faith Dunn. Memorial gathering will be held on January 25, 2020 at St. Martins Episcopal Church in Des Plaines, at 11:00 am. For more information go to [OehlerFuneralHome.com](http://OehlerFuneralHome.com).



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#### Boyd, Patricia K.

Patricia K. Boyd (nee Kelly), Age 94, Longtime Beverly Resident, Born into Eternal Life on January 20, 2020. Beloved wife of the late William A. Boyd. Loving mother of Mary Ellen Sherman, William A. Jr., Celeste M. (Tom) Jones, James M. (Sue) Boyd, Thomas J. (Holly) Boyd, Brian A. Boyd, K. Kelly Doherty, Kevin C. (Peggy) Boyd, Jayne E. (Michael) Griswold, and the late infant John Francis Boyd. "Grandma Pat" was dearly loved by 21 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Devoted sister of Nancy Schuba, Kathleen Nickels, and the late James Kelly. Dear aunt of many nieces and nephews. Pat was a faithful volunteer with many neighborhood groups including BAPA, Ridge Historical Society, Beverly Arts Center, Smith Village, Meals on Wheels, Birthright, Academy of Our Lady Alumnae Association, LCM Board of Directors, and St. Barnabas Parish. Pat made a bequest of her body to the Stritch School of Medicine at Loyola University. Friends will be received on Friday, January 24th, 5:00pm-8:00pm and Saturday, January 25th, 10:00am-11:00am at St. Barnabas Church, 10134 S. Longwood Dr. Chicago, IL 60643. Mass of Christian Burial Saturday 11:00am at St. Barnabas Church. Private Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Memorials to St. Barnabas Education Fund are most appreciated. Info: [Heeney-LaughlinFuneralDirectors.com](http://Heeney-LaughlinFuneralDirectors.com) 708-636-5500 or [www.heeneyfh.com](http://www.heeneyfh.com)



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#### Callahan, Kathleen H.

Kathleen H. Callahan, age 93, of River Forest; beloved wife of the late John B. Callahan; loving mother of Dennis Callahan, Kathy Kimont, Maureen (Michael) Clark and the late Patricia Callahan (Winston) Shaw; cherished grandmother of Amanda, Liz (Ron) Johnson and Jon Callahan, Jimmy (Liz) and Kaitlin Kimont, and Matthew Clark; great-grandmother of Skylar and Cooper Johnson. Visitation Thursday January 23 from 9:30 a.m. until time of mass 10:30 a.m. at St. Luke Church, 7600 Lake St., River Forest. Private interment at Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital ([stjude.org](http://stjude.org)) are appreciated. Funeral info and extended obituary: [drechslerbrownwilliams.com](http://drechslerbrownwilliams.com) or 708-383-3191.

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#### Chirillo, Catherine

(nee Heimerdinger). Age 98. Beloved wife of 73 years of the late John W. Chirillo. Loving mother of John, Mary Kay (Michael) Zajac, Joseph (Jacquelyn), Thomas (Susan), Charles (Deborah), Lori (Al) Barone and Michael (Kristen) Chirillo. Dear grandmother of 18 and great-grandmother of 15. Fond sister of the late Irene, Chuck, Leonard, Bernice, and Earl. Visitation Thursday 3-9 p.m. Funeral Friday 9:00 a.m. from the **Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home**, 9000 W. 151st Street, Orland Park, IL to Queen of Martyrs Church, Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Queen of Martyrs Church, 10233 S. Central Park, Evergreen Park, IL 60805. [www.sheehyfh.com](http://www.sheehyfh.com) 708-857-7878

Robert J.



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#### Cottle, William R. 'Billy'

William R. 'Billy' Cottle, 86, passed away on January 17. Beloved husband of Judith. Father of Julia Cottle, James (Windee) Cottle, and Elizabeth (Tracy) Ross. Brother of Marcia Cottle and the late Robert Cottle. Grandfather of Camilo, Benjamin, Elias, and Zoe. Cherished uncle of many nieces and nephews. Gameskeeper for birds, chipmunks, squirrels, and turtles. Private burial. Celebration of life later. Memorial contributions may be made to ACLU Chicago, [www.aclu-il.org](http://www.aclu-il.org). Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, [www.cjfinfo.com](http://www.cjfinfo.com)

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#### Doria, Honorable Richard P.

Honorable Richard P. Doria, (Ret), five term Sheriff of DuPage County from 1977 to 1997, WWII Marine Corp Combat Veteran, passed away in the embrace of his family during the early evening of January 17, 2020. He leaves in deep mourning his loving and beloved wife of 31 years, Judge MaryEllen Provenzale (Ret), DuPage County, IL. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Nicholas and Rose Dispensa, his parents, Mary Dispensa and Romeo Doria, brother Frederick Doria, and his wife of 36 years, Louise Dewing. He is survived by his children, Richard P. Doria, Jr (AZ), MaryRose Russell (Donald and son Daniel J.), OH. For 31 years he has been the much loved step-father of Donald J. Jr., (Danielle), James P., John G. (Jacquelyn), and Patrick (Carrie) Provenzale and the adored and devoted "Grandpa" of Rachel, Conor, Megan, Lucy, Olivia, John, James, Hanora and Patrick Kirby Provenzale. Visitation Friday, Jan. 24th, at **Adams-Winterfield & Sullivan Funeral Home**, 4343 Main St. (1 blk. So. of Ogden Ave.), Downers Grove, IL, 2:30p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Funeral Mass Saturday, Jan. 25th, at 11:30 a.m. at Saint Isaac Jogues Church, 306 W. 4th St., Hinsdale, IL, followed by graveside service and burial at Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside, IL. In lieu of flowers, those wishing to memorialize his life are encouraged to contact The Shriners Hospital for Children to become mentors for the disabled children or the disabled veterans organization of their choice, [www.shrinershospitalforchildren.org](http://www.shrinershospitalforchildren.org)/chicago. Slainte, love; Rest in Peace. For funeral information, 630/968-1000 or [www.adamswinterfieldsullivan.com](http://www.adamswinterfieldsullivan.com)



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#### Draper, Marion Rae

Marion Rae Draper, age 89, passed away on January 16, 2020. Beloved wife of the late William Edward Draper Jr. Loving mother of William Edward Draper III and the late Elizabeth Marion Draper. Cherished sister of Doris Vivian Orvis, the late Francis Wolf and Donald Blodgett. Proud grandmother of Dawn Diane Reed (nee Draper), Michelle Renee Draper, and William Edward Draper IV. Marion was a loving wife and caring mother who passed on her values to her two children. Lying in State Thursday, January 23, 2020 from 9:30 AM until the time of service 10:30 AM at Zion Lutheran Church, Tinley Park, IL. Interment in Mt. Vernon Memorial Estates, Lemont IL. Visitation Wednesday, January 22, 2020 from 4:00-8:00 PM at **Vandenberg Funeral Home** 17248 S. Harlem Ave. Tinley Park, IL 60477. For information 708-532-1635 or [www.vandenbergfuneralhome.com](http://www.vandenbergfuneralhome.com)

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	16 18 29 31 37 / 08
	Mega Millions jackpot: \$116M
	Pick 3 midday 738 / 3
	Pick 4 midday 8843 / 8
	Lucky Day Lotto midday
	02 03 32 40 44
	Pick 3 evening 575 / 1
	Pick 4 evening 6152 / 0
	Lucky Day Lotto evening
	04 06 13 14 45
	Jan. 22 Powerball: \$343M
	Jan. 23 Lotto: \$4.25M
WISCONSIN	
Jan. 21	Pick 3
	571
	Pick 4
	7899
	Badger 5
	03 05 06 12 24
	SuperCash
	04 08 09 20 23 34

INDIANA	
Jan. 21	Daily 3 midday
	930 / 2
	Daily 4 midday
	4441 / 2
	Daily 3 evening
	588 / 9
	Daily 4 evening
	2668 / 9
	Cash 5
	04 25 30 36 38
MICHIGAN	
Jan. 21	Daily 3 midday
	905
	Daily 4 midday
	6730
	Daily 3 evening
	183
	Daily 4 evening
	9517
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## Fogelson, Raymond David

Dr. Raymond David Fogelson, age 86 of Chicago, Illinois, passed away peacefully on Monday January 20, 2020 following a short illness. Dr. Fogelson was born on August 23, 1933 in Red Bank, New Jersey, the son of the late William Fogelson and late Pearl Schwartz.

Raymond loved living part time in the mountains of Blairsville, Georgia. He was a Professor of Anthropology at the University of Chicago where his field of research and study included Native Americans in Cherokee, NC and in Oklahoma. He is preceded in death in 1998 by his beloved sister, Florence Blumberg, of Blairsville, Georgia.

Survivors include his loving wife & best-friend, Karen Luckritz of Chicago, nephew Fred Blumberg of Lakewood New Jersey, niece Judy Blumberg of Lakeville Ohio, cousins Bette Feinstein of New Jersey and Andrew Schwarz of Lake Forest, California, two step-children, Lisa Luckritz of Schaumburg, Illinois, Brian Luckritz of Merrillville, Indiana, and two step grandchildren, Charlotte Peterson & Aaron Peterson.

A memorial service will be held at a later date in Chicago. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians (North Carolina Community Foundation, 3737 Glenwood Ave., Suite 460, Raleigh, NC 27612 1-800-532-1349) in Raymond's memory.

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## Formento, Ed

Ed Formento, 100, passed away peacefully on January 17, 2020. A longtime resident of Willow Springs, IL, he recently spent time with family in Colorado until his passing. Ed was born on July 5, 1919 in Bevier, MO. He was an Army veteran who served proudly in World War II, worked for more than 35 years at Electro-Motive Diesel, and served as Mayor of Willow Springs.

Ed was the beloved husband of the late Dorothy, father of the late Robert Formento, and brother to the late Mary Storms. He is survived by his grandson Michael (Kristin) Formento, his great grandchildren Sophia and Santino, and his daughter Debra Formento.

Private services will be held at a later date.

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## Graham, Rita

Rita Madeline Graham (née Foehringer), 94, of Westchester, beloved wife of the late Edward, Sr.; loving mother of Julia (John) Nonaka, Sheila (Gordon) Graham, Lynn (Oswald Lauzums) Graham and the late Marguerite and Edward, Jr. (Teresa) Graham; dear grandmother of Katherine, Claire, Andrea, Steven, Kelly, Kiril and Ava; sweet great-grandmother of Logan, Camilla and Mara; fond sister of the late John, William, and Roger (Ruth) Foehringer. Graduate of Mundelein College where she earned a B.S. in Biology and Northeastern University where she earned a M.A. in Counseling and Guidance. Inspiring school teacher of 27 years at Divine Infant (D.I.) School in Westchester. Traveled extensively with her husband of 58 years. Active in the D.I. Women's Guild. Served as a Eucharistic minister and sang joyfully with the D.I. Adult Choir for over 40 years. Read almost every book in the public library and was a Board Member of Friends of the Westchester Public Library. Visitation Friday 4:00-8:00 p.m. at **Hursen Funeral Home & Crematory**, SW corner of Roosevelt & Mannheim Rds., & Saturday 9:30 a.m. until time of mass 10:00 a.m. at Divine Infant Church, 1601 Newcastle Ave, Westchester, IL. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Alzheimer's Association (alz.org) appreciated.

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## Gravedoni, Walter

Walter Gravedoni, 81, formerly of Palatine, passed away on Sunday, January 19, 2020. He is survived by his loving children, David (Barbara), Connie (James) Marks, James (Dina), Paul (Allison), Dino and Carol (Gus) Paraskevas; grandchildren, Bridget, Kelly, Rachael, Merissa, Danielle, Anna, Jake, Paul II, Clarice, and Gus; great-grandchildren, Madeleine, Alexis, Gino, and Lorenzo. Predeceased by his loving wife Rose, nee Lombardi, and parents, Aleck and Delphine Gravedoni. Walter was a proud Army Veteran, a loving husband, and an all around family man. He will be truly missed. Funeral Mass at 10 AM on Friday, January 24, 2020 at St. Thomas of Villanova Catholic Church, 1201 E Anderson Dr, Palatine, IL. Visitation 3:00 - 8:00pm Thursday, January 23, 2020 at **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home**, 185 E. Northwest Hwy., Palatine. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to American Cancer Society. For more information 847-359-8020 or visit Walter's memorial at [www.smithcorcoran.com](http://www.smithcorcoran.com).

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## Harle, Paul J.

Paul J. Harle, age 70. Beloved husband of Suzanne Harle nee Hartman; loving father of Joseph (Stacy) Caputo, Lisa (Gary) Alstott, and Anthony (Jennifer) Caputo; beloved son of the late Albert (Stella) Harle nee Firek; fond grandfather of Cody, Carl, Tyler, Samantha, Taylor, Katlyn, Brian, and Brandon; great grandfather of 6; dear brother of William (Vicky) Harle and Michele (Robert) Muller; fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation will be Friday, January 24th, 2020 from 2:00 p.m. until time of Chapel Service at 3:30 p.m. at **Cumberland Chapels** 8300 W. Lawrence Ave. Norridge, IL 60706. Interment will be private. For more info [www.cumberlandchapels.com](http://www.cumberlandchapels.com) or 708-456-8300.

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## Harris, Ilene B.

Professor Ilene B. Harris, age 75. Beloved wife of Professor Morton Harris. Sister of Ronnelle (Barry) Dainas. Loving aunt of many. Distinguished professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine-Department of Medical Education and Pathology Department. Service Wednesday 12PM at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 8851 Skokie Blvd (at Niles Center Road), Skokie. Interment Rosehill Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the University of Illinois Foundation, UIC Ilene & Morton Harris Fund, Harker Hall, 1305 W. Green Street, Urbana, IL 61801, 217.333.0675. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822

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## Israel, Dr. Jeanette N.

Dr. Jeanette N. Israel, M.D. nee Nemecek, age 75, January 20, 2020. Beloved wife of George S. Israel and devoted mother of Rachel Israel. Daughter of the late Joseph and Jeannette Nemecek, sister of the late Joseph Nemecek Jr. Funeral services will be held Friday, January 24, 10:00 a.m. at Beidelman-Kunsch Funeral Home, 516 S. Washington St., Naperville. Interment Beth Shalom Section of the Naperville Cemetery. Dr. Israel was a graduate of the University of Illinois, and the Chicago Medical School, was a member of the American Society of Human Genetics, American College of Medical Genetics and the American Academy of Pediatrics. She was on staff at Alexian Brothers Medical Center, Edward, Good Samaritan, Rush Presbyterian and Christ Hospitals. She was Director of Genetics at Christ Hospital upon retiring in 2017. She was frequently listed in Chicago Magazine's list of top physicians in genetics. She loved Corgi dogs, hot air ballooning and flowers. Memorials to the American Cancer Society. Arrangements by the Beidelman-Kunsch Funeral Homes & Crematory, 516 S. Washington St., 630 355 0264. [www.beidelmankunschfh.com](http://www.beidelmankunschfh.com).

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## Joyce, Marty 'LONGBALL'

Marty "LONGBALL" Joyce, Beloved husband of Melody Joyce, Devoted father of Lisa Marie Joyce (Lisa "Launch It" Joyce); Loving son of the late Martin and Laverne Joyce; Dear brother of JoAnn Joyce and Diane Kennedy; Dear uncle of Chrissy, Shawn, Carrie, & their children. Marty was internationally renowned for his golf trick shot and long drive exhibitions. He was the IL PGA Teacher of the year & a PGA Golf Professional for over 40 years. He was also a Long Drive Champion having won over 82 professional long drive events. Marty & his daughter, Lisa, were the first father/daughter to qualify for the world long drive championship. A visitation for Marty will be held Thursday, January 23, 2020 from 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM at **Salerno's Galewood Chapel**, 1857 N. Harlem Ave, Chicago, IL 60707. A funeral mass will take place Friday, January 24, 2020 10:00 AM, St. Vincent Ferrer Church, 1530 Jackson Ave, River Forest, IL 60305.

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## Kujawa

See Bernardine Wisz notice.

## Loredo, Antonio

Antonio Loredo, 99, of Chicago, beloved husband of the late Inez Loredo; dear father of Natividad (Juanita) Loredo and Maria Alicia (Antonio) Rodriguez; grumpy Grandpa of Adam, Amanda, Inez, Gabriel, Natalie, Ana, Iris; adoring great-grandpa of Alexis. Visitation Thursday, 3-9p.m. at Szykowny Funeral Home, 4901 S. Archer Ave., Chicago, IL. Prayers Friday, 9:15 a.m., Mass 10a.m. at St Procopius Church, 1641 S Allport St, Chicago. Interment to follow at Mount Auburn Cemetery.

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## Magold, Jeanne E.

Jeanne E. Magold (nee Dziwik) Age 91. Beloved wife of the late Jerry F. Magold. Adoring mother of Jane (Tony) Warner, Jerry (Kathleen) Magold and Nancy (Walter) Jarecki. Cherished grandmother of Michael (Brittany), Stephan, Elizabeth, Zachary (Petriana), Jacob, Jordan (Mark) and Joshua. Adored great-grandmother of Leah and Maximus. Dear sister of Helen (John) Klages, Alice (Joseph) Ziemann, and the late Walter Diwik, Mary Massett, and Andrew Diwik. Visitation Friday, January 24, 2020, 4 to 8 p.m. Funeral Saturday, January 25, 2020, 9:15 a.m. from the Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home, 4950 W. 79th St., Burbank, to St. Denis Church, Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment St. Mary Cemetery [www.sheehyfh.com](http://www.sheehyfh.com) 708-857-7878

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## Markowicz, Ursula

Ursula Markowicz (nee Bucki), age 85, passed away peacefully with her family by her side on Thursday, January 16, 2020. Daughter of the late Fred and Clara Bucki. Longtime resident of Northwood, formerly of North Chicago Heights. Lifetime member of St. Kieran Parish. She volunteered as an election judge, kindergarten aid, school fairs and retirement homes. She danced through life with enthusiasm and the melody of love. Loving wife for 64 years to Joseph Markowicz; dear mother of Randy (Sherril), Nicholas (Michelle) Bierman and David (Karen); dearest grandmother of Krystal (Darren) Cole, Derek, Robyn, Grant and Maxwell; fond great-grandmother of Kaleb, Devon, Austin and Maeleigh; sister of Terry (Brunhilde) Bucki and also survived by Aunt Sandy. Private funeral services will be held. For information (815) 744-0022 or [www.CHSFUNERAL.COM](http://www.CHSFUNERAL.COM).

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## McGrath, Mary 'Penny'

Mary "Penny" McGrath, (nee Struczewski) age 76 of Worth, passed away surrounded by her loving family January 18, 2020. Penny was preceded in death by her son, Thomas Martin "Bosley"; her parents, Julius and Alexandria (nee Lazarski) Struczewski; two sisters, Loretta (Frank) Balint and Dorothy (Raymond) Grieshaber and one brother, Edward (Irene) Struck. Penny is survived by her beloved husband, John "Jack" of 55 years; her loving children, Mary McGrath, Nancy (John) Grigaliunas, Susan (Jerry Nardella) McGrath, John (Sarah) McGrath, and Kristen (Van) Chou; dear grandchildren, Ashley (fiancé Zachary Daigre) Grigaliunas, Mary (Zachary) Evans, Laith Grigaliunas, and Simone McGrath; cherished great-grandson, Caleb Evans; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews also survive. Penny was an active member of God's Knitting Hands. She loved the holidays and was an avid holiday decorator! She adored flowers and animals. There will be a visitation held Thursday, January 23, 2020 from 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home, 5570 95th Street, Oak Lawn, 60453. There will be prayers at the funeral home Friday, January 24, 2020 at 9:15 a.m. then proceeding to Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Ridge Catholic Church, 10811 Ridgeland Ave, Chicago Ridge, 60415. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Alsip. Arrangements entrusted to **O'NEIL FUNERAL HOME & HERITAGE CREMATORY**. In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Jude Children's Hospital, [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org) would be appreciated. Relatives and friends are invited to sign the online guestbook at: [www.oneilfuneralhome.com](http://www.oneilfuneralhome.com)

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## McNulty, Loretta H.

Loretta H. McNulty, age 98, January 17, 2020. Daughter of the late Patrick and Helen nee Comerford McNulty; dear sister of the late Dr. Philip (late Anna K.) McNulty and the late Edward McNulty. Loved aunt of Kathleen (late Bernie) Born, Timothy E. (Mary Lou) McNulty, Philip (Peggy) McNulty and Patrick (Elizabeth) McNulty. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, 8:45 a.m. at the Beidelman-Kunsch Funeral Homes and Crematory, 516 S. Washington St. Naperville to St. Gertrude Church, 9613 Schiller Blvd. Franklin Park for a 10:00 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Visitation Friday from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Memorials to the American Cancer Society. Info 630 355 0264. [www.beidelmankunschfh.com](http://www.beidelmankunschfh.com).

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## Olafson, Patricia M.

Patricia M. Olafson (nee Winkler) age 87. Served as a reading specialist for more than 20 years at Ann M. Jeans Elementary and Palisades Middle School, Burr Ridge. Patti was known as an advocate for the challenged, but it was her gentle and kind nature that won her lifelong friends. Beloved wife of the late Robert; loving mother of Maureen (Kris) Severinsen, Daniel (Susan), and Kelly (Deacon Paul) Vidmar; Cherished grandmother of Sherri Lynn (David), Megan (Brian), Ryan (Lindsay), Shana (Jerrad), Dane, Stephanie (Sherman), Serena (Zac), Gregory, and Zachary; great-grandmother of 9. Visitation Friday 9:30 a.m. till time of Mass 11:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church, 8404 South Cass Avenue, Darien. Ent. Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Arrangements by **Modell Funeral Home**. For info 630-852-3595 or [www.modelldarien.com](http://www.modelldarien.com).

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## Prokof, Phyllis A.

Phyllis A. Prokof nee Kockelman of Elmhurst. Beloved wife of the late Ronald D. Prokof and Edward J. Sloan; loving mother of Ron Prokof, Kathy (Jim) Milkert, Catherine Prokof, Karen (Jeff) Loster, Elizabeth (Brian) Tully, and the late James Sloan; mother-in-law of Elizabeth Sloan; cherished grandmother of 11; great grandmother of 14; sister of the late Lillian (Thomas) O'Neill and Lucile (Thomas) McGloin; sister-in-law of the late Rev. James D. Sloan C.P.P.S.; aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation at Visitation Church 779 S. York St. Elmhurst from 10:00 a.m. until time of Mass at 11:00 a.m. Friday, January 24, 2020. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, Memorials will be appreciated for Visitation Church 779 S. York St. Elmhurst, IL 60126. Funeral info 630-834-3515 or [www.ahlgirim.com](http://www.ahlgirim.com)

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## Recendez, Joseph C.

Age 68, of Frankfort, formerly of South Holland; born and raised in South Deering, passed away on Saturday, January 18th, 2020 at his home in Frankfort. Joe is survived by his family, beloved wife of 47 years, Sandra A. Recendez (Golob), loving father of Joseph E. (Michelle) Recendez, Victoria A. (Justin) Peppin, devoted grandpa of Alessandra Recendez, Anthony Recendez, Austin Peppin, Aidan Peppin, dear brother of Annie (Marwan) Alnimri, Kathy Arlow, Tina (Randy) Heth, Henry (Connie) Recendez Jr. and cherished uncle of numerous nieces and nephews. Joe was preceded in death by his parents, Henry & Mary Lou Recendez (DePozo). Joe retired from Local #17 Heat & Frost Insulators Union. He was a former member of Holy Ghost Catholic Church in South Holland and football coach. Joe served as a past president of the South Holland Little League Baseball program as well as being a baseball coach for Mount Carmel High School. Joe was a lifelong University of Notre Dame football fan and a member of the Venerables Golf League at Green Garden Country Club. Family will receive friends, at Kurtz Memorial Chapel, 65 Old Frankfort Way, Frankfort, IL 60423 on Sunday, January 26th, 2020 from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Anthony Catholic Church, 7659 W. Sauk Trail, Frankfort, IL 60423 on Monday, January 27th, 2020 at 10:00 AM. Interment will be held at a later date at Holy Cross Cemetery, Calumet City, IL. In memory of Joe; any financial gifts received will be added to the college funds for his grandchildren. For information, [www.kurtzmemorialchapel.com](http://www.kurtzmemorialchapel.com) or 815-806-2225.

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## Riddle, Judith Ann 'Judy'

Judy was born in Chicago on the 31st of March, 1939. She is lovingly remembered by her sister Patricia Magero Pelka (Robert), nephews Michael and Keith Magero whom reside in Florida. Her daughters Caren Appelson (Bruce), Cynthia Petro (late John), and Alison Gunner (James). Judy enjoyed six grandchildren: Sondra Owen (Russet), Lauren Appelson, Ethan and Zoe Petro, Benjamin and Sarah Gunner.

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## Roche, Pierre Dwyer

Pierre Dwyer Roche, a lifelong resident of Evanston, Illinois, died on January 19, 2020. Known to family and many old friends as "Dwyer," he was a graduate of St. Mary's grammar school in Evanston, Loyola Academy, and Loyola University Chicago. He served in the Navy Reserve at Glenview Naval Air Station during the Korean War. In June 1953, he married his high school sweetheart, Margaret Stewart. Together, they raised six children in Evanston.

Pierre's dedication to serving others was evident throughout his life. In high school, he volunteered at what was then called the Lawrence Hall for Boys. For many years, he served as youth counselor and coach at the Evanston McGaw YMCA, and organized tennis tournaments and swimming competitions for children at his summer community in Palisades Park, Michigan.

Pierre spent his business career in advertising sales and management at Standard Rate & Data Service and Thomas Regional Publishing. After retiring from business, Pierre began his second career. For 25 years he volunteered at Oakton Community College teaching English to recent immigrants, and regularly taught classes four days a week. In the summers, he taught English to children of migrant farm workers in Michigan. He loved sharing our customs and traditions while helping immigrants overcome the challenges of the English language. He also relished learning about his students' customs and languages and sharing them with family and friends. He volunteered teaching English through Global Volunteers in many countries.

In the last ten years of his life, Pierre was a much-loved DJ in retirement communities and nursing homes in Evanston and Michigan. He found great joy in the tapping toes and spontaneous dancing brought about by his sharing of jazz and popular music from the 1930's and 40's.

Most important to Pierre was family; he cherished his roles of husband, father, and grandfather. He is survived by his wife and six children: Kathleen (James) Hirsman, Brian (Emily Sharpe), Marie (John Hoo), Martha (Peter) Hanson, Sara (Robert) Burson, and Frances (Michael) Mitriani. He was proud of and always curious about the activities of his 14 grandchildren: Clara, Jacob, Andrew, and Leah Roche; Maxwell, Melissa, and Charlotte Hoo; Katherine and Ellen Han-son; Martha, Hannah, and Joseph Burson; and Samuel and Sarah Mitriani.

A celebration of life will be held February 1, 2020, at 3 p.m. at Three Crowns Park, 2323 McDaniel Avenue, Evanston.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Children's Home and Aid: Attn: Michelle Williams, Children's Home & Aid, 125 S. Wacker Drive, Floor 14, Chicago, IL 60606, or Meals on Wheels Northeastern Illinois, 1723 Simpson Street, Evanston, IL 60201. Donations can be made online at [www.childrenshomeandaid.org/donate](http://www.childrenshomeandaid.org/donate) or <https://mealsonwheelsnei.org/donate-today>. Info: 847-675-1990 or [www.donnellanfuneral.com](http://www.donnellanfuneral.com).

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## Roiniotis, Georgia

Georgia Roiniotis, age 98, long-time resident of Skokie, Illinois passed away on January 17, 2020. Born July 16, 1921 in Evanston, Illinois to Thomas and Nicolata Stavropoulos Roiniotis. Georgia was a beloved and cherished sister of the late Constance (Peter) Kollyvas, Bessie (Bill) Hodes, Alex (Irene) Roiniotis and James (Marion) Roiniotis; beloved and dearest aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation, Saturday January 25, 2020 10:00 a.m. until time of funeral service 11:00 a.m. at **Donnellan Family Funeral Home**, 10045 Skokie Boulevard, at Old Orchard Road, Skokie, Illinois 60077. Interment Elmwood Cemetery, River Grove, Illinois. Funeral info: [www.donnellanfuneral.com](http://www.donnellanfuneral.com) or (847) 675-1990

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## Rosenwasser, Jerrold Samuel

Jerrold Samuel Rosenwasser, 85. Loving husband of Jacqueline Rosenwasser nee Hyman. Devoted father of Joel (Sally) Rosenwasser, Sam Rosenwasser, Fred (Minna) Rosenwasser, James (Terri) Rosenwasser and David (Miri) Rosenwasser. Proud grandfather of Simon, Benjamin, Adam, Jennifer, Nicole, Rina, Abbi, Betzalel (Lani), Elisha (Robbie), Talya (Simmy), Gila, Rafi, Aviyah (Yonaton), Elisheva (Noam), Ayelet, Efrat, Yedidyah and Avigayil. Cherished great grandfather of Elyashiv, Shilo, Adi, Nachliel, Ashira and Yakira. Dear brother of Rosalie (Stuart) Edelstein. Service Wednesday 12 Noon at Beth Hillel Bnai Emenah, 3220 Big Tree Lane, Wilmette, IL 60091. Interment Shalom. Memorials in his memory to Beth Hillel Bnai Emenah, [www.bhbe.org](http://www.bhbe.org) or the Chicago Mitzvah Campaign, 2939 W. Touhy Ave, Chicago, IL 60645, [www.chicagomitvahcampaign.org](http://www.chicagomitvahcampaign.org) would be appreciated. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, [www.cjfnfo.com](http://www.cjfnfo.com)

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## Ruminski, Stanley M. 'Stan'

Stanley M. Ruminski, "Stan", Army Veteran, original senior member of the Waste Management, Inc. Executive Team. Loving husband of Patricia Ruminski, nee Radek. Beloved father of Monica (Jim) Peffer, Ken Ruminski, Gene (Marguerite) Ruminski, and Sharon (Joe) Tiffany. Cherished grandfather of Gary, Danny, Maggie, James and Eddie. Uncle of many nieces and nephews and friend to many. Preceded in death by his siblings Ed, Irene, and Bill. Funeral 9:15 a.m. Saturday at **Modell Funeral Home** 7710 S. Cass Avenue, Darien to St. Isaac Jogues Church. Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Visitation Friday 3 p.m. - 8 p.m. For funeral info (630) 852-3595 or [www.modelldarien.com](http://www.modelldarien.com).

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## Sheehan, Michael J.

Michael J. Sheehan, beloved father of Michael J. (Lizti Hartley), John (Rachel Wynn), Carolyn Sheehan (Bart Bryerton), Susan (James) Barlow, Ryan (Jadrien) and Katherine (Mark) Lask; loving grandfather of J.J. (Emily), John, Jacob, Josiah, Johanna & Jillian Barlow, Larissa, Naomi, Timothy, Adelynn & Avabella Sheehan, Raymond Lask, & Khloe Bryerton; dear son of the late Margaret & Michael J. Sheehan; loving brother of Carol Ann Collins & Daniel Sheehan. Visitation Friday 3:00- 9:00 pm at **Lack & Sons Funeral Home**, 9236 S. Roberts Road (8000 W.) Hickory Hills. Funeral service Saturday 9:15 am at the funeral home to Sacred Heart Church for 10 am mass. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, donations to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation would be appreciated ([www.jdrf.org](http://www.jdrf.org)). For info 708-430-5700.

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## Shipley, Vern Paul

Vern Paul Shipley, 89, of Evanston. Beloved husband of Joanna Baranovskis and the late Natalia Constance Shipley. Father of Tom Shipley, Matthew Shipley, Mary Shipley and Joan Shipley Parker. Grandfather of Sara, Shane, Max and Fernanda Shipley, Christopher Ratajczyk and Tommy, Tricia, Bradley and Jenna Parker. Great grandfather of M J Brown, Lily LaFleur and Mackenzie Ann Shipley. Vern is survived by three brothers; Bill, Don and Glenn Shipley. Vern Shipley was a graduate of Northwestern University and worked for the Department of Public Aid for 30 years as statistician. Visitation Thursday, January 23, 2020, at the **M J Suerth Funeral Home**, 6754 N. Northwest Hwy, Chicago from 6-8 PM. Funeral Friday, family and friends meeting at St. Nicholas Church, 806 Ridge, Evanston, Illinois 60202. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 A.M. Interment in Scottsbluff, Nebraska. In lieu of flowers memorials to the Gary Sinise Foundation at [garysinisefoundation.org](http://garysinisefoundation.org). For further information 773-631-1240 or [www.suerth.com](http://www.suerth.com).



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## Silverman, Phyllis

Phyllis Silverman, 89, beloved wife of the late Oscar Silverman whom she married at age 19. Together they had four children David, Shari, Laurie, and Michael. Born in Chicago in 1930 to Ida and Joe Torreck, she grew up on the city's near west side. Phyllis loved the Far East, and she visited China with Oscar in 1978, soon after Americans could travel there. She collected Japanese Netzukes and decorated her house with Asian art. Phyllis especially loved to travel with friends, play bridge, and read the Sunday papers. A treasured aunt, cousin, and friend to many, Phyllis will be missed by her grandchildren Matthew (Melissa) Spraker, Dana Spraker, Noah Silverman, and Ben Silverman; her sister Bobbie Busch; and daughter-in-law Arlene Haas.

Chapel service Friday 2:30 PM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. For information and condolences, (847) 255-3520 or [www.shalom2.com](http://www.shalom2.com)



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## Smith, LaVerne E.

LaVerne E. Smith nee Stelter, age 86, of Lombard. Beloved wife of the late Roger P. "Codge". Visitation Thursday 2-8 PM at **Brust Funeral Home**, 135 S. Main St., Lombard. Lying-in-State Friday 9:30 AM until Funeral Service at 10:30 AM at St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church, Lombard. Interment Chapel Hill Gardens West. Info [www.brustfuneralhome.com](http://www.brustfuneralhome.com) or 888-629-0094.

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## Stadden, Elizabeth E.

Elizabeth E Stadden (Gruber), 84, of Orland Park, passed away Monday, January 20, 2020, at home surrounded by family. She was the loving daughter of Virgie and William Gruber, who have preceded her in death. Elizabeth was a retiree from Oak Forest Hospital, and she will be lovingly remembered by her children; William, who preceded her in death, Veronica, Daniel, and Virginia Schaefer (Steve), and her grandchildren Daniel Stadden Jr., and Joshua, Nicholas, Noah, and Elizabeth Blake. A Funeral Mass will be held on Saturday, January 25, 2020 at 10am at St. Francis of Assisi church, 15050 Wolf Rd, Orland Park IL 60467, followed by inurnment at Good Shepherd Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to your favorite organization or charity in Elizabeth's name.



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## Swanson, Betty

Betty Swanson, nee Quinn, 92, of Chicago. Beloved wife of the late Harry Swanson. Adored mother of Kathleen Swanson, Kevin Swanson, and Mary Kay Lopardo. Dear grandmother of Lindsay, Nicholas, and Joseph Lopardo. Dear sister of the late Thomas (the late Anna) Quinn, the late Eileen (the late Ed) Connelly, the late Frances (the late Herb) Lick, and the late Arthur (Betty) Quinn. Loving sister-in-law, aunt, and friend of many. Visitation Friday, January 24, 3 PM to 8 PM, **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home**, 6150 N Cicero Avenue, Chicago. Funeral services Saturday, January 25, 11 AM at the funeral home. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in Betty's name may be made to Misericordia Home. Funeral Info 773-836-3833.



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## Thindwa, James

My dearest James Thindwa died yesterday January 19, 2020 after a courageous fight against cancer. His passionate commitment to fighting for social justice and his belief in the power of ordinary people to change their lives, and our world, will live on in the rich legacy he imparted to so many. Born in Harare Zimbabwe in 1955, James later moved with his family to Blantyre Malawi. In what ended up as a permanent move to the United States, James left for Berea College in Kentucky in 1974. There he began his commitment, as an African immigrant, toward identifying and forging solidarity with African American struggles. Upon earning an MA in Political Science from Miami University, and briefly considering a career in academia—and wisely rejecting it—James began his beloved work as a community organizer. Spanning issues from climate justice, to racial justice and the right of workers to unionize, James' incredible skills at organizing and fighting for social justice touched countless people and communities. From 1985 to 1992 he was staff director of Citizen Action Coalition of Indiana and Ohio Citizen Action. He spent nine years as lead organizer in Chicago with Metro Seniors in Action organizing for national health insurance and mass transit. He served for many years as executive director of Jobs With Justice in Chicago, where he fought in numerous local campaigns, most memorably in the fight for a municipal living wage ordinance. His work with JWJ was featured on a Bill Moyers show in 2009, of which James was very proud. <https://www.thirteen.org/programs/bill-moyers-journal/bill-moyers-the-journal-james-thindwa-and-william-greider/> He spent his last years working for the American Federation of Teachers, initially in making unprecedented strides in organizing charter school teachers in Chicago and then in the union's efforts nationally to strengthen relationships with parents and community organizations. A lifelong activist and champion of human rights, James fought in numerous struggles including the anti-apartheid movement, immigrant rights movement, antiwar movement and many campaigns for racial justice. James was a firm believer in the responsibility of government to tax the rich, defend the rights of workers, provide free health care for all and robust support for the elderly. He refused the lure of cynicism and despair his whole life. He instilled in so many young organizers a fervent belief in the power of personal and social transformation. He served on many boards over the years, including the Illinois Labor History Society and in These Times Magazine, for which he also occasionally wrote. James loved music, especially Jazz, Soul, Blues, (and Rock and Country!) and a wide variety of the Afro-beat. He occasionally played guitar and drums in beloved South Side clubs and neighborhood bands. James cherished a wide circle of friends in Chicago and across the country and the world. He is survived by his comrade-spouse Martha Biondi, twin brother Jeff in Vienna VA and his wife Lucy; brother Robert in Harare and his wife Rosemary; sister Faith in Blantyre; his aunt, Joyce Kajama in Harare, and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Arrangements are private. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in his name to the Crossroads Fund in Chicago, a public foundation supporting the kinds of social justice organizing to which James devoted his life. An ongoing initiative will be created in his honor. <https://crossroadsfund.org>

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## Warren-Wisniewski, Virginia M.

Beloved wife of the late; Garrett E. Warren and Leonard Wisniewski. Loving mother of Garrett (Michelle) Warren, Patricia Dobosz, Robert (Jayne) Warren & Ann (Glenn) Meier. Cherished grandmother of 11 and great grandmother of 4. Dear sister of the late Patricia (Richard) McLaughlin. Kind aunt of many nieces & nephews. Memorial visitation Saturday, January 25th from 10:30 a.m. until time of chapel prayers 12:30 p.m. at the **KERRY FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION CARE CENTER**, 7020 W. 127th Street, Palos Heights proceeding to Saint Alexander Church, Mass of Remembrance, 1:00 p.m. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations to the American Diabetes Association, 2451 Crystal Drive, Suite 900, Arlington, VA 22202 would be appreciated. [www.kerryfh.com](http://www.kerryfh.com) - (708) 361.4235 - [www.facebook.com/kerryfuneral](http://www.facebook.com/kerryfuneral)



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## Weinberg, Marshall Robert

Marshall Robert Weinberg age 77 of Chicago. Devoted and much beloved husband of Eileen Howard Weinberg. Loving father of Douglas (Kristin), Joshua (Laura), Scott and the late Mark Weinberg. Dear grandfather of five. Cherished brother of Sulie (Marc) Grayson and Shari Weinberg. Uncle and cousin of many. Marshall practiced law in the city of Chicago for over 50 years and was a mentor for many attorneys that graduated from University of Chicago. Visitation will be Thursday 4-7:30 pm at Michalik Funeral Home, 1056 W. Chicago Ave., Chicago, IL 60642 with a Remembrance Service at 7:30 pm. A Blessing service will take place Friday 10:00 am at Holy Name Cathedral, 735 N State St, Chicago, IL. Interment Maryhill Cemetery, Niles, IL. In lieu of flowers donations to The American Heart Association at [www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org) will be greatly appreciated. To leave a condolence or for more information please visit [www.funerals.pro](http://www.funerals.pro) or 847-537-6600.



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## Wisn, Bernardine

Bernardine Wisn, age 84, daughter of the late Emanuel and the late Stephanie Kujawa; beloved wife of the late Thomas J.; loving mother of Bernardine S., Cynthia (George) Rotter, Bartholomew (Tonya) and Matthew (Patricia); proud grandmother of Thomas, Michelle, Michael, Peter and Jennifer Rotter, Alexander and Mason Wisn, and Eric, Renae and Nicole Wisn; sister of the late Frederick (the late Diane) Kujawa and the late Dorothy (the late Edward) Dedowicz; sister-in law of Edmund (Rita), Mary (Eugene) Lauritzen, George (the late Sue), Robert (Julie), Joan (John) Georgas, the late Richard (the late Bea), the late Norbert (Kathleen), the late Leonard (Phyllis) and the late Fred; fond aunt to many nieces and nephews. Family and friends will be received at **Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home**, 10501 W. Cermak Rd., Westchester (2 blks W. of Mannheim), on Friday, January 24, 2020 from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Funeral Saturday 9:15 a.m. from the funeral home to St. Domitilla Church for 10:00 a.m. Mass. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Mercy Home for Boys & Girls, 1140 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60607 ([www.mercyhome.org](http://www.mercyhome.org)). For info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L

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## Witek, Esther

Esther Witek, 84, of Chicago, passed away Jan. 20, 2020. Beloved daughter of the late Michael and Bernice; sister of the late Eleanor and Lillian (Leonard Jarocki); dear aunt of Linda (Robert Kaszniak), Lydia (David Partridge) and Leonard Jarocki; great aunt to many nieces and nephews. Librarian in the Cicero School System for 26 years; volunteer at the Polish Museum of America and the Polish Genealogical Society of America. Visitation, Sat. Jan. 25, 9 to 10 am at St. Mary of the Lake Church, 4220 N. Sheridan Rd., Chicago, IL 60613 with Funeral Mass at 10 am. Private interment at Resurrection Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to Polish Museum of America, 984 N. Milwaukee Ave. Chicago, IL 60642. Info: 773-472-6300 [www.lakeviewfuneralhome.com](http://www.lakeviewfuneralhome.com)



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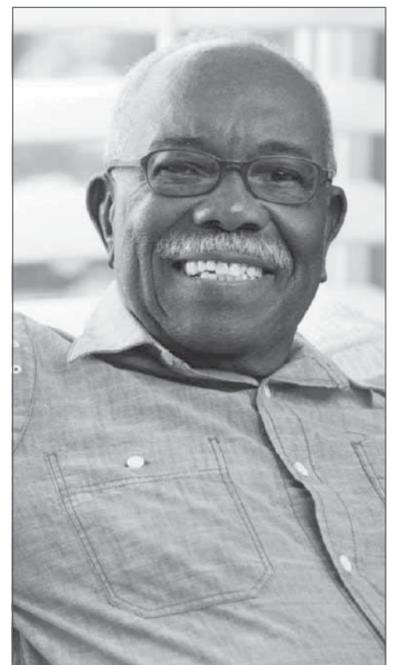


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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT JUVENILE JUSTICE DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Amani A Long

A MINOR NO. 2019JD01729

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, Unknown (Father), respondents, and TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, that on October 29, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXX, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Cynthia Ramirez in the 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois on 02/05/2020 at 9:00 AM in CALENDAR 52 COURTROOM 5,

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT January 15, 2020

ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY: T. Hinriksson, S. Jutla 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 15, 2020 6575423

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Non-Mandatory Pre-Bid Conference Date, Time, and Location: T u e s d a y , January 28, 2020 at 10:00 AM (CST) Office of the Chief Procurement Officer Cook County Building, 118 N. Clark Street, Room 1018 Chicago, Illinois 60602

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NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: MALIK YUSEF, an individual, BURUNDI PARTLOW, an individual, MALIK YUSEF JONES, INC., an Illinois corporation; BURUNDI PARTLOW CONSULTING, INC., an Illinois corporation; SONIA NUTTALL, an individual; YAKUEN GLOBAL LLC, a New Jersey limited liability corporation; and DOES 1-10 including, YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: ICOMBINED CO., LTD., d/b/a Gentle Monster, a Korean corporation; ICOMBINED U.S.A., Inc., d/b/a Gentle Monster, a New York corporation NOTICE: You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this lawsuit and legal papers are filed on you to file a written response to this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. You can get a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court. If you want to call an attorney right away, if you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal aid organization. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of 10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case.

The name and address of the court is: Superior Court of California, County of Los Angeles, Stanley Mosk Courthouse, 111 North Hill Street, Los Angeles, CA 90012

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is: Susan K. Leader (SBN: 216743); Hyungsoon Kim (SBN: 257019); Brett M. Manisco (SBN: 318351); Telephone: (310) 229-1000, Akin Gump Strauss Hauer & Feld LLP, 1999 Avenue of the Stars, Suite 600, Los Angeles, CA 90067. DATE: 5/16/2019

Sherril R. Carter Executive Officer/Clerk of Court, Clerk By: Romunda Clifton, Deputy

NOTICE OF PUNITIVE DAMAGES AGAINST DEFENDANT MALIK YUSEF

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT MALIK YUSEF, an individual, Plaintiff ICOMBINED CO., LTD., d/b/a Gentle Monster, a Korean corporation and ICOMBINED U.S.A., Inc., d/b/a Gentle Monster, a New York corporation (collectively "Gentle Monster") reserve the right to seek \$5,000,000.00 in punitive damages when Gentle Monster seeks a judgement in the suit filed against you. Dated: 7/17/19 AKIN GUMP STRAUSS HAUER & FELD LLP SUSAN K. LEADER, HYGUNSSOON KIM, BRETT M. MANISCO By: /s/ Brett M. Manisco Attorneys For Plaintiffs ICOMBINED CO., LTD., d/b/a Gentle Monster, ICOMBINED U.S.A., Inc., d/b/a Gentle Monster, ICOMBINED U.S.A., Inc., d/b/a Gentle Monster 1/08, 1/15, 1/22, 1/29/2020 6561119

TO: Secretary of Housing & Urban Development; Martha E. Clark; Percy Clark; Loren Dupree; Xiaohua M. Liu; Occupant of 2852 W. Fillmore, Apt. 2; Iesha Null Montgomery; Travis E. Noel; Michael C. Ransom; City of Chicago, c/o City Clerk; Judgment Creditors, And Decree Creditors, If Any Of The Above Described As "Unknown Owners"; Karen A. Yarbrough, Cook County Clerk; Parties In Occupancy Or Actual Possession Of Said Land Or Lot. TAX DEED NO. 2019 COTD 004991 FILED: December 26, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook, State of Illinois Date Premises Sold: July 23, 2019 Certificate No. 19S-0009808 Sold for General Taxes of: 2019 Scavenger Sale (2015-2017) Sold For Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable. And Special Assessment No. Not Applicable. Warrant No. Not Applicable. Inst. No. Not Applicable. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 2854 W. Fillmore, Chicago, Illinois Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-13-323-028-0000 Vol. 558 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 04, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 04, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois on May 15, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 04, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. Address: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 Telephone: (312) 603-5645 THOMAS CHOATE, purchaser or assignee Dated: January 10, 2020 Judd M. Harris #55136 933 West Van Buren St. Suite 304 Chicago, IL 60607 312-795-9600 harrislaw@sbcglobal.net 1/20, 21, 22/2020 6570005

TO: Heirs and Devises of Sandee Gilligan; Occupant of Unit CO-07; Park Place Tower 1 Condominium Association, c/o David Sugar, Judgment Creditors, And Decree Creditors, If Any Of The Above Described As "Unknown Owners"; Karen A. Yarbrough, Cook County Clerk; Parties In Occupancy Or Actual Possession Of Said Property; Unknown Owners Or Persons Interested In Said Land Or Lot. TAX DEED NO. 2019 COTD 004917 FILED: December 18, 2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook, State of Illinois Date Premises Sold: July 23, 2019 Certificate No. 19S-0009068 Sold for General Taxes of: 2019 Scavenger Sale (2010-2017) Sold For Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable. And Special Assessment No. Not Applicable. Warrant No. Not Applicable. Inst. No. Not Applicable. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 655 W. Irving Park Rd., Unit CO-07, Chicago, Illinois Legal Description or Property Index No. 14-21-101-054-2128 Vol. 485 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on May 04, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before May 04, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois on May 15, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before May 04, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. Address: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 Telephone: (312) 603-5645 JOHN GIAMBARBEREE, purchaser or assignee Dated: January 10, 2020 Judd M. Harris #55136 933 West Van Buren St. Suite 304 Chicago, IL 60607 312-795-9600 harrislaw@sbcglobal.net 1/20, 21, 22/2020 6570009

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## Bryant saga could be show about nothing

Now with Arenado off the market, pieces of the puzzle might be falling into place



**PAUL SULLIVAN**  
On the Cubs

The Cubs have one fewer obstacle in the way of their offseason plan to deal third baseman Kris Bryant now that Nolan Arenado is off the market.

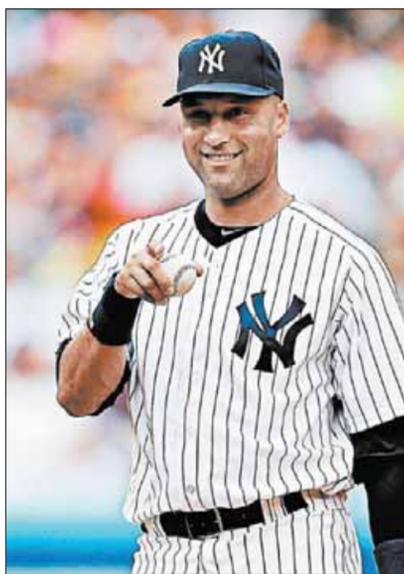
The Rockies dangled their star third baseman in trade talks the last couple of months, then pulled back Monday, saying they wanted to focus on the season with no distractions.

With no other difference-making third basemen available, Bryant is the best option for teams seeking to upgrade at the position in the next three weeks. The big question for any team considering Bryant is whether he'll be a free agent after 2020 or '21, a decision to be settled by an arbitrator of Bryant's service-time grievance against the Cubs.

The Cubs originally believed a decision would be made before the winter meetings in early December, but the case has dragged on longer than anyone predicted.

"It's an important case. A lot of work goes into it," Cubs President Theo Epstein said Friday at the Cubs Convention.

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JIM MCISAAC/GETTY

## 2 for 2020: Jeter, Walker will join Hall of Fame

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## Top-tier QB play vs. a feisty defense

How two different plans could mean an entertaining, educational Super Bowl



**DAN WIEDERER**  
On the Super Bowl

The Chiefs were in a double-digit first-half deficit Sunday afternoon, their playoff mettle being tested. Again.

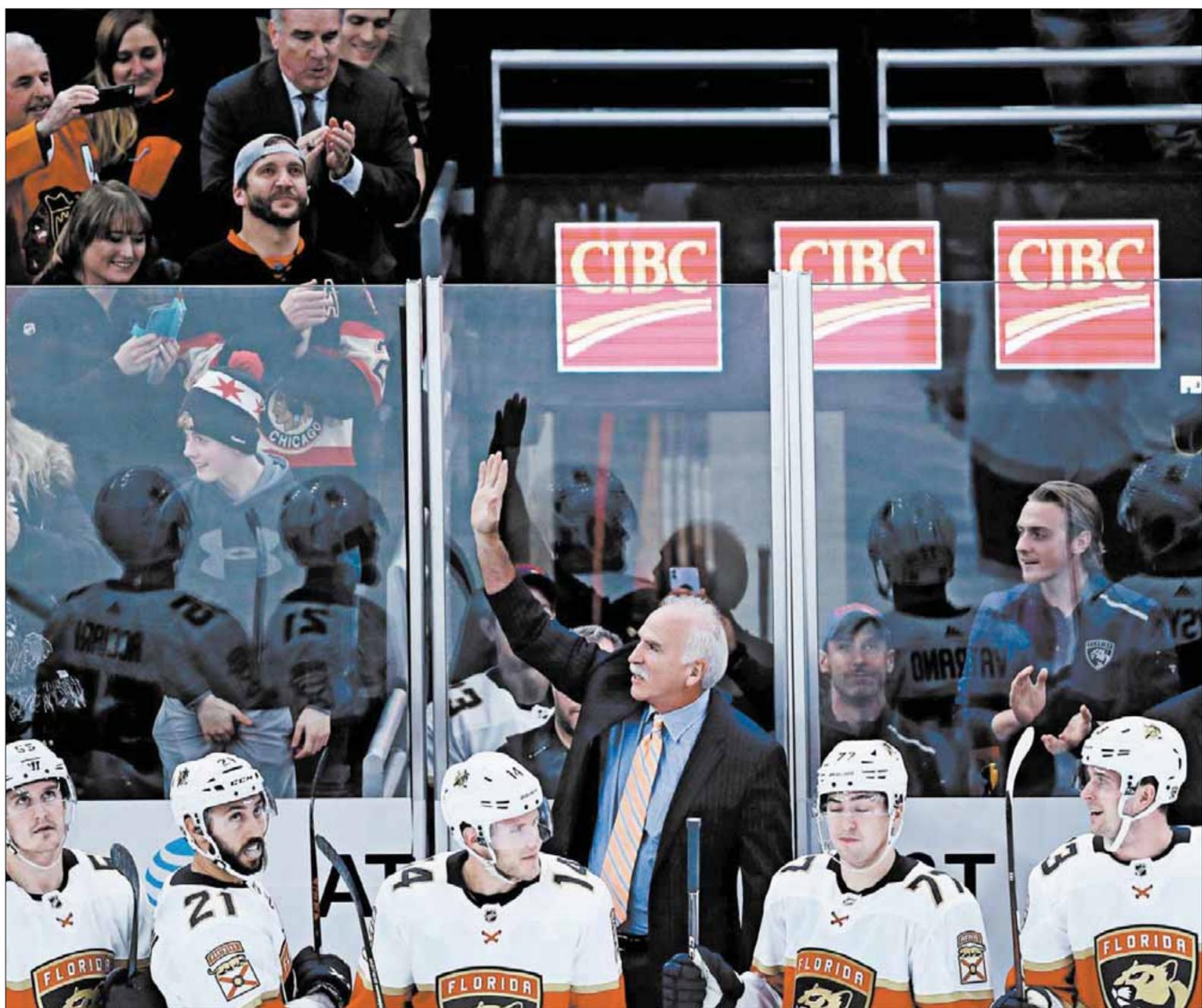
Yet on the home sideline at Arrowhead Stadium, the belief was where it so often is. With an MVP quarterback, an all-world tight end and more speed than Daytona International, the Chiefs had little reason to worry.

That 15-play, nine-minute drive the Titans used to go ahead 17-7? Like a spirited middle schooler testing his teacher, the Chiefs had their snappy answer ready. Five plays, 63 yards, less than three minutes. Touchdown.

One possession later, another breezy touchdown drive, this time to surge ahead for the rest of the afternoon.

And on the Chiefs' second series of the second half, another touchdown. Thirteen plays, 73 yards. Suddenly that double-digit playoff deficit had become a double-digit lead. Again. The Chiefs were comfortably in the express lane to Super Bowl LIV.

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**FORMER BLACKHAWKS COACH JOEL QUENNEVILLE RETURNS TO THE UNITED CENTER**

# 'I WAS A LUCKY GUY AT THE RIGHT TIME'

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD

More than 14 months after he was dismissed, it's still a little hard to believe Joel Quenneville is no longer the coach of the Blackhawks.

Few coaches in the history of Chicago sports have established a similar connection to one of the city's sports franchises as Quenneville. When he walked to the podium to hold a pregame news conference Tuesday at the United Center, on some level it felt as if he had never left.

The gruff-but-friendly voice, the iconic mustache, the rolled-up sleeves and the sly sense of humor were all still there. This was the same old Q in so many ways.

Of course, everything is different now.

Behind Quenneville stood a background featuring the dozens of logos of the Panthers, his new team that swooped him up last April. And as the questions started to come in, the reminders that he was here as a visitor were clear enough.

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## PANTHERS 4, BLACKHAWKS 3

First, there was the Joel Quenneville celebration and a scoreless first period Tuesday night at the United Center. Then the Panthers kicked it into gear. They outscored the Hawks 4-1 in the second period and held on down the stretch. Recap, **Back Page**

For the full story, go to [chicagotribune.com/sports](http://chicagotribune.com/sports)

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PHIL ROSENTHAL

## Clarifying Marquee issues

With the conclusion of the 2020 Cubs Convention — aka the Marquee Sports Network boos cruise — it's worth taking stock of what was and wasn't said about the new channel.

Marquee, a joint venture of the Cubs and Sinclair Broadcast Group, is set to launch with the spring training opener versus the Athletics on Feb. 22.

For all the details presented at the fan fest by Crane Kenney, Cubs president of business operations, some details remained that might benefit from more clarity.

### 1. What's the deal with all of those announcers?

The Cubs got a lot of mileage out of announcing a roster of analysts who will contribute in the booth and studio for Marquee.

Despite the splash the names made, it's not as though the guests with national gigs for MLB Network, ESPN and Fox — such as Chris Myers, Rick Sutcliffe, Doug Glanville, Ryan Dempster, Mark DeRosa, Carlos Pena and Dan Plesac — will be giving up their other jobs.

(This is not so different from when NBC Sports Chicago would use ESPN's Glanville and Fox's Frank Thomas on a part-time basis.)

What's more, there will be Cubs games on Marquee with only Len Kasper and Jim Deshaies on the call, the way it has been.

This is reassuring because three announcers is almost always too many on a baseball telecast, especially when there's also an in-game reporter, such as the newly hired Taylor McGregor.

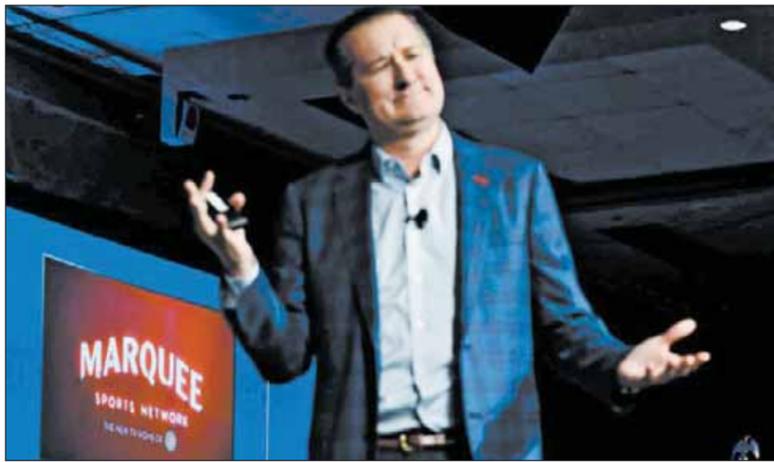
### 2. Turns out there was one more hire.

It wasn't a woman, despite Kenney conceding there's a need for Marquee to hire more of them.

Specifically, it was not Kelly Crull, the former Cubs in-game reporter whose NBC Sports Chicago contract expired, despite support for her hiring from conventioners.

Instead, Tony Andracki waited until after the Cubs Convention to tweet that he is leaving NBCSCH to join Marquee's digital team across all platforms.

An alumnus of St. Charles East and Illinois State, Andracki, 32, had been with NBCSCH/Comcast SportsNet since he got out of college.



JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Chairman Tom Ricketts reacts to boos while talking about the Marquee Sports Network.

### 3. There's more programming still to come.

The Cubs helped explain what will run on Marquee between the end of the season and spring training, airing Cubs-oriented programming and archival materials and drawing from the multiplatform Stadium and other Sinclair regional sports networks.

In addition to possibly simulcasting radio programming with WMVP-AM 1000 or team flagship WSCR-AM 670, there's also the possibility of producing non-game programming around the Bears and area college programs.

### 4. Comcast isn't the only one without a deal.

Kenney estimated Marquee has carriage agreements covering roughly 40% of the team's multistate market as determined by Major League Baseball.

He noted Comcast covers about half of the remaining households. Then he cited Dish Network, which serves close to 10% of the market's homes and says it will accept nothing less than upending the existing regional sports network business model.

That's a very rough estimate that doesn't account for WideOpenWest (WOW) and many tiny carriers across the Cubs' market. They may not add up to much but if you're a Cubs fan living in an area that one of them serves, it matters to you.

### 5. Then there are streaming services.

The Cubs expect they'll be able to pressure Comcast by reaching agreements with streaming services. Such deals would pose a competitive threat to Comcast, perhaps incentivizing disgruntled Xfinity subscribers to cut the cord. But there's work to be done on that front as well.

A deal is in place with AT&T TV, but Marquee has yet to reach carriage agreements with YouTube TV, Hulu with Live TV and FuboTV in the market area.

### 6. There's still always radio.

The WSCR call from Pat Hughes and Ron Coomer will remain available and free.

So for those fans whose carrier resists a deal to present Marquee — and those who don't want to or can't pay for a cable, satellite or streaming service — there is still that.

### 7. Some games won't be exclusive to Marquee, including a few on broadcast TV.

Marquee expects to have about 150 games the Cubs control exclusively.

But cable subscribers will be able to find some games on ESPN, such as Cubs at Brewers on March 29 — the season debut of "Sunday Night Baseball" — and the home opener versus the Pirates on March 30. FOX-32 will get some games thanks to the network's MLB deal.

### LET'S PLAY 2

	<b>Feb. 1</b> @Coyotes 7 p.m. NBCSCH	<b>Feb. 4</b> @Wild 7 p.m. NBCSN
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### WEDNESDAY ON TV/RADIO

<b>NBA</b>		
<b>6 p.m.</b> 76ers at Raptors		ESPN
<b>7 p.m.</b> Timberwolves at Bulls		NBCSCH WSCR-AM 670
<b>8:30 p.m.</b> Spurs at Pelicans		ESPN

### MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

<b>5:30 p.m.</b> Georgetown at Xavier		FS1
<b>6 p.m.</b> Penn State at Michigan		BTN
<b>6 p.m.</b> Syracuse at Notre Dame		ESPN2
<b>6 p.m.</b> South Carolina at Auburn		ESPNU
<b>6 p.m.</b> St. Bonaventure at Dayton		CBSN
<b>7:30 p.m.</b> Providence at Seton Hall		FS1
<b>8 p.m.</b> Creighton at DePaul		CBSN WIND-AM 560
<b>8 p.m.</b> Rutgers at Iowa		BTN
<b>8 p.m.</b> Memphis at Tulsa		ESPNU
<b>10 p.m.</b> UNLV at Nevada		CBSN

### FOOTBALL

<b>12:30 p.m.</b> Senior Bowl practice		ESPNU
<b>3 p.m.</b> Senior Bowl practice		ESPNU

### GOLF

<b>12:30 p.m.</b> Korn Ferry: Abaco Classic		Golf
<b>10 p.m.</b> Euro: Dubai Desert Classic		Golf

### NHL

<b>7 p.m.</b> Red Wings at Wild		NBCSN
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### SOCCER

<b>1:30 p.m.</b> Man. United vs. Burnley		NBCSN
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### TENNIS

<b>6 p.m.</b> Australian Open		Tennis
<b>8 p.m.</b> Australian Open		ESPN2
<b>2 a.m. (Thu.)</b> Australian Open		ESPN2

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## Sullivan

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"An arbitrator has to sit through weeks of testimony, sift through hundreds of pages of briefs. He's got an important job, and I'm sure he's moving as quickly as he can. But we'd rather that they get it right and not rush to any judgment."

When it does happen, the Cubs will have a better idea of how much they can get in return, considering only one year of team control — if Bryant wins the grievance — would greatly reduce his trade value. The Braves and Diamondbacks appear to be the most likely suitors, though the likeliest result of the Bryant saga, according to Epstein, is the "status quo."

That means no trade, and the Cubs offseason will have morphed into a "Seinfeld" episode — a show about nothing.

"Maybe we're just doing an Ali rope-a-dope on everybody and there will be some stuff later," Epstein said, referring to Muhammad Ali's winning strategy against George Foreman in their 1974 "Rumble in the Jungle" heavyweight title bout.

That tactic — letting your opponent wear himself out by taking an early pummeling — might work on the media that have pummeled the Cubs during this silent winter. How it has affected Bryant's psyche is a more important issue.

Epstein doesn't believe Bryant would let the trade rumors affect him if he stays.

"This is the business of baseball," he said. "And you come together in spring training."

If the Cubs don't trade Bryant before spring training begins Feb. 12 in Mesa, Ariz., he presumably will reveal if he felt "disrespected a lot" by the organization, as Arenado said about the Rockies' treatment of him.

In February the Rockies signed Arenado to an eight-year, \$260 million deal with an opt-out clause after 2021 and a no-trade clause. He was the face of the franchise. But less than a year later, they tried to trade him ... until Monday.

"With the season coming up and spring training on the horizon, we are going to start focusing on that," general manager Jeff Bridich told the Denver Post.

"We have listened to teams regarding Nolan, and really nothing has come of it. We are going to move forward pretty much as we expected — with Nolan in the purple and black and as our third baseman. So we can put this to bed and collectively look forward to the upcoming season and work toward that."

It doesn't take a genius to figure out the Rockies' price tag for Arenado was intentionally ridiculous, and they were hoping a desperate team pursuing free agent Josh Donaldson would give up the house when Donaldson signed with the Twins. Despite rumors of a possible deal with the Cardinals, no one bit, so Bridich

publicly took Arenado off the market.

The Cubs could do likewise and announce they won't trade Bryant. But Epstein doesn't feel the need to squelch a rumor he never has acknowledged publicly.

"Kris is an important guy here, and we expect him to be our opening third baseman," Epstein said. "But we've been open and transparent about the fact we'll talk about all our players this year."

Bryant declined to speak with the media over the weekend, citing a bout of the flu, which sparked a Twitter debate that his wife, Jessica, joined in on to defend her husband's integrity. He hasn't addressed the trade rumors publicly or on social media.

Epstein said there were no hard feelings between the two despite the grievance, the lack of an extension and trade rumors that popped up as often as a Baker Mayfield commercial.

"I have all the respect in the world for Kris Bryant," Epstein said.

"I appreciate everything that he's done as a Cub. I'm very proud of what he's done as a Cub. Proud that we drafted and developed him, though he didn't need much development at all."

Then why did Epstein send Bryant back to Triple-A Iowa on March 30, 2015, when the 2014 minor-league player of the year was leading all players in spring training with nine home runs and hitting .425?

The answer: Having seven years of team control of Bryant was much preferable to six.

Most fans have forgotten that on the fateful day the Cubs sent Bryant to the minors, they also sent down Javier Baez and Addison Russell, buying an extra year of team control for another future MVP candidate and a prospect who at the time seemed headed toward stardom.

The players union immediately got involved on Bryant's behalf, sending out a statement calling his demotion a "bad day for baseball."

"I think we all know that even if Kris Bryant were a combination of the greatest players to play our game, and perhaps he will be before it's all said and done, the Cubs still would have made the decision they made today," the statement said. "This decision, and other similar decisions made by clubs, will be addressed in litigation, bargaining or both."

But the union didn't get the rule changed in negotiations with owners over the next collective bargaining agreement in 2017. Five years after the union's strong denunciation of the Cubs' decision, the issue has yet to be resolved.

Meanwhile, manager David Ross said he expects to have Bryant in the lineup come spring training, and Bryant's teammates are hoping the rumors are just rumors.

"I don't know about the truth, but all the players (feel) the same way," pitcher Yu Darvish said. "We don't want him to go anywhere. But it's a business, right? He's a great person and a great player, so I hope he stays."

## BASEBALL

## CUBS

## Revamped pen a work in progress

With new arms and rules, Hottovy faces the unknown

BY MARK GONZALES

A lack of financial flexibility has resulted in the Cubs signing a bunch of unseasoned relievers to non-guaranteed contracts.

They hope the versatility of those relievers will help the team adapt to significant rules changes and make up for the free-agent departures of veterans Pedro Strop, Steve Cishek and Brandon Kintzler.

"It's exciting because we had some success with some guys we acquired," pitching coach Tommy Hottovy said, referring to the performances last year by Rowan Wick and Brad Wieck and the potential of several newcomers.

"You watch them pitch and see them maybe not using a pitch quite the way we'd like them to use them or having the breaking ball break not quite the way we want them to. Oh, man, it would be nice to get this guy to get in the (pitching) lab or this guy to pitch a little bit more inside."

The versatility is key in light of new rules that will affect strategy as well as bullpen construction.

Pitchers must face a minimum of three batters unless the side is retired or an injury occurs. This was designed to speed up the pace of play, but it also places a premium on pitchers who can neutralize left-handed and right-handed hitters.

"The change is for the better, but we have to focus on relievers who can get out hitters from both sides of the plate," Cubs President Theo Epstein said.

Epstein gave an example in which a left-handed reliever called on to face Brewers All-Star slugger Christian Yelich must be trusted to retire three batters.

Dan Winkler, whom the Cubs signed as a free agent, possesses a sharp cut fastball that helped him limit left-handed and right-handed batters to a .222 average in 27 appearances with the Braves last year.

Wieck, a 6-foot-9 left-hander the Cubs acquired from the Padres in a July deadline deal, limited right-handers to a .181 average, compared with a .230 mark against left-handers.

"A lot of times you can predict when a move would happen," Hottovy said. "Now it will be interesting to see what coaches value and how they want to game plan for that kind of stuff?"

The other rule change requires pitchers to spend a minimum of 15 days on the injured list. The change was made after teams used the 10-day IL to manipulate their rosters by shuttling relievers to and from their Triple-A affiliates and aligning their rotations so a starter could miss only one start if placed on the IL.

"You have to plan accordingly," said Epstein, who endorsed the three-batter minimum rule.

The three-batter minimum could cut down on consecutive appearances for a reliever, depending on his pitch count in the previous game.

The Cubs gained some roster flexibility by acquiring Winkler, Ryan Tepera, Travis Lakins and left-hander CD Pellam, each of whom has minor-league options remaining.

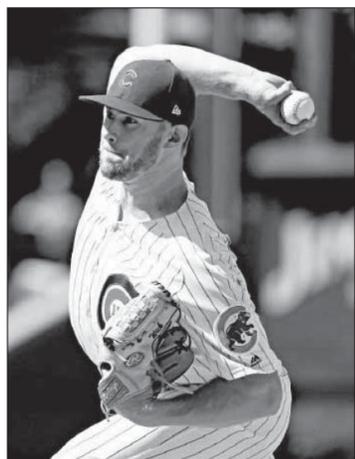
So do Adbert Alzolay and newcomer Jharel Cotton, who are competing for the fifth spot in the rotation and could serve as long relievers.

That provides some protection because fifth-starter candidate (and potential long reliever) Alec Mills, Duane Underwood Jr. and Casey Sadler are out of options, and Rule 5 pick Trevor Megill must be offered back to the Padres if he doesn't make the Cubs roster.

Teams will be limited to 13 pitchers on their 26-man rosters, but the Cubs have opted for a 13-man staff for much of the last two seasons. Closer Craig Kimbrel, Kyle Ryan, Wick and perhaps Wieck appear to be the only relievers assured of a spot on the opening-day roster.

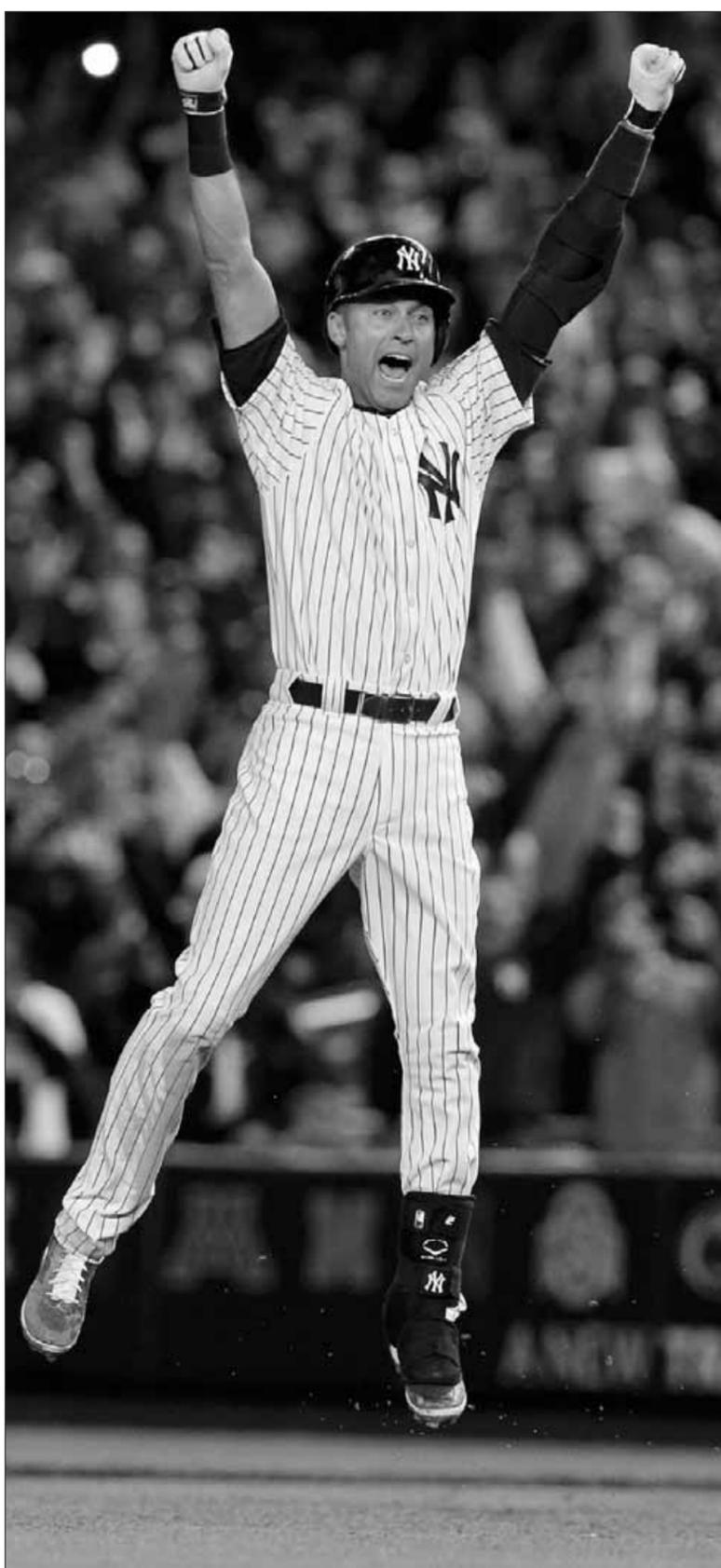
Hottovy believes Ryan will play a prominent role based on his 58.2% ground-ball rate in addition to limiting lefties to a .226 average for the Cubs last season.

"The goal will be to see less mid-inning pitching changes," Hottovy said.



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Reliever Rowan Wick was impressive in his first season with the Cubs.



JULIE JACOBSON/AP

Derek Jeter was voted into the Baseball Hall of Fame by 396 out of 397 voters.

## BASEBALL HALL OF FAME

## Yankees' Jeter gets Hall call

No. 2 left off just 1 ballot; Walker also gains entry

BY RONALD BLUM

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Derek Jeter came within one vote of being a unanimous pick for the Hall of Fame while Larry Walker also earned baseball's highest honor Tuesday.

Jeter, the longtime Yankees captain, appeared on 396 of 397 ballots cast by the Baseball Writers' Association of America, falling just shy of the standard set when teammate Mariano Rivera became the first unanimous selection last year. Jeter's 99.7% moved above Ken Griffey Jr. (99.3%) for the second-highest.

"I was speechless when I got the call," Jeter said. "Quite frankly, I was pretty nervous, and when I got it I really didn't know what to say."

It was not immediately known which voter didn't choose Jeter, who was listed on all 219 ballots made public before the announcement. The BBWAA will release additional ballots Feb. 4 of writers who chose a public listing.

"I don't like to jinx anything," Jeter said. "No one assumes they're going to go to the Hall of Fame."

Walker appeared on 304 ballots, six above the 75% needed, up from 54.6% last year. He was making his 10th and final appearance on the BBWAA ballot and tweeted earlier in the day "I believe I'm going to come up a little short today."

Pitcher Curt Schilling was third with 278 votes (70%) in his eighth ballot appearance, an increase from 60.9% but still 20 votes shy. The steroids-tainted pair of Roger Clemens (61%) and Barry Bonds (60.7%) both showed slight increases. Bonds rose from 59.1% last year and Clemens from 59.5%.

Jeter and Walker will be inducted July 26 at the Hall in Cooperstown along with catcher Ted Simmons and former players' association head Marvin Miller, who were voted in last month by the Hall's Modern Era Committee.

A five-time World Series champion, Jeter became a face of baseball as he starred in the

nation's largest media market from 1995-2014. He was the AL rookie of the year in 1996 as the Yankees won the World Series for the first time since 1978, then led the club to three straight titles from 1998-2000, the only team to accomplish the feat since the 1972-74 A's. The rebuilt Yankees added their 27th title in 2009.

Jeter defined himself by moments more than numbers: his unexpected backhand flip from foul territory to throw out the A's Jeremy Giambi in the 2001 AL Division Series; his Mr. November home run in the 10th inning that won Game 4 of the 2001 World Series; his face-first leap into the stands after catching a 12th-inning popup by the Red Sox's Trot Nixon in 2004; a home run into the left-field bleachers for his 3,000th hit as part of a career-best 5-for-5 game in 2011; a ninth-inning walkoff single in his final home game in 2014; a single in his last at-bat three days later that lifted his career average to .310.

Drafted sixth overall in 1992 after he was spotted by Yankees scout Dick Grouch as a high school junior a year earlier, Jeter debuted for the Yankees on May 29, 1995, and was installed as shortstop the following spring training by new manager Joe Torre.

Jeter became a 14-time All-Star and five-time Gold Glove winner despite defensive metrics that were maligned. He was appointed captain by owner George Steinbrenner in June 2003, filling a position that had been open since Don Mattingly's retirement after the 1995 season. He finished with 3,465 hits, 260 homers, 358 stolen bases and 1,311 RBIs, earning \$266 million.

Jeter used some of his savings to join the group purchasing the Miami Marlins in September 2017, becoming CEO. Jettisoning veterans and going with low-priced youth in a way the Yankees never did, Jeter endured a pair of last-place finishes and the lowest home attendance in the major leagues.

Walker hit .313 with .383 homers, 1,311 RBIs and 230 stolen bases for the Expos (1989-94), Rockies (1995-2004) and Cardinals (2004-05), a five-time All-Star and seven-time Gold Glove winner. He led the majors in batting average three times.

## BULLS

## BULLS TAKEAWAYS

## Markkanen ineffective down stretch

BY JAMAL COLLIER

MILWAUKEE — One of the most confusing parts about these games, the ones in which Lauri Markkanen fades down the stretch, is that they usually begin with so much promise.

The Bulls start out looking to get Markkanen involved, like they did Saturday night against the Cavaliers and briefly during Monday's 111-98 loss to the Bucks. He'll even put together a strong first half, like his eight points and seven rebounds before the break in Milwaukee.

What follows is perplexing. Sometimes Markkanen sits on the bench for an extended period. Sometimes he follows up with a performance like Monday's second half, when he was scoreless with one rebound. Usually he ends up standing around beyond the 3-point arc, not spending much time shooting the ball or attacking the rim.

This was the second time in three games Markkanen failed to score in the second half in what is quickly becoming a disappointing season in which his usage is a nightly issue. That's the first of three takeaways from the Bulls' loss to the Bucks.

### 1. Lauri Markkanen's perplexing season continues.

More than half of Markkanen's field-goal attempts this season are from beyond the arc.

He had opportunities to shoot Monday, and both he and coach Jim Boylen will admit Markkanen missed some clean attempts in going 2-for-11 from the field and 0-for-7 from 3-point range. It further emphasized another point, that Markkanen shoots almost exclusively from beyond the arc now, rarely getting a chance to score around the basket.

"If you shoot the ball like that, you don't deserve touches," Markkanen said. "So you can't really complain."

Maybe he has a point, but the Bulls need to find someone to score alongside Zach LaVine. They hoped Markkanen, their second-most talented offensive player, would be ready to take that step forward in his third season. Could a chance at more shots near the basket help him contribute on nights when his outside shot is not falling?

"I think I can do a lot of good things besides just shoot 3s but obviously haven't been able to do that lately," Markkanen said. "So just got to figure out the ways that I can attack the rim more and get to the free-throw line."

Some of the blame goes on Markkanen, who needs to be more aggressive on offense most nights. Some of the blame falls on Boylen, who is searching for ways to maximize Markkanen's talent within his system. And maybe some of the blame goes to an injured ankle Markkanen has acknowledged is better but still not 100%.

If this Bulls season is going to continue going nowhere, they need to figure out what's going on with Markkanen, whose development is perhaps most essential to the team's success going forward.

Without him, the foundation of this rebuild begins to get flimsy.

### 2. The Bucks look like the best team in the NBA.

The Bucks are going to flirt with 70 wins this season. They have the reigning NBA Most Valuable Player in Giannis Antetokounmpo, who is playing like the favorite to win the award again. The Bucks, winners of seven straight, are rolling and might be the best team in the league.

Monday's game — and the entire season series for that matter — offered a glimpse of the wide margin between the two teams: The Bulls quickly heading nowhere while the Bucks look poised to play into June.

"They've got a star player," Boylen said. "They can beat you from the 3-point line. They can beat you from the free-throw line. And they can beat you defensively when they don't have a night when they're scoring."

"That's what championship-caliber teams look like.

The Bucks overwhelmed the Bulls offense, holding it to 37% shooting and 29% percent from 3-point range, though the Bulls matched a franchise record by attempting 48 3s.

Meanwhile, the Bucks knocked down shots with plenty of confidence and space, shooting a season-high 57.7%. The Bulls have only one victory against a winning team this season and ran into a juggernaut that has lost only six times.

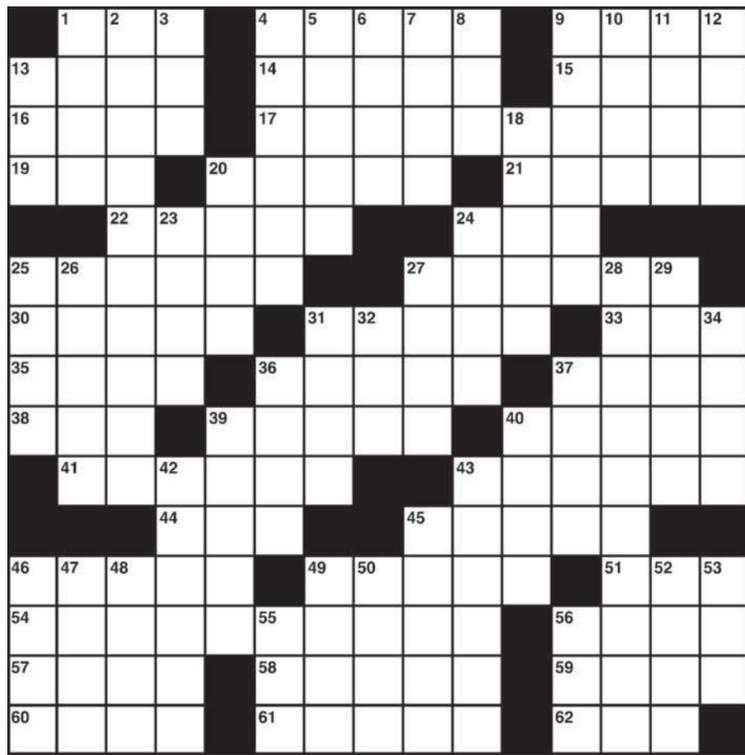
### 3. The Bulls continue to go small.

The lineup did not have as much success as it did leading the comeback Saturday night against the Cavaliers. But the Bulls went small again against the Bucks with Markkanen playing the five and Chandler Hutchison the four.

They even used a version of that lineup with Thaddeus Young — who, with 14 points, 4-of-8 3-point shooting and six rebounds, had probably the best game of any Bull — at the four instead of Hutchison.

These lineups are worth a look, especially when the team is short-handed in the frontcourt with Daniel Gafford and Wendell Carter Jr. sidelined by injuries.

# Crossword



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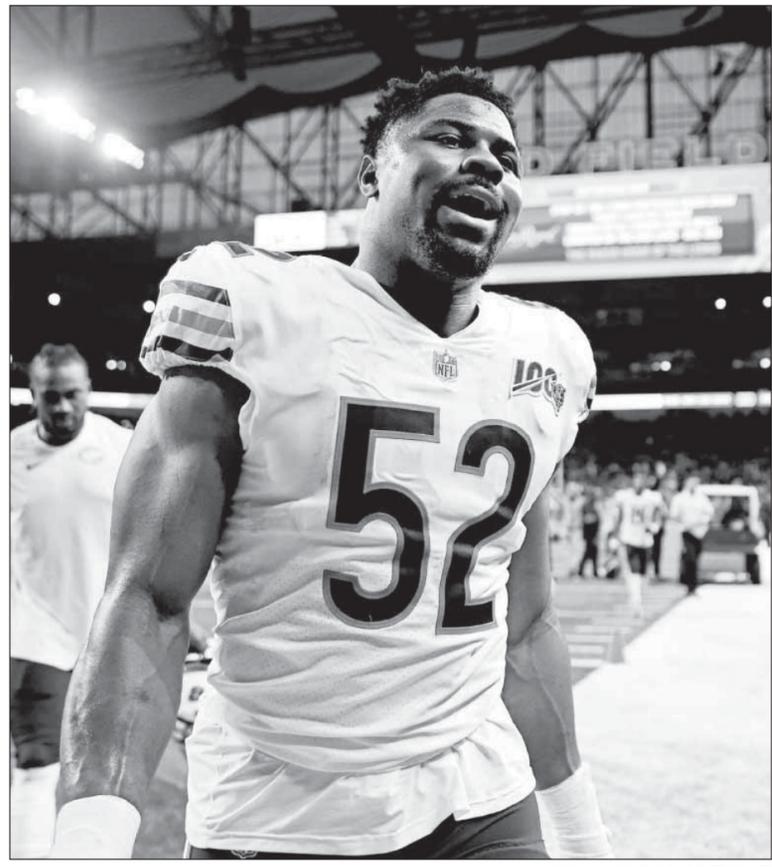
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  - 17 Loyalty
  - 19 Ike's initials
  - 20 Traffic light color
  - 21 Vision
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  - 24 "Peter \_\_\_"
  - 25 Holy
  - 27 Wild animals
  - 30 Even up; make parallel
  - 31 Purple shade
  - 33 One not to be trusted
  - 35 Deputy Barney \_\_\_; Don Knotts role
  - 36 Employee's delight
  - 37 Dinner beverage
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  - 40 Chatter
  - 41 Zigzag skiing
  - 43 Stadiums
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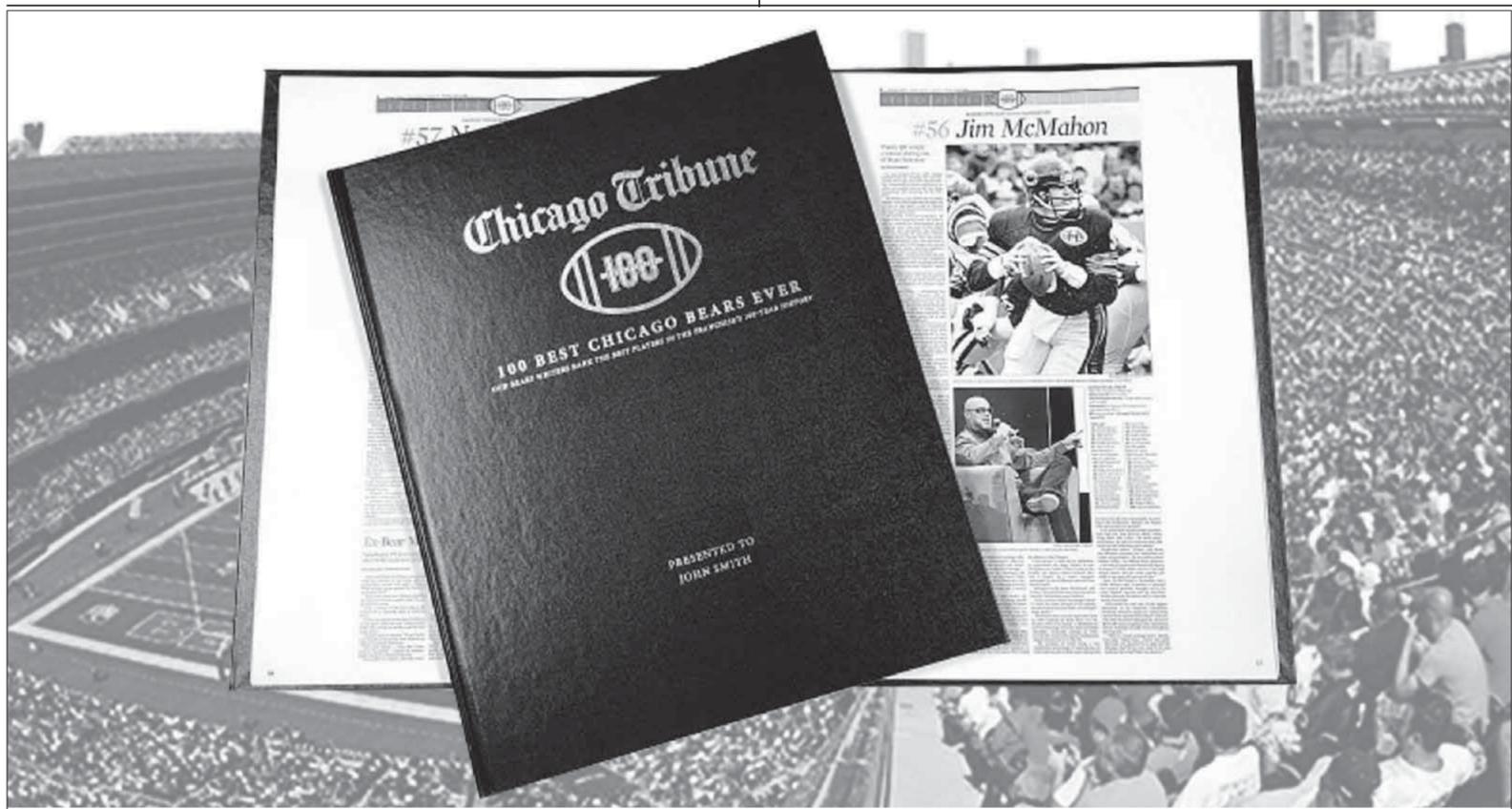
Bears outside linebacker Khalil Mack will miss the Pro Bowl with an undisclosed injury.

## Mack to miss Pro Bowl for a second straight year

By COLLEEN KANE

Bears outside linebacker Khalil Mack will miss the Pro Bowl on Sunday in Orlando, Fla. The Packers announced Tuesday morning that linebacker Za'Darius Smith will replace Mack, who they said will sit out with an undisclosed injury. Mack, who had 8½ sacks, 14 quarterback hits, 45 pressures and five forced fumbles in 16 games in 2019, has been a Pro Bowl selection for five straight years, including the last two with the Bears. His absence is not surprising. After he was selected to the Pro Bowl in December, he wouldn't answer questions about whether he would play in the game. He also missed last year's game with an undisclosed injury.

Smith had 13½ sacks, 37 quarterback hits and 50 pressures in his first season in Green Bay. It will be his first Pro Bowl appearance. The Packers also announced that wide receiver Davante Adams and defensive lineman Kenny Clark will attend the Pro Bowl as injury replacements after the loss to the 49ers in the NFC championship game. The Bears will have three players in the Pro Bowl: safety Eddie Jackson, special teams representative Cordarrelle Patterson and cornerback Kyle Fuller, who was named as an injury replacement earlier this month. The NFL announced Tuesday that Jackson and Patterson will participate in the Pro Bowl Skills Showdown for the NFC team. That competition will air at 8 p.m. Thursday on ESPN.



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## SUPER BOWL

‘Crazy’ path  
a foundation  
for MostertCut by 6 teams, 49ers RB  
kept ‘faith,’ proved worthBy JOSH DUBOW  
Associated Press

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Before taking the field each week, Raheem Mostert seeks out motivation.

There it is in a list of all the times he's been cut by NFL teams. The Eagles, Dolphins and Ravens all let Mostert go in 2015. The Browns, Jets and Bears all sent him packing the following year before he ended up on the 49ers practice squad.

That unlikely path that saw Mostert get cut almost as many times as he was handed the ball his first three seasons somehow has led to the Super Bowl after he posted one of the greatest postseason performances ever by a running back.

“The journey’s been crazy,” Mostert said. “Not everybody can deal with that type of stress and pain and agony that I went through. But like I said, I kept the faith in not only myself but whoever gave me the opportunity.”

The 49ers are the beneficiaries of that as the former skateboarder and surfer has proven to be skilled enough on his own two feet as an NFL running back when he was finally given the chance.

Mostert led the 49ers in rushing this season with 772 yards and provided the signature performance of his career on the big stage of the NFC championship game when he ran for 220 yards and four touchdowns in a 37-20 win over the Packers on Sunday that sent the 49ers to the Super Bowl.

Only Hall of Famer Eric Dickerson has rushed for more yards in a playoff game with 248 for the Rams against the Cowboys on Jan. 4, 1986.

“He’s been a special teams player for so long because of his speed, I’m just so happy that he’s getting the opportunity to showcase his ability at running back,” tackle Joe Staley said. “The guy works harder than really anybody, and he’s been patient. Never really complained about his role, always just shows up, works hard and this is what happens when you accept your roles on a team, you don’t worry about results, you don’t worry about stats, and then you have a moment like this. He was ready for this the whole season.”

Mostert wasn’t sure this day would ever come.

“It just made me stronger,” he said of bouncing around the NFL. “I got immune to being cut. I wanted to show the world what I can do.”

Mostert ended up with the 49ers in 2017 when coach Chip Kelly, who initially signed him with the Eagles, gave him another shot. He played one game late that season and got his first career carry before he had to impress a new staff when Kyle Shanahan took over the following year.

Mostert is the only skill position player still on the 49ers who was here when Shanahan arrived as he proved indispensable as a special teams stand-out and then slowly carved out a bigger role. He had a handful of carries his first year under Shanahan as he adjusted from playing mostly out of the shotgun to the outside zone running scheme utilized by the 49ers.

The coaching staff realized Mostert’s blazing speed could be an asset in that one cut and go system. He ran for 250 yards in a four-game stretch before breaking his arm midway through last season.

He came into this season fourth on the depth chart at running back before finally starting to get the bulk of the carries in December, starting with a 146-yard game on the road against the Ravens.

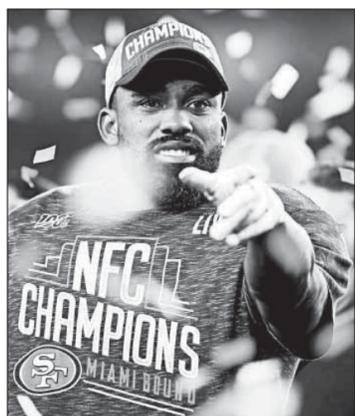
While Mostert has become the featured back, he hasn’t forgotten his special teams roots. He still gets extensive time on coverage units and his speed as a gunner helped cause a muffed punt in a divisional round playoff win over the Vikings.

Special teams mean so much to Mostert that he even named his son, Gunnar, after his role on punt coverage.

That’s something he doesn’t want to give up.

“It hasn’t crossed my mind because I’m still that team guy,” he said. “I love playing special teams. I don’t take it for granted because that’s where I started ... made my mark.”

Now Mostert is making an even bigger mark in his new role.



TONY AVELAR/AP

Raheem Mostert on being cut six times from 2015-16: “It just made me stronger.”



TOM PENNINGTON/GETTY

Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes reacts after running for a 27-yard touchdown against the Titans in the AFC Championship game.

## Wiederer

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This was another glimpse into what’s possible with an elite quarterback and a high-powered offense. This was another snapshot of how Patrick Mahomes turns fourth downs into first downs and then touchdowns; how he turns anxiety into swagger; how he can take a busted passing play and somehow mold it into a game-changing 27-yard touchdown run.

Dodging one defender, ducking another. Tiptoeing down the sideline. With the agility and aplomb to deliver a momentous play on the big stage.

“That’s Mahomes,” tight end Travis Kelce told reporters after the 35-24 Chiefs win. “That’s the best way you can explain it.”

That fuel has propelled the Chiefs back to the Super Bowl. Top-tier quarterback play. An explosive offense. A sharp sense of superiority.

A little while later, roughly 1,800 miles away in California, the 49ers navigated their own path to Miami. Bulldozed it, really. They didn’t need elite quarterback play in the NFC championship game to topple one of the all-time greatest quarterbacks. Instead, with 4:49 to play in the third quarter, the 49ers had scored 34 points while throwing only six passes.

Why stray from what works when the offensive line is mauling Packers defenders, when the running back has found his groove, when the coach/play caller is in a rhythm?

By evening’s end, the 49ers’ 37-20 throttling of Aaron Rodgers and Co. was a

masterpiece, an old-school beatdown in which they ran the ball on 42 of 51 plays.

It was a dedicated approach, a shrewd game plan executed with physicality and focus. It was, quite simply, a team flexing and making it clear it belongs in the sport’s preeminent game.

The Super Bowl — a field trip the Bears have made only twice in 54 years — remains a place for elite teams that know who they are, teams that can lock in for big games with confidence that they are equipped to succeed under pressure.

That’s why the Chiefs and 49ers deserve acclaim these next two weeks for believing in their different approaches but showing what dialed-in execution looks like.

Fans in Chicago might find themselves flummoxed trying to sort through which Super Bowl formula the Bears would be wiser attempting to clone. The 49ers have proved pretty convincingly that pairing a feisty defense with a commitment to a physical running game can generate a major breakthrough.

During the regular season, the 49ers were the NFC’s top rushing team, averaging 144.1 yards per game. In two playoff wins, that average spiked to a mind-boggling 235.5 yards.

Sunday’s steamroller approach gave coach Kyle Shanahan satisfaction.

“We were hoping to do something like that going in,” Shanahan said after the win. “But you never plan for it to be like *that*. When you’re watching how the guys were running and then watching how our defense was playing, it made it very easy to stick with. ... The guys played as aggressive as any team I’ve been on. And that made it very easy to call plays.”

In a similar manner, the Chiefs have

reminded Bears coach Matt Nagy what he left behind in Kansas City, Mo., what he hopes to awaken one day within his offense. Rhythm. Confidence. Aggressiveness. Production.

In two playoff wins, with the offense the Bears attack is modeled after, the Chiefs scored 12 touchdowns. That was the Bears’ touchdown total in Weeks 11-17 — seven games.

The Chiefs blitzed through January offensively, rolling to the Super Bowl with 838 total yards and 56 first downs in wins over the Texans and Titans. They scored at least 10 points in five of eight quarters.

The 2019 Bears scored 10 points or more in seven quarters. Out of 64.

For the 49ers and Chiefs, the final touchdowns of their conference championship wins Sunday were fitting exclamation points.

In Kansas City, Mahomes again went off script and thrived outside of the playbook’s design. With sound protection, he bought time in the pocket, maneuvered to his right and launched a rocket to Sammy Watkins for a 60-yard touchdown.

Why the heck not?

In Santa Clara, Calif., 49ers running back Raheem Mostert capped his 220-yard, four-touchdown day with a determined dash. He followed his fullback, trusted his blocking and turned on the jets. Twenty-two yards later, he lowered his shoulder at the goal line and dropped Packers cornerback Tramon Williams.

Another touchdown. Another message delivered.

This all sets up an appealing Super Bowl. It should be an entertaining and perhaps educational show from two teams with impressive talent, energized leadership and an understanding of who they are.

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**COLLEGE BASKETBALL**



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Illinois' Kofi Cockburn looks to shoot over Purdue's Matt Haarms during the first half Tuesday in West Lafayette, Ind.

**ILLINOIS 79, PURDUE 62**

# Doubling is their pleasure

Double-doubles by Cockburn, Dosunmu fuel 5th straight win

BY MICHAEL MAROT  
Associated Press

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. — Kofi Cockburn had 22 points and 15 rebounds, Trent Frazier scored 21 points, and Ayo Dosunmu added 18 points and 11 assists as No. 21 Illinois pulled away in the second half for a 79-62 victory at Purdue on Tuesday night.

The Illini (14-5, 6-2 Big Ten) have won five straight league games for the first time in nearly seven years and are off to their best conference start since 2005-06. They also swept the Boilermakers for the first time since 2008-09 and ended Purdue's 15-game conference winning streak at Mackey Arena.

Nojel Eastern had 14 points, and Trevion Williams scored 12 to lead Purdue (10-9, 4-4). The Boilermakers have lost four of five.

It really wasn't even close over the final 20 minutes, either.

Illinois opened the second half on a 7-0 run, erasing a 30-29 halftime deficit, then

took advantage of five straight baskets to extend the lead to 49-39 with 13:30 to play.

The Illini made it 60-45 on Giorgi Bezhaniashvili's 3-pointer with 8:27 to go, and Purdue couldn't get closer than nine the rest of the game.

The Illini pulled off a rare feat by winning a Big Ten road game. And the reason is obvious — defense travels. Illinois came into the game allowing 57.3 points as teams shot just 36.6% from the field and 31.1% on 3s during their previous four wins. They weren't quite as good Tuesday, allowing Purdue to shoot 41.1% from the field and 37.5% on 3s — but they were more than good enough.

The Boilermakers keep struggling to score, and it caught up to them again on Tuesday. After scoring only 37 points in the first meeting with Illinois, the Boilermakers couldn't reach the 60-point mark on their home court until the final minute. If coach Matt Painter can't find a solution soon, with the midway point of conference play fast approaching, it could be an even tougher final two months.

Bezhaniashvili had 10 points for Illinois.

Cockburn nearly posted a double-double in the first half with nine points and nine rebounds. Frazier's streak of turnover-free basketball ended at 193 minutes Tuesday. The guard went nearly 6¼ games between turnovers. The Illini also snapped a seven-game losing streak at Mackey Arena.

Matt Haarms had 10 points and six rebounds for Purdue. Sasha Stefanovic had nine points. The Boilermakers were outbounded 37-19, giving Illinois an 83-53 advantage in this season's two games. The Boilermakers had won six straight home games against ranked opponents at home before Tuesday.

Illinois guard Alan Griffin was ejected with 12:21 left in the first half for a flagrant 2 foul.

A replay review showed Griffin intentionally stomped on Stefanovic's midsection after the Purdue guard had driven to the basket for a layup, bringing a crescendo of boos from the crowd. Stefanovic made one of two free throws for an unusual three-point play.

Illinois hits the road again Saturday when it heads to Michigan.

**MARYLAND 77, NORTHWESTERN 66**

# Cats hiss, then start to miss

NU puts scare into Terps before blowing 15-point lead

BY ANDREW SELIGMAN  
Associated Press

Jalen Smith scored a career-high 25 points, and No. 17 Maryland rallied to beat Northwestern 77-66 on Tuesday night at Welsh-Ryan Arena.

The Terrapins trailed by as many as 15 points in the first half and were down 10 in the second when they went on a 15-2 run.

Back-to-back 3-pointers by Aaron Wiggins and Anthony Cowan Jr. gave Maryland (15-4, 5-3 Big Ten) its first lead at 56-55 with 9 minutes, 10 seconds remaining before Smith punctuated it with a hard dunk. Smith also hit a huge 3 with just under two minutes left to make it 72-63, lifting the Terrapins to their second straight win after back-to-back losses.

Smith, a sophomore, surpassed his previous high of 21 points against Minnesota last season. Wiggins scored 17. And Maryland came away with the win after dropping four straight away from home despite shooting just 35%.

Pat Spencer led Northwestern (6-12, 1-7) with 17 points. Miller Kopp scored 16. But the Wildcats lost for the eighth time in nine games.

Northwestern came into the game ranked 13th in the Big Ten in scoring but took a 40-26 lead to the locker room after a blistering first half.

Kopp scored 11 and Nance added nine points. Northwestern shot 15 of 25 overall, made 4 of 6 3-pointers and clamped down on Maryland.

Cowan and Jalen Smith each scored just four points, and the Terrapins shot just 6 of 25 overall and 5 of 17 from beyond the arc.

Northwestern led 36-21 after a floater by A.J. Turner and had a 14-point lead at the half. The Wildcats dropped another tight game after losing by four at Illinois on Saturday.

They will try to stop their skid Sunday when they host Ohio State.

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# SCOREBOARD

## NFL

**PRO BOWL**  
**Sunday in Orlando, Fla.**  
 AFC vs. NFC, 2 p.m. (ESPN)  
**SUPER BOWL**  
**Sunday, Feb. 2 in Miami Gardens, Fla.**  
 Kansas City (14-4) vs. San Francisco (15-3), 5:30 p.m. (FOX)

## NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Toronto	29	14	.674	—
Boston	28	14	.667	½
Philadelphia	29	16	.644	1
Brooklyn	18	24	.429	10½
New York	12	32	.273	17½
SOUTHEAST				
Miami	30	13	.698	—
Orlando	21	28	.437	9½
Washington	14	28	.333	15½
Charlotte	15	30	.333	16
Atlanta	10	34	.227	20½
CENTRAL				
Milwaukee	39	6	.867	—
Indiana	28	16	.636	10½
Detroit	16	28	.364	22½
Chicago	16	29	.356	23
Cleveland	12	32	.273	26½

WESTERN CONFERENCE				
SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Dallas	27	16	.628	—
Houston	26	16	.619	½
Memphis	20	23	.465	7
San Antonio	19	23	.452	7½
New Orleans	17	27	.386	10½
NORTHWEST				
Denver	30	13	.698	—
Utah	30	13	.698	—
Oklahoma City	25	19	.568	5½
Portland	19	26	.422	12
Minnesota	15	28	.349	15
PACIFIC				
L.A. Lakers	34	9	.791	—
L.A. Clippers	31	13	.705	3½
Phoenix	18	25	.419	16
Sacramento	15	28	.349	19
Golden State	10	35	.222	25

**TUESDAY'S RESULT**  
 L.A. Clippers 110, Dallas 107  
**WEDNESDAY'S GAMES**  
 Oklahoma City at Orlando, 6 p.m.  
 Philadelphia at Toronto, 6 p.m.  
 Sacramento at Detroit, 6 p.m.  
 L.A. Clippers at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.  
 L.A. Lakers at New York, 6:30 p.m.  
 Memphis at Boston, 6:30 p.m.  
 Washington at Miami, 6:30 p.m.  
 Denver at Houston, 7 p.m.  
 Minnesota at Chicago, 7 p.m.  
 Indiana at Phoenix, 8 p.m.  
 San Antonio at New Orleans, 8:30 p.m.  
 Utah at Golden State, 9 p.m.

## CLIPPERS 110, MAVERICKS 107

**LA CLIPPERS:** Harkless 0-0 0-0, Leonard 12-29 11-12 36, Zubac 2-8 5-6 9, Beverley 3-5 0-0 9, Shamet 5-8 3-3 18, Patterson 0-2 0-0 0, Green 2-6 2-6, Harrell 5-13 2-12, McGruder 2-4 0-0 4, Robinson 0-3 0-0 0, Williams 5-19 3-4 16. Totals 36-97 26-33 110.  
**DALLAS:** Finney-Smith 3-8 0-0 8, Porzingis 4-17 1-1 10, Powell 0-1 1-2 1, Doncic 12-26 9-14 36, Hardaway Jr. 4-12 2-3 13, Kleber 4-7 0-0 8, Marjanovic 5-6 2-2 12, Barea 1-3 0-0 3, Brunson 2-3 2-2 6, Curry 3-6 0-0 8, Wright 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 39-91 17-24 107.

LA Clippers	24	36	22	28	-110
Dallas	24	25	29	29	-107

**3-Point Goals**—L.A. Clippers 12-38 (Shamet 5-8, Beverley 3-3, Williams 3-11, Leonard 1-9, Green 0-2, Patterson 0-2, Robinson 0-2), Dallas 12-43 (Hardaway Jr. 3-7, Doncic 3-12, Curry 2-3, Finney-Smith 2-6, Barea 1-2, Porzingis 1-8, Kleber 0-3). **Rebounds**—L.A. Clippers 57 (Leonard 11), Dallas 49 (Doncic 10). **Assists**—LAC 19 (Beverley, Williams 4), Dallas 23 (Doncic 9). **Fouls**—LAC 21, Dallas 23. A—19,783 (19,200)

## SEASON'S BEST: SCORING

PLAYER	Date	Tm	Opp	PT
Damian Lillard	1/20	Por	GS	61
James Harden	11/30	Hou	Atl	60
Damian Lillard	11/8	Por	Brk	60
James Harden	10/30	Hou	Was	59
James Harden	12/11	Hou	Cle	59
James Harden	12/13	Hou	Orl	54
D'Angelo Russell	11/8	GS	Min	52
Giannis Antetokounmpo	11/25	Mil	Utah	50
Anthony Davis	12/8	LAL	Min	50
James Harden	12/3	Hou	SA	50
Kyrie Irving	10/23	Brk	Min	50
James Harden	11/16	Hou	Min	49
Brandon Ingram	1/16	NO	Utah	49
Zach LaVine	11/23	Chi	Char	49
Trae Young	11/29	Atl	Ind	49

source: basketball-reference.com through Monday

## NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
ATLANTIC	W	L	OT Pts	GF GA
Boston	29	10	12	70 169 135
Tampa Bay	29	15	4	62 175 137
Florida	28	15	6	61 183 163
Toronto	25	17	7	57 176 165
Buffalo	22	20	7	51 145 152
Montreal	22	21	7	51 155 157
Ottawa	17	23	4	42 130 163
Detroit	12	34	4	28 107 195
METRO.				
Washington	33	11	5	71 177 144
Pittsburgh	31	14	5	67 168 136
N.Y. Islanders	29	15	5	63 143 132
Carolina	29	18	3	61 159 132
Columbus	26	16	8	60 134 127
Philadelphia	27	17	6	60 158 150
N.Y. Rangers	23	21	4	50 158 159
New Jersey	17	24	7	41 126 173

## WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL				
W	L	OT Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	30	11	8	68 158 134
Colorado	28	15	6	62 179 143
Dallas	27	17	4	58 125 120
Winnipeg	25	21	4	54 149 156
Chicago	24	21	6	54 155 161
Nashville	22	18	7	51 156 154
Minnesota	22	21	6	50 152 164
PACIFIC				
Vancouver	27	18	4	58 162 149
Edmonton	26	18	5	57 155 153
Calgary	26	19	5	57 135 147
Arizona	26	20	5	57 146 138
Vegas	25	20	7	57 161 159
San Jose	21	25	4	46 130 167
Anaheim	19	24	5	43 122 150
Los Angeles	18	27	5	41 125 158

2 pts for win, 1 pt for shootout/OT loss

**TUESDAY'S RESULTS**  
 Boston 3, Vegas 2  
 Carolina 4, Winnipeg 1  
 N.Y. Islanders 4, N.Y. Rangers 2  
 Philadelphia 3, Pittsburgh 0  
 Florida 4, Chicago 3  
**WEDNESDAY'S GAMES**  
 Winnipeg at Columbus, 6:30 p.m.  
 Detroit at Minnesota, 7 p.m.

## PANTHERS 4, BLACKHAWKS 3

Florida	0	4	0	- 4
Chicago	0	1	2	- 3

**FIRST PERIOD:** None. **Penalties:** Boqvist, Chi (Delay of Game), 15:01.  
**SECOND PERIOD:** 1, Florida, Dadonov 23 (Barkov, Matheson), 4:43, 2, Florida, Vatrano 12 (Hoffman, Tominato), 6:34, 3, Florida, Vatrano 13 (Boyle, Eklblad), 10:04, 4, Chicago, Dach 7 (Koekoek, DeBriencat), 13:33, 5, Florida, Vatrano 14 (Huberdeau, Hoffman), 19:23 (pp). **Penalties:** Eklblad, Flo (Tripping), 7:54; DeBriencat, Chi (Tripping), 18:23.  
**THIRD PERIOD:** 6, Chicago, Caguglia 6 (Keith, Gustafsson), 4:00 (pp), 7, Chicago, Kane 25 (Dach, Gustafsson), 18:45.  
**Penalties:** Yandle, Flo (Holding), 2:04; Acciari, Flo (Tripping), 6:08; Hoffman, Chi (Hooking), 14:59; Toews, Chi (Hooking), 19:28.  
**SHOTS ON GOAL:** Florida 7-13-6—26. Chicago 6-14-15—35.  
**POWER PLAYS:** Florida 1 of 3; Chicago 1 of 4.  
**GOALIES:** Florida, Bobrovsky 19-12-4 (35 shots-32 saves), Chicago, Lehner 15-8-4 (26-22). **A:** 21,559 (19,717). **T:** 2:31.

## MLB

**2020 HALL OF FAME VOTING**  
**397 votes cast, 298 needed to elect**

PLAYER	VT	PCT.	YOY
Derek Jeter, ss	396	99.7	1st
Larry Walker, rf/1b	304	76.6	10th
Curt Schilling, rhp	278	70.0	8th
Roger Clemens, rhp	242	61.0	8th
Barry Bonds, of	241	60.7	8th
Omar Vizquel, if	209	52.6	3rd
Scott Rolen, 3b	140	35.3	3rd
Billy Wagner, lhp	126	31.7	5th
Gary Sheffield, of	121	30.5	6th
Todd Helton, 1b	116	29.2	2nd
Manny Ramirez, of	112	28.2	4th
Jeff Kent, if	109	27.5	7th
Andruw Jones, of	77	19.4	3rd
Sammy Sosa, rf	55	13.9	8th
Andy Pettitte, lhp	45	11.3	2nd
Bobby Abreu, rf	22	5.5	1st

**Received fewer than 20 votes** (less than 5 pct.): x-Paul Konerko 10 (2.5), x-Jason Giambi 6 (1.5), x-Alfonso Soriano 6 (1.5), x-Eric Chavez 2 (0.5), x-Cliff Lee 2 (0.5), x-Adam Dunn 1, Brad Penny 1 (0.3), x-Raul Ibanez 1 (0.3), x-J.J. Putz 1 (0.3), x-Josh Beckett 0, x-Heath Bell 0, x-Chone Figgins 0, x-Rafael Furcal 0, x-Carlos Peña 0, x-Brian Roberts 0, x-Jose Valverde 0. x-1st yr on ballot (YOY)

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

### HOW MEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED

**1. Baylor** (16-1) did not play. Next: at Florida, Saturday.  
**2. Gonzaga** (20-1) did not play. Next: vs. Pacific, Saturday.  
**3. Kansas** (15-3) beat Kansas State 81-60. Next: vs. Tennessee, Saturday.  
**4. San Diego State** (20-0) beat Wyoming 72-55. Next: at UNLV, Sunday.  
**5. Florida State** (16-2) did not play. Next: vs. Notre Dame, Saturday.  
**6. Louisville** (15-3) did not play. Next: vs. Georgia Tech, Wednesday.  
**7. Dayton** (16-2) did not play. Next: vs. St. Bonaventure, Wednesday.  
**8. Duke** (16-3) beat Miami 89-59. Next: vs. Pittsburgh, Tuesday.  
**9. Villanova** (15-3) beat No. 13 Butler 76-61. Next: at Providence, Saturday.  
**10. Seton Hall** (14-4) did not play. Next: vs. Providence, Wednesday.  
**11. Michigan State** (14-4) did not play. Next: at Indiana, Thursday.  
**12. Oregon** (15-4) did not play. Next: vs. Southern Cal, Thursday.  
**13. Butler** (15-4) lost to No. 9 Villanova 76-61. Next: vs. Marquette, Friday.  
**14. West Virginia** (15-3) did not play. Next: vs. Missouri, Saturday.  
**15. Kentucky** (14-4) beat Georgia 89-79. Next: at No. 18 Texas Tech, Saturday.  
**16. Auburn** (15-2) did not play. Next: vs. South Carolina, Wednesday.  
**17. Maryland** (15-4) beat Northwestern 77-66. Next: at Indiana, Sunday.  
**18. Texas Tech** (12-6) lost to TCU 65-54. Next: vs. No. 15 Kentucky, Saturday.  
**19. Iowa** (13-5) did not play. Next: at No. 24 Rutgers, Wednesday.  
**20. Memphis** (14-3) did not play. Next: at Tulsa, Wednesday.  
**21. Illinois** (14-5) beat Purdue 79-62. Next: at Michigan, Saturday.  
**22. Arizona** (13-5) did not play. Next: at Arizona State, Saturday.  
**23. Colorado** (14-4) did not play. Next: vs. Washington State, Thursday.  
**24. Rutgers** (14-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 19 Iowa, Wednesday.  
**25. Houston** (14-4) did not play. Next: vs. UConn, Thursday.

## TUESDAY'S SCORES

**EAST**  
 Buffalo 90, W. Michigan 79  
 Dominican (NY) 91, Post (Conn.) 65  
 VCU 73, Saint Joseph's 60  
 Villanova 76, Butler 61  
**SOUTH**  
 Clemson 71, Wake Forest 68  
 Duke 89, Miami 59  
 Kentucky 89, Georgia 79  
 LSU 84, Florida 82  
 Tennessee 73, Mississippi 43  
 Wichita St. 56, South Carolina 48  
**MIDWEST**  
 Akron 81, Miami (Ohio) 60  
 Bowling Green 62, E. Michigan 59  
 Illinois 79, Purdue 62  
 Iowa St. 89, Oklahoma St. 82  
 Kansas 81, Kansas St. 60  
 Marquette 82, St. John's 68  
 Maryland 77, Northwestern 66  
 N. Illinois 76, Kent St. 69  
 Texas A&M 66, Missouri 64  
 Toledo 83, Ohio 74  
**SOUTHWEST**  
 TCU 65, Texas Tech 54  
 Wisconsin 82, Nebraska 68

## WOMEN'S AP TOP 25 SCHEDULE

**1. South Carolina** (18-1) did not play. Next: at Georgia, Sun.  
**2. Baylor** (15-1) did not play. Next: at TCU, Wednesday.  
**3. UConn** (16-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 23 Tennessee, Thursday.  
**4. Oregon** (15-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 7 Oregon State, Friday.  
**5. Louisville** (18-1) did not play. Next: vs. Virginia, Thursday.  
**6. Stanford** (16-2) did not play. Next: vs. Colorado, Friday.  
**7. Oregon State** (16-2) did not play. Next: at No. 4 Oregon, Friday.  
**8. N.C. State** (17-1) did not play. Next: at Pittsburgh, Thursday.  
**9. Mississippi State** (16-3) did not play. Next: at Vanderbilt, Thursday.  
**10. UCLA** (16-1) did not play. Next: vs. Washington, Friday.  
**11. DePaul** (17-2) did not play. Next: vs. Villanova, Friday.  
**12. Kentucky** (15-3) did not play. Next: vs. Auburn, Monday.  
**13. Gonzaga** (18-1) did not play. Next: vs. Pepperdine, Thursday.  
**14. Florida State** (15-3) did not play. Next: at Wake Forest, Thursday.  
**15. Texas A&M** (15-3) did not play. Next: at Alabama, Thursday.  
**16. Arizona State** (15-4) did not play. Next: at No. 18 Arizona, Friday.  
**17. Indiana** (14-5) did not play. Next: at Penn St., Thursday.  
**18. Arizona** (15-3) did not play. Next: vs. No. 16 Arizona State, Friday.  
**19. Iowa** (15-3) did not play. Next: at Ohio State, Thursday.  
**20. Maryland** (14-4) did not play. Next: at Illinois, Thursday.  
**21. Arkansas** (15-3) did not play. Next: vs. Georgia, Thursday.  
**22. Northwestern** (16-2) did not play. Next: at No. 20 Maryland, Sunday.  
**23. Tennessee** (15-3) did not play. Next: at No. 3 UConn, Thursday.  
**24. South Dakota** (17-2) did not play. Next: vs. Purdue Fort Wayne, Friday.  
**25. West Virginia** (13-3) did not play. Next: vs. Oklahoma State, Wednesday.

## TUESDAY'S SCORES

**EAST**  
 Mount St. Mary (NY) 85, Farmingdale 56  
**SOUTH**  
 Campbell 61, Charleston S. 36  
 Gardner-Webb 65, UNC Asheville 59  
 High Point 60, Presbyterian 55  
 Memphis 57, SMU 52  
 Radford 57, SC-Upstate 41  
 Winthrop 74, Longwood 63  
**SOUTHWEST**  
 Tulsa 58, E. Carolina 56

## USA WOMEN'S COACHES POLL

Rank	Team	W-L	Pts	LW
1.	Baylor (20)	15-1	785	1
2.	South Carolina (12)	18-1	771	2
3.	Louisville	18-1	714	4
4.	Oregon	15-2	701	6
5.	UConn	16-1	696	5
6.	Stanford	16-2	644	3
7.	Oregon State	16-2	595	7
8.	N.C. State	17-1	558	10
9.	Mississippi State	16-3	507	9
10.	UCLA	16-1	498	8
11.	Gonzaga	18-1	445	13
12.	DePaul	17-2	435	15
13.	Kentucky	15-3	409	11
14.	Florida State	15-3	355	13
15.	Texas A&M	15-3	354	12

## TENNIS

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**WEDNESDAY: WOMEN'S FIRST ROUND**  
 Carla Suarez Navarro d. #11 Aryna Sabalenka, 7-6 (6), 7-6 (6).  
 #28 Anett Kontaveit d. A. Sharma, 6-0, 6-2.  
 #30 Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova d. Nina Stojanovic, 6-1, 7-5.  
 Iga Swiatek d. Timea Babos, 6-3, 6-2.  
 Taylor Townsend f. J. Pegula, 6-4, 7-6 (5).  
 Heather Watson d. Kr.Piskova, 4-6, 6-3, 6-1.  
 Sara Sorribes Tormo d. Veronika Kudermetova, 2-6, 6-1, 6-1.  
**R2:** #3 Naomi Osaka d. Zheng Saisai, 6-2, 6-4  
 #7 Petra Kvitova d. P. Badosa, 7-5, 7-5.  
 Julia Georges d. #13 Petra Martic, 4-6, 6-3, 7-5.  
 #16 Sofia Kenin d. Ann Li, 6-1, 6-3.  
 #18 Alison Riske d. Zhu Lin, 6-3, 6-1.  
 #25 Ekaterina Alexandrova d. Barbora Krejcikova, 6-1, 6-3.  
 Zhang Shuai d. Caty McNally, 6-2, 6-4.  
 Coco Gauff d. S. Cirstea, 4-6, 6-3, 7-5.  
**TUESDAY: MEN'S FIRST ROUND**  
 #1 Rafael Nadal d. H.Dellien, 6-2, 6-3, 6-0.  
 #4 Daniil Medvedev d. Frances Tiafoe, 6-3, 4-6, 6-2, 6-2.  
 #5 Dominic Thiem d. Adrian Mannarino, 6-3, 7-5, 6-2.  
 #7 Alexander Zverev d. Marco Cecchinato, 6-4, 7-6 (4), 6-3.  
 #10 Gael Monfils d. Yen-hsun Lu, 6-1, 6-4, 6-2.  
 #11 David Goffin f. J.Chardy, 6-4, 6-3, 6-1  
 #14 Diego Schwartzman d. Lloyd Harris, 6-4, 6-2, 6-2.  
 #15 Stan Wawrinka d. Damir Dzumhur, 7-5, 6-7 (4), 6-4, 6-4.  
 #16 Karen Kh

## BLACKHAWKS



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PANTHERS 4, BLACKHAWKS 3

# Good for 'Q'

The Blackhawks blew a chance to pull within one point of the final Western Conference wild-card spot on Tuesday when they gave up four second-period goals and lost 4-3 to the Panthers in Joel Quenneville's triumphant return to the United Center. The Hawks' five-game win streak came to an end in their final game before the All-Star break. Patrick Kane scored for the first time in eight games with 1 minute, 15 seconds remaining after the Hawks pulled goaltender Robin Lehner, but they couldn't get the tying goal. Kirby Dach and Drake Caggiula also scored goals for the Hawks (24-21-6). Frank Vatrano, above, had a hat trick with all three goals coming in the second period for the Panthers. For more, go to [chicagotribune.com/sports](http://chicagotribune.com/sports)

## Quenneville

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What would his emotions be like coaching in the United Center again?

"That's a special feeling that you don't get to feel in a lot of buildings."

Did the Hawks share their plans for how they would honor him?

"No."

But the question that really hit was a straightforward hockey question focused on how the Hawks had looked recently.

"You probably know them better than I do right now," Quenneville said.

He said it with a grin on his face but he quickly followed up with a spot-on analysis of the Hawks as well as his own team.

"You got to give them a little credit," he said. "They're playing fast, they've got some speed in their lineup. They're quick in all lines. They can score, they're dangerous. I think we've got to be respectful for what their rush game can bring, and I think that it was kind of reminiscent when I talk about our team a lot. I say we can always score goals."

"Trying to keep it out of our net is a priority. We've been scoring a lot of goals, and we want to make sure we can get better without the puck, and I think that's been a work in progress for us, but it's a comparable time in our team's development right now. But we're seeing progress, and I think tonight that's going to be a good test of how well we defend."

The timing of Quenneville's return allowed him to witness a pregame ceremony the Hawks held Tuesday to commemorate Patrick Kane scoring the 1,000th point of his career in Sunday's win over the Jets.

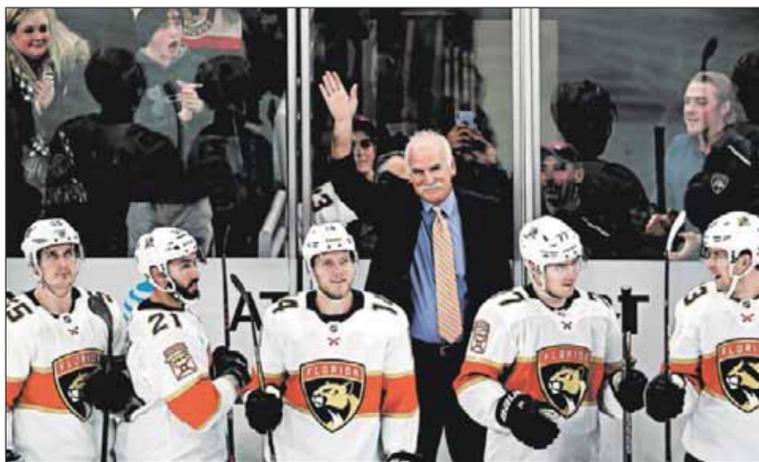
Fans were loud, appreciative and, before the game was a minute old, a few chants of "Q!" began to be heard throughout the United Center.

During a break in the action with 13 minutes, 43 seconds left in the first period, the Hawks shared a video tribute to Quenneville. He waved to the crowd, which responded with a standing ovation and even more screams of "Q!"

Hawks fans were vocal, but none were as visual as Steve Jaklic, 64, of Brookfield, who wore a jersey bearing the name "Coach 'Q'" on the back. Instead of one number below the name there were three: 2010, 2013 and 2015 to reflect each year the team won the Stanley Cup during Quenneville's tenure.

"He brought a team working here for 10 years and gave us three Stanley Cups," Jaklic said.

Although Jaklic said he was "extremely disappointed" that Quenneville was fired — "If you're going to do it, do it before the season started or do it at the end" — he's still a huge Hawks fan. Going to Tuesday's



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Panthers coach Joel Quenneville, just a few feet from his old post, waves to the crowd.

game to honor Quenneville was very important to him.

"The fans are going to appreciate him, there's no doubt about it," he said. "That's the reason I got tickets for me and my daughter. I told her, we're coming to this game. If you're not, I'm going to be here. I've got to be here for him."

Those Cups are why Quenneville will be remembered forever, and they're what he remembers most from his 11 seasons with the Hawks. Trying to get him to pin down one memory that stood out was a near impossibility. Each one he brought up — and there were many — had to do with the postseason, which is no surprise for a coach who loves to say he is in the "winning business."

He began by talking about the playoff runs they had, first about the long marches toward Stanley Cup titles, then defining moments such as Patrick Kane's Stanley Cup-winning goal and the fact that the puck he put in the net was never found.

Quenneville then turned to beating the Bruins in 2013 and the Lightning in 2015, including the Western Conference Finals that season when they beat the Ducks in seven games.

"Those are the things that stood out, and the celebrations, the parades were always special as well," Quenneville said. "But the memories of the guys finding ways to win and key games and making big plays in key moments. You think of Detroit with (Brent Seabrook) scoring and (Nik Hjalmarsson) almost scoring prior to that. Just some cool moments."

And some not-so-cool moments. "We had a couple of runs that were disappointing as well," he said. "Some frustrating losses. So it wasn't just all easy or we just expect to win it and you're going to win it. So we had to work in different ways, but I think at the end of the day the

guys who came in here were leaders. The guys that were here through thick and thin led the charge. We gave the guys a lot of freedom of how to play the game."

That's something Jonathan Toews — whom Denis Savard named captain of the Hawks in his second season when Toews was only 20 — recalled as he reminisced about Quenneville after Tuesday's morning skate.

"He wasn't sitting me down and giving me the old speech and telling me what to do as a captain," Toews said. "But he was definitely allowing myself to grow and to be a good player on the ice. Put me in every situation possible and also just kind of let me find my way as a captain with my teammates."

"I've always said that he was always respectful of our space in the locker room, he treated us as professionals, as adults, and the respect was mutual in that sense. Very lucky to be able to play for a coach like him for all those years, being a young captain on this team."

One of the final questions Quenneville was asked Tuesday was if he felt satisfaction to have been the focal point of the greatest run in Hawks history.

That's not how he viewed it. "You say focal, I'll say the entire organization," Quenneville said. "I give Rocky (Wirtz), when he had the vision of making some changes right off the bat with John (McDonough), with Jay (Blunk), Stan (Bowman), Dale (Tallon) — I think everybody had some input on the type of team that was coming."

"Some tough years prior to that, and being the beneficiary of coming in to coach a team that had a lot of talent, lot of skill, lot of depth, competitive guys. We were in the position to have some success, and I was the right guy — I was a lucky guy — at the right time."

Really?

"Ah, you know, we're ready to go," he said. "It's a big game tonight and I think that's the whole point of coming out for morning skate is to get yourself ready to go for tonight's game. And we're ready now."

Coach Jeremy Colliton smiled and shrugged it off when asked about the scrap.

"You got a brother?" he asked a reporter. "I do too. And I've got two boys at home, so I've seen that movie before."

## Quenneville's return sparks memories

It seems like only yesterday when Q factor ruled Chicago



DAVID HAUGH  
In the Wake of the News

Covering the Blackhawks through three Stanley Cup titles in the last decade provided too many dramatic memories to pick a favorite, but the most indelible was more instructive than euphoric.

It came in general manager Stan Bowman's office one August day in 2010, mere weeks after a parade celebrated the city's first Cup since 1961. Salary-cap realities had forced Bowman to shed nine players off that historic team, including rookie goalie Antti Niemi, a move I criticized heavily enough to be summoned to the United Center.

For at least an hour, Bowman calmly stood at a grease board behind his desk and scribbled numbers and symbols like a high school algebra teacher. He methodically did the math, which ultimately added up to two more championships during the Joel Quenneville Era. Quenneville always took care of the chemistry.

"Perceptions are, 'Geez, the Blackhawks mismanaged the salary cap,' but I'd say we did the opposite — we managed the hell out of it," Bowman told me that day. "And I promise you we're going to be OK."

The Hawks were better than OK, winning enough titles to earn NHL.com's distinction as franchise of the decade. Bowman never doubted the organization's direction, and neither did anybody else who believed in the "One Goal" mantra.

One of the biggest reasons for that confidence returned Tuesday to the scene of so many celebrations. Those were "Qs," not "boos," as 21,000 fans stood and paid homage to an all-time great.

A rugged, regular guy who hated acknowledging the history he made, Quenneville was only the fourth coach of a major pro sports team to win multiple titles in our city. No matter where the NHL's second-winningest coach works, his Q rating never will be higher than in Chicago. When will Quenneville's statue go outside Gate 3½ next to Stan Mikita's and Bobby Hull's?

Sports fans of a certain age will recall Mike Ditka once stalked the sideline at Soldier Field for the Saints. Phil Jackson coached Bulls opponents at the United Center. Likewise, that was Quenneville cursing his head off behind the glass for the Panthers against a Hawks team full of guys he knows well. More than just the mustache seemed familiar.

Quenneville, not surprisingly named NHL.com's coach of the decade, returned with a resurgent Panthers team 14 months after the Hawks fired him following a 6-6-3 start to the 2018-19 season. Enough time has passed to soothe any hard feelings and see why perhaps both sides needed to part. It remains a fair debate whether Quenneville or Bowman should have gone, but everyone can agree that Hawks fans miss the days the two men worked so well together — and that's no reflection on coach Jeremy Colliton, who had the daunting task of replacing a legend.

What a nostalgic week this has been for the Hawks, who rode a five-game winning streak right down memory lane and into Tuesday's game. Patrick Kane recorded his 1,000th point, remaining on track to end his career as the best American-born hockey player ever. Jonathan Toews continued a recent tear, making an impact at both ends as he was named the NHL's third star of the week.

Corey Crawford, the goalie who replaced Niemi in 2011 and was as instrumental as any player to Quenneville's last two Cups, looked like his old self in stoning the Canadiens in Montreal. And future Hall of Famer Duncan Keith still can have games on the blue line that make you forget he is 36. So many Hawks of the rich past under Quenneville are having an impact on the immediate future.

Just when everybody was ready to declare the Hawks sellers at the Feb. 24 trade deadline, they surprised the league by showing signs of life. Besides the ageless Kane and Toews, dynamic rookie Dominik Kubalik has been a revelation. The way Kubalik batted a backhand saucer pass from Toews out of the air for his 20th goal Saturday was enough to impress the most grizzled baseball scout.

Goalie Robin Lehner oozes attitude with a big presence in net and the dressing room. Brandon Saad returned in top form from a monthlong injury layoff. Alex DeBrincat has gotten hot lately and remains a threat on the power play. Newbies Kirby Dach and Adam Boqvist keep reminding us why they were first-round draft picks. And the secondary scoring has helped.

Are the Hawks — who entered Tuesday three points out of a wild-card spot after 50 games — a playoff team? They better be, or Bowman will have more explaining to do in his office.

The Hawks haven't won a playoff series since Quenneville was cleaning confetti out of his hair after winning the 2015 Stanley Cup at home against the Lightning. It sure seems like longer. But at least for one wonderful night of reminiscing, it seemed like yesterday.

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## Toews, Keith have a 'friendly wrestling' scrap

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD

Jonathan Toews and Duncan Keith got into a protracted scrap Tuesday just as the Blackhawks started their morning skate at the United Center.

It wasn't clear what precipitated the scrap or when it began, but with reporters in the stands, Toews and Keith began wrestling and had to be separated by assistant coach Sheldon Brookbank.

Neither player appeared to throw a punch, but Keith ended up on the ice with his jersey pulled over his head. The practice began on time and without further incident.

Keith was not at his locker after the morning skate. Toews was available and — with a grin on his face — attempted to downplay the incident.

"Just a little friendly wrestling," Toews said.

# — eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE —

# Two is not enough

## Kyle Busch has pair of NASCAR titles and an eye on at least 5 more

By JENNA FRYER  
Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — The way Kyle Busch sees it, there is a flaw in the championship ring NASCAR awarded him last month.

It lacks any indication that the 2019 title was actually his second championship. Busch wants it fixed so it displays exactly what he's earned. He has studied the issue and knows the Patriots created a ring that showcases their six Super Bowl victories.

When his career is over, Busch wants just one ring to encapsulate his accomplishments. He insists he will close his career alongside greats Richard Petty, Dale Earnhardt and Jimmie Johnson.

But he doesn't have seven Cup Series titles.

"Not yet I don't," Busch said with a wink.

Busch's bid for a third championship doesn't begin until Feb. 16 at the Daytona 500, a race he desperately wants to win. Busch is 0-for-14 in "The Great American Race" with a bitter runner-up finish to Joe Gibbs Racing teammate Denny Hamlin in last year's 1-2-3 Gibbs sweep.

He has won at every active NASCAR track except The Roval at Charlotte Motor Speedway yet his 56 career Cup victories do not include the Daytona 500. His warm-up begins this weekend at the Rolex 24 at Daytona, a twice-round-the-clock endurance race featuring champions from series all over the world.

The event is packed with Indianapolis 500 winners, Le Mans winners and some of the most skilled drivers from global series. Busch is on hand to steal the show.

His longtime partnership with Toyota got him the gig to drive a Lexus for the AIM Vasser Sullivan team, and Busch is the star attraction. He loves it, too, and at a January team dinner he wore that ring. For one night, he seemed as if he was that once-upon-a-time fun Kyle Busch.

He was just 16 when he first came into NASCAR in 2001, right as the series was passing a rule that sidelined him until his 18th birthday. He was brash even then — it's some chip he and older brother Kurt have just always seemed to have, though he was tame compared with Kurt, the 2004 champion.

Kyle Busch has always done his best to speak the truth as he sees it, one sarcastic eye roll, thumbs-up or one-word answer at a time.

His opinions have not always been popular with NASCAR and it makes no difference whether he was right. The series' "Car of Tomorrow" was terrible, he was just the first to say so and his outspokenness was often blamed for fans hating the car. Many fans found him arrogant, entitled or whiny or a mix of all three.

His career has been golden: high-profile rides first at Hendrick Motorsports, then JGR, where he has been since 2008. Busch has 208 victories across NASCAR's three national series, and some argue his tally equals Petty's record 200 Cup wins. He would undoubtedly have dozens more if NASCAR had not set limits on how much he can compete in the lower series.

The dominating way he wins, his brash celebrations, his disregard for those who boo him and all those wins have made Busch something of a villain, and that doesn't always put him in the best of moods. Toss in a bad day at the track, plus idle time each weekend because NASCAR only allows him a maximum of five Truck Series races (he went 5-for-5 last season) and seven in the Xfinity Series (4-for-7), and Busch can be a real bear.

So it was a very long summer, and a 21-race losing streak didn't help. He lashed out in the opening race of the playoffs last September when he ran into the back of a lapped car and accused some in the field of not being qualified to race at NASCAR's top level.

Busch says that incident is one of the reasons he is running the Rolex this weekend. His Vasser Sullivan entry is in the GT Daytona class, where Busch will be mired in traffic with slower cars and inexperienced drivers with the faster classes closing in on him. It will be chaotic.

"Cody Ware says he can't drive and

watch his mirrors?" Busch said referring to the lapped-car flap in September. "Watch this."

Busch then flipped his middle finger.

Although Busch ran into the lapped car of Garrett Smithley at Las Vegas, he was targeting Ware, who wasn't in that playoff race. The entire flap led to a heated discussion about on-track etiquette, talent discrepancies and drivers who purchase their seats in the big leagues. Ware was scheduled to compete in the Rolex 24 this weekend but his team pulled out late Monday.

In the Nov. 17 season finale, Busch beat Gibbs teammates Hamlin and Martin Truex Jr., as well as Kevin Harvick, to join Johnson as the only active drivers with multiple titles. Of course, Johnson is tied with Hall of Famers Petty and Earnhardt for the record, but Johnson is retiring at the end of the year. Busch turns just 35 and has twice proven he can rise through adversity to finish the job and doesn't appear to be going anywhere anytime soon.

He won his 2015 championship in a season where he missed 11 races because he broke both his legs in a crash the day before the Daytona 500. His 2019 season had its share of personal struggles as Busch and his wife, Samantha, have been very public in their battles with infertility.

Their only child, son Brexton, was conceived through IVF treatments and their quest to give him a sister suffered a heartbreaking setback when Samantha miscarried the day of the 2018 awards ceremony in Las Vegas. The couple tried unsuccessfully again during last season, and Busch used a portion of his championship speech to address their struggles.

"I'm right here with you knowing how hard its been to go through multiple, yes multiple, failed attempts of IVF this year, to walk around and try to face people week to week, always knowing in the back of my mind how helpless I feel in life knowing how much I wanted to answer your prayers in giving you the gift of our baby girl," Busch told her.

Busch is typically able to separate his personal and professional lives, but when things aren't going well in either area, his temper can be short and his sarcasm biting.

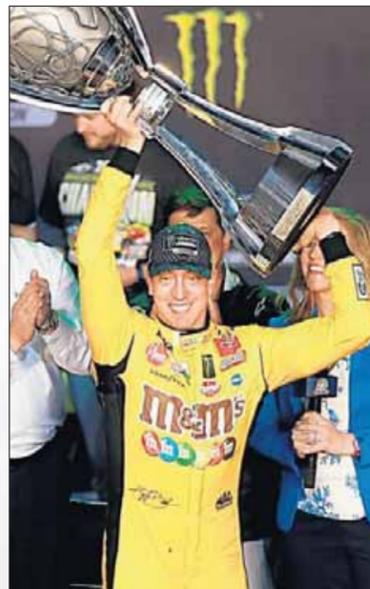
"Think about his whole life. He's got Sam and Brexton, but other than that, it's racing," said Joe Gibbs. "And when something goes bad in racing for him, think about how important that is, and it upsets him. Normally, the next day he's a lot better."

Busch has a legion of fan support from "Rowdy Nation," the group he bows to with the checkered flag after every victory. Busch appreciates their backing beyond words, especially when he gets exhausted by the politics of a new NASCAR rules package and the grind of the 38-race schedule. Busch has other things to worry about, too: He owns the best truck team in the sport, and this year he will launch "Rowdy Energy" an energy drink Busch says he helped develop.

"Mine's going to be better, better for you and better tasting," Busch insisted.

Busch has not been this outwardly happy in ages. Perhaps it comes with being the champion again, and the absolute belief that he can be the best NASCAR has ever seen.

The Daytona 500 is right around the corner, and a poor showing there could just as quickly send Busch scowling through the garage. He is always just one win away from feeling invincible.



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Kyle Busch celebrates in Victory Lane after winning his second NASCAR Cup last year.

CHRIS GRAYTHEN/GETTY

# — eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE —



CHARLIE RIEDEL/AP

Jack Nicklaus turned 80. "I'd like to stay involved ... keep myself in front of the public, keep myself relevant so ... you still want to ask me a question," Nicklaus said last week.

## Nicklaus turns 80 and remains a part of golf's conversations

By DOUG FERGUSON  
Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — Jack Nicklaus turned 80 on Tuesday, no closer to retirement than when he was at the peak of his golf career.

Never mind that he rarely competes, and when he does play the occasional round of golf, he doesn't always finish the hole. His shoulder is sore, but that's more from tennis.

He spends most of his time supporting his wife, Barbara, who has taken charge of the Nicklaus Children's Health Care Foundation. He still has his hands in about 10 golf courses his company is designing.

The real measure of a golfing great who has been around for 80 years are the conversations he keeps.

Everyone wants a piece of Nicklaus, and he is all too happy to oblige. Even though he is more Olden Bear than Golden Bear, Nicklaus remains as relevant now as when he was winning his record 18 majors.

"I'd like to stay involved ... keep myself in front of the public, keep myself relevant so when I get to 80 years old, you still want to ask me a question," Nicklaus said last week in a conference call ahead of his 80th birthday.

"There's no reason to want to curl up in a corner someplace."

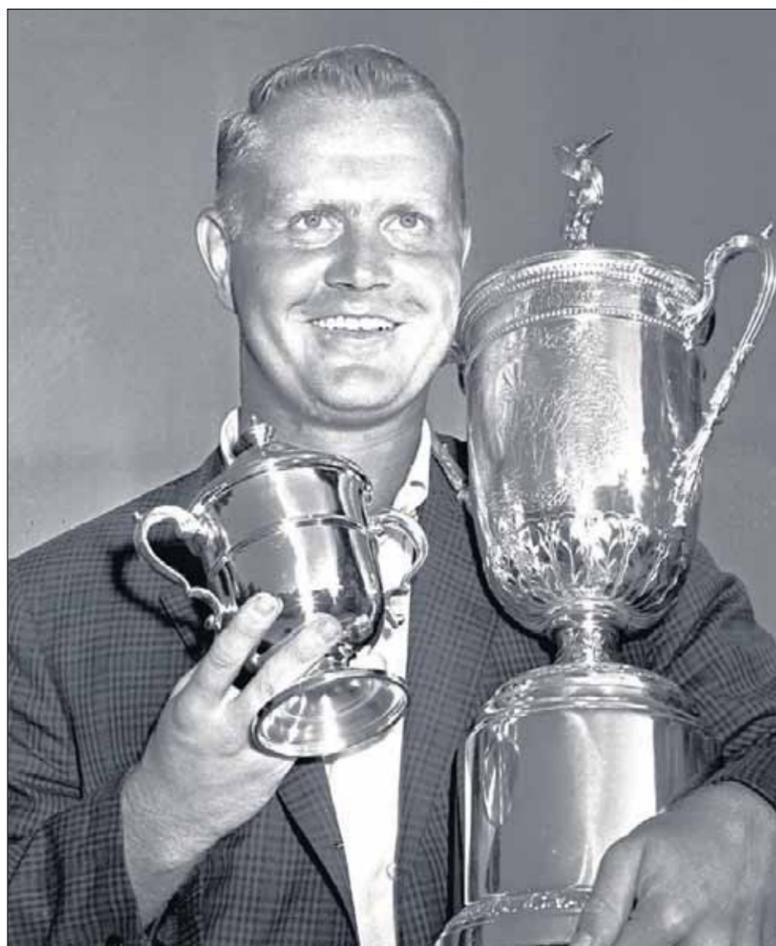
The only time he considered some form of retirement was long ago.

Nicklaus told a story of always wanting to ski, but not while he was still competing. That seemed smart long before Phil Mickelson broke his leg skiing and missed the 1994 Masters or David Duval injured his shoulder snowboarding.

Nicklaus thought he would wait until he was 35.

"I figured I wasn't going to take up skiing until I was done playing golf," Nicklaus said. "We took up skiing at age 35. While we were out there skiing, I was talking about not playing much golf the next year. The kids all said, 'Dad! What are you doing? You can still beat everybody out there. You need to keep playing. You love it.' I said, 'I do, but I want to be part of your life.' They talked me into going out and keep playing."

Nicklaus was coming off victories in the 1975 Masters (an epic battle against Johnny Miller and Tom Weiskopf) and the 1975 PGA Championship at Firestone. So he kept playing, adding another claret jug at St. Andrews in 1978, another double major season in 1980 and his famous 1986 Masters when he was 46.



PAUL VATHIS/AP

Nicklaus holds his trophies after winning the U.S. Open in 1962. Then 22, it was Nicklaus' first win as a professional and his first of a record 18 major championships. His last major came at age 46 when he staged a stunning Sunday rally to win the Masters in 1986.

Imagine if he had quit playing. Nicklaus would have been at 14 majors, and Tiger Woods would have passed him with that memorable Masters victory last April. Now, Woods still has three majors to go to catch Nicklaus.

That also keeps Nicklaus relevant without having played a major in 15 years.

There was a time when it looked as though Woods was running out of time to catch him, especially with recurring leg injuries and then back problems that led to

four surgeries. Now that Woods ended 11 years without a major with his Masters victory for major No. 15, the race is on.

History is not on Woods' side. He turned 44 three weeks ago. When he gets to the Masters, only six players older than Woods will have won majors, no more than one each.

Still, the Nicklaus name is back in the conversation. He will watch. He will answer questions about whether Woods can catch him, as Nicklaus has done for

nearly two decades. Nicklaus always said he thought Woods could do it. One year at a charity lunch for his Memorial, Nicklaus got the same question, gave the same answer and then asked what kind of headlines it would make if he had given a different answer.

What makes him feel more relevant are the questions he fields from younger players.

Charl Schwartzel came to talk to him about the Masters in 2011, a short time before the South African birdied his last four holes to claim the green jacket. Patrick Cantlay met with him last year before winning the Memorial, and Cantlay was with him again on a Saturday last fall, watching football and talking majors. Nicklaus told him how he never wanted to feel his game was in perfect shape on Thursday of a major, rather he wanted to play his way into his best golf as the week went on.

Justin Thomas. Jordan Spieth. Dustin Johnson. Rickie Fowler.

It's a long list. Most of them live in South Florida and are members at his Bear's Club.

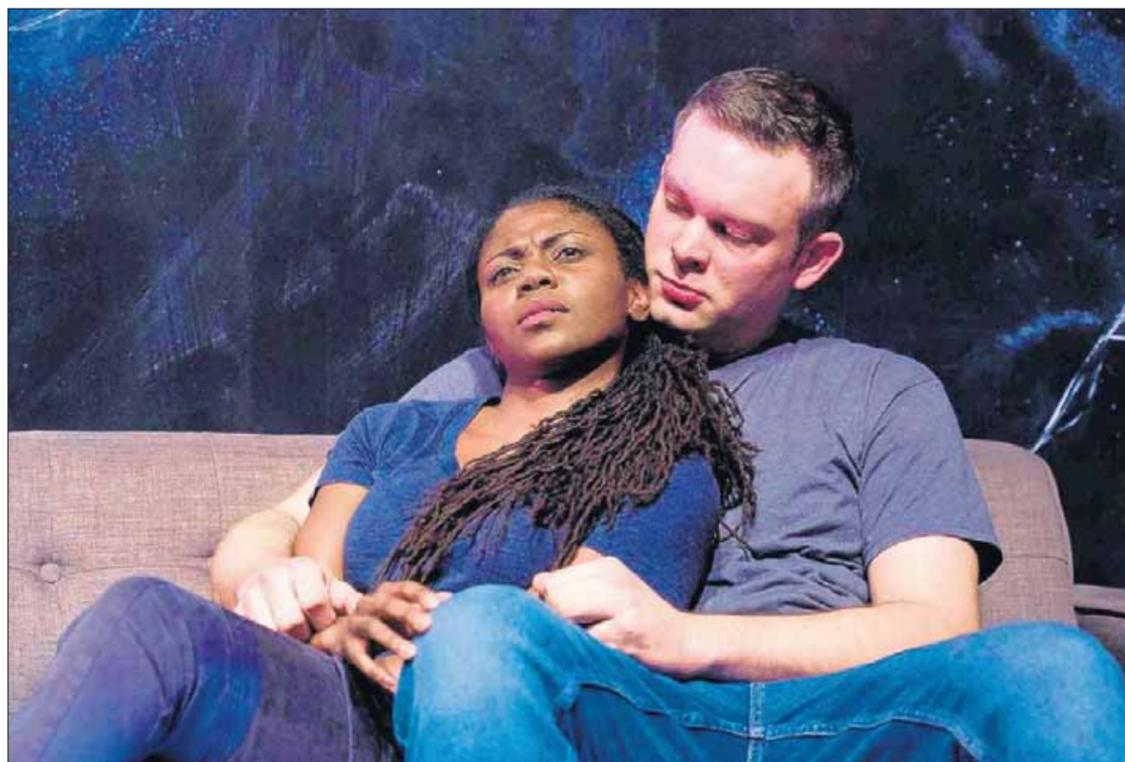
"I don't go out and seek this, but I'm available," Nicklaus said. "I might have some knowledge — you might call it wisdom — something to impart to the kids that might help them. It's very flattering to me as an 80-year-old. You never listened to your dad, why listen to your grandfather? But it's very nice and I enjoy it. We have 30 pros who are members up at the Bear's Club. I see them all the time. I'm available, always around. They still want to come talk to me."

Nicklaus still dispenses advice on the majors, particularly the Masters, which he won a record six times. But the one tip he prefers to share is what he learned long ago from his idol, Bobby Jones, who told him to be responsible for his own game.

"I feel a little sad for the guys today, not that that's the way everyone does it," he said. "We have instructors, sports psychologists. I always thought that was the fun of the game, learning to do it yourself. When it comes down to the end of a tournament, you have to finish. The responsibility is on you, not wondering, 'Can I do what this guy taught me?' That's what I learned."

Nicklaus spoke for 45 minutes with a small group of reporters on the phone, along with a few who had come to his house. His final words were telling.

"Thank you for wanting to be on here and making me relevant."



LOWELL THOMAS

Leslie Ann Sheppard as Amina and Drew Schad as Ryan in Shattered Globe Theatre's Chicago premiere of "Sheepdog."

**IN PERFORMANCE** 'Sheepdog' ★★★★★

# Shooting leads into deeper inspection

Play tries to look at impact of violent act through various eyes

BY CHRIS JONES

Can you be black and blue? Can you train yourself to be blue before you're black, or are you *always* black before you're blue?

Those are the dilemmas articulated by a young Cleveland police officer, the subjective storyteller of "Sheepdog," the riveting new play from an Iowa-trained writer named Kevin Artigue that you currently can see in close quarters at Theater Wit. This is a bang-up, must-see and intensely emotional production staged with equal measures of alacrity and dread by Wardell Julius Clark.

Here is the setup. Amina (Leslie Ann Sheppard), a self-reflective child of the very streets she now polices, falls in love with a fellow geeky officer, Ryan (Drew Schad). Both

are thirtyish cops and thus both have learned to be slow to trust, but we see their relationship grow from humorous, Ryan-cooked dinners to a hopeful union of admitted opposites.

Ryan struggles to talk about his past—he's from small-town Cambridge, Ohio—but we grasp, alongside Amina, that he had it rough. Still, he is one of the good white guys on the force, playing ball in the streets with kids and worshipping his African-American mentor, growing and committed to self-growth.

Amina tells us that she thinks she maybe, finally, at long last, has found her "person." And since Sheppard is forging a likable and vulnerable character, we feel glad for them both.

Then chaos.

Ryan is at the core of a police-involved shooting, forcing Amina to pick sides in all manner of ways. Questions explode in her head: Who was at fault here? Should she join the police union's closing of ranks around an accused officer? What debt does she owe Ryan due to their personal relationship? Does this moment

require a whistleblower?

But none of those is the thorniest question. Amina is a black cop in 2017, she tells us, and black cops are realists. She knows the strength of the institutional forces likely to oppose her. They're so strong, she intuits, that she likely will hurt only herself and the man she maybe loves.

Now you might think this sounds like a police procedural, and you'd be half-right. Artigue clearly can do that stuff, if he is not already doing so. This is not the first drama about police-involved shootings and there are some similarities here, for example, with a major plot strand in the recent CBS series "The Red Line."

But that show stacked the deck to make a defensible point. It presented the shooting, a cop emptying bullets into someone's back, as an inevitability of systemic police racism. As powerful a political statement as that may be, such an approach tends to lead cops to say, you don't know me or what I do. And

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HBO

Yvonne Orji plays the role of Molly on HBO's "Insecure."

**MY WORST MOMENT**

## 'Insecure' star recalls feeling that exact way

Orji believed she was about to be replaced in show's initial season

BY NINA METZ

The HBO comedy "Insecure" is back for a fourth season in April and Yvonne Orji returns, playing creator and star Issa Rae's best friend Molly—a go-getter attorney whose personal life is as mixed up as they come. Orji will be in Chicago on Feb. 1 performing a standup at Lincoln Hall—which may come as a surprise to audiences who only know her as an actress on the HBO series.

"It's funny, Issa met me as a standup, yet so many fans are just discovering that this is a thing that I do," Orji said. "This is how I got my start. So going on this tour has kind of introduced my fans to, this is what the creator of the show saw and that's how we became friends—that common bond of 'Hey girl, I see you out here in LA trying to do it,' before there was ever an 'Insecure.'"

"I love that fans get to see that side of me because at the end of the day Molly is a character. She's a beautiful mess, but she's a character. Whereas Yvonne, I'm a whole other character."

Orji, who was born in Nigeria and grew up in the U.S., said that a lot of her material is autobiographical.

"I talk about being both Nigerian and American and being the child of immigrants and my family coming to terms with my

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# Yes, the Oscar acting races are over

Here's why the four SAG award winners will go all the way

BY GLENN WHIPP  
 Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — The SAG Awards were handed out Sunday night, and for those who stopped watching after Brad Pitt's acceptance speech because they were too busy trying to find him on Tinder, a quick recap: Surprises were scant, Adam Sandler got a well-deserved shout-out and the "Parasite" cast earned two standing ovations — one for just showing up onstage and another for becoming the first foreign language movie to win the prize for best film ensemble.

Renée Zellweger, Joaquin Phoenix, Laura Dern and Brad Pitt won the individual movie acting honors, repeating their victories at the Golden Globes. It would take a stunning upset — much bigger, say, than Olivia Colman winning the lead actress honor last year over Glenn Close — for any member of this quartet not to win an Oscar this year.

Certainly, there's precedent. The Oscars have rubber-stamped the individual SAG Awards winners seven times over the last 25 years, most recently in 2018, when Gary Oldman ("Darkest



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Song Kang Ho, from left, Park So-dam, Bong Joon Ho, Jang Hye-jin, Choi Woo-shik and Lee Sun Gyun pose with the award for outstanding performance by a cast in a motion picture for "Parasite" at the SAG Awards.

Hour"), Frances McDormand ("Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri"), Sam Rockwell ("Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri") and Allison Janney ("I, Tonya") ran the table.

The real intrigue remains in the best picture race. The "Para-

site" win offers the movie's loyal followers a measure of hope that it can make history again and become the first foreign-language picture to win the film academy's top prize.

Let's take a look at how it will all shake out at the Academy

Awards ceremony on Feb. 9:

**Film ensemble**

**The winner:** "Parasite"

**The past:** The winner of this award went on to take the best

picture Oscar 11 of 24 years, easily making it the SAG's least-trustworthy Oscar precursor. (The ensemble prize wasn't awarded in 1994, the SAG Awards' first year.)

**Will history repeat itself?** Obviously, this prize is not much of a precursor for Oscar success. "Hidden Figures" won it, for goodness sake. But those two "Parasite" standing ovations and the passion behind them send out a lot of good vibes for academy members to absorb and consider. We're less than two weeks out from the start of final Oscar voting. That's plenty of time for voters to shuffle their rankings and move Bong Joon Ho's thriller up on their ballots. And if Bong prevails Saturday at the Directors Guild, momentum could really shift.

However ... "1917" won the Producers Guild's top honor Saturday night. And because that group uses the same preferential ballot as the Oscars, the PGA Award has offered a reliable reading of the best picture race over recent years. These awards typically go to movies that most people can agree are ... perfectly fine. "Least disliked" is another way to put it.

A SAG ensemble nomination used to be an absolute prerequisite

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Quentin Tarantino fan-crushes on Charlize Theron.

## SAG awards bring out starstruck stars

LOS ANGELES — Brad Pitt made a crack about his marriages, Robert De Niro got political, and Jennifer Aniston talked about appearing in a commercial for Bob's Big Boy — those were just some of things that happened on stage Sunday at the Screen Actors Guild Awards, which also honored actors Renee Zellweger, Joaquin Phoenix, Laura Dern, Sam Rockwell, Michelle Williams, Peter Dinklage, Phoebe Waller-Bridge and Tony Shalhoub. But off-camera, the stars mingled. Here are some of the memorable moments:

■ Leonardo DiCaprio beamed when his 10-year-old "Once Upon a Time in Hollywood" co-star Julia Butters brought three young friends to meet him. He also received a thank-you from a fan for his environmental activism. "I love what you're doing and speaking up," the young man said. "I'm a surfer so it means a lot."



DiCaprio, Butters

■ Long before "Parasite" won the night's biggest award for ensemble acting, director Bong Joon Ho and the film's stars savored their moment in the Hollywood spotlight, taking group selfies during every commercial break.

■ Director Quentin Tarantino gushed over Charlize Theron's work in "Mad Max: Fury Road." He told the "Bombshell" star that he watched the George Miller-directed movie at least three times over a weekend. "Have you told George that?" Theron asked. "He would love that."

■ Many stars came to pay tribute to lifetime achievement winner De Niro, but when Meryl Streep — his co-star in "The Deer Hunter" more than 40 years ago — stopped by, photographers descended in droves and phone cameras came out on all sides to capture the meet-up of the pair many regard as the greatest actors of their generation.



De Niro, Streep

— Variety, Associated Press



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### Pressure on Oprah:

Oprah Winfrey said record producer Russell Simmons "did reach out multiple times and attempted to pressure me," about her involvement with a documentary in which several women detail sexual abuse allegations against the rap mogul, but his efforts were not what prompted her to leave the project. Winfrey said that inconsistencies in the story of Simmons accuser Drew Dixon compelled her to withdraw from "On the Record." Winfrey said she believes Dixon and other women in the film, but that more reporting was needed.

■ **Diagnosis:** Rocker Ozzy Osbourne says he's been diagnosed with Parkinson's disease. The 71-year-old Grammy winner said the diagnosis came after a fall last year. Osbourne said he really wants to get well and get back to performing because he misses his fans. His wife, Sharon Osbourne, said the diagnosis "was not a death sentence by any stretch of the imagination," but he had good days and bad days.

■ **Epstein doc:** A documentary about Jeffrey Epstein and how the millionaire sex offender avoided scrutiny is coming to Lifetime. "Surviving Jeffrey Epstein," will air this summer, the cable channel said. Epstein, 66, killed himself in his New York City prison cell in August after he was arrested on sex trafficking charges.

■ **Jan. 22 birthdays:** Actress Piper Laurie is 88. Singer Steve Perry is 71. Actress Linda Blair is 61. Actress Diane Lane is 55. Celebrity chef Guy Fieri is 52. Actress Olivia D'Abo is 51. Actress Katie Finneran is 49. Rapper Logic is 30. Actress Sami Gayle is 24.



# ASK AMY

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## Dating prince requires 'love contract'

**Dear Amy:** After 12 years together, most of which were wonderful, my husband and I divorced.

Fast-forward two years: I found someone that I truly believe could be "The One." I never thought this could happen, and I'm happier than ever!

"What could be wrong?" you ask. Well, Prince Charming and I work at the same company. I am in a leadership position, and he is an indirect subordinate. While technically this romantic relationship is not against company policy, they do have a policy that asks us to notify HR and our direct supervisors of the relationship.

I'm worried that by making our relationship public, our supervisors, peers and the company may treat or view us in a negative light. I want to follow the rules, but I don't want to jeopardize my/his career or brand with the company. Prince Charming has gone so far as to seek other employment, but with no luck (even though he doesn't really want to leave).

How do you recommend we navigate these waters and protect our relationship and our careers at the same time?

— *Inconveniently in Love*

### Dear Inconvenient:

Unless you are Michael Scott and you work at Dunder Mifflin, reporting your relationship to HR does not mean that you are grabbing a megaphone and announcing your relationship to all your colleagues. It means that you are following company policy.

If you are in a supervisory position and your company has a reporting

policy for romantic relationships between co-workers, then you must report it.

Before reporting, you and Prince Charming should make sure you are both aware of the company policy and have read the handbook regarding relationships.

You should agree not to engage in professional favoritism or public displays of affection at work.

You should agree to be extremely discreet and to not discuss your relationship with co-workers, even after signing your "love contract."

Your supervisors and HR professionals face the same challenge regarding your relationship that you two do — to remain discreet, appropriate and professional.

**Dear Amy:** I am 61-year-old, divorced man. I am highly educated and have raised two successful kids on my own. I live alone. My kids live far away, and my only relative is an older brother.

My parents died when I was young, and I lived with different extended family until age 15, when I became a ward of the court.

During my youth, I suffered severe abuse from my brother. I'll spare you the details, except it involved getting beaten into unconsciousness. I suffer from GAD and PTSD.

The older I get, the more I resent my brother's cruelty, which nobody knows about except for me. It must appear odd when I skipped the holidays to be alone, but I can't stand being around him.

Should I just cut him out of my life or just suck it up

and act like nothing happened and keep him in my life?

I've confronted him about it, and he says it wasn't a big deal and that it made me tougher.

— *No Extended Family*

■ **Dear No Family:** Because you have been diagnosed with GAD (Generalized Anxiety Disorder) and PTSD due to the childhood abuse you have survived, I don't think "sucking it up" is an option for you. You should not force yourself to spend time with your unrepentant abuser.

You have the right — and responsibility — to protect your health and keep your distance from your tormentor. Break the chain. Make your own family. Celebrate your success and survival.

**Dear Amy:** "Unsure Grandmother" described raising her 21-year-old daughter's grandchild.

The child's mother is completely irresponsible. Neither you nor the grandmother says anything about the child's father.

He has as much responsibility to care for the child as the mother does.

Even if grandma didn't mention him, shouldn't you have said something about him? Mom didn't make this child by herself.

— *BB*

■ **Dear BB:** You're right. It seems that everyone in this equation ignored the responsibilities and rights of the father, including me.

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# Moment

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newfound celebrity," she said.

"Insecure" is Orji's first big onscreen credit, and when asked to share a worst moment in her career, she replied: "I will take you all the way back to Season 1."

### My worst moment ...

"I was a very new actress. 'Insecure' was my first major acting job and it was on premium cable. And everyone knows that feeling — it's like when you start your first day of school because you're learning on the job. You're a little nervous and you're trying to figure out the ropes.

"We were shooting this scene, and I'll never forget it: Molly was getting out of her car and going to meet

one of her dates from the League, this dating app she was on. So as I'm getting out of the car, I'm having a phone conversation — I'm telling the character Jared, this other guy she kind of liked, that basically it wasn't going to work out because she found this new guy on the League.

"It was supposed to be kind of an awkward moment but also a moment where Molly is standing up for herself and being like, 'This is what I want and I'm sticking to it.' But at the same time she knows she's letting a good guy down for a very shallow reason. So I was supposed to give off all those emotions in that phone call.

"Our showrunner, Prentice Penny, was giving me notes. I did the scene, they cut, and then he said, 'Hey, can you do it *this way*?' And I said, 'OK, sure!' I'm really good at taking notes: 'I'll do it that way.'

"And we shoot it and then he said, 'Can you



JUSTINA MINTZ/HBO

"You're a little nervous and you're trying to figure out the ropes," says Orji of her early TV days.

actually do it this other way?" And I'm thinking, *that totally contradicts the first way you asked me to do it*, but (I) said, 'OK, cool! I'll do it that way.' And then he wanted me to do it

again another way. This kept happening.

"And I was like, am I ruining this? The whole time it felt like I was not getting anything right and that's why he kept switching it because clearly he wanted something from me that I wasn't giving him. It felt like, 'I'm trying to work with you here, kid.' And the cameramen were like, 'We're doing this *again*?' So I truly became insecure (*laughs*).

"I have this motto: Never let them see you sweat. You cry when you get home, which is exactly what I did. I was like, oh my God, I'm about to get replaced. I've heard about how people get recast after the first episode and I'm like, I don't know how they're going to reshoot this (with a different actor), but I was so sure I had come to the end of the road.

"So the next day I pulled Prentice to the side and said, 'Hey, shoot straight with me.' I had practiced this whole conversation in my head ahead of time: 'Just tell me the truth. I'm a big girl, I can take it. It's fine.' (*Laughs*) And he goes, 'What are you talking about?' And I was like, 'Yesterday! You had me do the scene five different times and I felt like I wasn't getting it right.'

"And he was like, 'No! You were giving me what I wanted. But my mind was in editing, so I don't want a situation where I go to edit (the scene) and I don't have a variety of takes that might work better once we cut everything together. So that's why I kept asking you to do it in a different way.'

"And I was like, '(Pause) Oh. Well. You should have led with that!' (*Laughs*) So that taught me that everything is not always about you.

"And I was like, why did I doubt myself in that moment? Why was my first instinct to think, 'You suck'? Sometimes you don't know the good job you're doing unless somebody tells you."

■ **On the movie "The Social Network," director David Fincher famously had actors Jesse Eisenberg and Rooney Mara do 99 takes of the opening scene. That's unusual, but multiple takes aren't out of the ordinary. Why did this take Orji off guard?**

"Because it wasn't multiple takes of the same (emotional) beat, if you will. They were all different beats: 'OK, do that scene happy.' OK, I'll do it happy. 'Now do that scene forlorn.' Uh, OK, great.

'Now do that scene angry.' What the heck? Usually it's like, do that scene the same way from different (camera) angles.

"So I was like, 'Am I not hitting the right beat?' So now you're trying to alter the beat for my sake, to see if there is something I can actually do right. I just felt like I was doing it wrong, and the more that he kept switching, the worse I felt: 'I can't do that one right either.'

"There's a truth that has to come behind the words, and in that moment I felt like maybe I wasn't telling the truth. Or maybe I was only good enough to get past the audition, and now that we're in the thick of things they realized I don't have range!"

### The takeaway ...

"I remember writing in my journal, 'We have to solve whatever this is — because whatever this is, it's a problem.' But when you don't know, you don't know. Even though I had been doing standup for about 10 years at this point, I wasn't a formally trained actress and I was insecure about that. So I felt I had to prove myself and prove my value, and in that moment it was like, 'Ugh, what if they're just now realizing that they made a mistake. Uggghhhh.'

"But sometimes it is not about how much training you have. For sure get the training. But it's about how much confidence you have in yourself.

"I'm a Nigerian woman and there is nothing no one can tell me that I haven't heard from a family member. If you haven't been called a foolish goat by a parent or a loved one, you're fine. So I didn't let it fester and that's why I talked to Prentice the next day. If I suck, it will hurt, but at least I'll know and I can go unsuck myself and do better in the next opportunity — but I will find out *today* whether or not it's me or it's you."

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# Downey chose 'Dolittle' to be a departure

After Iron Man stint, actor wanted something 'light'

BY JOSH ROTTENBERG  
Los Angeles Times

"I've had several careers," Robert Downey Jr. said on an early January afternoon, sitting beside his producing partner and wife, Susan, in a cavernous soundstage on the Universal Studios backlot in Los Angeles.

"There was one career where I was happy to be working. Then there was one where I was so happy to be able to be working again. And now there's one where I'm working — and it's working."

Robert and Susan Downey have been together through much of that journey — through rough times, good times and ridiculously amazing times — from the period when Robert was struggling to regain his footing after years of substance abuse and multiple stints in rehab and jail through his stunning comeback as Tony Stark in 2008's "Iron Man," the first in what would become a decade-plus string of Marvel superhero blockbusters.

Now the two, who have been married since 2005 and cofounded the production company Team Downey in 2010, are embarking on a new chapter. Having concluded his bajillion-dollar-grossing run as Iron Man in last summer's juggernaut "Avengers: Endgame," Downey, 54, finds himself looking ahead to life after Marvel.

But when you've already ticked off nearly every box imaginable for a Hollywood actor — promising wunderkind, "Saturday Night Live" cast member, tabloid fodder, industry pariah, two-time Oscar nominee, global superstar — what worlds are left to conquer?

"Robert is in an unusual place where, even though he's had such a massive career, there's such a strong association with this particular character of Tony Stark," said Susan, 46, who first met Robert on the 2003 supernatural horror film "Gothika," on which she was a producer.

"So there's a lot of scrutiny of: Well, what's next?"

The answer, apparently, is talking to the animals.

In his first post-Marvel role and the latest and biggest Team Downey production to date, Downey stars in "Dolittle" as Dr. John Dolittle, an eccentric Victorian-era Welsh veterinarian who is drawn out of his hermit-like existence



Dr. John Dolittle (Robert Downey Jr., right, with a digital gorilla voiced by Rami Malek) ventures across the high seas in "Dolittle."

following his wife's death and, with the help of his menagerie of animals, embarks on an adventure to try to save the queen of England. The \$175 million film opens Friday.

For the Downeys, who have partnered on both smaller films such as the 2014 drama "The Judge" and big, splashy franchise fare such as the two "Sherlock Holmes" films, "Dolittle" represents a leap into uncharted territory. Directed by Stephen Gaghan ("Syriana"), the film attempts to breathe new life, through touches of oddball comedy and cutting-edge visual effects, into a property that dates back to author Hugh Lofting's 1920 children's book "The Story of Doctor Dolittle."

(The franchise's history on the big screen is somewhat checkered: 1967's musical "Doctor Dolittle" flopped, but, after aggressive studio lobbying, scored a much-maligned best-picture nomination, while the 1998 version starring Eddie Murphy and its 2001 sequel fared better at the box office.)

Downey — whose typically idiosyncratic take on the character was inspired by the 19th-century neo-Druid Welsh eccentric William Price — says it was never set in stone that "Dolittle" would be his first post-Marvel movie. Indeed, the film was originally slated to be released in April 2019, two weeks ahead of "Avengers: Endgame," but was

bumped back nine months and underwent extensive reshoots, with directors Jonathan Liebesman ("Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles") and Chris McKay ("The Lego Batman Movie") reportedly coming on to help work out what Downey calls a "really technically challenging Rubik's cube from beginning to end."

(The film, which has received largely negative reviews, will do battle against Will Smith's "Bad Boys for Life" and Universal's best-picture-nominated "1917" at this weekend's box office.)

"We're not particularly strategic," said Downey. "Also, release dates change all the time, so imagining that if I do this it's going to wind up right here is like pretending you know what time a cat is going to scratch its nuts or something. I just thought: something light, something that's enough of a departure for me where I feel challenged."

Actor Rami Malek, who performs the voice of Dolittle's gorilla sidekick Chee-Chee in the film, says that Downey jumped into the role with his usual spirit of embracing risk and coying up to the unknown.

"I'm not sure Robert knows exactly what it's going to be while he's doing it — and that's the magic of it: the discovery," Malek said.

For the Downeys, who have two young children together, "Dolittle" is just

one of several recent and upcoming productions that are pushing the duo further into film as well as television.

"We're thinking about, how do we challenge ourselves and each other moving forward?" Robert said. "Is there something we could direct together? Is there a story from when Susan was in film school that I could write and she'd direct it? We want to step up our game a little bit."

The two are executive producers of the upcoming HBO limited series "Perry Mason," with Matthew Rhys as the 1930s L.A. criminal defense lawyer, and this week announced a first-look deal with the network. An eight-part documentary series called "The Age of A.I.," hosted by Downey, is currently running as a YouTube Original. A quirky, dystopian series called "Sweet Tooth," based on a comic book from DC's Vertigo imprint, is slated for Netflix.

And a number of movie projects are at various stages of development, including a film about a real-life quack doctor who transplanted goat testicles into men to restore their virility (set to be directed by Richard Linklater), a third installment in the "Sherlock Holmes" series and a documentary about Downey's father, the pioneering underground filmmaker Robert Downey Sr.

Susan Downey says that such eclecticism is a reflection of the Downeys' far-

ranging interests.

"We don't really make our choices based on, 'Oh, this is commercially viable and fits this slot,'" she said. "We just look at the whole picture of, what's the story, what's the journey, what's the challenge? Does it give us the opportunity to do something we haven't done before?"

Screenwriter and director Shane Black, who worked with the Downeys on the 2005 action-comedy "Kiss Kiss Bang Bang" and 2013's "Iron Man 3," has marveled over the years at how well the two complement each other.

"I think they're just two puzzle pieces that managed, after many years and many tribulations, to find each other," said Black, who credits Susan with being "part of Robert's salvation." "She may be slightly more practical in terms of coming from the producer standpoint, and she gives him the freedom to unleash creatively and spin out as far as he wants."

At one point, in talking about his preparation for "Dolittle," Robert animatedly veers off into a discussion of how William Price drew controversy in his day not only for his nudism but for his belief in cremation — "which obviously discourages a lot of the airborne stuff that happens to decomposing flesh" — before being gently reminded by Susan that they are discussing a character in a film aimed at children.

Director Jon Favreau, who remade Downey's career when he cast him in 2008's "Iron Man" and later directed him in "Iron Man 2" and the indie "Chef," says the actor's restless creative spirit will continue to propel him as he charts his post-Marvel career.

"I think it might have been freeing to have that character resolved in 'Endgame' so that now he can move forward as Robert," Favreau said. "But he doesn't shy away from the legacy of Tony Stark. If anything, I think it helps signal-boost whatever he's exploring and whatever he's curious to do."

(Amid rumors that Downey will make a cameo appearance as Stark in the upcoming Marvel film "Black Widow," Favreau said he expects the actor to maintain his connection to the Marvel universe in one way or another.)

"We both feel like alumni of a university that we're very proud to wear the ring of — and sometimes the alumni association gets a lot done," Favreau said.

As for where he will go as an actor after "Dolittle," Downey — who earned Oscar nominations for the 1992 Charlie Chaplin biopic "Chaplin" and the 2008 comedy "Tropic Thunder" — says he's open to anything, big or small, citing the indies "Captain Fantastic" and "Honey Boy" as two of his favorite films of the last five years.

"I wonder sometimes if there isn't a perception about me that I'm booked for the next 30 years, and if you don't call me with the next biggest movie that will ever have been made on Earth..." he said, trailing off. "Like I'm some middle-aged supermodel who won't get out of bed for anything less than \$1 billion."

Said Susan dryly: "After we finish every movie, he likes to tell me he's quitting the industry and he's going to go do theater in Rochester."

"There are some people — and God bless them for having the wherewithal to do it — who are methodically picking, choosing, crafting and modifying what their career looks like from the outside in," Robert said. "But it's very hard to manufacture intuition. I do not thrive in a developmental situation. I like: 'We're doing this — now let's figure out what it is.'"

Susan smiled at him patiently.

"You certainly have a little bit of the 'ready, fire, aim' vibe," she said.

## Oscar

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site to winning best picture, and "1917" was absent from this year's show. But the last two Oscar winners, "Green Book" and "The Shape of Water," did just fine, thank you, without that particular nod.

It might come down to how many academy members are willing to vote for "Parasite" as best international feature and best picture. For many, as we discovered last year for "Roma," one of these categories is sufficient reward. But "Roma" didn't have this kind of a devoted following. Oscar history has never had to reckon with #BongHive.

### Lead actress

**The winner:** Renée Zellweger, "Judy"

**The past:** SAG and the academy have matched 18 of 25 years. When Colman ("The Favourite") prevailed over SAG winner Close ("The Wife") at the Oscars last year, it ended a six-year streak.

### Will history repeat itself?

Zellweger has been the front-runner for her empathetic portrayal of Judy Garland since "Judy" premiered at Telluride in late August. Not everyone loves the movie, but Zellweger's personal comeback story have zinged enough heartstrings to give her every major award this season.



Renée Zellweger as Judy Garland in a scene from "Judy."



Laura Dern, left, and Scarlett Johansson in "Marriage Story."

Oscar voters will get happy for her too.

### Lead actor

**The winner:** Joaquin Phoenix, "Joker"

**The past:** This category has been the most reliable indicator of Oscar victory, with SAG and the academy matching 20 of 25 times. There are occasional exceptions: Denzel Washington prevailed here two

years ago, only to see Casey Affleck take the Oscar.

### Will history repeat itself?

With so many remarkable lead actor turns this year, it's crazy how the same person has won every single prize leading up to the Oscars. But in a way, Phoenix has been undeniable since "Joker" earned that eight-minute standing ovation at the Venice Film Festival. And Sunday night, he gave a note-perfect



Joaquin Phoenix plays the lead role in "Joker."



Brad Pitt, left, with Leonardo DiCaprio in "Once Upon a Time ... in Hollywood."

acceptance speech, voicing appreciation for the moment, for his fellow nominees and for the late, great Heath Ledger.

### Supporting actress

**The winner:** Laura Dern, "Marriage Story"

**The past:** The SAG award winner has gone on to take the Oscar 17 of 24 times. Last year had the strange

twist where the SAG winner, Emily Blunt for "A Quiet Place," didn't earn an Oscar nomination, while Oscar winner Regina King ("If Beale Street Could Talk") was snubbed by SAG. (Kate Winslet won this category in 2009 for "The Reader" but was nominated for — and won — the Oscar for lead actress for that performance.)

**Will history repeat itself?** Absolutely. Dern's career

has been a treasure, so it's not like we need another reason to love her. But the shot of her embracing her dad, the legendary Bruce Dern, melted my heart. "I literally, literally would not be here if it were not for actors, so thank you Bruce Dern and Diane Ladd," Dern said, saluting her parents. Funny, heartfelt, a powerhouse turn in "Marriage Story," a lovely Marmee in "Little Women" and a clutch of Renata Klein memes and melt-downs in "Big Little Lies"? One Oscar isn't enough.

### Supporting actor

**The winner:** Brad Pitt, "Once Upon a Time ... in Hollywood"

**The past:** The SAG winner has gone on to win the Oscar 16 times in 25 years, including Mahershala Ali for "Green Book" last year.

### Will history repeat itself?

After that acceptance speech? Who doesn't want to hear Pitt deliver another set at the Oscars? Some highlights: He mocked Quentin Tarantino's foot fetish. ("Seriously, Quentin has separated more women from their shoes than the TSA.") And he poked fun at himself: "Let's be honest, it was a difficult part: the guy who gets high, takes his shirt off and doesn't get along with his wife. It was a big stretch." The cutaway shot to ex-wife Jennifer Aniston, beaming, was the cherry on top.

## IN PERFORMANCE

## A sobering, potent tribute to Dr. King

An unforgettable haunting oratorio confronts racism

BY HOWARD REICH

Trayvon Martin.  
Eric Garner.  
John Crawford.  
Three unarmed black men, among many, killed by police in notorious incidents that sparked nationwide debate and anguish. They were more than just headlines, though. To composer Joel Thompson, they were men executed for a very particular crime: their race.

Thus Thompson penned “Seven Last Words of the Unarmed,” a haunting oratorio that received its Chicago premiere in Orchestra Hall on Monday night, not coincidentally on the national holiday celebrating the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Bravo to the Chicago Sinfonietta for making Thompson’s opus the centerpiece of its annual “MLK Tribute Concert.” It would have been very easy for the Sinfonietta to have served up an evening of inspirational fare (which was not lacking from this program). But by applying the combined forces of the orchestra and the Adrian Dunn Singers to Thompson’s probing composition, the Sinfonietta chose to confront head-on the racism that Dr. King fought against.

Like Dr. King, the seven men remembered in Thompson’s composition died violently and too young. Unlike Dr. King, they were not symbols or icons – at least not while they were still breathing. In a way, that makes their deaths still more unfathomable.

Thompson told the audience before “Seven Last Words” began that nothing these men did



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Composer Joel Thompson addresses the audience before the Chicago Sinfonietta performs his “Seven Last Words of the Unarmed” in Orchestra Hall.

merited the death penalty. “In November of 2014, a Staten Island grand jury chose not to indict the officer whose actions led to the death of Eric Garner,” Thompson said, reading aloud from a letter included in the evening’s program book. “To me, the message was clear. Any doubts I had seemed to evaporate. If I were to be killed in some interaction with authority figures, my loved ones should not expect justice.”

To his credit, however, Thompson did not write a composition of overflowing emotion or rhetorical excess. On the contrary, “Seven Last Words” made impact because of its economy, clarity and concision.

The piece began gently,

piano and cello unfolding a serene theme, the upper strings gradually entering the instrumental texture. This was an ingeniously disarming start for a work addressing such a volatile subject – a humane way to begin discussing inhumane outcomes.

Once the chorists began to sing, however, “Seven Words” took us right to the heart of the matter.

“Officers why do you have your guns out?” the singers chanted. Over and over. To hear this phrase reiterated by the supple and imploring voices of the Adrian Dunn Singers was to sense a fraction of the doom a marked man must feel.

As the piece progressed, the vocalists offered other devastating “last words”: “What are you following me for?” “You shot me!” “I can’t breathe.”

Musically, the score ranged from lyrical passagework to rhythmic agitation, from vocal solo to choral euphony. Traces of Samuel Barber and William Grant Still echoed in this piece, meaning that Thompson conceived “Seven Last Words” in a generally melodic vein, enriched by bittersweet harmony. Guest conductor Kedrick Armstrong kept the music pressing ever forward, without sentimentality or dramatic pauses. He simply let the score speak for itself.

Thus listeners heard

some of the most sensational news stories of our era distilled into 15 sobering, searing minutes.

The Sinfonietta’s “MLK Tribute Concert” opened with assistant conductor Jonathan Rush and singer Kymberli Joye, his sister, performing a rousing arrangement of Patty Griffin’s “Up to the Mountain”; Joye, the Adrian Dunn Singers and guest conductor Armstrong digging deeply into John Legend and Common’s “Glory” (from the film “Selma”); and Sinfonietta music director Mei-Ann Chen presiding over a warmly stated symphonic arrangement of the spiritual “Deep River.”

Chen closed the evening with the finale of Mahler’s

Symphony No. 2, “Resurrection,” which featured sumptuous work from soprano Summer Hassan, mezzo-soprano Leah Dexter and the combined North Central College Concert Choir and the Roosevelt University Conservatory Chorus. The epic score taxed the Sinfonietta’s resources, but conductor Chen shaped it to telling effect.

Composer Thompson’s “Seven Last Words,” however, gave this evening its prevailing message and will be remembered long after the rest has been forgotten.

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JIMMY HEATH 1926-2020

## Jazz composer, sax player performed at White House

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Jimmy Heath, a Grammy-nominated jazz saxophonist and composer who performed with such greats as Miles Davis and John Coltrane before forming the popular family group the Heath Brothers in middle age, has died. He was 93.

Heath’s grandson, Fa Mtume, told The New York Times that he died Sunday at his home in Loganville, Georgia. The cause of death was not immediately given.

Heath, a native of Philadelphia, had been playing jazz since the 1940s, in the early days of bebop. He was mentored by Dizzy Gillespie, idolized Charlie Parker, whose nickname was “Bird,” and would become known as “Little Bird” for how well he emulated Parker’s fluid style.

Heath played often in Chicago, usually at the Jazz Showcase, a club founded by impresario Joe Segal, who grew up with Heath in the rich Philadelphia jazz scene that also nurtured John Coltrane, McCoy Tyner, Benny Golson, Jimmy Smith, Shirley Scott and others.

When Heath appeared at the Showcase in 2011, leading the Heath Brothers Quartet (with sibling and drummer Albert “Tootie” Heath), the saxophonist performed as part of the club’s annual “August is Charlie Parker Month” festivities.

The large audience prompted Tribune critic Howard Reich to observe, “Jimmy Heath’s copious recording history over the last half-century-plus, as well as his luminous writing for large ensemble, earns him admiration from a sophisticated audience before he plays a single note.”

The show attested to



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Jimmy Heath received a Grammy nomination in 1993.

Heath’s breadth of imagination as composer-arranger, for it included a singularly translucent version of the “On the Trail” section of Ferde Grofe’s “Grand Canyon Suite,” as well as ethereal accounts of music by Billy Strayhorn and Jimmy Dorsey.

When Heath led big bands in the Chicago area, there was no mistaking the ingenuity and idiosyncrasy of his writing.

Heath overcame his battles with heroin addiction, which landed him in prison in the mid-1950s, and had a long and productive career. He wrote most of the material for the Chet Baker-Art Pepper album “Playboys,” recorded with everyone from Davis and Coltrane to Milt Jackson and Gil Evans, worked on charts for Ray Charles, and released several of his own albums.

In the 1970s, he helped found the Heath Brothers, which also featured brothers Percy Heath on bass and Albert “Tootie” Heath on drums. Their albums included “Marchin’ On” and the Grammy-nominated “Live at the Public

Theater.” In 1993, he received a Grammy nomination for his own “Little Man, Big Band” album (Heath stood just 5 feet, 3 inches) and played in a jazz concert at the White House, when President Bill Clinton himself borrowed his saxophone for one number.

In 2003, he was named a Jazz Master by the National Endowment for the Arts, which noted that “By combining his versatile style of performing and his outstanding writing and arranging abilities, he has set a high standard of accomplishment in the jazz field.”

Survivors include Tootie Heath; his second wife, Mona; and a child from each of his marriages. His son from his first marriage, James Mtume, became a Grammy-winning musician and songwriter who helped write the Stephanie Mills hit “Never Knew Love Like This Before.” Another son, Jeffrey, died in 2010. Percy Heath died in 2005.

Tribune critic Howard Reich contributed to this report.

## WATCH THIS: WEDNESDAY



Kennedy McMann

**"Nancy Drew"** (8 p.m., CW): Nancy (Kennedy McMann) finds that her determined quest to exonerate her father (Scott Wolf) is at cross purposes with Owen's (guest star Miles G. Villanueva) pursuit of justice for the victims of the Bonny Scot, leaving her to decide how far she's willing to go to win her dad's release in the new episode "The Phantom of Bonny Scot." Leah Lewis, Maddison Jaizani, Alex Saxon and Riley Smith also star.

**"Undercover Boss"** (7 p.m., CBS): The new episode "Dippin' Dots" takes viewers inside the company that produces flash-frozen beaded ice cream treats, where owner and CEO Scott Fischer goes under cover to see where his business needs his personal attention. In the course of his investigation, however, Fischer is hard-pressed to play it cool when an employee at their ice cream manufacturing plant raises suspicions about his true identity.

**"Modern Family"** (8 p.m., ABC): Benjamin Bratt, Edward Asner, Paul Dooley and Josh Gad all turn up in a guest star-packed new episode called "Dead on a Rival," as Mitchell (Jesse Tyler Ferguson) learns a valuable life lesson when Murray (Dooley), who once lived in Mitchell and Cam's (Eric Stonestreet) residence, shows up unexpectedly. Elsewhere, Kenneth (Gad), the Dunphys' former neighbor turned tech titan, brings a surprise for Phil (Ty Burrell).

**"S.W.A.T."** (9 p.m., CBS): Hondo (Shemar Moore) rallies the SWAT team to provide backup to Jim Street (Alex Russell) as he puts his life on the line in a last-ditch attempt to help his foster brother Nate (Cory Hardict) extricate himself from a violent drug ring in the new episode "Good Cop." Todd Stashwick, Jon Collin Barclay and Bryan Adrian guest star.

**"Chicago P.D."** (9 p.m., NBC): In the new episode "The Devil You Know," Voight (Jason Beghe) strikes a deal with Darius Walker (recurring guest star Michael Beach) to take down a rogue group of dirty cops who are dealing drugs that were supposed to be destroyed after being confiscated. Elsewhere, Upton (Tracy Spiridakos) enacts her own form of justice after a bitter clash with Voight.

**"Good Trouble"** (9 p.m., FREE): After Davia (Emma Hunton) tries to reach her students via an unorthodox strategy that goes badly awry, she finds herself with unwanted new notoriety in the new episode "Gumboot Becky." Meanwhile, Callie (Maia Mitchell) helps Judge Wilson (Roger Bart) as he confronts a truly devastating loss, and Malika (Zuri Adele) earnestly tries to make amends with Isaac (Saranas J. Jackson). Cierra Ramirez also stars.

## TALK SHOWS

**"Conan"** (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actor Steve Buscemi.\*

**"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon"** (10:34 p.m., NBC): Singer Halsey; actress Leslie Jones; chef Claire Saffitz.\*

**"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert"** (10:35 p.m., CBS): The comic interviews guests and introduces musical performances.\*

**"Jimmy Kimmel Live!"** (10:35 p.m., ABC): Celebrity guests and comedy skits.\*

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BROADCAST	<b>CBS</b> 2	Undercover Boss: "Dippin' Dots." (N) ©	Criminal Minds: "Saturday." (N) ©	S.W.A.T.: "Good Cop." (N) ©	News (N) ▶			
	<b>NBC</b> 5	Chicago Med: "Leave the Choice to Solomon." (N)	Chicago Fire: "Then Nick Porter Happened." (N)	Chicago P.D.: "The Devil You Know." (N) ©	NBC 5 News (N) ▶			
	<b>ABC</b> 7	The Goldbergs (N)	Schooled (N) ©	Modern Family (N)	Single Parents (N)	Stumptown: "Dirty Dexy Money." (N) ©	News at 10pm (N) ▶	
	<b>WGN</b> 9	black-ish: "North Star."	black-ish ©	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N)	WGN News at Ten (N)	
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	<b>Court</b> 9.3	† Closing Arguments (N)		Closing Arguments with Vinnie Politan ©				
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	<b>The U</b> 26.2	Dr. Phil ©		Tamron Hall (N) ©	The Steve Wilkos Show	Cops		
	<b>MeTV</b> 26.3	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	Green Acres	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett
<b>H&amp;I</b> 26.4	Star Trek: "The Empath."		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9	Star Trek ▶		
<b>Bounce</b> 26.5	White Chicks (PG-13,'04) ★★	Shawn Wayans. ©			Temptation: Confessions ©			
<b>FOX</b> 32	9-1-1: Lone Star: "Pilot; Yee-Haw." ©				Fox 32 News at Nine (N)	Modern Family ©		
<b>Ion</b> 38	Blue Bloods ©		Blue Bloods ©		Blue Bloods: "Warriors."	Blue Blood ▶		
<b>TeleM</b> 44	† Exatlón EE. UU. (N)		La Doña (N) ©		El señor de los cielos (N)	Chicago (N)		
<b>MNT</b> 50	Chicago P.D.: "My Way."		Dateline: "Toxic." ©		Dateline: "Deadly Deceit."	Chicago ▶		
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CABLE	<b>AE</b>	PD Cam (N)	PD Cam (N)	America's Top Dog (N)		Live PD	Live PD	PD Cam ▶
	<b>AMC</b>	Taken (PG-13,'08) ★★	Liam Neeson. © (SAP)			Taken (PG-13,'08) ★★	Liam Neeson. ▶	
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	<b>BBCA</b>	The Transporter (PG-13,'02) ★★	Jason Statham. ©			The Punisher (R,'04) ★★	†	
	<b>BET</b>	† (5:35) This Christmas ★★		Tyler Perry's The Oval (N)		Tyler Perry's Sistars (N)	The Oval ▶	
	<b>BIGTEN</b>	† College Basketball (N)		College Basketball: Rutgers at Iowa. (N) (Live) ©			Postgame	
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	<b>ESPN2</b>	† College Basketball (N)		2020 Australian Open Tennis: Second Round. (N) (Live) ©				
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	<b>FX</b>	† (6) Spider-Man: Homecoming (PG-13,'17) ★★				Everything's Gonna Be	Spider ▶	
	<b>HALL</b>	Snowcoming (NR,'19)	Lindy Booth. ©			Winter Love Story (NR,'19)	Jan Lilley. ▶	
	<b>HGTV</b>	Property Brothers		Property Brothers (N)		Hunt Int'l (N)	Hunters (N)	Hunters Int'l
	<b>HIST</b>	Forged in Fire (N)		Forged in Fire (N)		Vikings (N) ©	Forged ▶	
	<b>HLN</b>	How It Really Happened		Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic ▶
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	<b>MTV</b>	Catfish: The TV Show (N)		True Life Crime (N) ©		Ridic. (N)	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous. ▶
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<b>TLN</b>	Baptist	Prayer & Praise			Life Today	Exalted	Humanit ▶	
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	<b>STARZ</b>	† (5:53) XXX ('02) ★★		The Intruder (PG-13,'19) ★	Michael Ealy.	(9:45) The Aviator ★★	†	
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## BROADWAY REVIEW

## 'A Soldier's Play' remains as powerful as ever

After nearly 40 years, the story it tells still resonates

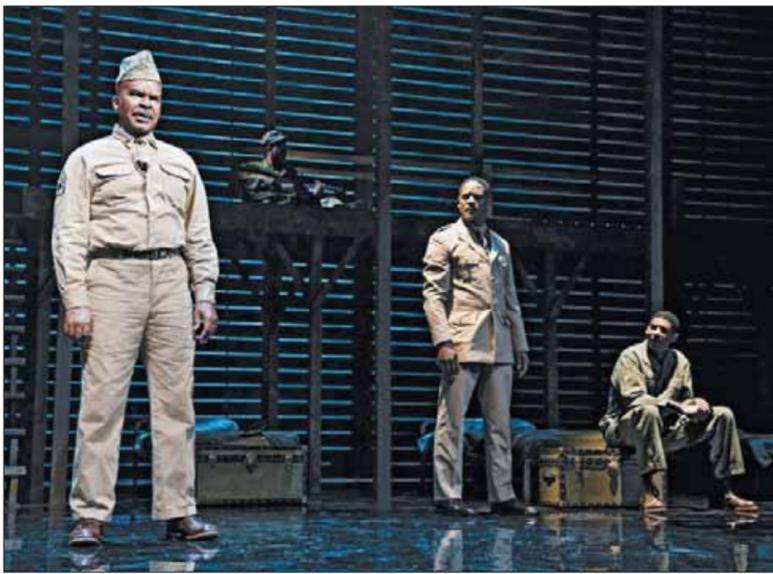
BY CHRIS JONES

NEW YORK — Few playwrights have served in the United States military.

But Charles Fuller, the author of "A Soldier's Play," was stationed in Japan and Korea between 1959 and 1962. When his drama, now on Broadway through the Roundabout Theatre Company, won the Pulitzer Prize in 1982 after a production by the Negro Ensemble Company, a stunned Fuller told journalists that "he didn't talk about the Army at all."

Demonstrably, he wrote about the Army instead. Its hard-baked racism — pervasive enough to overwhelm a psychotic African-American sergeant in Fort Neal, Louisiana, in 1944 — and its capacity for nation-leading change.

Watching "A Soldier's Play" now really is to marvel at how many of the themes explored by young African-American playwrights in the 21st century were so vividly expressed in this 38-year-old work, probably best known as the basis for "A Soldier's Story," the 1984 Norman Jewison



JOAN MARCUS

From left, David Alan Grier, Blair Underwood and Billy Eugene Jones appear in "A Soldier's Play."

movie starring a young Denzel Washington, spick-and-span in his officer's uniform and sporting reflective sunglasses.

Kenny Leon's lively, broadly staged Roundabout revival, which stars a savvy Blair Underwood and a bold-faced David Alan Grier, pays a kind of sly homage to the erotic legacy of that Oscar-nominated film, the stage being filled with a plethora of

stunningly buff and good-looking guys — there are no women in the play, but there were plenty around me in the audience at the American Airlines Theatre on 42nd Street. Appreciation for a military-style body even becomes vocal, reportedly night after night, at the moment when Underwood, playing the Washington role of investigator Capt. Richard Davenport, appears briefly with-

out his shirt — so much so that he is forced to acknowledge the whoops.

It's an incongruous moment, perhaps, given that Davenport, one of the Army's very few black officers, is deep into the investigation of the murder, by an unseen shooter, of Sgt. Vernon Waters (Grier), a man who has so ingested the racism of his time and place as to become physically and emotionally

dangerous to the young African-American men of whom he has charge. But the excellent Underwood, who is playing a storyteller moving in and out of his own narrative, makes it work.

For sure, Fuller, who now is 80, was exploring how systemic racism often has been the root cause of African Americans destroying one another with violence. But he was also writing a thriller and a murder-mystery. Today's progressive Twitterati would probably see that choice back in the 1980s as a necessary concession to snag an audience, and a Pulitzer, especially since the play includes a relatively decent and enlightened white character, exuberantly played by Jerry O'Connell.

But to his credit, Leon manages to direct a show that doesn't compromise those difficult themes while also embracing the commercial and highly entertaining nature of the writing. "A Soldier's Play" remains a strikingly taut drama that you don't want to end. And I'd argue that only enhances its political impact.

And any veterans walking through the door would immediately grasp that

Fuller served.

"A Soldier's Play," which now features a wise and revealing design from Derek McLane, is structured as a whodunit and, on a subtler level that Leon enhances with the overt theatricality of this production, it is also a celebration of the camaraderie, charisma and character of black enlisted men. The ensemble in this production bursts with so much life force that you feel on a profound level how much talent the armed forces either wasted or underused for so long.

We're watching the era just before African Americans finally were allowed to fight alongside their white brethren, an imminent change in status that the members of this company embrace with colossal enthusiasm, even if it puts them in grave danger.

Patriotism and optimism among African Americans are key themes of the play, and everyone combines here to make the point that their ability to survive in the face of such human cruelty was no less than a military miracle.

"A Soldier's Play" performs at the American Airlines Theatre, 227 W. 42nd St. Visit [RoundaboutTheatre.org](http://RoundaboutTheatre.org)

## Shooting

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thus it plays only to the choir.

I don't think Chicago police officers would necessarily agree with all the conclusions of "Sheepdog," but they would be hard-pressed to say the play did not know many aspects of them and the often-ugly cities they patrol, armed, as we have decided they should be, with deadly weapons that can kill with

a flick of a finger. And when people feel known, they are more inclined to listen and be open to change.

Racist assumptions are part of the cruel invasion of chaos here, as they so often are in life, but then so is the way mistakes by multiple persons compound and heads fog and pressure builds. "Sheepdog" has an understanding that no act of violence, or perceived acts, occurs in a vacuum; they're typically consequences of a prior situation of which the opposing

party has little or no awareness. Dramatic tragedy is all about our human inability to deal with sudden chaos.

In 85 heart-stopping minutes, this play, which takes on the formalized police mindset that our world can be divided into sheep and wolves, advocates very powerfully for systems of containment.

Video footage plays a big part of this story, as it does in so many real-life narratives, adding to the fog of manipulation and selectivity. Clark handles the fuzzi-

ness of claimed veracity exceptionally well; his staging feels biting real when it needs to be that way, but it also wanders into muddle, just like our minds in the face of horror.

I was blown away, frankly, by how well Clark avoids false notes here, those moments when you step out of the story and think "that's just not real." That's because of some very detailed attention to chronology, which shifts back and forward in this play, and because the arc of the story is so solid.

Clark also has the benefit of two fine and vulnerable performances, each residing firmly in the present.

Sheppard nearly twists herself into a pretzel to go on this character's journey and come out the other side. But it's actually Schad who has the hardest job: We intuit early on that he is going to be a problem, but he commands enough mystery to inject tension and enough sympathy to prevent anybody from going directly to their default position. It's a quietly

**When:** through Feb. 29

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superb piece of acting at the core of a piece of Chicago theater that all of the parties involved in police reform in this city, from the mayor on down, should sit down and watch together. And then talk.

### Horoscopes

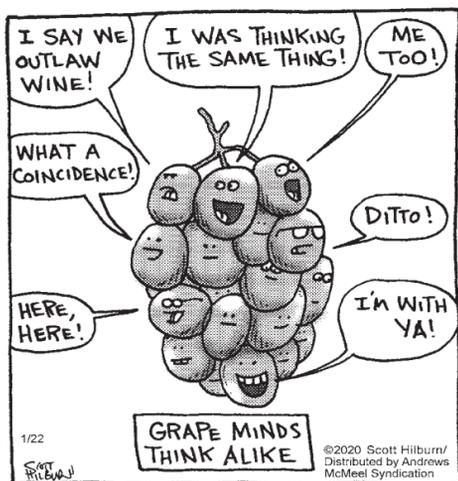


**Today's birthday** (Jan. 22): Teamwork leads to victory this year. Discipline with planning provides the structure to build dreams. Introspection yields valuable fruit this winter, leading you to adapt to physical changes.

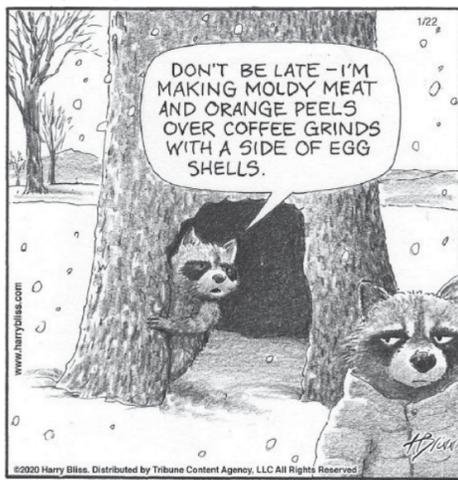
Summer presents a team challenge to overcome, perhaps inspiring flourishing energy and health.  
**Aries** (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. The professional stakes could seem high. A nice prize tempts. Friends offer helpful connections. Don't hurry or risk breakage.  
**Taurus** (April 20-May 20): 8. Long distance travel and cultural exploration reveal new frontiers. Adapt to unexpected circumstances. You can get what you need.  
**Gemini** (May 21-June 20): 8. Focus energy toward shared finances for long-lasting, durable benefits. Contribute for common gain, drop by drop. Pull together with your team to get farther.  
**Cancer** (June 21-July 22): 9. Build your creative collaboration with someone attractive. Stay flexible with unexpected twists. Develop and strengthen a sweet connection. Take your partnership to the next level.  
**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. All that practice is paying off. Pour on the steam for a potential prize. A dream lies within reach. Consistent disciplined actions add up.  
**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. You can realize a romantic dream. Adapt to unconsidered circumstances and go for it. Express your appreciation for another's talents and charms.  
**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Domestic changes made now can have long-lasting benefit. Make a dream upgrade. Clear clutter for more space. Beautify your surroundings for peace and comfort.  
**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Put your cleverness and charm to practical use. Write and edit for a catchy pitch. Express a vision or dream. Share your crazy idea.  
**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 9. Develop profitable ideas. Your financial discipline is admirable. A trickle into a savings account grows over time. Chop wood and carry water.  
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**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 6. Recharge your spirit with peaceful meditation. Allow time to rest and plan what's ahead. Organize and schedule. Consider long-term visions and intriguing potential.  
**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. Teamwork can reap satisfying results. Pull together for a common goal. Someone hits the ball out of the park. Celebrate shared accomplishments together.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

### The Argyle Sweater



### Bliss



### Bridge

Neither vulnerable, South deals

<b>North</b>		<b>East</b>	
♠ 7 4 3	♥ Q 10 7 6	♠ A 9 2	♥ K 8 4 3
♦ K Q 4 2	♣ J 7	♦ 10 9	♣ Q 6 4 2
<b>West</b>		<b>South</b>	
♠ Q J 10 6 5	♥ 9 2	♠ K 8	♥ A J 5
♦ 8 6 5 3	♣ 8 3	♦ A J 7	♣ A K 10 9 5

It is normal for defenders, when giving a count signal, to play from "present count." This means that they signal whether they have an even number of cards remaining in the suit, after the cards already played, or an odd number. This is two-way information. It is a signal intended to help partner but it also gives information to declarer.

Consider today's deal, from a tournament in Asia last year. West led the queen of spades to East's ace, and East routinely returned the nine of spades, indicating that he had an even number of cards remaining

in the suit after playing his ace. A routine line of play for declarer, combining his chances as much as possible, would be to cash the ace and king of clubs, hoping for the queen to fall. Failing that, he would cash four rounds of diamonds and pin his fate on the heart finesse, making his contract with an overtrick on this lie of the cards.

When Australian expert Sartaj Hans sat East, he returned the two of spades rather than the nine. This caused declarer to assume that Hans had started with either two spades or four spades. If four, the opponents would not have enough spade tricks to defeat him if they gained the lead. If two, then declarer could safely lose the lead to Hans as he would have no spade to lead to partner.

South cashed the ace and king of clubs, then continued with the 10 of clubs to Hans's queen. South was disappointed to see the opponents take three more spade tricks for down one. Nice play!

— Bob Jones  
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### Classic Peanuts



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### Dick Tracy



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WEDNESDAY, JAN. 22 NORMAL HIGH: 31° NORMAL LOW: 16° RECORD HIGH: 59° (1909) RECORD LOW: -17° (1936)

## Dry today before another end-of-week storm

### LOCAL FORECAST

**HIGH** 34 **LOW** 29

■ Breaks in the morning clouds may provide a few peaks of sun before giving way to overcast skies in the afternoon. Blustery and cold with a high in the low to mid 30s.

■ A dry day and evening before an extended period of messy wintry weather.

■ Gustly SSW winds turn S at 12-26 mph.

■ Snow arrives after midnight. Some accumulation possible before sunrise Thursday morning.

■ Cloudy and breezy overnight with south winds 11-23 mph.

■ Nighttime low near 30.

### NATIONAL FORECAST



A third consecutive end-of-week storm may bring snow and periods of a wintry mix beginning overnight tonight and will continue into the afternoon hours on Saturday. A slow moving storm with a still questionable track will bring accumulating snow and the possibility of a rain-snow mix from time to time. From tonight through Saturday, snowfall accumulations may vary greatly across northeast Illinois and northwest Indiana. Some areas could receive significant snowfall over the next three days.

The cold conditions earlier this week have made their way to the southeast. A wind chill advisory was in effect for south Florida and a hard freeze warning was in place for southeast Georgia and north central Florida this morning. A winter weather advisory was issued from Iowa to Oklahoma and Arkansas.

### THURSDAY, JAN. 23

**HIGH** 35 **LOW** 32

Cloudy with snow, possibly mixing with rain at times, especially in the afternoon. High in the mid 30s. South winds 8-15 mph. Snow overnight, possibly heavy at times. Southeast winds 4-8 mph. Low near freezing.

### FRIDAY, JAN. 24

**HIGH** 35 **LOW** 32

Snow likely. An afternoon mix of wintry precipitation is possible. Slowly strengthening east to northeast winds. High in the mid 30s. Night-time snow accumulation likely. Low near freezing with breezy NNE winds.

### SATURDAY, JAN. 25

**HIGH** 33 **LOW** 29

Cloudy cold and breezy with periods of snow continuing. High in the low 30s. North winds 10-15 mph. Snow ends in the evening. Cloudy but a few breaks in the clouds possible overnight. Winds diminish. Low near 30.

### SUNDAY, JAN. 26

**HIGH** 37 **LOW** 29

Extensive cloudiness lingers though some occasional breaks in the clouds are possible. A little warmer with a high in the mid to upper 30s. Mostly cloudy overnight with light west winds. Low near 30.

### MONDAY, JAN. 27

**HIGH** 36 **LOW** 27

Little change from Sunday. Mostly cloudy but dry. Light west winds turn south as high pressure moves to the southeast. High in the mid 30s. Cloudy skies overnight with light south winds. Low in the upper 20s.

### TUESDAY, JAN. 28

**HIGH** 38 **LOW** 28

Mostly cloudy. A little warmer with a high in the upper 30s. Slight chance for afternoon rain. ESE winds 8-12 mph. A chance of light snow at times overnight. South winds 8-12 mph. Low in the upper 20s.



NOTE: Predicted high/low temps on Tribune weather page are chronological—the "high" refers to maximum reading expected during day and "low" is the minimum reading expected the following night.

### ASK TOM

Dear Tom,  
I just read the barometric pressure topped 31 inches of mercury in the UK. Is that a record for them and would that have been a record for Chicago? Thanks.

Veronica Kichel

Dear Veronica,  
While the recent barometer reading of 31.02 inches in Wales was the UK's highest barometer reading in more than six decades, it fell just short of the 31.11 inches observed at Aberdeen, Scotland on Jan. 31, 1902. However, it would have established a new record for Chicago, as our city's highest barometer is 30.98 inches on Feb. 16, 1989. The world's highest pressure of 32.25 inches was recorded at Tosontsengel, Mongolia, on Dec. 29, 2004. In contrast, the world's lowest barometer reading (still under review) appears to be 25.40 inches reached on Nov. 7, 2013, as Super-typhoon Haiyan made landfall in the Philippines.

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## Extended spell of messy, wintry weather on the way

WEDNESDAY FORECAST A.M. LWS  
Cold air makes its way to the southeast

LATE WEDNESDAY THROUGH SATURDAY  
Potential for sticking snow

SEVERAL RECENT MESSY WINTER WEATHER—BUT NO EXTENDED ARCTIC OUTBREAKS  
Chicago temperatures since Dec. 1, 2019

DEPARTURES FROM NORMAL

+6.3° (Dec 2019) +5.3° (Jan 1-21, 2020)

DECEMBER 2019 TEMPERATURES: 34.0°  
JAN. 1-21, 2020 TEMPERATURE: 29.1°

LONG DURATION WINTER WEATHER EVENT  
Predicted Chicago precipitation timeline

ALL SNOW	WET SNOW AND/OR WINTRY MIX	SNOW
6 P.M. - 7 P.M.	6 A.M. - 6 P.M.	6 P.M. - 6 A.M.
2%	70%	70%
70%	65%	65%
70%	65%	70%
70%	65%	40%

WEDNESDAY WED. NIGHT THURSDAY THUR. NIGHT FRIDAY FRI. NIGHT SATURDAY

HINTS OF COLDER AIR HITTING A WEEK INTO FEBRUARY  
Chicago temperature departures

Temp	Day	Temp	Day	Temp	Day	Temp	Day	Temp	Day	Temp	Day
+4.0	WE	+8.0	TH	+10.0	FR	+8.0	JAN	+8.0	SU	+8.0	MO
+7.0	TU	+6.0	WE	+6.0	TH	+6.0	FR	+6.0	SAT	+3.0	SUN
+2.0	MON	+2.0	TUE	+3.0	WED	+3.0	THU	+3.0	FRI	+3.0	SAT

SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

### CHICAGO DIGEST

TUESDAY TEMPERATURES

LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	27	6	Midway	31	17
Gary	32	14	O'Hare	29	15
Kankakee	32	12	Romeoville	30	11
Lakefront	31	20	Valparaiso	32	17
Lansing	31	11	Waukegan	29	9

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION

PERIOD	2020	NORMAL
Tue. (through 4 p.m.)	0.00"	0.06"
January to date	2.03"	1.23"
Year to date	2.03"	1.23"

CHICAGO SNOWFALL

PERIOD	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Tue. (through 4 p.m.)	0.0"	0.0"
Season to date	16.2"	12.5"
Normal to date	16.8"	17.9"

SOURCE: Frank Wachowski

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Wind S 20-25 kts.	S 10-20 kts.
Waves 2-4 feet	1-3 feet
Tue. shore/crib water temps	33°/29°

U.S. SNOW COVER

Area covered by snow	2020	2019
Area covered by snow	40.1%	50.2%
Average snow depth	4.4"	4.6"

TRACKING THE COLD

SINCE OCT. 15	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Sub-32° highs	18 days	14 days
Subzero lows	0 days	0 days

CHICAGO AIR QUALITY

Tuesday's reading	Good
Wednesday's forecast	Good
Critical pollutant	Particulates

WEDNESDAY RISE/SET TIMES

Sun	7:11 a.m.	4:52 p.m.
Moon	5:30 a.m.	2:49 p.m.

WEDNESDAY PLANET WATCH

PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	7:48 a.m.	5:27 p.m.
Venus	9:04 a.m.	8:08 p.m.
Mars	3:54 a.m.	1:08 p.m.
Jupiter	6:01 a.m.	3:09 p.m.
Saturn	6:47 a.m.	4:09 p.m.

BEST VIEWING TIME DIRECTION

Mercury	Not visible	
Venus	5:45 p.m.	23.5° SW
Mars	5:30 a.m.	13.5° SE
Jupiter	6:45 a.m.	6.5° SE
Saturn	Not visible	

SOURCE: Dan Joyce, Triton College

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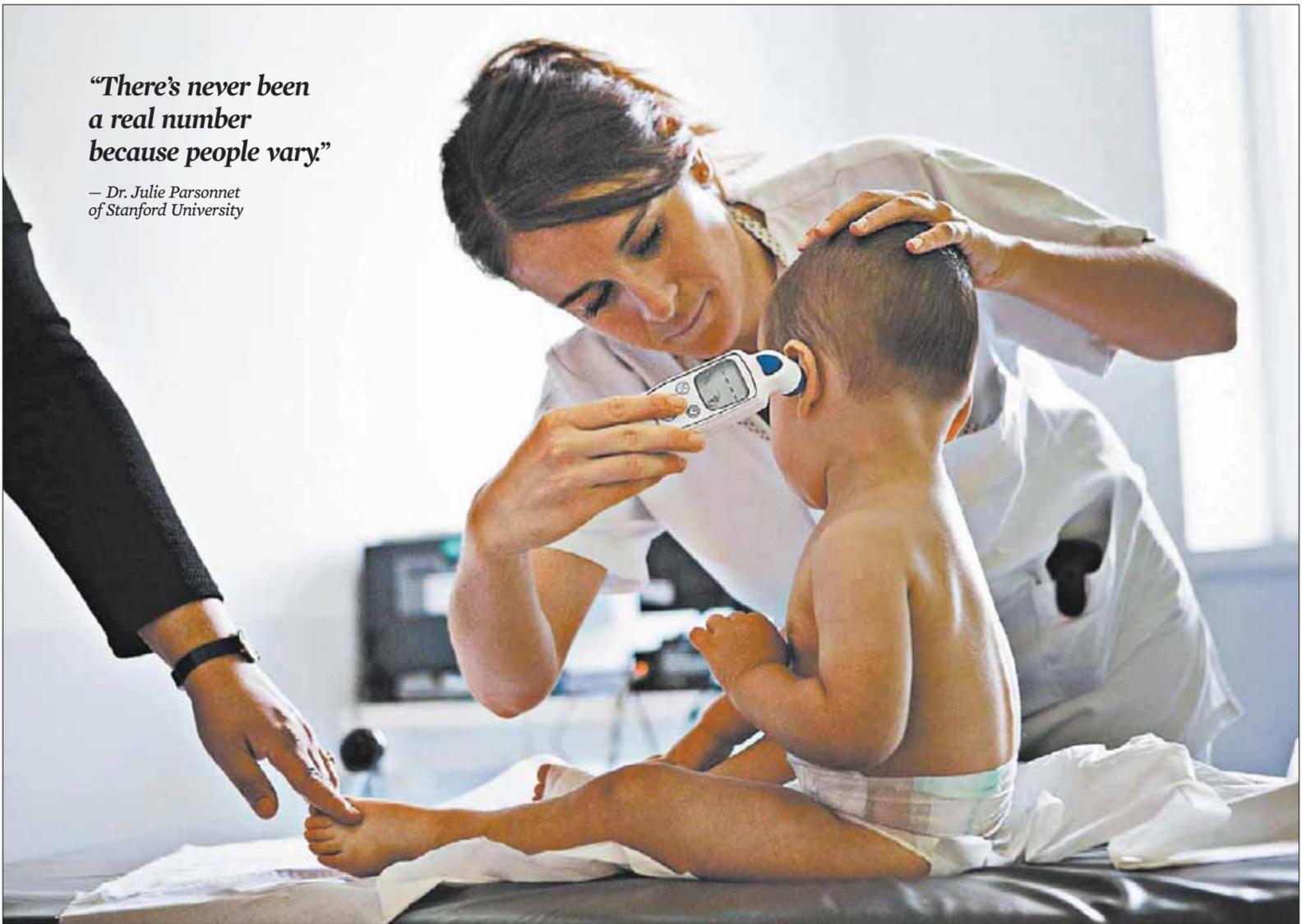
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## HEALTH &amp; FAMILY

*“There’s never been a real number because people vary.”*

— Dr. Julie Parsonnet of Stanford University



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## A FAIRLY NEW NORMAL

By KATE THAYER

For centuries, 98.6 degrees Fahrenheit was said to be the average, normal body temperature. It's not.

More recently, researchers have known normal body temperature is actually lower than 98.6 and can vary by gender, size, age, time of day and other factors. But now there's also new evidence that shows we've been cooling off since the 19th century when 98.6 was established as “normal.”

Research published last week in *eLife*, shows body temperature has not only dropped since German physician Carl Reinhold August Wunderlich's study in 1851 established the average body temperature as 98.6 degrees, but it has also dropped since the 1970s. The findings indicate that Americans' average, normal body temperature has dropped about 0.05 degrees Fahrenheit per decade, based on their birth year.

“People are stuck on the 98.6 number, but that num-

## Average body temperature is lower than 98.6 and cooling, research shows

ber has always been wrong,” said Dr. Julie Parsonnet, one of the authors of the study and professor of medicine at Stanford University. “There's never been a real number because people vary.”

But Parsonnet's research indicates there are still unknowns when it comes to the continued decrease in body temperature.

In the study, Parsonnet and other researchers looked at the temperatures of three groups: data from a study that recorded Civil War veterans' temperatures from the mid-1800s through 1930, more recent data from the 1970s recorded by the Centers for Disease Control, and temperatures of patients visiting Stanford health clinics from 2007 to 2017.

The data showed that the body temperature of men born in the 2000s is about

1.06 degrees Fahrenheit lower than men born in the early 1800s. And the body temperature of women born in the 2000s is on average 0.58 degrees Fahrenheit lower than women born in the 1890s.

Meaning, “it's not just an ancient change,” Parsonnet said, indicating previous theories that advancements in thermometers or means of calculating research data are not the only possible explanations for the change.

It's unclear what exactly is causing the continued decline, Parsonnet said, or what it could mean moving forward. Some factors could be that people have grown taller and heavier, and that their metabolic rates have slowed.

And modern medicine's elimination of certain diseases, such as syphilis, tuber-

culosis and periodontal diseases also could affect changes in body temperature, she said. When the original 98.6-degree normal was established, a significant portion of the population would've been fighting these diseases, Parsonnet said, which cause inflammation and higher temperatures.

It's important to find out why, she added, because it could affect lifespan. “We are having human cooling, and we don't know what that means, but it's good to know that it's happening.”

But doctors say evidence of declining temperature is not likely to change how they treat and assess patients for fever, though Parsonnet said it emphasizes that people should pay attention to how they feel and not just the number on the thermometer.

Dr. Edward Ward, emergency medicine physician at Rush University Medical Center, said he doesn't give a lot of weight to what could be considered normal temperature, instead focusing on extremes, including above 100 degrees Fahrenheit indicating a fever and below 94 degrees indicating hypothermia.

“It's not surprising that there will be changes (in normal body temperature) since the Industrial Revolution,” he said. “As an ER doctor, I'm looking for abnormalities.”

Ward also pointed out that there's “a difference between having what is medically considered a fever and feeling feverish. If someone is normally 96 and then suddenly they're 99, they probably feel uncomfortable.”

That can indicate illness and the need for medications like acetaminophen or ibuprofen, especially for higher temperatures that indicate influenza, he said.

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## ‘Short-hand religion’ exposed in girl’s expulsion



HEIDI STEVENS  
*Balancing Act*

Fifteen-year-old Kayla Kenney suddenly finds herself kicked out of her high school, and her family says it's because she posed for a photo with a rainbow birthday cake.

Kimberly Alford, Kayla's mom, told the *Louisville Courier-Journal* that Whitefield Academy, a private pre-K-12 Christian school

in Louisville, Kentucky, emailed her recently to say her daughter was being expelled immediately “due to a post on social media.”

On Dec. 30, Alford posted a photo on Facebook of Kayla next to a birthday cake with rainbow frosting. Kayla is wearing a rainbow sweater and grinning for the camera.

Alford told *The Washington Post* that a screenshot of her Facebook post was included as an attachment to the expulsion email from Whitefield's head of school, which read: “The WA Administration has been made aware of a recent picture, posted on social media, which demonstrates a posture of morality and

cultural acceptance contrary to that of Whitefield Academy's beliefs. We made it clear that any further promotion, celebration or any other action and attitudes counter to Whitefield's philosophy will not be tolerated.”

Alford said the cake/sweater

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# In a 24/7 food culture, fasting gains followers

Latest diet trend restricts when you eat as opposed to limiting what you eat

BY CANDICE CHOI  
Associated Press

On low-carb diets, meat and cheese are OK. On low-fat diets, fruit and oatmeal are fine.

With the latest diet trend, no foods at all are allowed for long stretches of time.

A diet that forbids eating for hours on end might seem doomed in a culture where food is constantly available, but apps and Facebook groups are popping up for people practicing "intermittent fasting."

Bri Wyatt, 32, a Tennessee resident, tried it last summer. "At first I was like, there's no way," she said.

But after reading more about it, she thought it might not be that hard. She started by skipping breakfast and nighttime snacks, and later moved on to a 60-day challenge of fasting every other day.

Melissa Breaux Bankston, a Crossfit instructor in New Orleans, also tried intermittent fasting as a way to curb her snacking. "I wanted to limit the amount of time that I was eating," she said.

Studies on the potential health benefits of intermittent fasting are still limited, including for its effectiveness with weight loss.

Like other diets, intermittent fasting helps you lose weight by setting boundaries around food. But instead of limiting what you eat, it restricts when you eat.

"It's really another way of fooling your body into eating less calories," said Krista Varady, who studies intermittent fasting at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Proponents say intermittent fasting helps with weight loss in other ways. For instance, they say it forces your body to start burning its own fat for fuel after depleting the energy it

normally gets from food. But any effects would depend on the specific approach you take, and Varady said there isn't strong evidence yet that intermittent fasting has any unique effects compared with other diets.

Regardless, people should consult their doctor before trying it. It's not advised for children, people on certain medications and people with a history of eating disorders.

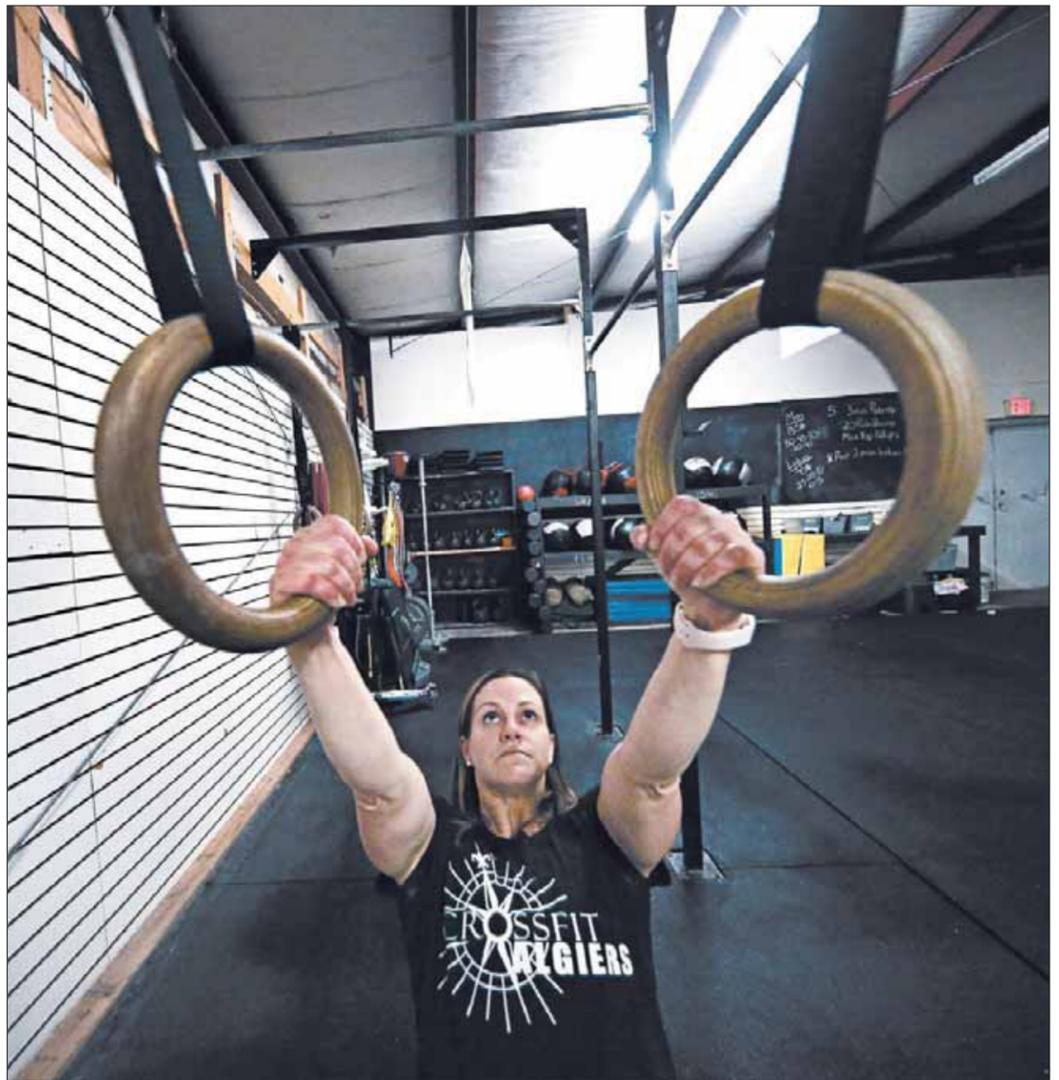
One of the more popular approaches to intermittent fasting is to limit eating to an eight-hour window and to fast during the day's other 16 hours. This is called time-restricted feeding and isn't as difficult as some other approaches, since the fasting period can include the time you're asleep.

Many people tailor the eating window to be shorter or longer. Some eat just one meal a day, while others fast entire days a couple times a week. On fasting days, people may allow themselves around 600 calories if needed. But Dr. Jason Fung, who has written books on intermittent fasting, says skipping food altogether might actually be easier, since eating small amounts could stimulate appetite.

Whatever the method, people aren't supposed to gorge when they stop fasting. Fung says it's a myth that fasting leaves you famished.

Sumaya Kazi, who posts about her intermittent fasting online and offers coaching services on the diet, says it seems more difficult than it is partly because overeating has become the norm. "Intermittent fasting is more of a mental challenge than a physical challenge," she says.

But people react differently to diets, and fasting may be a lot harder for



GERALD HERBERT/AP

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some than for others, says Dr. Fatima Stanford, a Harvard Medical School obesity specialist. "There's no one size fits all," she said.

Obesity experts have become interested in intermittent fasting, but studies on the diet are still emerging. For now, limited research suggests it may not be any better for weight loss than conventional calorie-cutting over the long term.

"Unfortunately, intermit-

tent fasting gets a little hyped," said Courtney Peterson, who studies the diet at the University of Alabama at Birmingham.

Still, some fasting approaches may be more effective than others. And Peterson notes the difficulty of designing studies that definitively capture a diet's effects. That's in part because so many other variables could be at play.

For instance, researchers are looking at whether any

benefits of intermittent fasting might be tied to when the eating period falls and fluctuations in how well our bodies process food throughout the day.

Some health experts say intermittent fasting might be too difficult for many people. They point to a study of 100 people where those placed in the alternate-day fasting group lost around the same amount of weight as those on conventional calorie-restriction

diets over time. But the fasting group had a dropout rate of 38%, compared with 29% for the conventional diet group.

But intermittent fasting may be easier than other diets for people who already skip meals when they're too busy, said UIC's Varady.

To make weight loss stick, she said people should pick diets that resemble how they already eat.



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Pneumonia is most commonly caused by bacteria or viruses that you breathe in.

## What you need to know about pneumonia

Mayo Clinic News

Pneumonia is an infection that inflames the air sacs in one or both lungs, and can range in seriousness from mild to life-threatening.

Pneumonia can affect anyone, but the age groups at highest risk are children younger than age 2 and people older than age 65.

"When we talk about pneumonia, we're referring to an infection in the lungs," says Dr. Nipun Rajapakse, a Mayo Clinic pediatric infectious diseases specialist. "Pneumonia can be caused by both bacteria and viruses, and, in rare cases, fungi, as well."

Pneumonia is most commonly caused by bacteria or viruses that you breathe in. Your body usually prevents these germs from infecting your lungs. But sometimes these germs can overpower your immune system, even if you are in good health.

Symptoms of pneumonia can vary, depending on factors such as the type of germ causing the infection,

as well as your age and overall health. Mild signs and symptoms are often similar to those of a cold or flu, but last longer.

"Walking pneumonia" is an informal term for a mild form of pneumonia that is caused by an atypical type of bacteria.

"Symptoms of walking pneumonia are similar to symptoms of pneumonia, but generally are on the milder side," says Rajapakse. "A child or a person with this infection can experience a cough, fever, runny nose, some difficulty with breathing, occasionally chest pain or some shortness of breath, as well."

Occasionally, walking pneumonia can progress to a more severe pneumonia that may require hospitalization.

"If you think you might have walking pneumonia — or any type of pneumonia — it's a good idea to see your physician or your primary care provider," says Rajapakse. "They will really be the best ones to do a physical examination

and potentially order a chest X-ray — if they think that one is warranted — to determine whether you might have pneumonia."

It's especially important that people in these high-risk groups see a health care provider: adults 65 and older, children younger than 2 with signs and symptoms, people with an underlying health condition or weakened immune system, and people receiving chemotherapy or taking immunosuppressant medications.

Vaccines are available to prevent some types of pneumonia and the flu. Vaccination guidelines have changed over time so it's important to review your vaccination status with your health care provider. Your health care provider can recommend a different type of pneumonia vaccine for children younger than 2 and children 2-5 who are at particular risk of pneumococcal disease. Children who attend a group child care center also should get the vaccine.

## Stevens

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combo wasn't even an expression of her daughter's sexuality or allyship.

"Rainbows don't mean you're a certain gender or certain sex or sexuality," Alford told the Post. "I'm not saying she's this or that — she's just Kayla to me. ... I ordered the cake, she didn't."

She said she even showed the school a receipt from the bakery, which asks for a cake decorated with "assorted colors."

Whitefield released a statement saying the expulsion was the result of a series of violations.

"In fact, she has unfortunately violated our student code of conduct numerous times over the past two years," the school said in the statement. "In the fall, we met with the student to give her a final chance to begin to adhere to our code of conduct. Unfortunately, she did not live up to the agreement, and therefore, has been expelled."

Under "general discipline policies" in Whitefield's parent/student handbook, the school spells out its role to "work in conjunction with the home to mold students to be Christ-like. On occasion, the atmosphere or conduct within a particular home may be counter or in opposition to the Biblical lifestyle the school teaches. This includes, but is not limited to, sexual immorality, homosexual orientation or the inability to support Biblical standards of right and wrong."

Maybe that's enough cover to consider a rainbow cake the final straw. It strikes me as a petty, injurious overreaction, but I'm not running the place.

I do think it's worth pausing, though, before we shrug and move on to the next news story, to consider what message this sort of event sends to kids who are figuring out who they are and who they love



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Whitefield Academy, a private pre-K-12 Christian school in Louisville, Kentucky, has expelled a student for posing on social media with a rainbow cake.

and where they will fit into this world.

I do think it's worth pausing and saying, loud and clear: Your faith and your sexuality don't have to be at odds. If you identify as a Christian and you identify as gay, you don't have to cleave off one part of yourself to remain true to the other.

No one explains this better than John Pavlovitz, a North Carolina-based minister and author whose work I've long admired. I called him to get his thoughts about the cake story.

"It's ironic that someone would see the rainbow, which in the story of Noah was a symbol of God's expansive love, and have that symbol become something they would weaponize," Pavlovitz said. "It just shows our complete lack of understanding of the heart of Jesus and what his teachings and what his life were trying to create in the world."

He knows some people will cheer the school's decision. He knows those cheers will land on the ears and in the hearts of young people in the LGBTQ community.

"A move like that gets cheap applause from others who want that same kind of vengeful religion," he said. "It's the sort of easy win that people get when they exclude people, when they can try to claim some sort of moral high ground. It's intoxicating. It makes people feel more spiritual."

He calls it a short cut.

"It's short-hand religion without a deeper theology," he said. "If you don't have a theology of empathy, there is no Jesus there. Even if you look at someone who is gay and you believe that's not what God wants for people, Jesus encountered people throughout his ministry that would be doing things God wouldn't want for them. And he always leaves them with more dignity than he found them."

To be clear, Pavlovitz doesn't believe being gay is a sin. He believes in and preaches radical inclusivity and believes Jesus did the same.

"Part of the work I try to do is have people develop a deeper empathy and a stronger, compassionate heart for others," he said. "That's how you emulate Jesus. But you see something like this happen in a school and you know they're not seeing this young person as a fully formed human being. They're seeing her as an issue. It just reminds you how much work there is to do in rediscovering the real message of Jesus."

Sometimes it arrives in the form of a rainbow cake.

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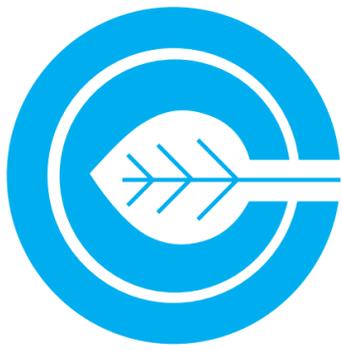
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# Wearables boost virtual physical education

With technology, taking gym class without the gym is catching on

BY CAROLYN THOMPSON  
Associated Press

Grace Brown's schedule at West Potomac High School in northern Virginia is filled with all the usual academics, and she's packed in Latin, chorus and piano as extras.

What she can't cram into the 8:10 a.m.-to-2:55 p.m. school day is gym class.

So she's taking that one minus the gym, and on her own time.

The 14-year-old freshman is getting school credit for virtual physical education, a concept that, as strange as it may sound, is being helped along by the availability of wearable fitness trackers.

For students whose tests and textbooks have migrated to screens, technology as gym equipment may have been only a matter of time.

Grace, who lives in Alexandria, wears a school-issued Fitbit on her wrist while getting in at least three 30-minute workouts a week outside of school hours. She has an app on her computer that screenshots her activity so she can turn it in for credit.

While online physical education classes have been around for well over a decade, often as part of virtual or online schools, the technology has made possible a new level of accountability, its users say.

"We're asking kids to wear this while they do an activity of their choice, and they can change the activity as they desire, as long as it's something that they understand is probably going to get their heart rate up," said Elizabeth Edwards, department head for online physical education at Fairfax County Public Schools, which includes Grace's high school.

Though a physical education instructor isn't shouting from the sidelines, teachers do guide assignments by setting goals such as fat burn, cardio or peak, relying on the technology to be their eyes and ears. Students also are required to sign in for a weekly 60-minute to 90-minute classroom session with the teacher.

Teenagers who play soccer, swim or dance all year may satisfy the workout requirements without doing anything extra. Grace has been adding bike rides and jogs to her days.

For her, online PE freed her up to take three elective courses, instead of two in school. For others, it's a welcome way to take a required class that students otherwise may find socially or physically challenging.

"We definitely exercise more in online PE," Grace said. "There's a lot of standing around in regular PE. Online, I do much harder workouts."

A survey of more than 3,000 fitness professionals by the American College of Sports Medicine named



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Grace Brown, 14, does a jogging workout for her online PE class in Alexandria, Virginia, in November. She took online PE so she could take a piano lab as an extra elective.

wearable technology the top trend in fitness for 2020. It's not clear how many schools are embracing the trend. It comes with some cautions.

Technology and the collection of any student data always raises the specter of student privacy concerns. And some worry that students exercising on their own may miss out on important social concepts such as teamwork.

"There is a difference between physical activity and physical education," said Chris Hersl, former vice president for programs and professional development at SHAPE America, which wrote national standards for K-12 physical education.

"Physical activity is great for the body. We want everybody to move," he said, "but physical education is a class where students are taught how to move their body and the social context in which to

do that."

Joliet Township schools in Illinois use fitness trackers as part of a blended learning conditioning program that has students who sign up for it work out two to three times a week in the gym with an instructor and the other days on their own.

"It's a flexible schedule where they still have in-person physical education classes and there's still instruction happening, but they're able to use the Fitbit to monitor how students are working outside the classroom," said Karla Guseman, the district's associate superintendent for educational services.

She said it's one of numerous blended learning options that Joliet Township High School district offers to give students more control over the pace and time of their work, and more responsibility to get it done.

"We're trying to give

them an opportunity to see what postsecondary might look like," Guseman said, "when you don't meet every day but you're still expected to do work for a course or preparation between class periods."

A virtual school that is part of the Springfield, Missouri, public school district started with a single class — physical education, said Nichole Lemmon, the creator of the program, called Launch, which uses Garmin fitness trackers.

"Eight years ago, it was the very first online class by our developers to meet a really niche student who could not fit PE courses into their schedule," Lemmon said.

A telling illustration of the technology-driven 24/7 school day is the peak login time on the school's portal system: 10:03 p.m.

"They may not be working out at 10 p.m., but that's when they're turning in

their workout. The notion that education now runs 7:30-4, 8-3, is really antiquated," Lemmon said, "and our students are begging to be able to have more flexibility in the time of day they learn."

During the past summer session, there were 22,600 students enrolled, and the most popular courses were PE, she said.

Teachers help students set up their fitness devices, entering the student's height, weight and age, and coming up with a target heart rate. As an added layer of instruction and accountability, Launch students are required to send video back to the teacher, who checks their technique as they stretch or lift weights, for example.

"They work with their PE instructor to set a fitness goal and then they get their workout however they want to," Lemmon said. "It really does pro-

vide lifelong fitness because it's about working out the way they want to, not they're required to do a particular activity in gym. We have a lot of kids — a locker room is their worst nightmare."

Grace's mother, Rhonda Brown, remembers how hard gym class soccer and softball games were for her because of blindness in one eye.

"You're talking to someone who was always picked last for every sporting activity. I have nightmares sometimes," she said.

She'd like to see the county go even further and grant waivers from PE to kids who play school sports.

"We're so stuck in the traditional classroom setting. These kids are burning 2,000 calories during a practice and more at every game," she said. "I wish the schools would catch up with the times."

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# For artist inspired by illness, 'gratitude outweighs pain'

BY CARA ANTHONY  
Kaiser Health

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — People often ask Dylan Mortimer how it feels to breathe through transplanted lungs. He gets that a lot because, while most people go through life with one pair of lungs, Mortimer is on his third.

The artist has endured two double lung transplants in the past two years. He often shares his journey as a speaker on-stage. But when the curtain closes, he leaves the rest of the storytelling to art.

The pastor turned full-time artist buys glitter by the pound to illustrate his battle with cystic fibrosis. For most of his life, the debilitating disease clogged his lungs with mucus, making it hard to breathe.

As he became an adult and continued to struggle for air, art became a way for him to explore his disease. He uses patterns and shapes inspired by the structure of lungs and cells. His art feels whimsical — all that glitter makes it glow — yet each piece holds the weight of Mortimer's pain.

"The gratitude outweighs the pain," Mortimer said. "Even if you're in immense pain, you know that my donor is not. He lives in me, but he's not alive anymore. I am. So I'm grateful for his decision, the selfless act."

In his studio in Kansas City, Mortimer creates celestial and glittery interpretations of scars, lungs and operating rooms.

One collage shows Mortimer's view from an ambulance, while other works celebrate Air Jordan Nike sneakers — shoes that Mortimer coveted as a child. "I'm taking scars and wounds and making them bright and shiny," Mortimer said.

Hospitals and clinics that treat lung disease often commission his



DYLAN MORTIMER

Some of Dylan Mortimer's art celebrates Air Jordan Nike sneakers — shoes he coveted as a boy with cystic fibrosis.

work, including Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis and New York-Presbyterian Hospital in New York City.

Mortimer initially was a minister, leading a church in Kansas City after graduating from art school in New York City. He's not a full-time pastor anymore, though he said he shares his faith through art.

"It's seemingly a big transition but, for me, being a person of faith and being an artist has all of these similarities," Mortimer said. "You're trying things out, you're exploring and you're trying to find truth."

At 3 months old, Mortimer was diagnosed with failure to thrive. His condition was later identified as cystic fibrosis. In 1979, when Mortimer was born, doctors weren't sure if anyone with cystic fibrosis, known as CF, would make it past their late teens.

But treatment for the disease improved as Mortimer grew up and was able to enter art school. At 25, he married the love of his life, Shannon, and they started a family while he honed his skills as an artist and pastored a church.

But by the time he was 37, the progressive disease had taken its toll. Doctors told Mortimer he needed a

double lung transplant. The hospital found a donor, but Mortimer's body ultimately rejected the first set of lungs. A year and a half later, he was back in the operating room for another double lung transplant.

This time, doctors felt more confident about the match. And the lungs came from an unexpected place: One of his Instagram followers, now a close friend, had lost a family member. The friend arranged to see if his late brother's lungs were a match and could be donated to Mortimer specifically. "We couldn't believe it," Mortimer said. "I didn't even know you could do that."

And just a month after the surgery in January 2019, he was jogging again. Then Mortimer started to complete longer runs. "I don't like running," Mortimer said with a chuckle. "But I like the victory and the symbol it represents, having gone through two lung transplants and finishing a 10K. It's something to celebrate."

The stories behind his medals, art and surgery might go into a book one day. "I believe that there is hope in the most hopeless situations," Mortimer said. "That's certainly what has kept me alive."

## PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

# Grapeseed oil helped rats' brains; could it aid humans?

BY JOE GRAEDON AND TERESA GRAEDON  
King Features Syndicate

**Q: I have been taking grapeseed extract for about five years to improve memory and stave off dementia. As you might suspect, there is limited research on this supplement, but it seems to be helping me. I am now 80 and doing well. I found a study on rats in a maze, and the results were impressive. Do you have anything further on grapeseed extract?**

**A:** We, too, found quite a bit of research on grapeseed extract improving cognitive function in rodents. Exercise (swimming, which they may not like) and grapeseed proanthocyanidin supplements improved working memory in middle-aged rats (Neurochemical Research, December 2017). Cell culture research shows that grape-derived compounds have protective anti-inflammatory activity in the brain (Journal of Ethnopharmacology, Jan. 30, 2020). We'd love to see a clinical trial in humans, but we haven't found such research yet.

**Q: Years ago, I heard on your show that resorcinol is antifungal and that it is an ingredient in Vagisil anti-itch cream. When I rubbed Vagisil on my toenail fungus, it worked as well as Vicks VapoRub. My toenails look better than with Vicks.**

**A:** Resorcinol is an old compound that has both antifungal and antibacterial activity. It is used in Vagisil Original Strength, a product promoted for relieving genital itch.

Resorcinol is not usually used to treat nail fungus. However, we heard about applying Vagisil to toenails from a radio listener many years ago. We are glad to



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A few studies have shown that grapeseed oil improves cognitive functioning in rodents.

hear that it is working for you.

**Q: You frequently write about home remedies. Have any of them been subject to randomized control trials? If so, what have the results been? If not, why not?**

**A:** Home remedies are rarely subjected to randomized placebo-controlled trials because such studies are expensive to conduct. Without the prospect of patent protection, most drug companies are unwilling to invest in this kind of research.

On the other hand, there is more scientific evidence behind some home remedies than you might expect. For example, using pickle juice or yellow mustard to ease muscle cramps seems illogical. Nevertheless, we now have a scientific explanation.

**Q: I saw an article in which you offered suggestions for an alternative to gabapentin for the treatment of diabetic neuropathy. I suffer from neuropathy as a result of cancer treatments. I took gabapentin for 10 years, but it never really worked well for me.**

**A:** My medical oncologist suggested acupuncture, and I found a skilled practitioner. Acupuncture has brought me

**amazing relief. The key is to find an acupuncturist who knows how to treat chronic pain.**

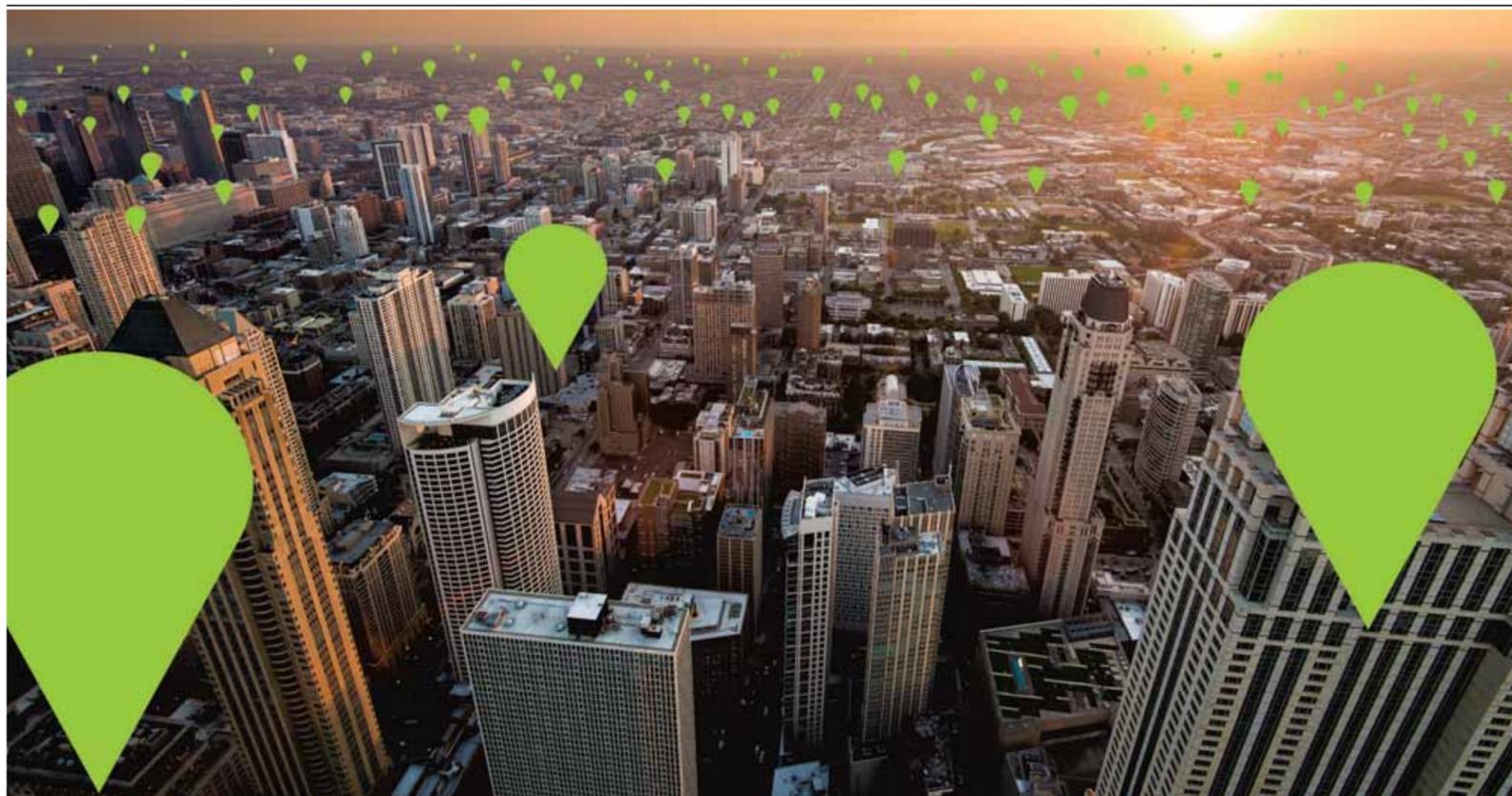
**A:** A systematic review of acupuncture for treating chemotherapy-induced peripheral neuropathy concluded that this is an effective approach (Integrative Cancer Therapies, January-December 2019).

**Q: I take Trelegy daily for COPD. This drug has made me hoarse, but I am reluctant to take more medicine to treat a side effect. Is there a natural remedy?**

**A:** Trelegy is an inhaler that contains three medicines: fluticasone, umecclidinium and vilanterol. Fluticasone is a corticosteroid drug that can cause hoarseness when it is inhaled. Unfortunately, the only surefire way to overcome the hoarseness is to discontinue the drug. Since you need the medicine for your COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease), dropping the drug is not an option.

The manufacturer suggests that you rinse your mouth after using the inhaler. That may reduce hoarseness.

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Lasagna features three basic components — noodles, sauce and cheese.

## CRAVING Munchies



**JAMES P. DEWAN**  
Prep School

I'm of two minds about this whole "last meal" thing. You know, the one where you've been convicted (unjustly, of course) of a capital crime — espionage, for example, which is so crazy because you were just taking a selfie in front of the Kremlin — and now grim midnight approaches on the evening of your impending transfer to oblivion and there is but one final question to answer: What to eat?

On the one hand, I may want something so iconically horrific that death's yawning maw would bring welcome relief.

Orwell correctly observed that "worst thing in the world ... varies from individual to individual," and for me that would be the dreaded staple from my childhood: canned cubed beets in heavy syrup.

On the other hand, if there's any edge to be taken off my own personal passage to oblivion, it might be done by a dipped Italian beef with both sweet and hot peppers.

Or lasagna, ooh. Honored guest at family gatherings, trusty savior — even cold — when the late-night munchies mount their attack. Let's take a gander.

### Why you need to learn this

Well, it's a new year, and, God help us, we're not getting any younger. If you haven't made lasagna by now, you'd best get on it, especially if you're planning that trip to Moscow. I hear the chef at Lefortovo Prison has a very limited repertoire.

# Lasagna essentials

Don't be intimidated — just break down dish into its component parts

### The steps you take

Before we begin, leave us recall that, as we've stated off times before, there's no accounting for taste: You may find off-putting a lasagna that is heralded by the hoi polloi as the apotheosis of that noodle concoction.

Add to that the fact that, for any given thing on our home planet (Earth), there are more bad examples than there are good. For every Mona Lisa, there are 10,000 inexpertly inked tattoos of "My Old Lady on Her Harley." And how many meals have you approached with salivating anticipation only to swallow each successively dispiriting bite with an underwhelmed, "Meh?"

I mention this truth for its two subsequent corollaries: First, if we accept the inevitability of less-than-perfect lasagnas, then, whether you're haunted by the shadow of the hangman's noose or simply prepping for pangs of nocturnal cravings, you may as well learn how to make it yourself. And second, fear not if your first attempt (or your first several attempts)

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## REVIEW Gaijin ★★★

# Japanese pancakes a comfort in West Loop

BY NICK KINDELSPERGER

Paul Virant opening a Japanese okonomiyaki restaurant is a bit like if Rick Bayless decided to try his hand at Polish pierogi — both surprising and off brand.

Virant made his name as a proud supporter of Midwest cuisine and its ingredients. At Vistro in Hinsdale and Vie in Western Springs (where he won a Michelin star in 2011 and 2012) he proudly serves American cuisine with a strong farm-to-table ethos. His cookbook, "The Preservation Kitchen," explains how to pickle peak Midwest produce.

Yet, at Gaijin in the West Loop he has created a restaurant devoted to okonomiyaki, the infinitely customizable, griddled Japanese pancake. For those unfamiliar, the dish starts with a base made mostly of eggs, cabbage and grated nagaimo (sometimes called a mountain yam). Thanks to that last ingredient, the interior has a viscous, almost goeey texture, close to an underdone custard. To this base can be added essentially any kind of



E. JASON WAMBSGANS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The octopus okonomiyaki arrives drizzled with hot sauce and honey gastrique.

meat, seafood or other vegetable imaginable. Regardless of your choice, each one is brushed with okonomiyaki sauce, a dark mixture that balances sweet and savory, and squirted with an intricate web of mayo, further amping up the umami profile. The final flourish is a handful of bonito flakes that, thanks to the heat of the dish, wave and curl in front of you like sentient ribbons. Each bite is warm and creamy, savory and slightly

sweet. "It's a super popular comfort food dish in Japan," says Virant over the phone.

But it's quite rare to find it in Chicago, as I found after a week of mostly fruitless searching. This led to a genuine issue: How do you review a restaurant serving a dish you haven't eaten often? I made okonomiyaki at home a few times, even successfully tracking down some nagaimo (thanks, H Mart!), but felt only slightly closer to under-

standing the dish. I needed help.

One of the few places serving okonomiyaki in the city is Izakaya Mita (1960 N. Damen Ave.), which dishes out an excellent version stuffed with plump shrimp and crab. This led me to invite co-owner Brian Mita to Gaijin to subtly bombard him with as many questions as possible. (This means I threw off all hopes of anonymity. Even if I'd

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# Restaurant Week: 30 don't-miss spots to try

BY PHIL VETTEL

The first Chicago Restaurant Week took place in 2008, and 35 eager restaurants participated. Ten years later, there were 370. This year, the 13th annual Chicago Restaurant Week will have more than 400 participating restaurants.

I'd call that a success story. Here's how it works: From Jan. 24 through Feb. 9 — yes, that's 17 days, not a week — restaurants in the city and suburbs will offer two- and three-course lunches (\$24), weekend brunches (\$24) and three- and four-course dinners (\$36 or \$48). Some restaurants feature lunch only, or dinner only; some offer both (or all three, if there's a separate brunch menu). In nearly every case, the restaurants' regular menus also are available.

How to choose among so many options? For starters, you can check out Choose Chicago's dedicated website, [eatitupchicago.com](http://eatitupchicago.com), where you'll find a complete list of participants, their menus and a link to make online reservations via OpenTable.

Or, you could check out the

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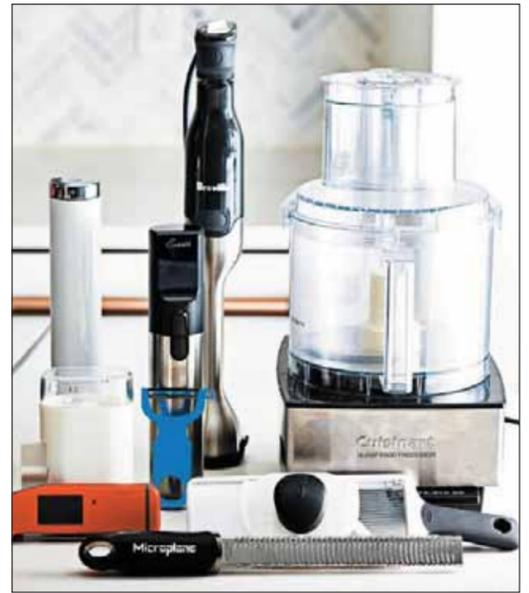
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## 9 must-have devices for home cooks

Gadgets worth the real estate in your kitchen

By **KATIE WORKMAN**  
 Associated Press

I love a shiny new kitchen object as much as the next cook, and at times my kitchen has resembled a kitchen specialty store. But if you have a small kitchen, counter space and cabinet storage are at a premium.

Here are some of my all-time favorite gadgets to make your cooking life better.

I'm skipping the bigger appliances like slow cookers and air fryers. I'm also skipping knives, cutting boards, pots and pans, measuring cups and the like, because you pretty much know you need those.

This is about great gadgets, both low- and high-tech, that deserve a spot in your kitchen because they work hard and smart.

**Perfect peeler:** I use a peeler pretty much every day for something. Potatoes, carrots, apples, winter squash, etc. I am a fan of Kuhn Rikon peelers, which are lightweight and easy to use on peels thick and thin. OXO also make an assortment with different blades, shapes and widths.

**Pepper mill:** Nothing is more important in the kitchen than salt and pepper, and freshly ground pepper is much better than pre-ground. The Peppermate Traditional Pepper Mill is sleek and contemporary looking, made of ceramic with a side crank. It has a removable, clear-bottom cup under the grinder to catch the pepper, and an adjustable grinding size, from very fine (for most things) to very coarse (for things like steak au poivre). For a more classic look, Peugeot makes high-quality mills.

**Mandoline:** It's hard to get perfectly thin slices for most of us home cooks, even with a good knife. But with a mandoline, you can get even slices of all sorts of vegetables and other ingredients. One example is the OXO Good Grips Hand-Held version, which comes with settings for three different thinnesses, and a handle so you can slice safely and quickly into a bowl or over a plate.

**Food processor:** I use no appliance more than this one. I use it for pureeing, chopping, slicing and shredding. Cuisinart has long been my go-to brand; I grew up with one and now own half a dozen. Other companies, like KitchenAid and Breville, also make good food processors. Sizes range from quite large (14- or 16-cup bowls) to mini (about 2 cups). I recom-

mend one little one, for things like mincing garlic or making pesto, and one large, for everything else.

**Microplane:** One of those products where the brand name has become synonymous with the thing itself, even though other manufacturers make similar items. This is basically a small, hand-held grater. The most classic one is long and narrow, with lots of fine blades that turn lemon zest and hard grating cheeses and chocolate into fluffy mounds of delicate tiny shreds. You can also get versions that grate food into larger strands.

**Instant-read thermometer:** There are many versions on the market, from digital to analog to Bluetooth to infrared. When you want to make sure that you are not overcooking a roast beef, or that your bread is cooked through, an instant-read thermometer is indispensable. (You'll justify the cost quickly when you consider how much you spent on that holiday filet!) In the most user-friendly digital arena, ThermoPro instant thermometers are fast and precise with a wide temperature range.

**Immersion blender:** I love my blender and food processor, but if you've ever tried to transfer a pot of hot, chunky soup to a blender then you understand why an immersion blender is such an asset. Instead of pouring, just place the immersion blender right into the pot. You can even stick the wand into a can of whole tomatoes and puree them right there. There are loads of good ones on the market, from companies like Breville, All-Clad, Braun and Philips.

**Wine opener:** If you're not a wine drinker, then obviously this isn't a go-to gadget, but if you are, investing in a nice one makes opening a bottle a real pleasure. Williams Sonoma makes a great assortment including classic winged corkscrews and easy-to-use lever corkscrews. Rabbit is another reliable name in the wine-opener world, and you might splurge on a Pro Electric Corkscrew with an Infrared Thermometer for the true oenophile in your life.

**Sous vide:** If you've been curious about sous vide (and many people are), then now is a good time to try this latest-technology gadget; there are lots of options out there at pretty reasonable prices. Sous vide is a cooking method that entails putting food in a vacuum-sealed bag and cooking it in water at a controlled temperature. It's basically impossible to overcook it. The Joule Sous Vide is small compared with other sous vide appliances, but powerful, as well as sleek and attractive enough to leave out. It works with phone apps as well, for the ultimate in modern cooking.



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A fresh yuzu fruit, from left, rosemary-bay simple syrup, yuzu spritzer and mulled juice.

# Mocktails that come with good vibes

BY GENEVIEVE KO  
Los Angeles Times

My sister took me out for my first drink. It was great until we realized our bodies can't handle alcohol. We both flushed crimson from head to toe, then her heart began to beat too rapidly. That part was not great at all. And neither were the killer headaches the next day. Since then, we've learned we have plenty of fun drinking together without any booze. We initially experienced the high of sipping delicious mocktails at State Bird Provisions in San Francisco. It was the first cocktail menu we saw that listed nonalcoholic options more exciting than a Shirley Temple. And they were. With the brightness of citrus and berries, our drinks weren't too sweet but balanced sharp, spicy and

smooth elements like any well-made cocktail. Fizzy and fresh, they gave us a pleasure high not unlike a nice buzz. It's easy to get that same good-bar vibe at home. To start, make simple syrup from scratch. It takes only a few minutes and lasts a few weeks. While simple syrup can be infused with anything from spices to chiles, it's especially tasty when it reflects the season and the place. This wintry LA version combines the pine notes of rosemary with the scent of eucalyptus in bay leaves. It works just as well in a refreshing citrus spritzer as it does in a warming mug of mulled juice. The former gets the night started and the latter helps end it. And in both cases, you'll wake up the next morning feeling totally refreshed.

## Rosemary-bay simple syrup

**Time:** 5 minutes, plus cooling  
**Makes:** about 1 cup  
½ cup granulated sugar  
2 sprigs rosemary  
1 fresh bay leaf  
**1. Combine** the sugar and ½ cup water in a small saucepan. Bring to a boil, stirring to dissolve the sugar.  
**2. Remove** from the heat and immediately add the rosemary and bay leaf. Cool to room temperature.  
**Make ahead:** The simple syrup can be refrigerated in an airtight container for up to 2 weeks.

## Yuzu spritzer

**Time:** 5 minutes **Makes:** 1 drink  
Yuzu is a citrus fruit that tastes like a blend of lemon, lime and grapefruit. Fresh ones or the bottled juice are available online and may be at farmers markets or Japanese or Korean groceries. You can substitute a mix that's 2 parts grapefruit juice to 1 part each lemon and lime juice to get a similar effect, and use the zest of any of the fruits for garnish.  
1 fresh yuzu, scrubbed  
1 tablespoon rosemary-bay simple syrup  
Sparkling water, to serve  
**1. Using a vegetable peeler** or sharp paring knife, remove the yuzu zest in a long, winding strip. Spiral the zest up the sides of a highball glass, then fill the glass with ice.  
**2. Squeeze 2 tablespoons** juice from the yuzu and pour into the glass. Add the simple syrup, then top off with sparkling water. Serve immediately with a stirrer for mixing.

## Mulled pomegranate juice

**Time:** 10 minutes  
**Makes:** 1 drink  
You can substitute unsweetened tart cherry juice or cranberry juice.  
1 cup unsweetened pomegranate juice  
1 tablespoon rosemary-bay simple syrup, plus more to taste  
1 cinnamon stick  
1 star anise  
3 allspice berries  
**1. Combine** the juice, simple syrup, cinnamon, star anise and allspice in a small saucepan. Bring to a simmer over medium-low heat. Taste and add more syrup if desired. Reduce the heat to low and let steep for 5 minutes.  
**2. Transfer** to a mug and serve warm.

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# Muffins in minutes

Easy DIY baking mix leaves room for endless improvisation

BY ROBIN MATHER

If your morning routine includes a coffee shop stop to grab joe and a muffin, you need this story.

If your dinner menu's looking a little uninspired, you also need this story.

We have a way for you to have your muffin and eat it, too — any time of day, any way you want it. It'll help your wallet, too. Whether you want sweet, chockablock with fruit and nuts, or savory, redolent with cheese and chiles or other savory ingredients, this baking mix lets you have muffins in minutes.

The baking mix is also a boon to have on hand for last-minute baking tasks, such as when your child informs you at 9 p.m. that tomorrow is her day to take a treat, or when friends pop by unexpectedly.

Store the mix at room temperature and make up a batch whenever you have a few minutes. Then freeze the cooled muffins in individual portions for quick grab-and-go snacks. It's better to freeze the baked muffins than to freeze the batter.

Having the mix on hand allows for easy improvisation. Add a little vanilla to the batter if you're going for sweet muffins. Top the muffins before baking with a simple streusel of 3 tablespoons flour, 3 tablespoons brown sugar and 2 tablespoons softened butter, if you like. Or, while the muffins bake, you may wish to make a simple glaze or icing from powdered sugar, milk and vanilla to gild them when they've cooled.

Some sweet add-in combinations that I especially like include:

- ¾ cup toasted coconut + ¾ cup diced pineapple + 1 tablespoon rum extract
- ¾ cup diced apple or pear + ¾ cup chopped dates
- 1 cup peanut butter chips + ¼ cup powdered peanut butter + ¼ cup cocoa
- ¾ cup mashed banana + ½ cup chopped walnuts
- 1 cup mashed pumpkin or butternut squash + 2 teaspoons cinnamon + 1 teaspoon each of nutmeg and ginger
- 1 cup fresh blueberries (toss these with the dry ingredients so they won't sink to the bottom of the muffins) + 2 teaspoons grated lemon zest

On the other side of the fence, savory muffins match up well with simple suppers of soup, stew or chili. Some savory add-in combinations that have pleased me include:

- 1 cup fresh or thawed frozen corn kernels + ½ cup shredded cheddar + ¼



A variety of muffins.

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## Multiple muffin mix

**Prep:** 30 minutes

**Bake:** 28-31 minutes

**Makes:** 4 batches, or about 36 large or 48 small muffins

Keep this mix on hand for easy muffins in a jiffy. After mixing the ingredients, divide the batch into recipe-sized portions and store in 1 quart canning jars or zip-close quart bags. It keeps perfectly well at room temperature for several months. Whisk the dry ingredients for each batch to be sure they're well blended. The baking temperature instructions are a little unusual: If you put the muffins into a hot oven for a short time, they rise higher and look better. Then reducing the temp lets them continue to cook through.

### Baking mix:

7 cups all-purpose flour, spooned into measuring cup and leveled

1 cup whole-wheat flour or cornmeal, spooned into measuring cup and leveled

3 cups sugar: any combination of firmly packed brown sugar OR white sugar

3 tablespoons baking powder

2 teaspoons salt

### For each batch of 12 regular or 6 large muffins:

1 large egg, lightly beaten

1 cup milk

½ cup oil: melted coconut oil, canola oil OR vegetable oil

2 teaspoons vanilla, for sweet muffins (optional)

2¾ cup baking mix (above)

**Add-ins:** up to 1½ cups any combination of fruit, vegetables, grated or diced cheese, baking chips, nuts or toasted coconut

cup diced roasted chiles OR 1 tablespoon chili powder + 2 teaspoons cumin

■ 1 cup diced brie (with rind removed) + ½ cup chopped walnuts

■ 1 cup thawed frozen chopped spinach + ½ cup crumbled feta + 2 teaspoons dried oregano + 1 teaspoon dried rosemary

■ ¾ cup diced ham + ¾



With the DIY mix on hand, you just need to add milk, oil and an egg to bake up a fresh batch of muffins. Make them sweet or savory. And mix in your favorite ingredients.

**1. Make the baking mix:** In a large bowl, whisk together flours, sugar, baking powder and salt. Combine thoroughly and portion for storage.

**2. At baking time,** heat the oven to 400 degrees. Line the cavities of a muffin pan with paper liners.

**3. Combine** egg, milk and oil in a large bowl. Whisk to combine well. Add baking mix and your choice of add-ins; combine with 15 to 20 strokes. There will still be streaks of white showing and the batter will be lumpy. Do not overmix.

**4. Fill** the muffin cups three-quarters full with the batter. Bake, 10 minutes. Then reduce oven temperature to 350 degrees. Bake until a toothpick inserted in the center of a muffin comes out clean, 8 to 11 minutes more for regular-sized muffins, or 15 to 20 minutes more for large muffins.

**5. Cool** in the pan for 10 minutes before transferring muffins to a rack to finish cooling.

**6. Once** cool, the muffins can be individually frozen on a baking pan before transferring to zip-close bags for longer storage, up to 3 months. Thaw by microwaving for about a minute or allow them to thaw naturally at room temperature.

**Nutrition information per serving:** 221 calories, 10 g fat, 8 g saturated fat, 17 mg cholesterol, 30 g carbohydrates, 14 g sugar, 3 g protein, 204 mg sodium, 1 g fiber

cup diced Swiss or Emmentaler cheese + 1 teaspoon cayenne pepper

■ ¾ cup crumbled blue cheese + ¾ cup cooked, crumbled bacon + 2 tea-

spoons sage

■ ½ cup pesto + ¾ cup pine nuts + ½ cup grated Parmesan (sprinkle some of the cheese on top before baking)

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# Tasty sheet pan gnocchi makes for a quick dinner

BY SHEELA PRAKASH  
TheKitchn.com

Our schedules seem to only get busier. Trying to squeeze in dinner between all the hustle and bustle can be challenging. Enter this quick sheet pan dinner. Roasting the gnocchi in the oven means you get to skip the step of boiling it altogether, which not only results in a faster, less messy meal, but it also yields crispy, caramelized potato nuggets that are arguably much tastier.

Nothing against puffy, pillowy boiled gnocchi, but sheet pan gnocchi gives it some serious competition. The first time I roasted gnocchi in a hot oven, I couldn't believe the results. The gnocchi transformed into a new entity: tender and chewy on the inside, browned and extra crispy on the outside. Toss a few other colorful ingredients on the sheet pan and it quickly becomes a complete meal with minimal cleanup.

Here, I leaned heavily into seasonal flavors. Chunks of sweet butternut squash (go for pre-cut to keep it easy) join earthy mushrooms, sweet red onion, juicy sausage, and plenty of chopped rosemary. It's hearty, comforting and on your table in 30 minutes — exactly the kind of dinner we all need this time of year.



JOE LINGEMAN

## Crispy sheet pan gnocchi with mushrooms, sausage and squash

**Makes:** 4 servings

8 ounces cremini mushrooms  
½ medium red onion

2 tablespoons coarsely chopped fresh rosemary leaves

1 pound pre-cut (1-inch) butternut squash cubes (about 4 cups)

1 pound fresh, shelf-stable, or frozen potato gnocchi

¼ cup olive oil

½ teaspoon kosher salt

¼ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

8 ounces uncooked sweet or hot Italian sausage

Grated Parmesan cheese, for serving (optional)

**1. Arrange** 2 racks to divide the oven into thirds and heat the oven to 450 F.

**2. Quarter** 8 ounces cremini mushrooms and place them on a rimmed baking sheet. Cut ½ medium red onion into 1-inch chunks and place on the baking sheet. Chop until you have 2 tablespoons fresh rosemary leaves and sprinkle over the vegetables.

**3. Add** 1 pound cubed butternut squash (trim any large pieces into 1-inch pieces) and 1 pound potato gnocchi to

the baking sheet. Drizzle everything with ¼ cup olive oil, then sprinkle with ½ teaspoon kosher salt and ¼ teaspoon black pepper. Toss to coat and spread the mixture into an even layer.

**4. Remove** the casings from 8 ounces sweet or hot Italian sausages if needed. Drop bite-sized pieces of the sausage all over the top of the gnocchi mixture.

**5. Place** the baking sheet on the lower rack. Roast, stirring halfway through, until the gnocchi are plump, the sausage is browned and cooked through, and the vegetables are tender, about 25 minutes total.

**6. Move** the baking sheet to the upper rack and turn on the broiler. Broil until the gnocchi are lightly browned and crisp, 3 to 5 minutes. Serve garnished with grated Parmesan cheese, if desired.

**Recipe notes:** Leftovers can be stored in an airtight container in the refrigerator for up to three days. If starting with a whole butternut squash, peel it, seed it, and chop into 1-inch cubes. You'll need 1 pound of squash (about 4 cups).



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The Publican in Fulton Market is one of several high-end restaurants serving pork rinds, now even more popular.

**CRAVING Munchies**

# The diet trend of your dreams: Fancy pork rinds

BY CHERYL V. JACKSON

What a time to be a pork rinds fan. The salty snacks have broken out of the gas station market and are popping up all over the place — even on high-end restaurant menus.

Snack makers are responding to demand for the rinds and cracklings — similar, but with more fat attached — offering them in forms ranging from strips to curls to scoops.

Long a staple of Southern, African American and Hispanic diets (*chicharrones*), the high-protein, no-carb, fried pork skins are catching on with a broader audience — particularly among women and millennials — thanks to paleo and keto diet trends.

“There’s always increased demand for pork rinds,” said Sam Khoshaba, owner of Niles-based Tip Top Distributors, which launched its own brand, O’My Snack, in 2017.

Sales of pork rinds and cracklings are up 5% to 7%, said Khoshaba, who recently began distributing Kim’s Chicken Cracklings.

Pork rinds now come in gourmet flavors, such as rosemary and sea salt; habanero; and garlic

thyme. They’re served at high-end restaurants too. The Publican orders about 40 pounds every week to fry up and coat with a mix of Espelette pepper, malt vinegar powder and cheddar cheese powder, said chef de cuisine Sieger Bayer. An order costs \$7.

“The rinds are something. It doesn’t matter the party size or time of day, whether it’s young 20-somethings getting bloody marys for brunch or a party of 20 sitting down at 10 or so and getting drinks. Guys even order rinds and vanilla ice cream and have that for dessert,” he said.

Chicago is home to one of the world’s biggest pork rinds makers, Evans Food Group. The 72-year-old company produces pork rinds for Mac’s Snacks and private-label brands, such as 7-Eleven’s 7-Select.

“The new trends in keto and gluten-free have started to amp up these types of foods,” said Arturo Amezcua, president of the West Division for Evans-Gaytan Foods.

That has given rise to the likes of Epic Provisions’ rinds and cracklings, made with pork raised without antibiotics and free of artificial preservatives and flavorings. The Hershey

Co.’s Krave gourmet meat snack brand recently announced it would launch a pork rinds line. Bacon’s Heir olive oil-fried rinds, called Pork Clouds, are flavored with such spices as cinnamon or garlic thyme. Southern Recipe Small Batch offers such flavors as Korean kimchi BBQ; pineapple ancho chili; and Thai curry varieties, as well as oven-baked versions in cilantro lime and blackberry habanero.

A pair of executives led the development of fancier skins for Southern Recipe Small Batch, said Mark Singleton, vice president of sales and marketing at Rudolph Foods, a Lima, Ohio-based company that makes pork rinds for several brands, including Southern Recipe and Frito-Lay’s Baken-Ets. The executives changed the formula in place since 1967 by cutting sodium by 40% and notching up flavor.

The new skins cost 50% to 75% more than traditional varieties.

“Larry the Cable Guy and Homer Simpson were our guys. That’s changed,” he said. “Keto and the iPhone and Instagram and Pinterest have educated millions and millions. We’re a genius junk food.”

The company has moved its products into about 5,000 bars and restaurants and about 70 ballparks and stadiums through its food service division over the past few years. It makes about 20% of the rinds sold in the United States, including those for the 10-year-old 4505 Chicharrones antibiotic-free brand made in smokehouse barbecue and jalapeño cheddar flavors.

Likewise, Evans Food Group has plans to go gourmet with some of its own brands in early 2020.

“Obviously it’s going to be an important focus of the business, and key players cannot afford not to play there,” Amezcua said.

But not everyone is going for posh flavors.

The 7-Eleven at 1138 W. Wilson Ave., across the street from Truman College in Uptown, has about 10 types of pork rinds, with nary a cilantro, molasses or reduced-sodium flavoring to be found.

“Customers around here are not much interested in that,” said manager Kimya VanPelt. “They just want the salt.”

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**DRINK**

# Beer judges, contests influence industry

BY COLLEEN SCHRAPPEN

St. Louis Post-Dispatch

ST. LOUIS — Becoming a beer judge isn’t a barrel of laughs.

Aspiring tasters must successfully answer 180 multiple-choice questions in 60 minutes, sample a bevy of bad beers — correctly identifying problems with oxidation, fermentation or yeast gone rogue — and then take a written exam with 20 true/false questions and five essays.

One example: “Define the techniques of krausening, adding gypsum and fining and how they affect finished beer.”

The job is unpaid. There’s a lot of science. But, for many, the worst day as a beer judge is still a pretty good day.

“It’s drinking beer on a Sunday night and hanging out with like-minded people,” said Chris Rahn, the owner of the Stubborn German Brewing Co. in Waterloo, Illinois.

Certified beer judging, though not a well-known process outside brewing circles, plays an integral role in the craft beer industry. Many homebrewers hone their technique through the judging process, and the trends they embrace eventually filter through to independent breweries.

And sometimes, as in Rahn’s case, a homebrewer



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Mike Walters judges the aroma of a light ale during the Happy Holidays Homebrew Competition in December.

becomes a beer judge becomes a brewery owner.

“It opened up a lot of doors for me,” he said.

The Beer Judge Certification Program — run by a national organization of the same name — includes four main rankings: recognized, certified, national and master. Of the 7,200 certified judges in the United States, just 52 are masters. Rahn is one of nine national-level judges in the St. Louis region.

Four years ago, Rahn opened the Stubborn German. He has much less time to judge these days, but he volunteered at a session of St. Louis Brews’ annual Happy Holidays Homebrew Competition in December.

The contest spans four

days and attracts about 200 brewers and 70 judges from around the country.

Almost 600 entries were submitted, in categories such as porters, small stouts, strong stouts, fruit beer and European wild ales.

Homebrewers are often willing to take risks that brewers can’t afford to, propelling recent flavor trends such as pumpkin ales, black IPAs and imperials.

Gary Glass, the director of the Boulder, Colorado-based American Homebrewers Association, rates St. Louis’ Happy Holidays among the top 10% of the 600 sanctioned brewing competitions held each year across the country.

“People like to create

something unique, and they’re getting high-quality evaluations of their beers,” he said.

The judges at the Happy Holidays competition work in pairs and sample about a half-dozen beers.

“More than that and you wear your taste buds out,” said Mike Walters, the contest coordinator and a national-level judge.

Three pairs of judges evaluate each beer category. They swirl-sniff-sip, jot some notes, sip again. In between samples, they nibble on saltines and drink a little water.

Then the judges talk through merits and deficits. Points are awarded for aroma, appearance, flavor, mouthfeel and overall impression.

The winner in each beer category moves on to the “best of show” contest, which is overseen by the three highest-ranking judges.

Walters wears multiple hats at Happy Holidays. In addition to coordinating the event, he typically competes in some categories and judges in others. The software developer has been brewing for more than two decades and became a judge 10 years ago.

“If you have the ability to know what causes ‘off flavors’ and what good beer tastes like, it’s a lot easier to hone your brewing process,” Walters said.

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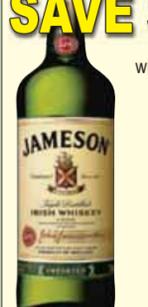
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# Gaijin

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worn a wig, Virant knew Mita, and gave him an industry discount for our check, which I paid.) Also, since Mita's father emigrated from Japan, I thought we could have a conversation about cultural appropriation in the restaurant industry.

Virant is certainly not the first white guy to open a Japanese restaurant. But as issues of cultural appropriation have popped up in recent years, and a few people online have questioned Gaijin in particular, I thought it would be better to discuss the topic openly rather than pretend it doesn't exist.

Mita notes how it's especially tricky for an immigrant's kid to deal with cultural appropriation, a fact that he and other Asian American chefs in Chicago discuss often. "As an immigrant American, you're in a gray area," says Mita. "I'm a Japanese/Chinese person who grew up in the suburbs. I've always been kind of an outsider." But when he sees a chef serve a dish from another cuisine without trying to understand it, and then profit off it, that can be immensely frustrating. "I believe it comes down to love," says Mita. "If the chef is genuinely honoring an experience, than I'm all for it. But to honor a tradition, that's a lifelong passion."

When planning the restaurant, Virant knew that he had to be sensitive. In what seemed like a preemptive strike, he picked the name Gaijin because it means foreigner in Japanese. "I'm white and my business partner (Lance Richards) is black," says Virant. "We are definitely outsiders. But we are trying to do this with the utmost respect, both for the food and culture of Japan."

Although Virant wasn't born in Japan, he does have a history with okonomiyaki. His wife, Jennifer Virant, spent a college semester in Japan, where she fell in love with the dish. When the couple first started dating in 1996, she convinced him to try making it. After a lot of practice, okonomiyaki became something of a family staple. "My kids have had it ever since they were little," says Virant. "They'll ask for me to make it for their friends."

One thing I didn't know about the dish? Watching someone make okonomiyaki is mesmerizing. The best seats at Gaijin are at



E. JASON WAMBSGANS/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS

The okonomiyaki focus represents a departure for chef/owner Paul Virant, whose Vistro and Vie restaurants serve American cuisine with a strong farm-to-table ethos.



Hiroshima-style Negiyaki okonomiyaki at Gaijin.

the counter facing the enormous griddle that runs along the side of the long space. There you get a front row view of chefs in constant motion, mixing ingredients, pouring batter onto the griddle and flipping food. "The show of okonomiyaki at Gaijin was everything I wanted," Mita says later.

Gaijin serves a few kinds of okonomiyaki. The most popular is Osaka-style, in which all the in-

gredients are mixed together. The crunchy tempura-fried shrimp (\$16) provides a nice textural contrast to the soft base, while the slow-cooked beef (\$13) adds an even deeper savory note to each bite. I loved the tender octopus (\$16), which also arrives drizzled with hot sauce and honey gastrique. Each okonomiyaki is about as wide as a Neapolitan pizza and three times as thick, making it a

hearty and surprisingly affordable option for this pricey stretch of the West Loop. If you're looking to sample more than one, you can go with the flight (\$22) that includes three smaller versions on a platter.

Hiroshima-style okonomiyaki differs in that the elements are cooked separately and then stacked. You'll also get an additional layer of stir-fried yakisoba noodles tossed in the middle. The traditional (\$16) also includes thick slabs of juicy pork belly.

While okonomiyaki is the focus, Gaijin does serve a few other dishes. I can vouch for the warming bowl of spicy miso soup (\$6) and the crudite plate (\$6), which features artfully cut vegetables with a savory shiro-miso dip. Also worth trying is the crunchy beef korokke (\$7), similar to a French croquette, filled with a hearty and aromatic Japanese-style curry. Shared plates include three kinds of yakisoba, stir-fried noodles. But you're here mostly for the okonomiyaki, so don't feel bad if you don't stray too far.

That is, until dessert. Gaijin's

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**Prices:** \$5 to \$11 appetizers, \$12 to \$16 entrees

**Noise:** Conversation friendly at lunch, louder at dinner

**Ratings key:** ★★★★★ outstanding; ★★★★ excellent; ★★★ very good; ★★ good; ★ good; no stars: unsatisfactory. The reviewer makes every effort to remain anonymous. Meals are paid for by the Tribune.

other specialty is kakigori, a Japanese style of shaved ice so light and delicate the kitchen rightly refers to it in terms of freshly fallen snow. This snow cap rests atop house-made ice cream by Angelyne Canicosa, Gaijin's pastry chef. I liked the sesame yuzu (\$13), which features a base of black sesame ice cream topped with yuzu syrup, strawberry compote and a crunchy honey sesame sauce. But my favorite is the gaijin (\$11), which features a gooey butter cake ice cream — a nod to Virant's St. Louis roots — with sweet caramelized apples and cider syrup. Just know that you might need a partner to tackle one of these towering desserts.

As you'd expect, the drinks put together by beverage director Julius White Jr. focus mostly on Japanese favorites. That includes an impressive sake menu, and a collection of highball cocktails. You can also find a Gaijin lager produced by Chicago brewery Moody Tongue.

Talking to Mita later on the phone, he notes that he and his mom, who co-owns Izakaya Mita with him, are happy that someone is bringing okonomiyaki to a broader audience in Chicago. "It's very nice that a Michelin-starred chef is tackling the dish," says Mita. "That's very flattering to me and my mom. Virant has a sensitivity to the cuisine. I think he nailed it."

Virant's last trip to Japan was in 2018, but he's plotting to return as soon as possible. "I'm dying to go back," says Virant. "With this restaurant, now I have to go back at least once a year."

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The no-boil noodles need more sauce than a typical lasagna. Some chicken broth in that sauce can help rehydrate the pasta.

## Lasagna

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is not as glorious as you would hope. Everything can be improved with practice and repetition.

Also, take heart in the fact that lasagna really has only three components — the noodles, sauce and cheese. Well, four, if you're counting ingredients like sausage (Yum!) or spinach (Blech!).

### Noodles

The more fancy-pantsed among you probably make pasta from scratch. If you're a home-noodler, though, you needn't be wasting your time on this little primer. Besides, I'm sure they're awaiting your presence down at the Slow Food Clubhouse.

For you lasagna tyros, just buy a box of noodles. Back in the day, the only ones on the market were the kind you had to boil first. They'd come out of the water all huge and floppy like something you'd see in a BBC documentary on alien dermoplasty. Then they'd stick together like lonely cultists and, well, it was a mighty pain.

Enter the modern age with its jet packs and robot chimp butlers and now, no-boil lasagna noodles

you can use straight from the box. Could anything be easier?

### Sauce

If you use jarred sauce for your lasagna, nobody with any sense of decency will complain. So, unless Zombie Joe McCarthy is back from the dead and coming over for supper, go ahead and use jarred.

Still, red sauces can be very easy. Some, of course, demand fresh tomatoes and most of your day, but you can shorten your cooking time dramatically with a simple can of crushed tomatoes.

If I'm cramped for time, like, say, Zombie Joe is banging his cutlery like a Lefortovo prisoner whilst casting his gaze hungrily brainward, I'll just heat the crushed tomatoes with Italian seasoning and salt.

Or, the late, great Marcella Hazan had that terrific and terrifically easy recipe where, essentially, you just sweat some onions in butter, then add the tomatoes and salt and simmer 'til it's tasty.

Here's my favorite, though: Get some bulk Italian sausage whose flavors you really like. Personally, I'm partial to my local supermarket brand. Brown it in oil with some onion, garlic and bell pepper and, when it's cooked through, add those crushed tomatoes. I use one 26-ounce can

for every half-pound to pound of sausage. Then, stir in some boxed chicken stock and season with salt. You can also add Italian herbs or crushed red pepper, if you like. The sauce should be fairly thin because those no-boil noodles really soak up the liquid. Simmer the sauce until the flavors blend together, maybe 20 to 30 minutes.

Listen, though: When I cook, I'm eyeballing amounts. That's a skill I suggest you work on, although for now, if you prefer more precision, there's a detailed recipe below.

Also, for lasagna, I usually make more sauce than I need. I've found that pert near nothing is sadder than running out of sauce before your lasagna is completed.

Lastly, some of your fancier lasagnas will alternate layers of bechamel (or its Italian version, balsamella) with the red sauce. Get crazy. I mean, it's delicious and all, but, that's a whole 'nother level of complicated.

### Cheese

I add ricotta and mozzarella separately to each layer. Some people combine the two cheeses. Also, some people whisk beaten egg into the ricotta. It adds protein and gives the cheese a bit more structure. Lastly, I'll sprinkle Parmesan over the top layer.

## Lasagna

**Prep:** 30 minutes **Cook:** 45 minutes **Makes:** 8-10 servings

This recipe makes more sauce than you'll need. Save the rest for another day. Also, no-boil noodles require a more watery sauce, hence the added chicken stock.

**1 1/2 to 2** pounds bulk Italian sausage

Neutral oil, as needed

1 onion, small dice

1 bell pepper, medium dice

**2 to 4** cloves garlic, minced

Salt to taste

**2** cans (28 ounces each) crushed tomatoes

**8 to 12** ounces boxed chicken broth or water

1/2 tablespoon Italian seasoning, optional

1 teaspoon fennel seeds, optional

Crushed red pepper to taste, optional

**1** package (12 ounces) no-boil lasagna noodles

**1** pound ricotta cheese

**1** pound mozzarella cheese

**1 to 2** ounces Parmesan cheese, grated

**1. For sauce:** Place a heavy-bottomed pot over medium high heat, then add oil to coat the bottom. Add sausage; saute until cooked, stirring to break up chunks, 8-10 minutes. While sausage cooks, saute onion, bell pepper and garlic in a tablespoon or two of oil in a separate pan until soft, about 5 minutes. Season with salt. When sausage is cooked, drain and discard any accumulated fat. Stir in crushed tomatoes and cooked vegetables. Add chicken stock or water until sauce is somewhat liquidy. Season with salt and stir in optional Italian seasoning, fennel seeds and crushed red pepper; simmer to blend flavors, 20 to 30 minutes.

**2. To construct lasagna:** Ladle a thin layer of sauce over the bottom of a casserole dish. Lay noodles over the sauce with edges overlapping. Spoon blobs of ricotta onto noodles every couple of inches, then sprinkle mozzarella over. Ladle more sauce to cover entire surface. Repeat with another layer. Cover top layer with noodles, then mozzarella. Add sauce until it's coming up the sides, then sprinkle Parmesan over.

**3. To bake,** cover lasagna with foil and slide into a heated, 350-degree oven until sauce is boiling and noodles are cooked through, about 45 minutes. Uncover for last 10 minutes to brown. Let lasagna rest for 10-15 minutes before serving.

**Nutrition information per serving (for 10 servings):** 529 calories, 27 g fat, 13 g saturated fat, 82 mg cholesterol, 42 g carbohydrates, 10 g sugar, 30 g protein, 917 mg sodium, 4 g fiber

Now, for the construction:

Spoon a bit of sauce over the bottom of a casserole dish. Lay down four or five no-boil noodles with their edges overlapping exactly one smidge. Spoon blobs of ricotta onto the noodles about every 2 inches, then sprinkle the whole lot with shredded mozzarella. Ladle sauce over it liberally, enough to cover the layer completely. Repeat layers until you reach the top of the casserole. My last layer is usually noodles topped with mozzarella, sauce and Parmesan. Cover the casserole in foil and throw it in a 350-degree oven for about 45 min-

utes, until the sauce is boiling on the sides and your no-boil noodles are cooked through. If you're kicking it old school with pre-boiled noodles, everything's already cooked anyway and all you have to do is heat it through, which will still take 30 to 45 minutes. Uncover it for the last 10 minutes of baking to brown the Parm.

One last awesome thing about lasagna, by the by, is, as good as it is right out of the oven, it's also fantastic cold, straight from the fridge. I'm not saying this because marijuana is now legal. I'm just sayin'.

# Restaurant

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First Bites Bash, the kickoff event taking place 6-9 p.m. Jan. 23 at the Field Museum. Hosts Thai Dang and Danielle Dang (of HaiSous and Ca Phe Da) will share the spotlight with more than 70 chefs, offering samples of their Restaurant Week dishes (there will be plenty of beverages as well). Tickets, \$125, are still available at [firstbitesbash.com](http://firstbitesbash.com).

Or you could just take my advice. I've compiled a short list of recommended restaurants; it includes restaurants that have impressed me during past Restaurant Weeks, and promising newcomers (based on their published menus, or earlier visits).

Please note that not all restaurants are open every day.

## Lunch

**Avec.** The restaurant's three-course lunch begins with chickpea soup with feta cheese, and ends with caramel cashew squares. In between, choose among chorizo-stuffed medjool dates with piquillo pepper sauce (one of Avec's signature dishes), grilled chicken shawarma with pita or hummus with pita, grapes and pine nuts. Also serving \$48 dinner. *615 W. Randolph St.*

**Bellemore.** Lunch menu includes chilled wagyu tri-tip and American burger, along with carrot toast, a fire-bird chicken sandwich and Icelandic cod with salt-cod dumplings. Desserts are triple-chocolate mousse cake and banana pudding. *564 W. Randolph St.*

**Coco Pazzo.** The three-course menu includes such options as caprese salad with buffalo mozzarella, ribollita soup, risotto, squid-ink tagliolini with shrimp, pizza alla diavola and panna cotta. Also serving \$48 dinner. *300 W. Hubbard St.*

**Marisol.** The restaurant inside Chicago's Museum of Contemporary Art offers a three-course menu whose options include parsnip-almond bisque, dry-aged burger with taleggio cheese and "secret house" aioli, and risotto with cauliflower. Add a two-course wine pairing for \$17. Also serving \$48 dinner (three-wine pairing, \$30 additional). *205 E. Pearson St.*

**NoMI Kitchen.** The restaurant in the Park Hyatt features a two-course lunch menu with starters such as crunchy tuna maki and salmon-avocado maki, and main courses of Skuna Bay salmon, croque monsieur (or madame) sandwich or quiche Lyonnaise. *800 N. Michigan Ave.*

**Robert's Pizza and Dough Co.** Start with marinated olives, veal and beef meatballs or arancini, then take your pick of three pizzas, including three cheese and The Jay (fennel sausage, Calabrian peppers). Gluten-free pizzas available. Also serving \$36 and \$48 dinner. *465 N. McClurg Court.*

**Sepia.** One of the most civilized lunch destinations in Chicago, Sepia offers a Restaurant Week menu that begins with apple and celery-root soup or smoked rabbit country pate, continues with milk-braised pork collar, falafel or pan-seared whitefish and finishes with lemon-poppysseed cake or assorted cookies. Also serving \$36 or \$48 dinner. *123 N. Jefferson St.*

**WoodWind.** The lunch menu includes the restaurant's popular house ricotta (sort of a cheese-based hummus) and butternut-squash soup, along with chicken and waffle sandwich, a vegetarian Mediterranean sandwich and harvest salad (add salmon or chicken for \$7 or \$6 more). Also serving \$36 dinner. *259 E. Erie St. (18th floor).*

## Dinner

**Aboyer.** Michael Lachowicz's brasserie features a \$48 menu that includes complimentary cheese puffs and bread service, followed by options such as rabbit and sage sausage, salmon, coq au vin, roasted-pear crumble, olive oil cake and dark-chocolate gateau. *64 Green Bay Road, Winnetka.*

**Bar Biscay.** The \$48 dinner menu begins with a choice of pintxos board or cheese board, followed by oxtail croquettes or arugula salad, grilled prawns or braised short ribs, and pot au creme dessert. *1450 W. Chicago Ave.*

**Bar Sotano.** Chicago's most exciting basement bar is featuring a \$36 menu with such dishes as kanpachi aguachile, tlayuditas (rustic tostadas), lamb taco, muskels with chorizo and donas (fritters) with hot chocolate. *443 N. Clark St.*

**Brindille.** The restaurant's \$48



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The rib-eye at Tzucu is part of the Chicago Restaurant Week menu, for an additional charge.



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Ceviche and empanadas at Cabra.



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The rabbit-sage sausage at Aboyer.



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The arancini at Robert's Pizza and Dough Co.

menu includes choice of three appetizers, five entrees (one, the duck breast, with an upcharge) and three desserts. Want my picks? Chilled oyster with sorbet, roasted poussin with potato, bacon and carrots, and cherry clafoutis. You're welcome. *534 N. Clark St.*

**El Che Steakhouse & Bar.** Plenty of protein on this \$48, Argentine-inspired dinner menu, including French onion soup to start, grilled shrimp or pork loco (stew), a 10-ounce rib-eye or seared salmon main course and a tres leches cake dessert. Suggested pairings and add-ons available. *845 W. Washington Blvd.*

**Harry Caray's Italian Steakhouse.** Harry's Restaurant Week dinner menu (\$48) is loaded with fan favorites, including truffled arancini with beef and pork ragu, filet mignon (larger steaks available at additional charge), chicken Vesuvio and such sides as sweet corn brulee and charred broccoli. For dessert, pick flourless chocolate cake or key lime

pie. Also serving lunch. *33 W. Kinzie St.*

**Joe's Imports.** The dinner menu (\$36) includes an opening bite of tomato bread, whipped ricotta with honey or the addictive Parmesan puffs. Then choose starters such as bone marrow or mussels marinieres, mains of corzetti with brown butter or braised short rib, and desserts including cacao e pepe cheesecake or bittersweet dark-chocolate mousse. The \$48 dinner menu is the same, but includes three 3-ounce wine pairings. Also serving lunch. *813 W. Fulton Market.*

**Lawry's the Prime Rib.** What better time to revisit, or first visit, this venerable River North classic. The \$48 dinner includes (of course) the spinning-bowl salad, entree (prime rib with lobster tail, pan-seared salmon, portobello "steak" with risotto) with vegetables and dessert (sticky toffee pudding or hot-fudge sundae). Vegan and gluten-free options on request; larger cuts available for an additional charge. *100 E. Ontario St.*



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Dirty Burg at The Loyalist.

**The Loyalist.** The restaurant's famed Dirty Burg burger is on the \$36 dinner menu, along with first-course options of mussels with escargot butter or Caesar salad, other mains such as scallops with seaweed butter and pommes puree, and the butter-scotch pot de creme dessert. *177 N. Ada St.*

**Macello Cucina di Puglia.** The \$48 dinner menu offers a choice of three antipasti (including fried artichoke and cauliflower), three primi (risotto with calamari, baked cavatelli) three secondi (lamb chop, pollo tartufata) and any dessert. Also serving lunch. *1235 W. Lake St.*

**Momotaro Italia at Dutch and Doc's.** This behind-the-scenes pop-up at the as-yet-unopened Italian-Japanese concept by Gene Kato joins Restaurant Week with a \$36 dinner menu. Among the options are soft-boiled egg with koji fonduta, tomato with burrata and shiso pesto, spaghetti mentaiko with rock shrimp, pork tonkatsu with Asian pear, and soy-milk panna cotta. *3600 N. Clark St.*

**Pizzeria Portofino.** Another first-time participant, Portofino offers a \$36 dinner menu that includes carciofi (artichoke) pizza, meatball and ricotta pizza, lasagna bolognese, arugula-Parmesan salad and vanilla panna cotta. Also serving lunch. *317 N. Clark St.*

**Tzucu.** Perhaps the hottest new restaurant of 2019 makes its Restaurant Week debut with a \$48 dinner menu. Highlights include chef/owner Carlos Gaytan's guacamole, pescado zarandeado, flank steak (upgrade to the dry-aged rib-eye, the chef's favorite, for \$20 more) and the guanabana or pinguino dessert. *720 N. State St.*

## Brunch

### Bar Siena and Siena Tavern.

Both restaurants will feature a Saturday brunch, offering dishes such as egg white frittata, truffle scrambled eggs and smoked-salmon flatbread, including coffee, juice or soft drink. Also serving lunch and \$48 dinner. *Bar Siena, 832 W. Randolph St.; Siena Tavern, 51 W. Kinzie St.*

**Beacon Tavern.** Brunch begins with a hazelnut bellini, tomatillo bloody mary or nonalcoholic choice. Then choose among banana bread, fruit-yogurt parfait or scone with sausage and cheese. Third course options are ham and swiss-chard strata, vegetable quiche and duck egg with biscuits and sausage gravy. Also serving lunch and \$36 dinner. *405 N. Wabash Ave.*

**Bistronomic.** The three-course brunch offers such treats as house-made country terrine with apple salad, brioche French toast, four-cheese ravioli with truffles and chocolate hazelnut bars (chef/owner Martial Noguier's famed take on the Kit Kat). For an additional \$12, you can add a cheese plate (a passion of Noguier's); for an additional \$17.95, add bottomless mimosas. Also serving lunch and \$36 or \$48 dinner. *840 N. Wabash Ave.*

**Cabra.** Stephanie Izard's terrific Peruvian-influenced restaurant joins Restaurant Week for the first time, offering two menus of five tastes each. The first includes smoked-salmon queso fresco, breakfast chorizo anticucho and quinoa sourdough Peruvian toast; the second includes bass ceviche with leche de tigre, vegetable empanada and "octonomiyaki," which I presume is a savory pancake with octopus, egg and furikake. Also serving lunch and \$48 dinner. *200 N. Green St.*

**Cafe Cancalle.** Brunch menu includes goodies such as oysters (a specialty), dressed lobster, smoked-fish rillettes, kouign amann and "American breakfast." Also serving \$48 dinner. *1576 N. Milwaukee Ave.*

**Funkenhausen.** You'll have Teutons of fun at Funkenhausen's Saturday and Sunday brunch, which begins with a complimentary mimosa and moves on to haus buttermilk biscuits, spaetzle carbonara and pretzel French toast. Also serving \$36 dinner. *1709 W. Chicago Ave.*

**Prime & Provisions.** Known as a steakhouse, P&P offers an indulgent buffet Sunday brunch with breakfast dishes, raw bar, omelets, waffles, carved meats and "decadent" macaroni and cheese with various add-ins. Finish with the Ferris wheel dessert display. Also serving lunch and \$48 dinner. *222 N. LaSalle St.*

**Royal Grocer.** Royal Grocer will have extended hours (10 a.m.-4 p.m.) for its weekend brunch during Restaurant Week. There are eight main courses to choose among, including biscuits and gravy, shrimp and grits, and fried chicken with sourdough waffle. Opening dishes include cinnamon toast, cheese grits with bacon and chilaquiles. Endless mimosas and bloody marys offered. Also serving \$36 and \$48 dinner. *2118 N. Damen Ave.*

**Sunda.** Filipino-inspired brunch menu (Saturday and Sunday) includes lumpia, breakfast plate (choice of several) and sweet. Also serving lunch. *110 W. Illinois St.*

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