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## Caucuses may result in confusion

Rule changes could leave winner unclear in first presidential nomination contest in Iowa

BY RICK PEARSON AND BILL RUTHHART

DES MOINES, Iowa — At a weekend rally for Democratic presidential candidate Amy Klobuchar, one of her precinct captains from Davenport

pondered what he would do if she didn't get enough support at his Monday night caucus site.

"Pete's so young. Joe's so old," Tom Burns, 76, a retired physics professor at St. Ambrose University, said of former South Bend, Indiana, Mayor Pete Buttigieg, 38,

and former Vice President Joe Biden, 77.

Still, Burns concluded, "I'm actually more likely to pull for Biden as a second choice because he's still in the center and has experience."

As Iowa Democrats formally launch the process of selecting a presidential nominee Monday night with the first-in-the-nation caucuses, perhaps at no time in

their history have Iowans' second choices loomed so large with a huge field, no clear front-runner and a sharp division in party ideology between progressives and moderates.

Under caucus rules, a candidate has to receive 15% support to be considered. Without that minimum level of backing, supporters of those candidates can back another.

Add to the mix some changes made in an already confusing caucus system, and observers are warning not to expect a great deal of clarity from the results coming out of Iowa's nearly 1,700 caucus sites. New counting methods involving caucusgoers and their preferences may muddle the definition of who actually wins the

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## First death from virus outside of China

Philippine Health Department says man from Wuhan has died

Associated Press

BEIJING — The first death outside China from the new coronavirus was recorded Sunday in the Philippines, as countries around the world evacuated hundreds of their citizens from the infection zone and Chinese authorities completed a new, rapidly constructed 1,000-bed hospital for victims of the outbreak.

Chinese authorities also delayed the reopening of schools in the hardest-hit province and tightened the quarantine in one city by allowing only one family member to venture out to buy supplies.

The Philippine Health Department said a 44-year-old Chinese man from Wuhan, the city at the center of the crisis, was hospitalized Jan. 25 with a fever, cough and sore throat and died after developing severe pneumonia. The man's 38-year-old female companion, also from Wuhan,

tested positive for the virus as well and remained hospitalized in isolation in Manila.

**IN CHICAGO:** Lightfoot says the federal government needs to provide cities with guidance for dealing with coronavirus. **Page 4**

Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte approved a ban on the entry of all noncitizens from China.

The U.S., Japan, Singapore and Australia have imposed similar restrictions despite criticism from China and an assessment from the World Health Organization that such measures were unnecessarily hurting trade and travel.

The death toll in China climbed to 361, and the number of cases worldwide surged 2,829 new cases for a total of 17,205, according to China's National Health Commission and other nations. The vast majority of those infected are in China; about 150 cases have been reported in two dozen other countries.

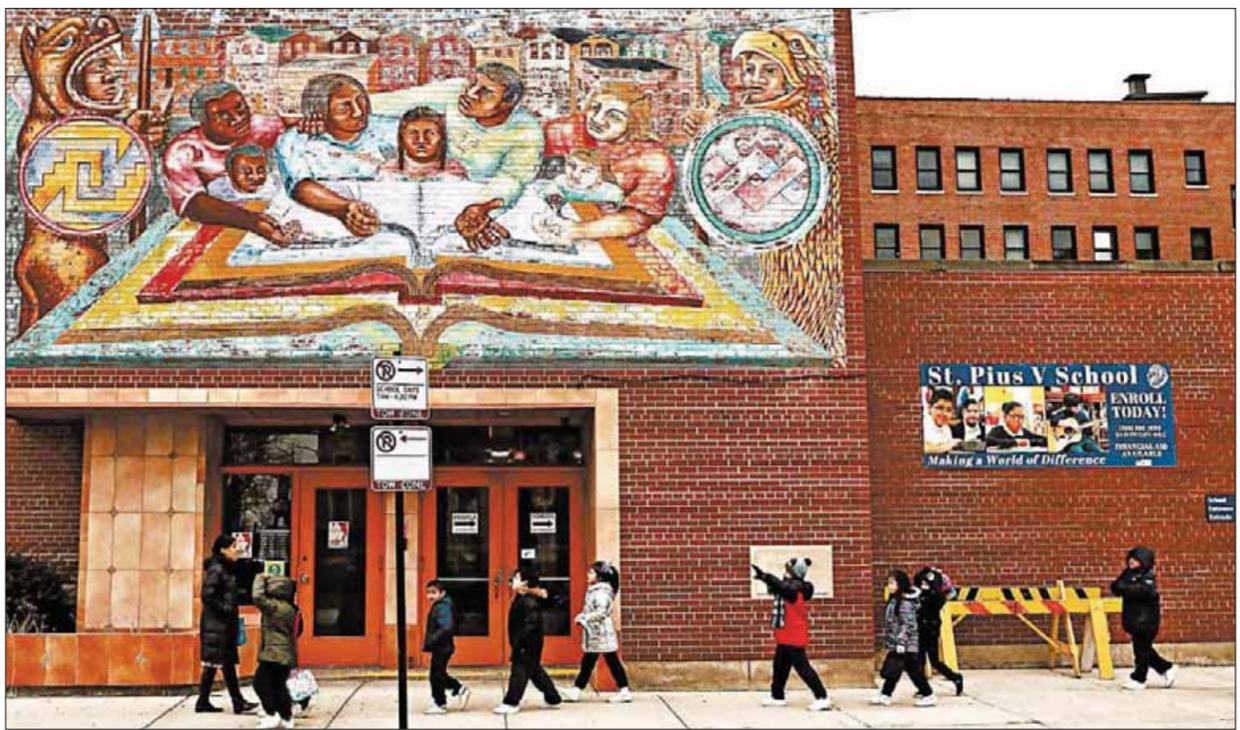
The U.S. total rose to 11 cases, mostly involving recent travel to Wuhan.

A hospital specially built to handle coronavirus patients in Wuhan is expected to open Monday, 10 days after construction began. A second hospital is set to open soon after.

Also, six officials in the city of Huanggang, next to Wuhan in Hubei province, were fired over "poor performance" in handling the outbreak, the official Xinhua News Agency reported. It cited the mayor as saying the city's "capabilities to treat the patients remained inadequate and there is a severe shortage in medical supplies such as protective suits and medical masks."

The trading and manufacturing center of Wenzhou, with nearly 10 million people in coastal Zhejiang

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Students walk under a mural at St. Pius V Elementary School in Pilsen Tuesday. The school is one of 30 that will benefit from the Big Shoulders Fund.

## Parents give schools 'A' for effort

Amid closings, families hope new pact signals archdiocese's commitment to education

BY JAVONTE ANDERSON

It has become a recurring theme with the Catholic Archdiocese of Chicago's school system: mounting concern over declining enrollment and rising costs; parish leaders devising a strategy to

address the problems; parents mobilizing to prevent their children's schools from shutting their doors. And in the end, another round of school closings.

This bleak reality has become familiar for many of the nation's Catholic school systems: hit with

rising expenses and shrinking enrollment, many are fighting for survival.

The Archdiocese of Chicago, which recently announced the closure of five schools, has been beset with similar troubles, with total enrollment dropping to

about 71,000 this year from more than 95,000 eight years ago.

But the recent announcement of a "historic" agreement between the archdiocese and the Big Shoulders Fund, giving the

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Alyssa Cortez watches as tour guide Infinite rolls a marijuana joint during a Loop Chicago Nightlife Tour.

## 'Everybody's friendly, everybody's high'

Marijuana tour buses begin rolling in Chicago

BY ROBERT MCCOPPIN

For her birthday, one of Mary Biekert's daughters, asked for something she'd never gotten before: a marijuana tour of Chicago.

So there was Biekert on a recent Saturday night, with her two adult daughters in a private smoking lounge in the city where

a tour bus had dropped them off, getting lessons in how to roll a joint and smoke a bong. The daughters, who live near St. Louis, had brought their own pot after spending three hours in line to buy from a licensed store in downstate Collinsville.

Their mother had never gotten high before and never had the desire to try. But she recently had enjoyed using CBD, a component of marijuana that doesn't get users high, for joint pain and anxiety.

"Things are so different now since they legalized it," she said, "so I figured I might as well."

The tour guide, a rapper named Infinite, showed the ladies the proper way to smoke a bong, which resembles a large, vertical glass pipe filled with water to cool the smoke. He warned that the high would be pretty intense, then congratulated them: "Now that's how you hit a bong!"

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Charity watchdogs have raised concerns about the blurred lines between businesses tied to Sekulow and the complex web of nonprofit entities he and his family control. **Page 9**

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A man who strapped a fake bomb to himself and stabbed two people on a London street before being shot to death by police was recently released from prison, police say. **Page 11**

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In the November election, U.S. voters will decide who will reside in the White House for the next four years.

# Americans must knock on doors, take to streets to defeat Trump



DAHLEEN GLANTON

No one will come for us. Our nation is in a free-fall toward authoritarianism, and Americans who love democracy are clinging to it with one hand, barely able to hold our grasp.

It is obvious from Donald Trump's expected acquittal, in spite of the overwhelming evidence of his guilt, that no one is strong enough to crack the president's steel-plated armor. No one can rescue us from his treacherous assault. Those who could aren't willing.

Trump's defense team presented a chilling argument that the president could not be impeached for abusing his power, effectively granting him permission to do anything he wants to aid his reelection. And Senate Republicans bought it.

The senators who stand behind Trump are no longer on the side of democracy. They have abandoned ship, leaving us to fend for ourselves. These cowardly politicians have managed to clear one of the most arduous roadblocks to dictatorship by pushing the majority of American people, fatigued and wounded, to the side.

Adam Schiff couldn't save us. John Bolton cannot either. Even Supreme Court Justice John Roberts is helpless.

If we are to survive as a nation, we must save ourselves.

Trump has forced us into a war against each other. The battle line has clearly been drawn in "us vs. them," and we are engaged in a bitter fight to the end.

It is not a contest between Republicans and Democrats, as Trump would have us believe. It has nothing to do with conservative values or liberal ones. He would like nothing more than to make it that simple.

This is a war over American values. It is a contest to decide whether

America will become a ruthless and corrupt society where leaders make up their own rules or whether we will be a nation of people that forces politicians to look out for our best interests rather than their own.

It has been a challenging year, marked by defeats. Special counsel Robert Mueller could not save us, despite his troubling report into Russian interference in the 2016 election that failed to exonerate Trump of obstructing justice.

And on Friday, Republicans refused to allow testimony by Bolton and others with firsthand knowledge about Trump's attempt to force Ukrainians to investigate his political rival by withholding military aid.

Each time there seemed to be a chance for justice to prevail, Trump managed to squeeze his way out of accountability and create a stronger platform from which he could sow corruption while spewing bigotry, divisiveness and lies.

But let's not agonize over what happened the past. There is no time to wallow in our grief or sink into a state of hopeless despair. We cannot afford to waste our energy focusing on things we cannot undo. We must focus on what lies ahead.

We must not spend another moment talking about the unfairness of an impeachment trial in which the odds were stacked against truth from the start. Indeed, it was an important battle. But it was not the final one — not even the most important.

That will come in November.

We have nine months to prepare for the greatest fight of our lives — one that we cannot afford to lose. It doesn't matter which candidate is selected to go head to head with Trump. We must get behind that person 100%.

Nothing good can come from bogging ourselves down in petty disagreements over political ideologies. Sparring over "Medicare for All" makes no sense when Trump has signaled that he would make cuts to Medicare in order to reduce the federal deficit created by his tax cuts for the wealthy.

It is ridiculous for Democrats to

trade barbs over who said what about Social Security in a video when Trump is so indebted to the GOP leadership that he would sign off on anything they want, including slashing the income of retired and disabled Americans.

Tearing each other down on the road to the voting booth will only weaken our army's reserve, make us unsure of ourselves and timid in our resolve.

In the coming months, Democrats must unite behind a single cause — removing Trump from office. But it will not work unless like-minded Republicans and independents join the mission too.

We need as many people as possible to acknowledge that none of the differences we have with each other are as important or as detrimental to America as our differences with Trump.

And when the time comes, we must stand firmly behind a single candidate, whether it is the one we wanted or not.

Defeating Trump in this final battle will be harder than any America has seen. No one can sit this one out. We must see to it that every citizen casts a vote and that every vote is counted.

We must knock on doors until our knuckles are sore. We must walk down every street until the soles of our feet are so tired and blistered that we are certain we cannot take another step. Then we must rub them down and walk some more.

Our army is a great one, more powerful and much larger than the 40% of Americans who will stand behind Trump regardless of where he leads them.

In this farce of an impeachment trial we witnessed, there is one thing on which both sides agreed.

Americans have the ultimate power to decide who gets to reside in our White House. That power has always been with us. And if everyone who believes in our democracy stands together, no single person — not even a tyrant — can defeat us.

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Jacqueline Bauer, 24, watches Andrew Skowronski, 26, slackline near Montrose beach on Sunday in Chicago.

## No groundhog guarantee

Forecasters cast shadow on animal's prediction as models show it's too soon to tell

BY JESSICA VILLAGOMEZ

The groundhog wasn't the only one throwing shade Sunday morning.

Hours after the country's most highly esteemed groundhog, Punxsutawney Phil, was hoisted in the air by his handler in Pennsylvania, National Weather Service meteorologist Jake Petr in Chicago said he was skeptical of the animal's prediction of an early spring.

"In the past three years, he has not gotten the prediction correct," Petr said of the country's beloved rodent meteorologist.

As the legend goes, if the groundhog comes out of his hole and sees his shadow on Feb. 2, there will be six more weeks of winter weather. If no shadow is spotted, the expectation is for slightly warmer weather and an early spring. This year, Phil did not see his shadow, prompting high hopes for higher temperatures.

But forecasters in Chicago aren't convinced.

Petr said predicting long-term weather patterns is often difficult (even with a degree in meteorology — and a human brain). The Chicago office takes its cues from the weather service's Climate Prediction Center, which focuses more closely on longer-range forecasts — including seasonal outlooks for the entire country — according to Anthony Artusa, a meteorologist at the center's Maryland headquarters.

Artusa explained that each season can be categorized one of three ways (and so has about a one-third probability of): above-average temperatures, below-average temperatures or normal temperatures. A fourth possibility is that there are equal chances of



BARRY REEGER/AP

Groundhog Club co-handler John Griffiths holds Punxsutawney Phil during the 134th celebration of Groundhog Day on Gobbler's Knob in Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania.

all three possibilities — that after using data to inform models, meteorologists don't see anything to suggest one category over another.

"Equal chances means it doesn't tilt the odds in any direction. We essentially can't tell if any of those three categories outdoes the other. It's an educated way of saying, 'I don't know,' because we want to work off the data rather than take a guess," Artusa said.

Unlike Phil's definitive response that gives him 50/50 odds, forecasters have essentially opted out of making a choice this time around.

"It's tough to say if the early spring will be a correct prediction," Petr said.

There is still hope, though. Chicago has seen warmer than average weather this winter, with temperatures in January an average of 6.3 degrees higher than normal, Petr said.

The weather service announced Sunday afternoon that Chicago broke its official record high on the day with temperatures rising to 52 degrees at O'Hare International Airport. The previous record was set in 1992 with temperatures rising to 51 degrees, according to the weather service.

"I'm not convinced yet," Petr said about Phil. "But we have to wait and see."

Chicago Tribune's Katherine Rosenberg-Douglas contributed.

## Report: Coach obtained 'total control' of pool

Cop interviews uncover little oversight by Whitney Young officials in rental scheme

BY HANNAH LEONE

Andrew Parro was 24 when he landed a full-time security job at his alma mater, Whitney Young Magnet High School, where he had already been coaching swimming for several years.

The swim program flourished under his leadership, longtime Principal Joyce Kenner would later tell a Chicago detective, "which convinced her to allow him more responsibility and less oversight," according to a police report summarizing police interviews.

Within a year, Parro had obtained "total control" of when the pool opened and closed "without anyone else knowing," another school employee told investigators. By the following year, 2015, Kenner had created the role of aquatics director for Parro to oversee pool scheduling and maintenance, the police report states.

Shortly after Parro's abrupt resignation in September 2018, school leaders told police they were "surprised" to learn that Parro had been accused of subleasing the pool and pocketing the proceeds, and that he allegedly hadn't made rent payments for his club team's use of the pool for years, according to the police reports.

Parro faces charges of felony theft and official misconduct, to which he's pleaded not guilty. According to a report released last month by Chicago Public Schools Inspector General Nick Schuler, whose office contacted police after beginning its investigation, Parro allegedly deposited close to \$30,000 into his bank account that he gained from "multiple improper side deals to lease the school pool to outside groups" between 2013

and 2016.

Police reports in the case newly obtained by the Tribune provide further details about the alleged scheme, including that school officials told authorities they'd agreed to allow Parro's private team to use the school pool for about \$1,500 a year.

A school administrator told police he "did not consider the hourly rate" of the rental agreement and was "surprised to learn" it was about \$1.25, according to the report. Parro had not only allegedly stopped paying those bills after the first year, but had begun renting out the pool for \$75 an hour without turning those fees over to the school, a police report states. A real estate attorney for Chicago Public Schools later told police that even the sublease rate Parro was allegedly charging was "far below the market value," according to a police report.

The administrator "related he did not consider any oversight was needed on his part to ensure Parro had made his payments or that he had followed the terms of the contract," states the police reports, which add "he expected the (Board of Education) would follow up on the payments."

Kenner told the Tribune via email in early January that she "had no knowledge" of Parro allegedly "renting out the pool to a third party" and "would never have approved this type of transaction." Kenner added: "Should I have known? Yes, as the principal of the school. Did I know? Absolutely not."

Kenner did not respond to a request for further comment Thursday.

Parro's attorney, Todd Pugh, told the Tribune that Parro's actions were in the best interest of the swimmers he coached.

After Parro gained access to the aquatic center's security code and keys, he had "carte blanche" access, another worker at the school told police, adding

the use of the pool "increased dramatically."

"There were people in the Aquatics Center at all hours of the day outside of school hours including weekends, which was unexpected," the worker told police, according to the reports. He also said he started to notice that the pool was using up chemicals more quickly and light-bulbs needed to be changed with unusual frequency.

"Engineers at WYHS joked that the lights must (have) been on all hours of the day to be consuming so many bulbs in such a short amount of time," the detective noted.

Police opened their investigation after the CPS inspector general's office uncovered an "ongoing pattern of unauthorized collection of fees for the unauthorized rental" of the pool, amounting to \$16,900, according to the police reports.

Police continued investigating in collaboration with the CPS inspector general's office, revealing more information about payments Parro allegedly pocketed, including installments of \$4,550 from one vendor, \$5,255 from a second vendor and \$1,050 from a third, according to police reports.

On July 31, 2019, a grand jury indicted Parro on felony charges. The following week, Parro was arraigned at the Leighton Criminal Court Building, where sheriffs took him into custody.

At a status hearing on the case Wednesday, Parro's lawyer told the judge they were waiting to see documents referenced in the CPS inspector general's report. The judge set Parro's next appearance for March 11 and said there could be a "possible resolution."

After the hearing, Pugh said that while a resolution in March was possible, it was not certain. He did not say how the case might be resolved.

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## CPS ousts leaders linked to allegations

'Serious misconduct' leads to suspension of basketball season at Lincoln Park

BY HANNAH LEONE

Lincoln Park High School's varsity boys basketball team is suspended from the season, and school leaders have been removed amid allegations of "serious misconduct," according to a letter sent to families Friday.

"Due to multiple allegations of serious misconduct involving the athletics program at Lincoln Park High School, the district has removed Interim Principal John Thuet and Assistant Principal Michelle Brumfield from their positions," states the letter from Chicago Public Schools Network Chief Laura LeMone. "Dean John Johnson and Boys Basketball Coach Donovan Robinson have been reassigned from their duties pending the outcome of these investigations. Unfortunately, due to the severity of the misconduct allegations involving the team, the remainder of the varsity boys' basketball season has been suspended until further notice."

The letter does not mention head coach Pat Gordon, who was removed earlier in January, CPS officials confirmed.

The boys basketball team's families were informed an unidentified staff member had been removed from the school in a Jan. 9 letter, in which Thuet wrote he'd been "made aware" that members of the team "took an overnight trip over winter break that was not a school sponsored event."

"The staff member who led the trip has been removed from the school, and the district is investigating this situation in accordance with CPS policy," Thuet wrote.

The unidentified staff member in the Jan. 9 letter was Gordon, a source told the Tribune.

An online petition to reverse the team's suspension, created by one of the junior players, was approaching 1,500 signatures Sunday afternoon.

"I'm here to ask you guys that support me and my teammates in this basketball world to help us get through this," the petition implores. "This is the city playoffs coming up next week Tuesday and our seniors and everybody else that plays on the team is hurting... They already have taken away our coach now they want to take away our season this is not right we have worked so hard to get to the point that we are at today we refuse to let this happen to us."

Parents interviewed by the Tribune expressed frustration with the decision to suspend the team and with the limited information that had been provided to them. Players said they found out by email that their season was suspended and worried they might miss out on the Chicago Public League playoffs starting this week.

Mariama Habib, the mother of the player who created the petition, said the team should be able to keep playing while the investigation is ongoing.

While Friday's news is difficult for the school community, district staff wouldn't have taken such actions if they didn't believe they were necessary to promote a safe and supportive environment, LeMone wrote.

For the time being, CPS has appointed Judith Gibbs and Jerryelyn Jones as the "Administrators-in-Charge" of LPHS. Both are described as "veteran school leaders with years of successful school leadership experience."

Families are invited to a meeting at 6 p.m. Monday in the school's auditorium about the leadership change and transition plans.

"LPHS will continue to be a strong school community with your support, and your child's best interests will continue to be the central focus of decisions made at the school level," the letter states. "While I am unable to discuss details regarding the investigations that led to the removal of these staff members, I am available to discuss steps the district takes to keep students safe and matters related to your child."

Also, on Jan. 25, Thuet sent all LPHS families an email about "an allegation that one of our employees engaged inappropriately with a student." The employee, who was not identified in the email, was removed from the school, and an investigation was initiated by the Office of Inspector General, according to the email.

According to the source, the employee was Larry Washington, the girls basketball coach.

The boys varsity team was ranked 13th in Illinois as of Friday, with a 19-3 record overall and 8-1 in its 10-team conference. They narrowly won their last game 59-58 and were scheduled for a playoff game Tuesday. State finals are in March.

Chicago officials are not investigating, according to Sgt. Rocco Alioto, a police spokesman who was citing preliminary information.

"From what I am seeing, it does not look like we have any allegations/investigations going," Alioto wrote in an email on Friday night.

# Lightfoot: US cities need federal guidance, financial help with virus

BY GREGORY PRATT

Before kicking off the Chinatown Lunar New Year parade on Sunday, Mayor Lori Lightfoot said the federal government needs to provide U.S. cities with clear guidance on dealing with the coronavirus and asked for assurances it will pay for costs related to dealing with what has been declared a public health emergency.

At the same time, Lightfoot sought to reassure the community and city that Chicago is safe from the coronavirus, noting that she wasn't wearing a medical mask and doesn't see a reason for wearing one.

"Chinatown, as you can see, remains open for business," Lightfoot said.

There have been 11 confirmed cases of the virus in the U.S., including two in Illinois: a Chicago woman in her 60s who recently had traveled back from China, where she had been caring for a sick relative; and her husband, also in his 60s, who is the first confirmed case of person-to-person transmission in the U.S.

The death toll in China climbed by 45 to 304, and the number of cases worldwide surged past 14,550, according to China's National Health Commission and other nations. The vast majority of those infected are in China; about 150 cases have been reported in two dozen other countries.

Public health officials have stressed that the virus remains a low risk to those

living in Chicago, as well as across Illinois and the U.S., especially compared with the risk associated with influenza, which kills tens of thousands of Americans each year.

On Sunday, Lightfoot said she'd like to receive clear operational guidance from the feds and answers on questions for how to handle certain situations, such as what to do when someone who recently visited one of the China provinces is asymptomatic but doesn't want to be quarantined, or how frequently individuals who are self-quarantining should check in.

"Local law enforcement ... should not be on the front lines without a clear federal mandate and guidance on these nuanced

questions," she said.

Lightfoot added that the city doesn't want an unfunded mandate from the federal government.

"If we're going to provide housing, food and shelter, medical attention for people that may be subject to quarantine, we need to make sure there are assurances that the federal government is going to pay its fair share," she said.

Lightfoot marched in the Chinatown parade along with people dressed as Mickey and Minnie Mouse, Ald. Byron Sigcho-Lopez and other dignitaries. Afterward, she walked over to Joy Yee for mango with red tapioca bubble tea.

The Associated Press contributed.

# Office rules homicide in Cook jail detainee death

BY MORGAN GREENE

The Cook County medical examiner's office has ruled that the Cook County Jail detainee who was fatally beaten early Saturday morning died in a homicide.

Pedro Ruiz, 19, of the 4300 block of South Wood Street, died of multiple injuries, according to the medical examiner.

Cook County correctional officers in Division IX found Ruiz unresponsive in his cell with apparent head trauma about 1:55 a.m., according to Cook County sheriff's spokesman Joe Ryan, and "immediately began lifesaving measures." Ruiz's cellmate was secured in handcuffs and moved to another cell.

Cook County sheriff's police are conducting the

investigation, and no charges have been filed at this time.

Ruiz was transported by Chicago Fire Department paramedics to Mount Sinai Hospital, where he was later pronounced dead.

Ruiz was ordered held at the jail without bond Friday on charges that included attempted murder and aggravated battery, according to Ryan.

Ruiz was arrested after police identified him as a suspect in the shooting of a 21-year-old man on Tuesday in the 1800 block of West 47th Street about 11:20 p.m., said Officer Michael Carroll, a Chicago police spokesman.

Chicago Tribune's Rosemary Sobol and Deane Williams-Harris contributed.



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Signs for presidential candidates and a survey about the Iowa caucuses are posted on a wall at Drake University's Olmsted Center, its student union, on Sunday in Des Moines, Iowa.

## Caucuses

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Hawkeye State.

"It could be a very confusing outcome. Iowa could be known for ambiguity," said David Yepsen, a former longtime national political reporter for the Des Moines Register and now the host of a weekly political show on Iowa Public Television.

"Every one of the people in that top tier has the money and the organization to stay in" and head to next week's New Hampshire primary, if not beyond, Yepsen said. "So yeah, it will winnow the field, but it's not going to become mano a mano."

The top tier of contenders heading into the 7 p.m. caucuses, which are held in schools, churches, homes and other outposts across Iowa's 99 counties, are Sens. Bernie Sanders, of Vermont; Elizabeth Warren, of Massachusetts; and Klobuchar, of Minnesota, along with Biden and Buttigieg.

Polls have Sanders, Biden, Warren and Buttigieg among the top tier, with Klobuchar making a run. Others also are seeking support, including businessmen Andrew Yang and Tom Steyer, Colorado Sen. Michael Bennet and Hawaii Rep. Tulsi Gabbard.

Former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, who has spent millions on TV ads nationwide and in Iowa, isn't competing in the state and has focused his presidential campaign resources on later-voting states.

Republicans also will caucus in Iowa on Monday, but with leading members of the GOP solidly behind President Donald Trump's reelection, the outcome is expected to be a foregone conclusion.

For the Democrats, Sunday meant a final day of urging supporters across the state to get their friends and neighbors to the caucus sites Monday, with some of them heading back to Des Moines to host or attend Super Bowl parties.

### What's at stake

Traditionally there are three basic tenets to the Iowa caucuses, and those haven't changed: organization, persuasion and expectation.

Typically, candidates with a strong ground game and

statewide organization — both in rural and urban areas — are able to get their supporters to the caucus sites. Persuasion comes into play for candidates' staff and supporters at individual caucus sites, seeking to have attendees join with them if their personal favorite lacks the support needed to be counted.

Former Iowa Gov. Tom Vilsack, also a former agriculture secretary, delivered a lesson on persuasion for Biden supporters during a recent gathering at a hotel in rural Fort Madison in southeast Iowa.

"When you're talking to those folks whose candidates aren't viable and you want to encourage them to be Biden supporters, just say, 'Look, Joe can get it done because he's got the relationships. Joe can fix the problems worldwide because he understands the world. And Joe's in the best position to win,'" Vilsack said.

Then there's the game of expectation.

Candidates are looking to meet or beat their expected showing as a sign that they can move forward in the lengthy caucus and primary battles that lie ahead, including Illinois' March 17 primary. Candidates who fail to meet expectations face the prospect of an early departure.

"The caucuses are an indicator, they're a barometer, a weather vane — use whatever metaphor you want — for not a polling sample, not a man on the street interview, but what real voters who are highly interested, active and knowledgeable think of their menu choices," said Dennis Goldford, a political science professor at Drake University in Des Moines.

Iowa Democratic leaders expect a record-breaking number of people to attend, motivated by dissatisfaction with Trump's presidency as well as by the large size of the field. The record was set in 2008 when a then-Illinois U.S. senator, Barack Obama, won the contest en route to the White House.

In that contest, 239,000 Democrats turned out, compared with 171,000 four years ago. Democratic leaders are predicting at least 250,000 attendees for Monday — if not higher.

### How caucuses work

When caucusgoers go to their precinct caucus site, they'll gather in groups representing the

candidate they support. If their candidate has at least 15% support from among all those at the precinct caucus, the contender is deemed viable. That's where the process known as realignment — and the importance of being a voter's second choice — comes into play.

If candidates don't get to the 15% threshold, they are deemed nonviable. Their supporters can join with another candidate who already is viable, join with others to try to make a nonviable candidate viable or leave the caucus site. Unlike past years, there only will be one realignment session.

Additionally, people who backed a viable contender in the first round are locked into their support and cannot use the realignment process to leave the group to join with another candidate.

But there's a new wrinkle in how the results will be reported.

Traditionally, the winner of the caucuses was determined by a percentage of what's known as state delegate equivalents — the apportionment of delegates to Iowa's Democratic state convention, where its 41 delegates to the national convention are allocated.

Four years ago, Hillary Clinton won the Iowa Democratic caucuses, earning 49.9% of what's known as state delegate equivalents, to narrowly edge Sanders with 49.6%. But the actual number of supporters for each candidate never was released.

This time around, Iowa Democrats will be releasing hard counts of attendees. There will be a first-round hard count — measuring how many people came out for each candidate, regardless of whether the contender was deemed viable in each precinct.

Then election officials will release a second supporter count, post-realignment. That will represent the totals used to determine the state delegate equivalents.

That leaves open the possibility that one candidate could win the first-round turnout tally but another contender could win the delegate percentage count.

"You've got potentially two different candidates who can claim to have won," Goldford said.

So who would be considered the winner in that scenario?

Yepsen said that he believed the initial preference count is "going to be what sticks" with the way the results are reported because "it's a number that everybody can understand — one person, one

vote."

Others argue that since the caucus and primary contest is all about accumulating convention delegates to win the nomination, it is the delegate percentage count that should determine the winner.

The Associated Press has said it will use the delegate percentage to declare a winner, and Biden's campaign said it will base the outcome using those figures.

"At the end of the day, that's what matters, the delegates," Vilsack said. "So we're all going to have to be patient on Monday night."

Ultimately, Goldford said, "whoever can claim bragging rights is going to claim bragging rights."

### What about the caucusgoers?

A unique factor of the caucuses is that voters identify themselves publicly, to their neighbors, just who they support for president.

There is no secret ballot like in a primary. So, while the process ends Monday night with its national impact, the caucusgoers still must live with their choices — and their neighbors. That's a potentially inhibiting factor, particularly in rural areas.

Neil Reichenbach, of rural Wayland, a town of about 900 people in eastern Iowa, spent the weekend still kicking the tires, admitting he was "unsure what I'm going to do."

"I'm looking for electability and who can beat Trump," Reichenbach said at a Biden event after visits to see Buttigieg and Yang. "Will (Biden) be more electable than all the others? I'm just not sure which one can do it."

Eileen Wicker, a technical support worker from Bettendorf, also said she was still trying to make up her mind in advance of Monday's caucus. At a Klobuchar event in a brewery, which spilled over into an adjacent bicycle shop, Wicker ticked off a list of what she was looking for in a candidate.

"Character. Integrity. Honesty, as much as possible. Ability. Experience," she said.

Asked about the ability to defeat Trump as a favorable factor, Wicker had a warning.

"I think any of the Democrats could be electable, depending upon what's happening, or they'll all be in trouble," she said. "I don't think there's one candidate who has more electability over the other on the Democrats' side."

Still, in an acknowledgment to the split between progressives such as Sanders and Warren and moderates such as Biden, Buttigieg and Klobuchar, she said she'd prefer a more center-left candidate "if possible."

"I think a moderate is going to have a better chance of attracting purple voters as well as red voters," she said.

There are also often splits among families.

Former Davenport Mayor Bill Gluba and his granddaughter Sophia Gluba both attended a recent Buttigieg rally in the eastern Iowa city. He's for Biden. She's for Buttigieg.

Gluba, who was mayor for eight years, attended the rally to "check out the competition." His 18-year-old granddaughter's support for the former South Bend mayor left the 77-year-old former politician to joke, "Well, you're out of the will."

Both will work as precinct captains for their respective candidates Monday night.

The former mayor predicted the state will experience a record turnout but downplayed the idea that a lot of people will have their minds changed at the caucus sites.

"They make a big deal of that, but the truth is most people have their minds made up and know who their second choice is going to be, if they need it," Gluba said. "I was talking to a Yang supporter today, and his second choice is Biden. I'm really hoping, for Joe's sake, that he's the second choice for a lot of folks, Klobuchar supporters especially."

Sophia Gluba said she was drawn to Buttigieg by his generational appeal and believes it's time for someone who is younger with fresher ideas to run the country. She called Biden a "tired" choice. Monday night will be her first caucus, and she's spent recent days canvassing and working the phone bank for the campaign.

"The caucus is such a crazy process, at least to me since this is my first time, and I think it will be a fun experience to see people who come in and don't know what's going on and try to get them to come over to your side," Sophia Gluba said. "I think those people who come in and know their choice probably won't be viable, those are the ones we're going to be looking to go up to and work hard to try and persuade."

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# Schools

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nonprofit more than 50% control of 30 schools, after another round of school closures, has left many parents hoping the move signals a new commitment by the church to Catholic education.

Church officials are emphatic they remain deeply committed to the success and vibrancy of Catholic schools.

"In the future, the archdiocese is absolutely committed to the vital mission and ministry of Catholic education," said Jim Rigg, superintendent of Catholic Schools.

Despite its dwindling size, Chicago's Catholic school system remains one of the largest private school systems in the country. And its schools have received more Blue Ribbon Awards, a distinction given by the U.S. Department of Education to school for academic excellence, than any other school system in the country.

Since 2009, the number of Catholic schools in the United States declined by more than 1,200, and there are roughly 400,000 fewer students attending Catholic schools, according to the National Catholic Educational Association.

In the Chicago area, the recent announcement of five school closings and mergers frustrated parents and students who were dismayed by the archdiocese's decision, which is forcing hundreds of students to scramble in search of another school.

"We expect more from the Archdiocese," said Bill Dixon, whose daughter's school, St. Jane de Chantal in the Garfield Ridge neighborhood, will close at the end of this school year. Dixon spent a recent weekday evening with many other parents at a fair at the school that gave parents the opportunity to find out about other Catholic schools.

Linda Mitlyng said she was "furious and heartbroken" when she learned in November that her children's Catholic school would be closing this year.



Big Shoulders CEO Josh Hale greets preschoolers in the hall at St. Genevieve Catholic School on Thursday.

"It is very important for my kids to have a Catholic education," Mitlyng, whose two sons attend St. Thecla in the Norwood Park East neighborhood.

But now, when deciding which Catholic school her sons will be attending next, Mitlyng said she and her husband have to take everything into consideration, including the longterm viability of the school.

"I just don't want this to happen again," she said. "I want to make sure the next school doesn't close, and my children have to go through that hurt again."

Jessica Consola, the mother of two students at St. Jane, echoed Mitlyng's parental concern.

"If the (archdiocese) wants to get out of educating kids, please just tell us," she said. "Please just don't put us through this time and time again."

Archdiocese officials say school closures are necessary as declines in parish numbers continue to reshape the church's landscape.

"We do not seek out school closures," Rigg said. "We see that as our last resort."

With the archdiocese in the middle of a sweeping reorganization that already has led to the merger and closing of dozens of parishes, some parents are struggling to a bright future for Chicago's Catholic schools.

"It's too ironic that Big Shoulders have a 51% stake in those 30 schools," Consola said. "How long will it be before the (archdiocese) basically turns the reins over to them?"

Archdiocese and Big Shoulders officials remain optimistic, however, pointing to the continuing strengths of Catholic education, despite its recent troubles.

Nationwide, catholic school students in most cases outperform their public school counterparts on most measures of academic success, said Sister Dale Murphy, director of public policy and educational research for the National Catholic Education Association.

"They're not just learning about religion," she said. "They are in rigorous academic programs."

The archdiocese's school system does outpace Chicago Public Schools in many academic

standards, although critics point out private schools are able to be selective about their students.

More than 98% of the Archdiocese of Chicago Catholic schools' students graduate from high school, compared to 77% of Chicago Public Schools students, according to the Illinois State Board of Education. And more than 96% of Catholic school students go on to attend a four-year college, according to the archdiocese.

Despite their schools' academic accolades, the archdiocese is feeling the financial strain of operating hundreds of schools. A state tax credit for scholarships for lower-income students, put in place under Gov. Bruce Rauner, has helped fill the gaps in many cases, but isn't a panacea.

"The greatest driver of revenue in any Catholic school is tuition, and if enrollment drops too low, you don't have enough tuition dollars coming in, and that creates financial pressures that can result in a school closure," Rigg said.

Last week, the archdiocese made news with its announcement of its partnership with Big

Shoulders that will funnel tens of millions of dollars into Catholic schools in Chicago's lower-income communities over the next decade. Big Shoulders agreed to invest \$475 million in 30 Catholic schools located predominantly on the city's South and West sides.

This partnership and financial investment will not only allow the selected schools to thrive, but it will allow Catholic schools officials to focus on their other 180 schools, Rigg said.

Many of parents of students at schools already slated for closure, however, lamented their families being displaced and being warned about a potential school closure with only a few months' notice.

In the months before the archdiocese announced the closing of five elementary schools recently, parents, parishioners and school employees embarked on large fundraising drives to keep the schools open. But despite being lauded by the archdiocese for putting forth "strong efforts," all five schools — St. Jane de Chantal in Chicago, St. Colette in Rolling Meadows, St. Joseph in Round Lake, St. Louise de Marillac in La Grange Park and St. Maria Goretti in Schiller Park — failed to meet the financial or enrollment goals set by the archdiocese.

"School officials changing the benchmark and goals to keep the school open," said Dixon, St. Jane's school board president.

Despite many parents' frustrations with the archdiocese, most of those contacted regarding the closing schools said they intend keep their children in Catholic schools.

"As much as I hate to give them any more of my money ... I grew up Catholic, so I'd like to keep my kids in Catholic school," said Beata Wojcik, the mother of two daughters attending St. Louise, which will close at the end of this school year.

Mitlyng said her children's spiritual formation in Catholic school is invaluable.

"Having a presence of God every day in the school ... you can't replace that," she said.

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# Tour

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Biekert inhaled a small amount, said, "I'm good," when offered more, and cracked up when her daughter told a story about singing off her eyebrows while smoking.

Such is the somewhat surreal new world of cannabis tourism in Chicago. Opponents of marijuana legalization dread the spread of pot buses, fearing they will promote intoxication and cause problems similar to those that have sometimes accompanied alcohol party buses. Downplaying such concerns, a business called Loopr operated its inaugural tour Jan. 25, transporting a limo bus full of the pot experienced and weed curious through downtown for a short night of well-behaved partying.

The tour company eventually plans to offer visits to marijuana shops and grow houses in the Chicago area, but the lines at dispensaries often are too long with too little product, and state regulators have allowed very little access to cultivation centers.

So for now, Loopr takes passengers on a short bus ride to a condominium on the Near West Side. The condo offers couches and tables, bongos and pot grinders, along with coffee and tea, but no alcohol or pot, leaving passengers to bring their own stash.

The 16 guests on the inaugural tour relaxed in the lounge and talked while passing a pipe or a joint, and enjoying the novel experience of sharing a newly legal experience. The state law that legalized pot beginning this year states that it may not be smoked in public, but Loopr considers the lounge a private space. The law prohibits smoking in a motor vehicle, so no consumption is allowed on the bus.

City and state officials say a commercially operated smoking lounge must be in a licensed cannabis or tobacco shop, so any other location would not comply with the law, but how they enforce that remains to be seen.

The \$55, three-hour tour started with passengers gathering at the city's iconic Water Tower. Once on the bus, the sightseeing emcee Infinite put a cannabis twist on the typical city tour, suggesting stoners may have started the Chicago Fire, and describing the Cloud Gate sculpture as a giant marijuana bean and Willis Tower as big enough for 4 million pot plants.

As a local piece of trivia, the smoking lounge also had what was purported to be a signed Weber grill that served as a football helmet for the lion sculptures outside the Art Institute when the Chicago Bears won the Super Bowl in 1986.

Most of those taking the tour live in the Chicago area. They had not come for sightseeing, but



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rather for what still felt to some like a countercultural experience.

Susan Michaels, a 37-year-old retail manager from Highland Park, basked in the "good vibe" with her friends.

"I'm happy to see this is offered in Chicago," she said. "I don't understand how alcohol has been legal all this time and cannabis hasn't, when it's so much safer."

Once the passengers left the laid-back lounge and took the bus to the nearby Emporium Arcade Bar in Fulton Market, some felt a shock entering the noisy, crowded saloon, with one passenger remarking on the "alcohol culture."

Some passengers had a drink and left quickly, while other stayed and took the tour bus back to their starting point.

"It sounded like a good idea, to get high and not to have to deal with traffic," said Alyssa Rhone, 28, of Oak Forest. "Everybody's friendly, everybody's high, and in a great mood!"

A competing Chicago business, Paint and Puff Class, also offers tours, as well as painting lessons at which patrons may bring their own marijuana to smoke and explore their artistic muse.

Those who opposed marijuana legalization, such as Kevin Sabet, former White House drug adviser and now president of Smart Approaches to Marijuana, are equally dubious about pot tourism.

"The bus tours and smoking lounges are all part of the industry's playbook to normalize a substance they want to make money from," he wrote in an email. "It's Big Tobacco all over again."

Jennifer Taylor, spokeswoman for Opt Out in Naperville, which opposes marijuana commercialization, worried that the same kinds of problems that have at times plagued alcohol party buses in Chicago, including shootings, illegal drugs and lesser violations,



Top: Alyssa Cortez hops aboard the party bus during a Loopr Chicago Nightlife Tour on Jan. 25.

Middle: Cortez, left, and Alyssa Rhone have a laugh on the tour.

Above: A Loopr-branded lighter sits on a table as people use marijuana.

could occur with weed tours.

"You're creating this party culture," she said. "Our kids have so many issues and vices facing them. This is another one."

While marijuana bus tours are not specifically regulated, smoking lounges are. The state agency that regulates recreational

cannabis sales, the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation, warned that such a smoking lounge may not comply with state law.

A cannabis store in Springfield has been licensed to operate a consumption area, but other dispensaries and tobacco stores have not yet been approved.

City of Chicago spokesman Patrick Mullane said officials were trying to educate business operators on the law: "The city continues to work with the local elected officials, community members and industry experts to develop smart and effective regulations as cannabis expands in Chicago. As part of this process, we are committed to building more opportunities for new entrepreneurs while educating consumers and ensuring businesses follow the rules."

When asked about marijuana consumption areas Friday, Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot said she was "worried" about pot buses. She proposed further crafting laws to address the issue, saying, "We've got to give people a safe place to consume."

Loopr officials maintain they are following state law by allowing consumption only in a private dwelling, only by adults 21 and older and not on the bus or in public. They said they'd have their lawyer talk with state and city officials.

Bryan Spatz, co-founder of Loopr, grew up in north suburban Glencoe and is a 1996 graduate of New Trier High School. He worked in real estate development for years and leaped at the chance to participate when Colorado legalized commercial sales of cannabis in 2014.

"This is my generation's unique opportunity," he said, "in the way that the dot-com bubble was for the previous generation."

Lacking the money to start a cultivation warehouse, he and his friend Hal Taback decided to pursue the ancillary business of cannabis tourism.

The concept was so successful in Denver, they later expanded to Los Angeles. But LA officials essentially banned on-board consumption effective this year, so the company stuck to bring-your-own tours of famous landmarks there like the Hollywood Walk of Fame and Venice Beach, and are bringing a similar concept to Chicago.

Initial tours in Chicago were booking up fast, Spatz said. He hopes to start tours of dispensaries as soon as they have more product and shorter lines.

One of the passengers, 41-year-old video game developer Stephen Dinehart, lives in Madison, Wisconsin, but grew up in Wilmette, and came back to see friends and take the tour.

"It's truly amazing," he said. "It's fun to do it legally and in the open. Before we had to hide it. Now we can be treated like adults!"

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## Charities steered \$65M to Trump lawyer, family

Watchdogs raising questions about Sekulow, nonprofits

BY MICHAEL BIESECKER  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Jay Sekulow, one of President Donald Trump's lead attorneys during the impeachment trial, is being paid for his legal work through a rented \$80-a-month mailbox a block away from the White House.

The Pennsylvania Avenue box appears to be the sole physical location of the Constitutional Litigation and Advocacy Group, a for-profit corporation co-owned by Sekulow. The firm has no website and is not listed in national legal directories. The District of Columbia Bar has no record of it, and no attorneys list it as their employer.

But Sekulow, 63, is registered as chief counsel at the American Center for Law and Justice, a nonprofit Christian legal advocacy group based in an expansive Capitol Hill row house a short walk from the Senate chamber.

A half dozen lawyers employed by the nonprofit ACLJ are named in recent

Senate legal briefs as members of Trump's defense team — including one of Sekulow's sons. The ACLJ, as a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization, is barred under IRS rules from engaging in partisan political activities.

The Republican National Committee has paid more than \$250,000 to Sekulow's for-profit CLA Group since 2017, when he was first named to Trump's legal team as special counsel Robert Mueller was leading the Russia investigation, according to campaign disclosures.

Sekulow has been one of Trump's most visible defenders, enduring as a trusted attorney for the president even as other of his lawyers have been sidelined or entangled in controversy.

Charity watchdogs for years have raised concerns about the blurred lines between for-profit businesses tied to Sekulow and the complex web of nonprofit entities he and his family control.

The Associated Press reviewed 10 years of tax returns for the ACLJ and other charities tied to Sekulow, which are released to the public under federal law.



BRENDAN SMIALOWSKI/GETTY-APF

Watchdogs for years have raised red flags about the blurred lines between the businesses of Trump attorney Jay Sekulow, above, and the charities paying his family millions.

The records from 2008 to 2017, the most recent year available, show that more than \$65 million in charitable funds were paid to Sekulow, his wife, his sons, his brother, his sister-in-law, his nephew and corporations they own.

Daniel Borochoff, president of the American Institute of Philanthropy, said Sekulow appears to be mixing his defense of Trump

with his charitable endeavors. The group has issued a "Donor Alert" about ACLJ on its CharityWatch website.

"Charities are not supposed to be taking sides in partisan political activities, such as providing legal services to benefit a politician in an impeachment trial," Borochoff said. "Regulators should investigate whether or not charitable resources,

such as office, labor, equipment, etc., are being wrongly utilized to benefit Sekulow's for-profit law firm."

The address for CLA Group listed in recent court filings matches Carr Workplaces, a flex-space provider that rents out mini offices, individual desks and conference rooms for periods as brief as one hour. According to its website, the company also offers its customers "virtual offices" that include a mailbox and mail forwarding.

A receptionist at the Carr Workplaces office confirmed the law firm's mail is delivered to a mail slot in a secure room before being forwarded to another location, which she declined to disclose.

A recent call to Carr asking to be connected to CLA Group was forwarded. After a few rings, the call was answered by a receptionist at the nonprofit ACLJ.

Inquiries about Sekulow's for-profit law firm were referred to Gene Kapp, a Virginia public relations contractor paid through the charity.

"Jay Sekulow is serving as a member of the President's legal team in his personal

capacity," Kapp said in an email. "His work with the President is separate and distinct and is not connected with his work as Chief Counsel of the ACLJ. The ACLJ's work is separate and distinct from the legal work being done for the President."

A 2005 investigation by the publication Legal Times reported about questionable spending at ACLJ, quoting former employees describing millions in charity funds being spent to support the Sekulows' lavish lifestyle, which included multiple homes, golf junkets, chauffeur-driven cars and a private jet used to ferry then-Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia.

Over the 10-year-period examined by AP, the tax returns show nearly \$37 million in charitable funds were paid by ACLJ to the CLA Group, the phantom law firm listed on court filings as defending Trump.

Incorporation filings and tax records show Sekulow co-owns CLA Group with his law school classmate and longtime business partner Stuart J. Roth. Roth is also listed as senior counsel at ACLJ and named in recent legal briefs as one of Trump's defense lawyers.

## Code maker cracks before code does

Creator gives final clue to message outside CIA HQ

BY JOHN SCHWARTZ  
AND JONATHAN CORUM  
The New York Times

The creator of one of the world's most famous mysteries is giving obsessive fans a new clue.

Kryptos, a sculpture in a courtyard at the headquarters of the Central Intelligence Agency in Langley, Virginia, holds an encrypted message that has not fully yielded to attempts to crack it. It's been nearly 30 years since its tall scroll of copper with thousands of punched-through letters was set in place.

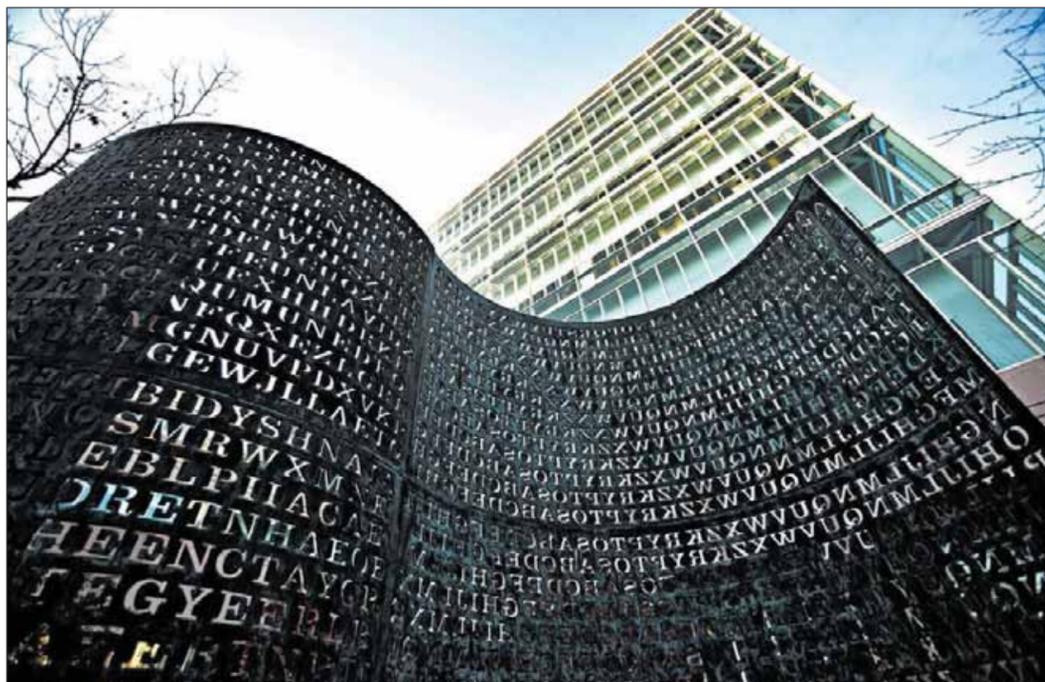
Three of the four passages of the sculpture have been decrypted (the first, though unacknowledged at the time, was solved by a team from the National Security Agency). But after nearly three decades, one brief passage remains uncracked. And that has been a source of delight and consternation to thousands of people around the world.

The sculptor, Jim Sanborn, has been hounded for decades by code-breaking enthusiasts. And he has twice provided clues to move the community of would-be solvers along, once in 2010 and again in 2014.

Now he is offering another clue. The last one, he says.

It is a word: "NORTHEAST" (More on that later.)

Why do people care so much about a puzzle cut into a sheet of copper in a courtyard after so much time? It's not just that the piece itself has a kind of brooding, powerful beauty, or the fact that it has been referred to in novels by thriller writer Dan Brown. It is something deeper, something that involves the nature of the human mind, said Craig Bauer, a professor of



DREW ANGERER/THE NEW YORK TIMES 2010

Kryptos, a sculpture at the CIA headquarters in Langley, Va., holds an encrypted message that has not fully been solved.

mathematics at York College of Pennsylvania and a former scholar in residence at the NSA's Center for Cryptologic History.

"We have many problems that are difficult to resolve — intimidating, perhaps even scary," he said. "It gives people great pleasure to pick up on one that they think they have a chance of solving."

Deciphered

The message of Kryptos, and a partial guide to its solution, is contained in the panels of the sculpture. Sanborn devised the codes that he used for the passages with the help of Edward Scheidt, a retired chairman of the CIA's cryptographic center. The passages follow a theme of concealment and discovery, each more difficult to decipher than the last. The first reads:

BETWEEN SUBTLE SHADING AND THE AB-

SENCE OF LIGHT LIES THE NUANCE OF IQLUSION. (The misspelling was intentional, Sanborn has said, to make it more difficult to decode — or, as he put it, "to mix it up.")

The second includes the location of CIA headquarters by latitude and longitude, and asks:

DOES LANGLEY KNOW ABOUT THIS? THEY SHOULD: IT'S BURIED OUT THERE SOMEWHERE. X WHO KNOWS THE EXACT LOCATION? ONLY WW.

The "WW" is a reference to William Webster, who headed the CIA when the sculpture was unveiled. Sanborn provided him with a key for deciphering the messages.

Webster, who left the CIA in 1991, declined a request for an interview.

The third passage paraphrases, again with a bit of misspelling, the account by

Egyptologist Howard Carter of opening King Tut's tomb.

With spacing and punctuation added, the text reads:

SLOWLY, DESPARATLY SLOWLY, THE REMAINS OF PASSAGE DEBRIS THAT ENCUMBERED THE LOWER PART OF THE DOORWAY WAS REMOVED. WITH TREMBLING HANDS I MADE A TINY BREACH IN THE UPPER LEFT-HAND CORNER. AND THEN, WIDENING THE HOLE A LITTLE, I INSERTED THE CANDLE AND PEERED IN. THE HOT AIR ESCAPING FROM THE CHAMBER CAUSED THE FLAME TO FLICKER, BUT PRESENTLY DETAILS OF THE ROOM WITHIN EMERGED FROM THE MIST. X CAN YOU SEE ANYTHING? Q

The fourth section is shorter than the others; it's just 97 characters, a fact that

"could, in itself, present a decryption challenge," Scheidt said in an exchange of emails. Common solution methods rely on the frequency of the most common letters, like E, T, A, O, I and N. In addition, he said, the last passage uses what is known as a masking technique, a further level of obfuscation.

The clues Sanborn has offered so far are in the form of a "crib," which is a word or phrase that appears in the decrypted text. The 2010 clue was the word BERLIN, in the 64th through 69th positions of that final passage. In 2014 he revealed the word CLOCK in the next five, 70 through 74.

While the response was a frenzy of activity among enthusiasts, the result, in cryptographic terms, was bupkis.

So now, Sanborn, at 74, is giving the world another shot: the word NORTH-

EAST, at positions 26 through 34. Will it be enough?

Did we mention Sanborn is 74?

Holding onto one of the world's most enticing secrets can be stressful. Some would-be code-breakers have appeared at his home.

Many felt they had solved the puzzle, and wanted to check with Sanborn. Sometimes forcefully. Sometimes, in person.

Elonka Dunin, a game developer and consultant who has created a rich page of background information on the sculpture and oversees the best known online community of thousands of Kryptos fans, said that some who contact her (sometimes also at home) are obsessive and appear to have tipped into mental illness. "I am always gentle to them and do my best to listen to them," she said.

Sanborn has set up systems to allow people to check their proposed solutions without having to contact him directly. The most recent incarnation is an email-based process with a fee of \$50 to submit a potential solution. He receives regular inquiries, so far none of them successful.

The ongoing process is exhausting, he said, adding, "It's not something I thought I would be doing 30 years on."

But time is passing. And while he makes no claims to mathematical accomplishment, he can do basic arithmetic. "For the past few years I have been trying to figure out how to have this 'system' survive my death," Sanborn said, "and it has not been easy."

He has decided that if the code is not broken when he dies, the secret will be put up for auction. He might even do it in his lifetime. "I do realize that the value of Kryptos is unknown and that perhaps this concept will bear little fruit," he said.



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Groundhog handler John Griffiths holds Punxsutawney Phil, who did not see his shadow, predicting an early spring.

## Pennsylvania groundhog fails to see shadow

Associated Press

PUNXSUTAWNEY, Pa. — Pennsylvania's most famous groundhog on Sunday declared: "Spring will be early, it's a certainty."

At sunrise on Groundhog Day, members of Punxsutawney Phil's top hat-wearing inner circle revealed the cuddly oracle's prediction — his 134th, according to the Pennsylvania Tourism Office.

Awoken by the crowd's chants of "Phil!" the groundhog was hoisted in the air for the assembly to hail before making his decision. He then grasped the glove of a handler as a member of his inner circle announced that spring would come early this year.

The annual event has its origin in a German legend that says if a furry rodent casts a shadow on Feb. 2, winter continues. If not, spring comes early.

In reality, Phil's prediction is decided ahead of time by the group on Gobbler's Knob, a tiny hill just outside Punxsutawney. That's about 65 miles northeast of Pittsburgh.

Over the past five years — from 2015 through 2019 — Phil has predicted six more weeks of winter trice and an early spring twice.

According to records dating back to 1887, the Pennsylvania prognosticator has

predicted more winter more than 100 times, making this year's forecast a rare one overall.

Phil's prediction was mirrored by one of his fellow groundhogs in New York.

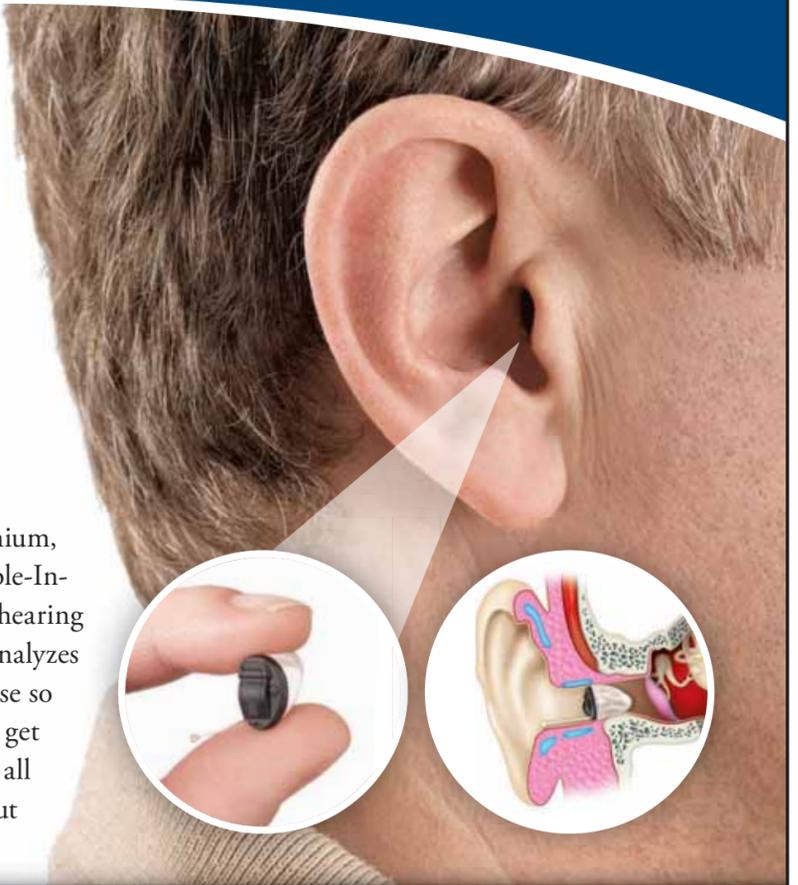
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# Trump and Bloomberg campaign trade punches

BY JILL COLVIN  
Associated Press

PALM BEACH, Fla. — While much of the political world is focused on Iowa and its caucuses Monday kicking off the election season, President Donald Trump has his mind on a Democratic candidate who's skipping the early voting state.

Trump used part of a Super Bowl pregame interview with Fox News Channel's Sean Hannity to criticize Michael Bloomberg, the former New York City mayor who has been blanketing the airwaves with anti-Trump ads.

The Republican president and Bloomberg ran dueling, multimillion-dollar ads during Sunday

night's game, the biggest sports event of the year.

Trump accused Bloomberg, who is 5 feet, 8 inches tall, of making a special request for a box to stand on if he qualifies for future presidential debates.

Bloomberg's campaign denied it and called Trump a "liar."

"Why should he get a box to stand on?" Trump asked, according to an excerpt released by Fox. "Why should he be entitled to that, really? Then does that mean everyone else gets a box?"

Trump is "lying," Bloomberg campaign spokeswoman Julie Wood said.

"He is a pathological liar who lies about everything: his fake hair, his obesity, and



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National politics invaded the Super Bowl as presidential candidate Michael Bloomberg and President Donald Trump paid millions to broadcast campaign ads Sunday.

his spray-on tan," she said.

Trump's campaign did not immediately respond to questions about the accusation he was lying, but

spokeswoman Kayleigh McEnany tweeted that, "Someone seems defensive."

The back-and-forth underscored how con-

tentious the election has already become, with the Democrats long from settled on their nominee.

Trump had already fired off a series of early Sunday anti-Bloomberg tweets, calling the billionaire "part of the Fake News" and insisting he "is going nowhere" and "just wasting his money," despite rising in the polls.

Bloomberg responded with his own aside: "Looks like our ads are keeping you up at night. We've got one in particular you should watch today."

Bloomberg's 60-second spot will focus on the impact of gun violence.

Trump was spending his weekend in Palm Beach, Florida, where he has been golfing and mingling with

guests at his dues-paying Mar-a-Lago club.

On Saturday night, he made an appearance at an event there hosted by the "Trumpettes" fan club.

"We just had our best poll numbers that we've ever had," Trump said in his remarks, according to video posted on social media.

He also praised singer Lee Greenwood, whose song "God Bless the USA" is played every time Trump takes the stage at his rallies.

Also in attendance, per photographs, were actor Stephen Baldwin and Trump's eldest son, Donald Trump Jr.

The president was expected to host his annual Super Bowl watch party in Florida before returning to Washington late Sunday.



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A police officer guards a cordon set up after Sunday's attack in which two people were stabbed in south London. Police believe the bloodshed was related to Islamic extremism.

## Attack suspect wore 'hoax' bomb, London police say

BY GREGORY KATZ  
AND DANICA KIRKA  
Associated Press

LONDON — Police in London say a man who strapped on a fake bomb and stabbed two people on a London street before being shot to death by police was recently released from prison, where he was serving time for terrorism offenses.

Deputy Assistant Commissioner Lucy D'Orsi said police are "confident" the attacker was 20-year-old Sudesh Amman.

D'Orsi said a stabbing victim in his 40s thought to be in life-threatening condition had improved.

She said the victim is no longer in danger and that a woman who also had been hospitalized has been released.

One other female victim is still in the hospital with lesser injuries.

The rampage took place about 2 p.m. in the city's Streatham section, a combined residential and commercial area well removed from central London.

Officers responded quickly to the stabbings because of a "proactive

counterterrorism operation" that was underway, D'Orsi said without elaborating.

Video from the scene appeared to show three undercover police officers in an unmarked car making a quick stop and emerging with weapons.

Bell Reberio-Addy, a member of Parliament who represents Streatham, said the attacker had been under surveillance "for some time."

D'Orsi said police believe the bloodshed was related to Islamic extremism.

The drama 5 miles south of central London marked a departure from recent terror attacks in the British capital that took place near landmarks such as London Bridge and the Houses of Parliament.

D'Orsi said the device strapped to the assailant's body was quickly determined to be a hoax.

A third person suffered minor injuries.

The police mention of an active counterterrorism operation suggested he may have been under surveillance.

D'Orsi said there was no "continuing danger" to the

public, but the area remained cordoned off as the investigation continued. The usually busy area was deserted as the public heeded police requests to stay away.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson said in the aftermath that the government would introduce "fundamental changes" to the way people convicted of terrorism offenses are treated. He cited Sunday's attack and another at Fishmonger's Hall in December as reasons for the changes.

The December attack was carried out by a man who had served time in prison for terrorism offenses.

Johnson's reference to that case suggested something similar may have happened in this case.

The attack caused chaos and panic on what had been a typical Sunday afternoon, with the streets filled with shoppers.

Also Sunday, police in Belgium shot a woman who stabbed passersby in the city of Ghent, but prosecutors said there was no suspicion of terrorism or a link to what happened in London.

## Uneasy quiet in Mideast after Iran strike against US

BY LOLITA C. BALDOR  
Associated Press

ABOARD THE USS HARRY S. TRUMAN — Nearly a month after Iran launched a rare direct military attack against United States forces in Iraq, an uneasy quiet has settled across the Mideast.

Watching fighter jets roar off the flight deck of the aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman, the top U.S. commander for the region believes he is surrounded by one of the reasons that Iran has dialed back its combat stance, at least for now.

"You're here because we don't want a war with Iran and nothing makes a potential adversary think twice about war than the presence of an aircraft carrier and the strike group that comes with it," Marine Gen. Frank McKenzie told the nearly 5,000 service members on board the 100,000-ton ship. "So, we achieve deterrence, which is preventing Iran from starting a war."

Patrolling through the North Arabian Sea, the Truman was about 150 miles from Iran when McKenzie and a small number of staff flew aboard Saturday.

His overnight stay on the ship underscored his belief that the additional ships, aircraft, weapons systems and thousands of troops that the U.S. has poured into the region in recent months deliver a message. It's one he thinks Iran has received.

Since Iran launched a flurry of ballistic missiles at U.S. forces in Iraq in retaliation for an American drone strike that killed a top Iranian general, there has been a visible reduction in Tehran's military posture, McKenzie said.

He said Iran brought its ballistic missile force and its air defenses back down from a heightened state of



LOLITA BALDOR/AP

Marine Gen. Frank McKenzie, on board the USS Harry S. Truman on Saturday, says the presence of an aircraft carrier makes a potential adversary think twice about war.

readiness. Also, the level of harassment and other activity by Iran's naval forces around the congested Strait of Hormuz has been scaled back.

The drone strike that killed Qassem Soleimani, the top Quds Force general, showed that the U.S. is willing to take action, and the arrival of the Truman and the other warships had underscored that, he said.

"When an aircraft carrier is in your neighborhood you know it," said Navy Capt. Kavon Hakimzadeh, the Truman's commanding officer.

He said his ship left Norfolk, Virginia, in mid-November and "almost made a beeline for the Suez Canal."

Now, as they maneuver off the coast of Oman, a steady stream of fighter jets, surveillance aircraft and helicopters launch off the 4.5-acre flight deck, conducting a show of force that also allows them to keep up their training in case they are needed for combat.

"We're practicing our craft," said Hakimzadeh, or Capt. Hak, as he is known on the ship. "Our job is to fuel up, load up and launch airplanes. The only real change is whether or not

the airplanes come back with bombs or not."

So far they haven't dropped any bombs. Some of the ships are taking part in the maritime coalition that is safeguarding the Strait of Hormuz, in the wake of Iranian attacks against commercial vessels last year. Others protect the carrier.

From the bridge, where McKenzie spoke to the crew over the ship's loudspeakers, he could look out at the horizon and see the USS Normandy.

The weapons-loaded warship stands as a sentry between the carrier and Iran. Out of view were four U.S. Navy destroyers. Another warship loaded with Marines is further up the Red Sea.

Despite widespread demands for U.S. Navy ships in other parts of the world, McKenzie requested and received a much larger than usual naval presence in his area.

Both the Truman and the USS Bataan steamed rapidly across the Mediterranean to get to the Gulf region, and in a somewhat rare move, one of the destroyers assigned to Europe, the USS Carney, was shifted south to join the Truman.

## Virus

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province, confined people to their homes, allowing only one family member to venture out every other day to buy necessary supplies. Huanggang, home to 7 million people, imposed similar measures Saturday.

With no end in sight to the outbreak, authorities in Hubei and elsewhere have extended the Lunar New Year holiday break, due to end this week, well into February to try to keep people at home and reduce the spread of the virus. All Hubei schools are postponing the start of the new term until further notice.

Wenzhou, situated about 500 miles from Wuhan, put off the reopening of government offices until Feb. 9, businesses until Feb. 17 and schools until March 1. The city has reported 241 confirmed cases of the virus, one of the highest levels outside Hubei.

Similar measures have been announced in the provinces and cities of Heilongjiang, Shandong, Guizhou, Hebei and Hunan, while the major cities of Shanghai and Beijing have



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Passengers wear masks Sunday as they wait for standby tickets on a flight to Shanghai, at the Los Angeles airport.

also closed schools and public offices indefinitely.

Despite its own drastic travel restrictions, China has chafed at those imposed by foreign governments, criticizing Washington's order barring entry to most noncitizens who visited China in the past two weeks. Apart from damag-

ing China's international reputation, such steps could worsen a domestic economy already growing at its lowest rate in decades.

The crisis is the latest to confront Chinese leader Xi Jinping, who has been beset by months of anti-government protests in Hong Kong, the reelection

of Taiwan's pro-independence president and criticism over human rights violations in the traditionally Muslim territory of Xinjiang.

New Zealand announced Sunday it is temporarily barring travelers from China to protect the South Pacific region from the

virus. The 14-day ban applies to foreigners leaving China but not to New Zealand residents. New Zealand also raised its travel advice for China to "Do not travel," the highest level.

Qatar Airways joined the growing number of airlines suspending flights to mainland China. Indonesia and

Oman also halted flights, as did Saudi Arabia's flagship national carrier, Saudia.

Saudi Arabia's state-run media reported that 10 Saudi students were evacuated from Wuhan on a special flight. It said the students would be screened on arrival and quarantined for 14 days.

Europe so far has 25 people infected with the virus. The German Red Cross reported two more cases there on Sunday, both German citizens who were airlifted from Wuhan on Saturday on a military transport carrying 128 people. Eight earlier cases in Germany were all linked to an auto parts factory.

France has six cases; Russia, Italy and Britain have two each, and Finland, Sweden and Spain each have one.

The Trump administration's national security adviser, Robert O'Brien, said, "Right now, there's no reason for Americans to panic."

The number of confirmed cases will keep growing because thousands of specimens from suspected cases have yet to be tested, said the WHO representative in Beijing, Gauden Galea.

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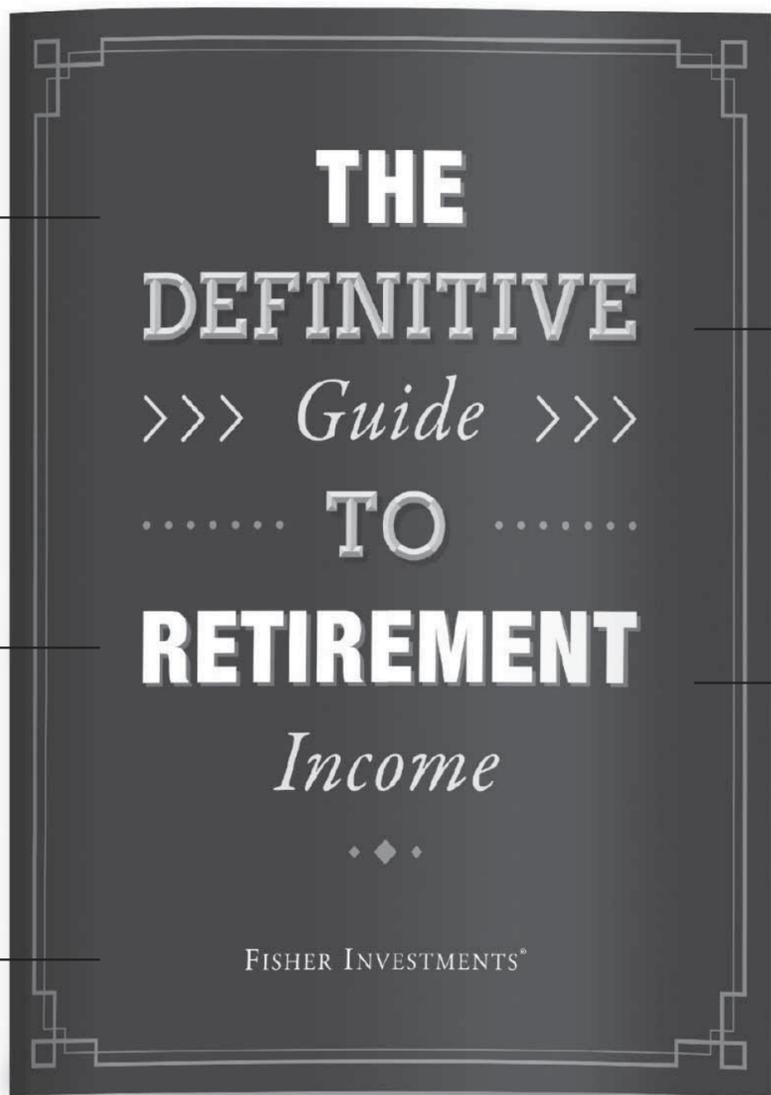
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## NEWS BRIEFING

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## Report: San Diego secures \$300M to stop Mexico sewage

SAN DIEGO — The San Diego region will get \$300 million in federal funding for a new U.S. facility to capture sewage spills from Mexico before they foul shorelines north of the border, according to a newspaper report Sunday.

Congressional leaders announced the funding in December, but it wasn't clear whether the money would be distributed across the entire Southwest border or dedicated specifically to address pol-

lution in the Tijuana River Valley just south of San Diego County, the Los Angeles Times reported.

Now officials believe most of the money will be doled out in and around the San Diego area, thanks to language included in the overhaul of the North American Free Trade Agreement signed by President Donald Trump, the newspaper said.

"This is a huge, huge deal," said Imperial Beach Mayor Serge Dedina.

## Eritrea expresses 'dismay' at new US visa restrictions

JOHANNESBURG — The East African nation of Eritrea on Sunday expressed "dismay at this unfriendly act" after the Trump administration included it in the latest six countries to face U.S. visa restrictions.

Eritrea's information ministry asserted the U.S. decision was made "without justification to send a negative signal" and runs counter to U.S. policy of constructive engagement.

The Trump administration on Friday announced various visa restrictions on immigrants from Kyrgyzstan, Myanmar, Nigeria, Sudan and Tanzania as well. It is not a total travel ban, unlike President Donald Trump's earlier effort that generated outrage around the world for targeting Muslims.

Some in Nigeria, Africa's most populous nation, have expressed outrage.

## Pregnant woman killed, baby survives in Milwaukee shooting

MILWAUKEE — A gunman in a passing car fired five or six shots outside a Milwaukee supper club, killing a pregnant mother of five who was on board a party bus that was parked in front of the venue, authorities said.

The bus rushed Annie Sandifer to Ascension St. Joseph hospital Saturday after the 2:30 a.m. shooting on Milwaukee's northwest side, but she didn't survive. Doctors were able

to deliver her baby via an emergency cesarean section, police said. The baby was in stable condition, but delivered very premature.

Police said Sunday that they hadn't arrested anyone yet, and it wasn't clear if the bus was the intended target of the attack.

At a Saturday evening vigil, family described Sandifer as a loving, giving mother, the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel reported.



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A masked anti-government protester flashes the victory gesture as he stands before flaming tires at a make-shift roadblock Saturday in the Iraqi city of Najaf. Iraq's president named Mohammed Allawi as the new prime minister after an 11th-hour consensus.

## Pompeo, in Kazakhstan, warns of China's growing influence

TASHKENT, Uzbekistan — U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo on Sunday pressed Kazakhstan to be wary of Chinese investment and influence, urging the Central Asian nation and others to join calls demanding an end to China's repression of minorities.

Bringing a message similar to the one he has delivered repeatedly to other countries, Pompeo told Kazakh officials that the attractiveness of Chinese investment comes with a cost to sovereignty and may hurt, instead of help, the country's long-

term development.

"We fully support Kazakhstan's freedom to choose to do business with whichever country it wants, but I am confident that countries get the best outcomes when they partner with American companies," he said.

Pompeo was expected to make the same case in Uzbekistan, where he arrived late Sunday and went immediately into a meeting with religious leaders to discuss religious freedom. He planned to meet Monday with Uzbek officials and hold security talks with the foreign ministers of the

five Central Asian nations

Pompeo began his brief visit to Kazakhstan by meeting with ethnic Kazakhs whose families have gone missing or been detained in China's widespread crackdown on Muslims and other ethnic and religious minorities in its western Xinjiang region.

"The protection of basic human rights defines the soul of a nation," he said, thanking Kazakhstan for taking in those fleeing persecution. "The United States urges all countries to join us in pressing for immediate end to this repression."

## More homes destroyed in southeast Australia fires

CANBERRA, Australia — Dozens of homes were destroyed overnight in Australia's southeast, but the wildfire threat had diminished by Sunday across New South Wales state and around the national capital Canberra, officials said.

Bega Valley Mayor Kristy McBain said damage

in her region 150 miles south of Canberra had yet to be assessed by the New South Wales Rural Fire Service.

"There have been additional homes lost in the Bega Valley," McBain said. "We're talking probably dozens more," she added.

She said the overnight

fire brought losses of homes in the valley to more than 400 in the current fire season.

Rural Fire Service spokesman Greg Allan said damage assessment teams had yet to confirm media reports of homes lost near the village of Bumbalong, 57 miles south of Canberra.

## Turkish forces convoy crosses into rebel-held NW Syria

BEIRUT — A large Turkish military convoy rumbled into rebel-held areas of northwest Syria on Sunday, witnesses on the ground and activists said.

Separately, airstrikes on a rebel-held village in Syria's northwest killed at least seven people, opposition activists said. Elsewhere, rebel shelling killed a woman and wounded at least three journalists, Syrian state TV reported.

The violence and troop movements came amid a Syrian government offensive into the country's last rebel stronghold, located in Idlib province and parts of the nearby Aleppo region.

Turkish troops are deployed in some of those rebel-held areas to monitor a cease-fire that has since collapsed.

The Turkish military convoy consisted of dozens of armored vehicles.

**In California:** A Southern California man has been convicted of illegally owning a tiger cub that appeared in a video with controversial YouTube star Logan Paul.

Nicholas Perkins, 33, was placed on probation for three years, ordered to pay nearly \$6,000 in fines and \$52,000 in veterinary bills after the tiger was seized in November 2017, Los Angeles City Attorney Mike Feuer said.

Perkins was also ordered to attend 16 hours of classes on animal cruelty and cooperate with any investigation into who bred and sold the tiger named Neil.

Perkins was charged with illegally owning and mistreating a tiger cub after investigators found the cat living in poor conditions.

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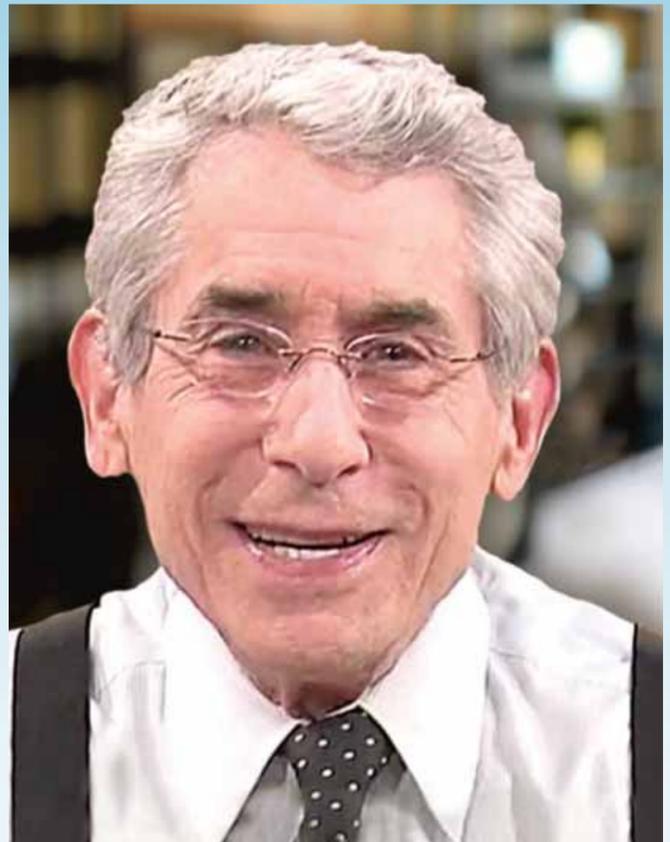
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## EDITORIALS

# Pritzker should know: Ethics reform starts with a truly independent map

His opportunity to begin fixing Illinois grows with each indictment of another lawmaker

As corruption scandals worm through the establishment Democratic Party, Gov. J.B. Pritzker finds himself with new and unexpected leverage. He can push for meaningful ethics reform in Illinois government by removing the barricades his own party's leaders erected in the past. Those Democrats are wounded. He is not.

So will he lead on real reform? "Restoring the public's trust is of paramount importance," Pritzker said during last week's State of the State address while his two chamber leaders — House Speaker Michael Madigan and Senate President Don Harmon — stood at the dais behind him. "Let's not let the well-connected and well-protected work the system while the interests of ordinary citizens are forgotten. There is too much that needs to be accomplished to lift up all the people of Illinois."

That effort starts with drawing a fair map of legislative districts after this year's federal census. It could happen through constitutional change.

Pritzker said as a candidate for governor he supported amending the Illinois Constitution to take the process out of the hands of lawmakers: "We should amend the constitution to create an independent commission to draw legislative maps." More recently, he said he would not sign into law an unfair map.

**But that's not as strong a position as his call for an amendment.** It gives him wiggle room to backtrack. Who defines "unfair"? Party leaders who insisted the last map was fair? If Pritzker is serious about confronting "a scourge that has been plaguing our political system for far too long," as he said in his speech, he needs to lead the way on establishing an independent process to draw districts. Allowing legislators to keep manipulating their own boundary lines may be legal, but it's conflicted and corrupt.

Here's a recap of what happened 10 years ago:

Following the release of U.S. Census Bureau numbers, Speaker Madigan and then-Senate President John Cullerton began the process of drawing new boundaries for 118 House districts, which would fold into 59 Senate districts. They also redrew the boundaries of federal congressional districts.

Madigan set up a secret Springfield office with highly restricted access. To draw a map friendly to Democrats, his mapmakers drew legislative districts that included incumbents' homes and offices, their churches, their schools, their social circles — anywhere they could count on loyal support. Then they carved up Republican-leaning areas to dilute their potency.

They even sliced out potential political opponents. In one congressional race, they protected U.S. Rep. Dan Lipinski, D-Western Springs, by drawing a potential primary election opponent into a different district so he couldn't challenge the incumbent.

The mapmakers used a highly technical, computer-driven process to ensure their control over the legislature. Lawmakers were allowed into the map room on a one-by-one basis and were warned not to discuss it publicly. Gov. Pat Quinn signed that gerrymandered map into law.

It worked to Democrats' advantage. In both the House and Senate, they eventually



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Gov. J.B. Pritzker leaves the House chamber Wednesday after delivering his first State of the State speech at the Capitol in Springfield.

## If Sandoval has something on you, beware the federal knock on your door

When Martin Sandoval cut his 27-page agreement with federal prosecutors, the corrupt former state senator in effect pledged to help them pursue other lawbreakers in his realm.

Details of a defendant's crimes dominate news coverage of such plea deals — in this case including the statement that his crimes "involved more than five participants." How many is "more than five"? Imagine the night sweats in an unknown number of Illinois bedrooms.

Such documents include boilerplate language sure to terrify anyone whom Sandoval can identify as a crook. It's dry reading only if it doesn't involve you. But if Sandoval, who could be looking at 12 1/2 years in prison, has something on you, here's part of his formal commitment to help the feds pursue you — and perhaps reduce his sentence:

"Defendant agrees he will fully and truthfully cooperate in any matter in

which he is called upon to cooperate by a representative of the United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Illinois. This cooperation shall include providing complete and truthful information in any investigation and pre-trial preparation and complete and truthful testimony in any criminal, civil, or administrative proceeding. ...

"At the time of sentencing, the government shall make known to the sentencing judge the extent of defendant's cooperation. ...

"Defendant understands that nothing in this Agreement shall limit the Internal Revenue Service in its collection of any taxes, interest or penalties from defendant and his spouse. ...

"Defendant understands that his compliance with each part of this Agreement extends throughout the period of his sentence, and failure to abide by any term of the Agreement is a

violation of the Agreement. Defendant further understands that in the event he violates this Agreement, the government, at its option, may move to vacate the Agreement, rendering it null and void, and thereafter prosecute defendant not subject to any of the limits set forth in this Agreement, or may move to resentence defendant or require defendant's specific performance of this Agreement. ...

"Defendant and his attorney acknowledge that no threats, promises, or representations have been made, nor agreements reached, other than those set forth in this Agreement, to cause defendant to plead guilty."

So if you're a Sandoval crony hoping your pal Marty will give you the "protection" he offered someone else in return for bribes, you instead might get a federal knock on the door.

Sleep well.

gained supermajorities. How's that working out, Illinois?

**Voters revolted and tried to get remap reform** on the ballot by collecting more than 500,000 signatures. But Madigan's top attorney filed a lawsuit and blocked the push for a constitutional amendment.

We hope Gov. Pritzker grasps the ultimate slap to Illinois citizens that disqualification process entailed. We hope the

governor understands the corruption the current process breeds. No map can be truly fair when it's so wholly driven by partisan politics.

Former state Rep. Peter Breen, R-Lombard, is part of a coalition reviving a citizen-driven petition process. It's an uphill battle. But he says the group learned from the Illinois Supreme Court's ruling last time and is fashioning a clean, straightforward amendment that would force biparti-

san cooperation on map-drawing.

His group could use a reform-minded, ethics-driven governor to elevate the charge. It would be a chance for Pritzker not only to deliver for Illinois citizens, and keep his campaign promise, but also to build a lasting legacy on true ethics reform. His opportunity grows with each indictment of another lawmaker.

**Step up, Governor. The time is now.**

### WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

The impeachment process has produced granular details about what the president did regarding Ukraine, and about his manner of doing things, and about the grifters he attracts just as magnets attract iron filings. All this is grist for the electorate's mill today, 33 weeks before the general election's voting begins in Minnesota Sept. 18.

Consider a thought experiment: Given this era's low threshold for fury, Republicans, anticipating Democrats today, might have constitutionalized their indignation by charging Donald Trump's predecessor with impeachable abuses of power in waging unauthorized war in Libya and rewriting immigration law under the guise of "enforcement discretion."

"Abuse of power" is inevitably somewhat in the eye of the beholder. Today's trial about abuses, and about obstructing Congress' investigation of them, is potentially a harbinger of the promiscuous use of impeachment. That is, a precedent for Congress' abuse of this power.

However, for this reason today's impeachment might, for a while, make future presidents wary when wielding power with dubious justifications. Modern presidents, clad in the armor of imperial grandeur, are most tolerable when nervous.

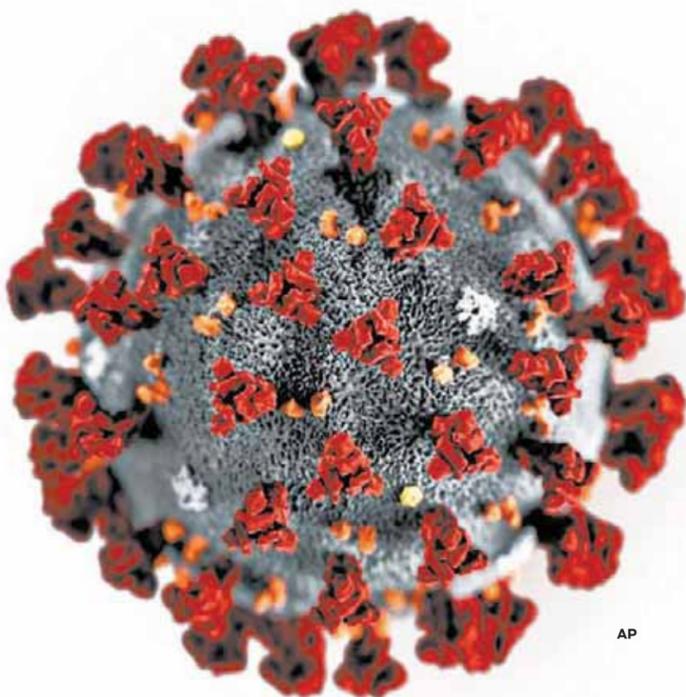
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## The web festers with DUBIOUS INFO about the coronavirus

By JAMES WARREN

**W**ord that Chicago has the first U.S. case of person-to-person transmission of the coronavirus will surely hike anxiety-filled traffic to news and health websites. But a warning: Many websites might be a danger to your health, given the misinformation they are spreading.

An assessment of thousands of websites has found that many health and wellness sites with big online audiences routinely publish bogus information. It's no surprise then that a site called Natural News falsely claims that Microsoft founder Bill Gates engineered the coronavirus outbreak, and that Health Impact News and Green Med Info have used the coronavirus story to promote Vitamin C as a cure for the rapidly spreading virus, which was first detected in Wuhan, China, and declared a global health emergency Thursday by the World Health Organization.

For sure, most discussion involving "fake news" centers on President Donald Trump, because of his claims of unfair media coverage and his own falsehoods. Indeed, the Washington Post Fact Checker has worked overtime detailing Trump's 16,241 false or misleading claims during his first three years in office. "Breathtaking" is an understatement.

But this recent coronavirus scare reminds us that the vast majority of bogus information around us has nothing to do with Trump and may constitute a literal threat to our health.

It reminds us of a simple maxim at the City News Bureau of Chicago, the defunct training ground for journalists whose alumni included Mike Royko, Seymour Hersh, columnist David Brooks and novelist Kurt Vonnegut: If your mother tells you she loves you, check it out.

Did you know that a topical substance called black salve can supposedly cure your cancer? Ditto cannabis? Or that a root canal could put you in peril of developing cancer? Or your seemingly fatal malady can be solved via apricot pits?

Those are claims found on websites with huge audiences, presenting dubious content produced by often unidentified site owners. Throw in the cottage industry of "wellness" sites fronted by celebrities, many of which violate basic journalistic standards, and you have a troubling mess.

I work at NewsGuard, a non-ideological service that has rated the credibility of 4,000 sites in the U.S. and Europe. We are taken aback by the staggering amount of wayward online health information. Health-related websites now comprise the largest percentage of sites we conclude are not credible.

There are high profile ones such as Gwyneth Paltrow's Goop.com, which hawks luxury beauty, health and style goods, and promotes products with unsubstantiated medical benefits.

NewsGuard rates it not credible for repeatedly publishing questionable stories — such as ones that suggest a link between underwire bras and cancer — as well as not disclosing ownership, not running

corrections, not gathering information responsibly, and mixing news and opinion.

More insidious may be sites that generate little media attention and don't have celebrity ties, yet have big audiences.

Natural News, a network of sites promoting medical and nonmedical conspiracy theories, boasts an internet favorite, namely that vaccines cause autism, a claim debunked by federal agencies and other health and science authorities. It calls the link between vaccines and autism "a simple biological fact."

Health Impact News promotes unproven "cures" for diseases. A June 2019 article, "Autism Can Be Cured — How to Use the Chlorine Dioxide Protocol to Recover Broken Lives," heralded an unproven remedy for autism sold under names such as CD Protocol, Miracle or Master Mineral Solution.

Well Being Journal sounds as soothing as a Yin Yoga class, but it promotes unproven medical uses for colloidal silver, a liquid product with small bits of silver. The claim is it kills "all single-cell parasites as well as bacteria, viruses and fungi." This has been debunked, too, including by the Food and Drug Administration, which warned that all you might come away with is a bluish-gray discoloration of your skin, nails and gums.

Signs of the Times, or SOTT, promotes itself as a "leading alternative news site promoting independent journalism and unbiased analysis." A nonprofit based in North Carolina, it also claims dastardly impacts of vaccines — such as brain disorders.

When NewsGuard assessed social media engagement during a 90-day period, the revered Mayo Clinic's website had a smaller audience than Herbs Info's site, which makes unproven claims about child vaccinations; the Return to Now website, which posits that raw, unpasteurized milk can be used to treat cancer; and Healthy Food House, a

promoter of an "alkaline diet" of non-acidic foods that supposedly lower the pH levels in your blood and organs (in fact, that's regulated by the lungs and kidneys, not diet modification).

Indeed, Healthy Food House had 62 times the engagement of MayoClinic.org. NewsGuard found those suspect websites in the top 700 in terms of social media engagement. MayoClinic.org didn't make the top 3,000.

At a Chicago high school basketball game last week, I ran into Erik King, a prominent Chicago pediatric orthopedic surgeon. He's not an internet expert, but he deals regularly with patients who reference unfounded medical claims. Like other health care professionals, he began nodding as I told him briefly about NewsGuard and our findings.

He wrote me later, succinctly capturing a true fake-news threat: "In health care, it is a problem when sick people accept the dishonest information from legitimate-appearing websites and sources as fact."

James Warren, a former managing editor of the Chicago Tribune, is executive editor of NewsGuard.

## Birth control should be available over the counter Congress can make it happen

By MICHAEL F. CANNON AND JEFFREY A. SINGER

Congress should revoke the Food and Drug Administration's power to require women to obtain prescriptions to purchase hormonal contraceptives, a change that would reduce the price of birth control pills and finally allow consumers to buy them over the counter. Congress should make this move without requiring insurers to cover over-the-counter contraceptives, which would cause prices to increase.

Daily-use oral contraceptives offer tremendous benefits and are no more dangerous than countless other drugs, such as acetaminophen, which the FDA allows even children to buy over the counter. Many in Congress, from progressive Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y., to conservative Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, support making "the pill" available without a prescription.

While women in a majority of countries can purchase birth control without a prescription, neither party's leading reform bill would give American women that ability.

The current prescription requirement is a significant impediment to reproductive freedom. Nearly a third of women report difficulty obtaining prescriptions. The doctor visit alone might cost up to \$200. In a 2016 survey of barriers to accessing contraception, women cited such obstacles as scheduling and getting to their appointments twice as often as they cited difficulty paying for the visit or the prescription.

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the American Academy of Family Physicians support eliminating the prescription requirement. A 2016 survey of reproductive health care providers found a majority support over-the-counter status, which would probably increase adherence.

Switching a drug from prescription to over-the-counter status also typically causes its price to fall. For instance, the price of a day's supply of the heartburn medication omeprazole fell nearly by half, from almost \$4.20 to \$2.35. The price of the antihistamine loratadine also fell by half, to just \$1 per pill. Prices for drugs that become available over the counter often fall below what many insured patients had been paying in copays.

Neither the Republicans' bill nor the Democrats' would deliver lower prices because neither would make the pill available over the counter. Instead, each leaves that decision with the executive branch — the same branch that blocked access to "Plan B" emergency contraception (the morning-after pill) — for political reasons for more than a dozen years under Republican and Democratic administrations.

Adding insult to indifference, the Republicans' bill would entrench existing prescription requirements, while the Democrats' bill would increase prices for contraceptives. The FDA imposed the current prescription requirement, which means the agency has the authority to remove it. The Republicans' bill would lock in that requirement with regard to minors by requiring an act of Congress to remove it — a much higher hurdle.

This makes no sense. The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists urges over-the-counter access to all hormonal contraceptives "without age restrictions." Congress already leaves minors free to purchase Plan B — and even lethal doses of acetaminophen, aspirin and other over-the-counter drugs — without a prescription. Yet the GOP bill would deny minors access to a low-risk drug that prevents pregnancy and reduces the incidence of abortion.

The Democrats' bill attempts to expand access by requiring insurers to pay 100% of the cost of over-the-counter contraceptives for their enrollees. But after the government phased in an identical requirement for prescription contraceptives in 2014, prices for hormones and oral contraceptives stopped falling and instead skyrocketed. By 2019, they had risen three times as fast as prices for prescription drugs overall.

Again, the Democrats' bill would not make birth control available over the counter. But if it did, such a mandate would make it more expensive. Higher prices would reduce access for consumers who purchase contraceptives without health insurance, including minors who don't want to purchase them through their parents' insurance. Women have a right to purchase contraceptives without government either forcing them to obtain a doctor's permission or increasing the price of their birth control.

Congress should revoke the FDA's power to require women to obtain a prescription to buy contraceptives, whether or not their insurance covers contraceptives. If Congress fails to act, the FDA should use its authority to eliminate the prescription requirement.

Birth control should be affordable and so easy to access that women can simply send the men in their lives to the store to buy it.

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A collection of pins from different campaigns is seen at Iowa Democratic Party Chairman Troy Price's office in Des Moines on Jan. 30.

# We're stuck with a flawed primary process in 2020

## But we still have time to make the election in 2024 better

BY ROB RICHIE

After a year of campaigning, the first votes are about to be cast in the 2020 presidential primaries. While Donald Trump has an apparent lock on the Republican nomination, Democrats have a wide open contest. Of the dozen remaining candidates, polls suggest that none will receive even 30% of the vote in the early states.

Unfortunately, the combination of a chaotic and incoherent primary schedule and antiquated voting rules makes winning as much the product of dumb luck as anything relating to the quality of candidates and their ability to unify voters. The White House and American governance are on the line, but our parties and policymakers keep dropping the ball. Let's hope they get it right by 2024.

The most obvious flaw is the dominant role that Iowa and New Hampshire play by voting first. Dating back decades, this schedule favors candidates based on geographic accidents, such as Massachusetts politicians Michael Dukakis, John Kerry and Mitt Romney getting propelled to their party's nomination by wins in neighboring New Hampshire.

It gets worse. Ballotpedia reports that the remaining Democratic candidates collectively held nearly 700 campaign events in those two states alone in 2019. While having an intense vetting process is valuable, states have different priorities, and all but four states have more racially and ethnically diverse electorates than Iowa and New Hampshire.

More states should enjoy a chance to vote early, and all states should play a more influential role. Thomas Gangale's American Plan would use a lottery to

identify which states vote first and which follow in grouped contests that reflect a gradual increase in total voters and establish a rotation that ensures big states don't always vote last.

To be truly fair, any process should conclude in a contest similar to how we nominate nearly all state and congressional candidates: on the basis of one person, one vote. Holding a national primary after state contests winnow the field would give all voters an equal say, avoid "brokered conventions" when no candidate earns a majority of delegates and establish a high turnout primary that could also decide congressional nominations.

There's a second big problem with our current rules: limiting voters to one choice no matter how large the field. That limitation has profound implications. Take number-cruncher Nate Silver's recent analysis of why Sen. Elizabeth Warren needs to win Iowa. Silver rates Warren's chances to secure the nomination as greater than 50% if she wins Iowa, but less than 20% if she does not.

In the quest for convention delegates, getting 25% compared to another's 24% is meaningless because delegates are allocated in proportion to votes. It's all about media perception of "momentum," but our single choice system makes "winning" barely fairer than rolling dice. The difference between winning and losing will be essentially a random chance based on how candidates with common bases of voter support happen to split their votes.

Iowa at least gives supporters of weaker candidates a backup vote. If, for example, a candidate earns 5% at a caucus and isn't viable for that precinct, those voters can move to have their vote count for their next choice who has enough support to

win delegates. Half of all Iowa Democrats may well end up supporting a backup choice. This makes more votes count, and rewards candidates who can help unify the party by picking up support from trailing candidates.

But it still doesn't change the real potential that the "winner" might have lost badly in a head-to-head matchup against the second-place finisher. That's why parties should fully embrace ranked-choice voting. One of the year's most encouraging developments is that early Democratic voters in Nevada and all Democratic voters in Alaska, Hawaii, Kansas and Wyoming will cast ranked-choice ballots in their party-run presidential contests.

With ranked-choice voting, voters rank candidates in order of choice: first, second and so on. If voters' first choice has enough support to win delegates, their ballots will count for that candidate. Otherwise, those ballots will end up counting for the candidate ranked next who is viable.

That's far better than a single choice system, but the media ideally would spotlight the winner as the candidate who wins the "instant runoff" after all but the top two candidates have been dropped and their votes reallocated to next choices. This form of ranked choice voting is used in Maine's federal elections and more than 20 cities. All parties would benefit from this system going forward.

The rules for 2020 are set. By 2024, let's make them fair and better for all.

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### VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

#### The Circuit Court clerk race matters

This year, many Chicago-area residents will be bombarded with messages about high-profile elections. One race unlikely to attract much attention is the battle to replace Dorothy Brown as clerk of Cook County Circuit Court.

The clerk plays a critical, often overlooked, role in the legal system, managing the day-to-day functions of the Circuit Court — the second-largest system in the country.

This race has huge implications for the thousands of Cook County residents interacting with the justice system every year.

A well-functioning clerk's office is critical to ensure access to justice, and Brown's tenure has been marked by allegations of corruption and mismanagement.

For example, the Chicago Council of Lawyers and its advocacy partner, Chicago Appleseed, with others, battled for years to get court recording equipment installed in Chicago's eviction courtrooms.

This equipment is vital — without it, unrepresented litigants are not guaranteed a record of what occurred in their cases.

After much wrangling to fund the installation, the clerk's office nonetheless failed to use the equipment until media scrutiny prompted it to act.

Almost anyone who has appeared in a Cook County court can share horror stories of misplaced filings; the antiquated reliance on handwritten orders and carbon paper; and the unreliable electronic filing system, which itself was forced into implementation under the threat of a federal injunction.

Whether a new clerk can improve upon the office's past record is a critical, often-overlooked social justice issue. Citizens interact with the court in matters of the highest stakes: obtaining orders of protection for domestic violence, securing child support, and fighting evictions or foreclosure. The clerk's office should be focused on ensuring that the court is easily navigable for all litigants — especially those without lawyers.

The public deserves a Circuit Court that is accessible, accountable and transparent.

Amid all the hype and hubbub over this year's high-profile elections, voters would do well to educate themselves about the four candidates in the primary to succeed Clerk Brown.

The court clerk may seem like a minor office, but for the many thousands of individuals who enter the Cook County Circuit Court system every year, it matters a great deal.

— David Baltmanis, board president, Chicago Council of Lawyers, Chicago

#### Once humans die out, there is no heroic return

A plant found in South America called *Boquila trifoliolata*, or the "chameleon" vine, is a big deal to scientists. The vine transforms its leaves to look like the ones of trees that it chooses to attach itself to. It can imitate multiple hosts and transforms to avoid predation by herbivores.

No one knows exactly how it can change with no eyes.

Many plants have variations of evolutionary advantages, such as the fire-resistant bark of redwood trees, or how the Jack pine seeds blossom after a fire. These features have allowed for generations of different species of plants to thrive for millions of years.

With the realization of the toll that climate change is putting on the Earth, people fear what could become of the plants essential to our survival. However, new plants would flourish after adapting to the new conditions. Humans, on the other hand, are a completely different story.

Once we destroy the Earth beyond comparison, humanity as a species will ultimately suffer and die out, due to excess carbon dioxide emissions, extreme flooding due to melted ice caps, heatwaves and forest fires, and so much more.

Plants will die, too, of course, but, under the ashes of humanity, more plant species will rise.

Once they adapt, plants will become prosperous under the new conditions, until the Mother Earth has cleansed herself of the toxins that humans have caused.

Once humans die out, there will be no heroic return. Unless the universe puts together the perfect balance of atoms once again, humans will cease to exist. Not committing to fighting climate change shows complete and utter selfishness, yet choosing to fight climate change also shows selfishness.

Nothing would be smarter than falling victim to the selfish nature of humans and putting that energy into the future of humanity.

— Mia Reyes, Des Plaines

# Want a revolution? It's easy: Vote.

BY RUSSELL GLASS

I'm talking about a revolution. Not the kind that gets you tear-gassed in the streets of Hong Kong, tortured in a Syrian prison or guillotined in the Place de la Concorde.

All we have to do for this revolution is show up to vote, first in our primaries, and then Nov. 3.

All of us. Easiest. Revolution. Ever.

This surge at the polls would indeed be a revolution because it's a given that so many won't show up on Election Day.

Estimates vary, but data from the U.S. Census Bureau and research from the Sentencing Project indicate that 60.4 million eligible Americans haven't bothered to register to vote. That's a huge number of citizens sitting on the sidelines. That's almost the same number of people who voted for either Hillary Clinton or Donald Trump in the 2016 presidential election.

Are you one of those nonvoters? Then the pollsters and media pundits have already counted you out.

You're not part of their polling, because they only count registered or likely vot-

ers. You're not part of their electoral calculus. You're not part of their plans. And you're sure not a part of their budget.

That's because they're certain you're not going to vote. So, they look right past you. You don't matter. If you don't vote, you're invisible.

But, what if our voting habits changed overnight? What if those 60 million adults who've been sitting out showed up Nov. 3?

Wait, you say, voting is pointless. Politicians do what they want, you argue. Democracy is broken, you shrug. Well, it's only broken in the way that your dust-collecting exercise bike or rowing machine doesn't work. It doesn't work because you're not using it.

When huge swaths of the American people don't vote, we cede outside power to the people who actually do vote. When you are silent at the ballot box, the shouts of a small minority fill the void.

If we as an entire nation vote, things in Washington (and in our state and local governments) will be transformed. Here's how.

- The candidate a true majority of us decide is the best will win, not the candidate whom a loud minority wants.
- The power of special interests will

diminish as their funding can no longer work to motivate a small group of voters with outside power.

■ Policies that the majority of Americans say they want will finally start to happen.

The best part of this revolution is that it's easy for each of us to pull our weight. The only thing each of us needs to do is to check a box. If we each go vote, and bring a few others with us to vote, we will all win.

If we all register, and the number of registered voters starts to swell meaningfully over the next several weeks and months, change will start to happen even before our elections. Candidates will notice and the narratives will begin to change. I guarantee it.

This is how we can ensure we have the power to choose whom we want to be as a nation. This is how we can remove the anxiety and fear for our futures. This is how we can determine the direction of the country we love for decades to come.

This is how we win the easiest revolution ever.

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# Arthritis Knee Pain Treatment Helps Many Avoid Surgery

## A huge decline in the need for knee replacement after scientists nailed a major secret and the non-surgical treatment success rates soared to levels never seen before - Doctor's Office Swarmed For FDA Approved Treatment Covered By Most Insurance And Medicare

You can now eliminate your knee pain with a hot new pain cure.

Imagine... go shopping, walking or jogging, gardening, going to church, playing with your grandchildren, or going golfing without knee pain...

Do all of the things you used to enjoy and... get your life back free of knee pain.

Not only is it possible, thousands of Chicagoland Boomers and Seniors with knee pain have experienced the amazing relief this new non-surgical treatment option provides.

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

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

### You know how it is . . .

You stop enjoying your favorite activities because your knee is hurting. You've tried pain medicines, braces, or different over-the-counter arthritis supplements. But all of them leave you wishing you hadn't spent the afternoon raking up leaves, tickling grandkids, or even just regretting that short trip upstairs...

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

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

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

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

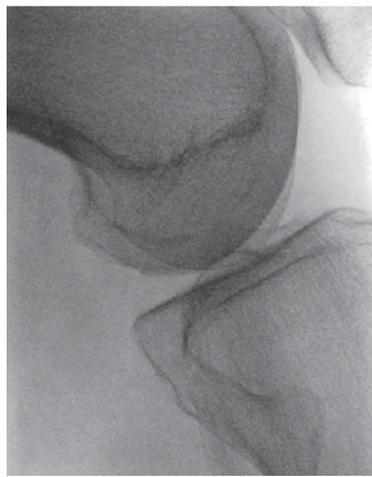
After years of trusted service in moving you everywhere you need to go, your knee starts to feel a subtle ache with certain activities like using stairs, kneeling down, or getting out of the car. With time, it becomes a constant ache. *If left untreated, it can keep you awake at night, and hurt with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

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### One thing you should know:

This is a pre-surgery treatment. As long as you haven't had knee surgery, you will feel relief from this treatment. Patients should be aware that surgery is a "done deal." That's why doctors suggest you try this treatment BEFORE you have surgery - you can always have surgery after, if needed.

This special treatment is often called "Joint Oil" because it's like squirting oil on a rusty door hinge. It

See for yourself: These images show this treatment actually entering into the knee and coating those raw joints with a smooth lubrication that eliminates rubbing, grinding, and more importantly, that constant, unbearable pain.



eliminates a lot of the rubbing, grinding, and pain.

You can't get results like these with stem cells, supplements, or even surgery. Glucosamine and Chondroitin can't do what this treatment can do.

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

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

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

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

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

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

One patient even said this:

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

### Is it true this natural treatment option could cost NOTHING?

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

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

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

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

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

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

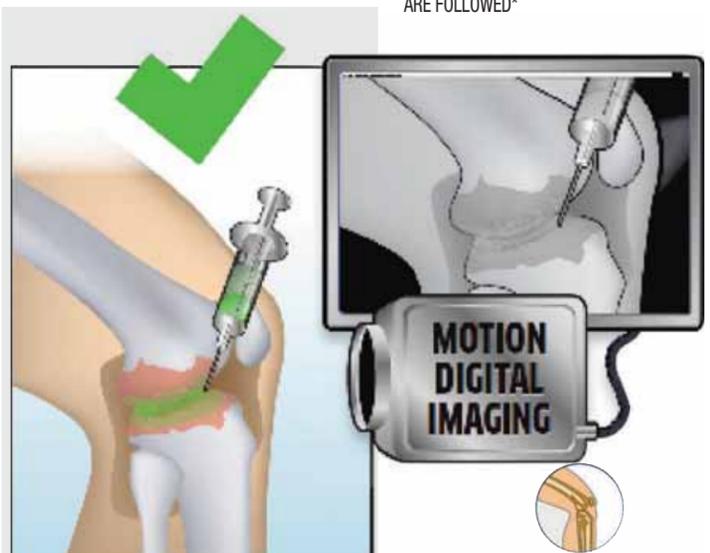
On the day of your treatment, you'll be able to come in on your own, and be done within 30 minutes or less. No pain. No problem driving yourself home.

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

So if you're interested,

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

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## SUCCESS

Your Monday guide to managing money, work and the business of life



**JILL SCHLESINGER**  
Jill on Money

## When it makes the most sense to refinance

A year ago, the Federal Reserve, economists and realtors were bracing for higher mortgage interest rates for 2019. The rationale was simple: The economy was growing and, as a result, the 10-year Treasury bond, the benchmark for most mortgages, was likely to remain elevated.

The economy is still growing, but the pace has slowed, which means that home loan rates have dropped by almost a full percentage point — 30-year mortgages have fallen from nearly 4.5% to 3.6% today, according to Freddie Mac.

The slide has prompted another round of the perennial question: Is it time to refinance? Here are some of the biggest reasons homeowners should consider a refinance right now.

**To lower monthly payments:** Maybe your current loan has a high interest rate or perhaps you originally had a 15-year loan and realize that you need more cash-flow flexibility and want to move to a 30-year to improve your ability to fund other goals, like retirement or college. One big caveat: The costs of the refinancing (usually 2% to 5% of the loan amount) must be incorporated into your analysis. If closing costs are \$5,000 and you will save \$270 per month, it will take you 18.5 months to break even. If the monthly savings are lower, it will take longer to break even, which may or may not make sense depending on how long you think you will be in the house.

**To free up equity:** If the equity in your home is tempting you to renovate a kitchen, pay an upcoming big bill or pay off another outstanding debt, be very careful. The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act that went into effect in 2018 changed the tax deductibility rules, limiting interest you pay on a loan secured by your main home or second home to buy, build or substantially improve your main or second home. So if your re-fi is used to pay off another debt, that amount would not be deductible. Additionally, the tax cut act placed a new dollar limit on total qualified residence loan balances. If you refinance, you can only deduct interest on up to \$750,000 in qualifying debt.

**To convert to fixed rate from adjustable or balloon loan:** If you purchased a home with an adjustable rate mortgage, last year's increase in rates may have spooked you. With rates lower, now may be a good time to lock in a loan that will never cause palpitations when rates rise in the future. For those who have balloon loans, (a loan with a fixed rate for a specific period of time, which "balloons" at the end of the term, when a lump-sum payment, equal to the remaining balance of what you owe, is due), perhaps circumstances have changed and you plan to be in the house longer than you expected or you do not want to use your cash to pay off the loan at the end of the term. If that's the case, a re-fi could be the answer.

**To get out from private mortgage insurance:** If you purchased your home with less than the "standard" 20% down payment, you are paying for PMI, which can tack on 0.3% to 1.5% of the original loan amount every year, depending on your credit score and the size of your down payment. If the value of your home has increased since the original purchase and you now have 20% equity, a refi may reduce your interest rate and release you from that PMI payment.

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DREAMSTIME

Frank Diaz operates food trucks for military personnel and employees at three Hawaii military bases, including Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, which encompasses the USS Missouri memorial.

# Helping struggling veterans

## Food truck company entrepreneur embraces mission to boost others

BY LEIGH BUCHANAN | Inc.

It was the Fourth of July, so of course there would be fireworks. Des Cortes was dreading it.

After five years in the Navy that included deployments in Afghanistan and Iraq, Cortes knew the sound of explosions would trigger her. As fireworks crackled across the sky that night in 2017, she stood in a food truck on a base in Honolulu, struggling to count out the night's receipts. "I couldn't focus on what I was doing," Cortes says. "I completely shut down."

Fortunately, her boss, Frank Diaz, was by her side, as he had been since she'd texted him about a job. PTSD had forced Cortes, at age 24, into early retirement from the military. Unable to find work, she'd been couch surfing with friends or living out of her car. Diaz, the founder of Tin Hut BBQ, hired her five minutes after she reached out, and trained her one-on-one.

Over the next two years he helped Cortes sign up for benefits and therapy through the Veterans Administration, found her temporary housing and taught her to budget her money so she could get her own apartment.

Tin Hut BBQ is a 17-employee food truck company serving three military bases and a base-adjacent neighborhood in Honolulu. Diaz is also the founder of Aloha Gourmet Food Trucks, which subcontracts catering jobs to independent food operators on the island. Combined annual revenue for the two companies is \$1.2 million.

Since Tin Hut's launch seven years ago, it has employed 65 veterans or veterans' family members, accounting for roughly a quarter of the workforce. Diaz has helped many in their struggles with PTSD and addiction. Three homeless men have lived in a loft in his kitchen while getting back on their feet.

"I'm always spreading the word: If you know any vets, I will help them out," Diaz says. "I never feel like it is appropriate for someone who has sacrificed for this country to be left without care or without a home."



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Diaz, the Tin Hut BBQ owner, says veterans make the best employees.

Diaz's other priority is to provide active and retired service members with the kind of food he associates with good times. Sandra Bannan, a disabled Air Force veteran who works as a contractor for the Department of Defense on Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, is partial to Tin Hut's smoked chicken and spicy mac and cheese.

"That kind of barbecue is not very common in Hawaii," Bannan says. "So it is a really big treat for people to try food that brings back memories of other places they have been deployed."

Barbecue was among the few constants in Diaz's peripatetic childhood. A military brat, he bounced around the world: Maryland, Arizona, Central America, Turkey, Iran. Overseas, the family hosted parties for the troops, roasting pigs on a spit and inviting soldiers to prepare their traditional dishes.

In 1977, the Diaz family settled for good at what was then Fort Lewis (now Joint Base Lewis-McChord) near Tacoma, Washington. Diaz went to college but left to join the Army in 1981, where he "started learning what real discipline was about. And real duty."

In 2007, Diaz, now a civilian, found himself back at Fort Lewis, working on security plans for the Department of Defense. One day he volunteered to barbecue for a conference held by his church. By the time he'd finished cooking, there was no food left for him.

"On the following Monday, I go to work and I am craving barbecue," he says. "I go onto the base and there is no

barbecue there. ... My planning wheels started to roll."

Diaz imagined launching an on-base food service out of a mobile kitchen trailer similar to ones used by the military. He developed a barbecue recipe and a business plan and prepared to launch. Then the DOD offered Diaz a position in Honolulu, which complicated his startup plans. Still, he brought a smoker and started testing his recipes and processes.

Diaz introduced his first Tin Hut in 2012 at Schofield Barracks, an army installation, where it quickly overshadowed the two other food trucks and tents selling hot dogs and burgers.

The focus on hiring veterans began five years ago. That's when Diaz met a sergeant — newly discharged and grappling with PTSD — at Schofield Barracks. The veteran, who was running a pop-up burger tent on base, asked Diaz to help him with a food truck business.

"One day he was overwhelmed by the voices in his head and shot himself," Diaz says. "I said this will never, ever happen to a vet I know again."

Diaz shows his employees how to navigate the VA system, trains them in culinary and basic business skills and teaches them financial responsibility.

"In the Army we had to plan for contingencies. I apply the same principles to operating Tin Hut," he says. That may mean opening late if human resources are scant.

But once they have their feet under them, veterans make the best workers. In 2016 Diaz used profits from Tin Hut to open a catering business, Aloha Gourmet Food Trucks. In their contracts, the 35 owner-operators of the trucks agree to hire veterans.

"They want veterans as part of their teams because they know they are dependable," says Diaz.

And Diaz has more philanthropic ambitions. He is raising money for a nonprofit, Call 2 Duty, to assist veterans with PTSD and other problems.

Diaz also hopes to expand Tin Hut to bases across the country. He will have help with that. Des Cortes is now Tin Hut's assistant manager, something she couldn't have imagined three years ago.

"I want to help Frank take it to the next level," Cortes says. "Whatever his vision is, I want to be part of it."

# Tech companies ease into banking as another way to gather data

BY KAITLIN PITSKER  
Kiplinger

Daniel Latimore, a senior vice president for banking at research and consulting firm Celent, discusses banking and financial services.

**Q: Why are Apple, Google, Facebook and other tech companies interested in offering banking and financial services?**

A: It's not that banking is where the data is, but rather that banking is where the money is. Big tech has grown by monetizing data. By offering a checking account, credit card or other financial product, these companies can gather specific and detailed information about your income, spending, cash flow and other financial habits.

**Q: Are the tech firms really becoming banks?**

A: For now, they are wading into specific parts of financial services and generally partnering with existing financial institutions. For example, Google will soon offer checking accounts in partnership with Citigroup and Stanford Federal Credit Union. Often, the tech company will be the brand that the customer sees while the bank takes on regulatory issues and other behind-the-scenes tasks. In time, some tech companies may move further into financial services but will likely stop short of crossing lines that require them to deal with regulatory complexity and compliance.

**Q: What are the potential benefits for consumers?**

A: Tech companies will likely offer lower

fees and higher interest rates than traditional banks. Some may offer cash incentives or other perks to encourage customers to make the switch. Many are also focused on offering a better customer experience by offering apps that are easy to use, making it easier to find the information you need within an app, and figuring out the right way and time to connect with you to be useful but not annoying.

As these companies get to know customers better, they'll start giving them personalized offers. For example, if they know how much you're paying on a mortgage, they may infer the rate and offer you a refinance option with a lower rate through a partner.

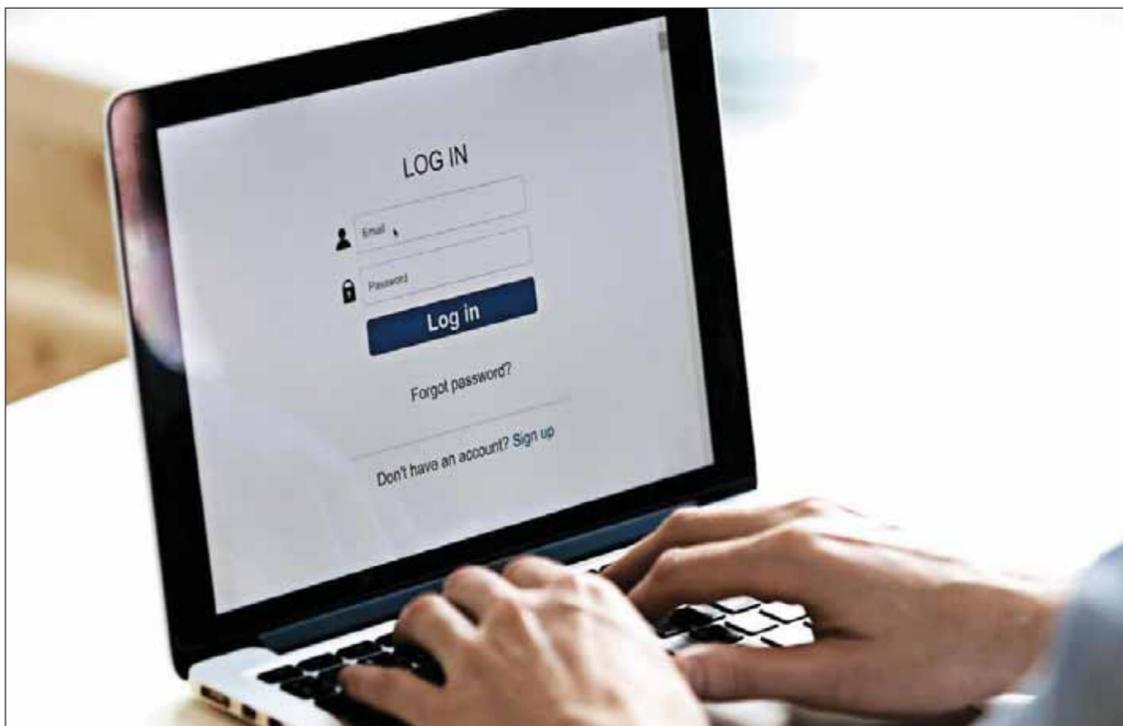
**Q: What are the trade-offs?**

A: You are giving the tech company your financial data. They'll see how much mon-

ey you have in your account, what bills you're paying and more, and they'll use that information to try to sell you stuff and market financial products. Customers who are concerned about their privacy may want to use a diverse portfolio of service providers — keeping social accounts in one bucket, banking in another and investments in a third — to avoid giving a single company a full view of their affairs.

**Q: Will people make the switch?**

A: Inertia is the most powerful force in consumer finance. Getting people to change, unless there's a big shock, is tough. If you want to give the new accounts a try, consider opening one as a secondary account. Over time, you might receive offers that would save you money and you might not mind how your data is being used.



DREAMSTIME

## Thwarting identity thieves

### Ways to protect retirement accounts



BY ELLIOT RAPHAELSON  
*The Savings Game*

There are many sophisticated scammers who try to steal identities and financial assets.

Federal law provides some protection against fraudulent use of your credit cards. However, there currently are no federal laws that protect you from the loss of assets from your retirement accounts as a result of identity theft.

An eye-opening example of this kind of theft was reported recently in the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel. A Madison, Wisconsin, woman logged in to review her retirement account only to discover that it had been nearly cleaned out by an identity thief. Fortunately, the company that acted as custodian of the account, American Funds, compensated her for the loss.

As the Journal Sentinel reported, some other financial institutions, including Fidelity and Schwab, will cover losses to their clients whose accounts were hacked as a result of identity theft.

Since federal law does not require the custodian of your retirement account to reimburse you if its assets are stolen because of identity theft, you should ask your financial institution what its policy is with regard to retirement account assets are stolen as a result of identity theft. (See [checkbook.org](http://checkbook.org) for more information as to under what conditions a

specific financial institution will cover such losses.)

You should also ask the custodian of your retirement accounts what actions you should take to ensure that, in the event of identity theft, any losses you incur will be reimbursed by that financial institution.

Ed Mierzewski, senior director of the federal consumer program for U.S. PIRG, a consumer watchdog organization, indicated that most major financial institutions are not required to but are likely to reimburse individuals whose assets were stolen as a result of identity theft. He suggested that anyone who did lose assets as a result of stolen identities should contact the SEC and their state attorney general to determine if any steps could be taken to reimburse them.

He also suggested that investors should review their account balances in their retirement accounts on a regular basis to make sure that there have not been any reductions in balances as a result of fraudulent activity.

Kevin Bong, director of cybersecurity for Sikich LLP, an accounting and consulting firm, indicated that the source of retirement account information for scammers is generally obtained from email accounts by means of phishing. (Phishing is a fraudulent attempt to obtain sensitive information such as usernames, passwords and financial information by electronic communication.)

**Bong recommends** the following ways to protect yourself from cyber-criminals:

- Use a separate strong password (the longer, the better) for access to retirement accounts; use a password that isn't used for other types of online accounts.
- If you change your password, use a two-step authentication process in which your provider sends you, generally

a six-digit code to your cell phone, for your confirmation, prior to updating your password.

■ Make sure that your accounts are protected by a firewall and maintain current antivirus and anti-spyware software. Do not use public wi-fi hotspots to check accounts.

■ Don't respond to emails from parties you don't know or open attachments or click on email links that ask for financial information.

■ Open all statements from your mutual fund or account manager and review for accuracy. Notify them as soon as possible if any unauthorized transactions occurred.

**U.S. PIRG suggests** the following actions to detect identity theft in general:

- Check your monthly statements for unauthorized charges.
- Sign up to receive email and/or text notifications of account activity and changes to account information.
- Every 12 months, take advantage of the right to receive one free credit report from each of the three main credit bureaus -- Equifax, Experian and TransUnion. Verify that the information is correct.
- Sign up for a MySSA account. Even if you don't receive Social Security benefits yet, checking your MySSA account can help you spot changes to your personal information that might indicate thieves trying to claim your benefits over the phone.
- Check if your online accounts have been hacked. Have I Been Pwned (<https://haveibeenpwned.com/>) is a free tool you can use to check whether your online accounts may have been compromised in data breaches.

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TERRY SAVAGE  
*The Savage Truth*

## By-the-mile insurance could mean big savings

Your car insurance is about to get personal. And if you're willing to let the insurers track how many miles you drive, you can save a lot of money.

The concept of paying for insurance based on your mileage makes sense. Currently, insurers lump you in with a demographic based on age, gender, location, marital status, driving record and the type of car you drive. All are expected to be predictors of your risk of accident and theft.

But what if you find yourself in a higher-priced demographic and yet you only drive your car on weekends instead of commuting to work?

With traditional insurance, low mileage is a factor that doesn't count in pricing.

Now companies like Metromile and even big insurers such as Allstate, Progressive, Nationwide, State Farm and Travelers are offering products that give significant discounts — if you're willing to insert a device in your car that calculates the number of miles you drive each month.

It's a concept that was started a few years ago and is gaining steam because fewer people are objecting to the tracking concept as a violation of privacy. And there's a growing demographic of drivers who use their cars far less frequently, such as people who have moved to cities with good public transit or snowbirds who own a car that sits idle while they're away.

There's now a trend to personalize car insurance — and save a lot of money.

The large insurers aren't leading the push because weeding out the least risky drivers, in terms of miles driven, would likely cut into big insurers' profits.

That's why a smaller but fast-growing company like Metromile has become a leader in this space. Jeff Briglia, chief operating officer of Metromile, says the edge is in the technology — not only in the tracking device but in the services the company offers based on the data.

For example, the device can read your car's diagnostic codes. So if you are late for an oil change, it can send you a message through the Metromile app. Even better, if you live in a city that has overnight parking bans on different days for things like street-sweeping or snow removal, it will send you a reminder message. The device also can track your car if it is stolen.

Metromile says that its average customer saves \$741 a year on car insurance. You pay a basic monthly rate and are billed monthly for actual miles driven. If you take a long trip, there is a cap on the monthly charges, so you don't face a sudden huge bill.

And, as with other insurance companies, if you have an accident, you send photos of the damage to your insurer, and it will direct you to a repair shop in your area — or you can use your own.

Metromile operates in only eight states: Illinois, California, Oregon, Washington, Arizona, Pennsylvania, New Jersey and Virginia. But more states will be added this year. By the mile coverage from Allstate and the other big insurers also is not available in all states, but is growing.

If you drive less than the average 12,000 miles per year, it might pay you to check out car insurance by the mile. And that's The Savage Truth.

*Terry Savage is a registered investment adviser and the author of four best-selling books, including "The Savage Truth on Money." She responds to questions on her blog at [TerrySavage.com](http://TerrySavage.com).*

## Making spousal contributions to Roth IRA

### Check income limits

BY KAITLIN PITSKER | Kiplinger

**Q: I am 77 years old and still working. My 50-something spouse is not employed. For the past couple years, I have been making a spousal contribution of \$7,000 annually to his traditional IRA. Could I instead put that money into a Roth IRA and would the contribution still be subject to income limits?**

A: Yes, you can put money into a Roth IRA for your nonworking spouse, but there are still income limits for a Roth contribution, whether the money goes into your own Roth IRA or a spousal Roth IRA.

If you fall below the income thresholds to be eligible for Roth contributions, you can salt away money in a Roth IRA

for yourself and to a Roth IRA for your spouse if you earn enough income to cover both contributions. You can contribute a total of \$14,000 because both of you are 50-plus.

You can both qualify for a full or partial contribution for 2020 if your modified adjusted gross income on your joint tax return is under \$206,000.

If you exceed that income thresholds, you can make a contribution to a traditional IRA for your spouse as well as now a contribution to a traditional IRA for yourself. The SECURE Act repeals the 70 1/2 age cap for contributing to a traditional IRA, which Roth IRAs never had. Unlike Roth IRAs, though, there are no income thresholds to be eligible to contribute to a traditional IRA.

**Q: I know that the age for taking required minimum distributions rises to age 72 under the SECURE Act.**

**Does that mean the age for using the qualified charitable distribution move also rises?**

A: No, the SECURE Act didn't change the age when you can start to use the qualified charitable distribution move. It stays at 70 1/2.

With the QCD move, an IRA owner age 70 1/2 or older can transfer up to \$100,000 directly to charity each year from the IRA. The QCD won't show up in your adjusted gross income, and it can also count toward your RMD. With the increase in the RMD age, the new law creates a year and a half window where IRA distributions can be given to charity and not show up in your AGI but won't count toward an RMD.

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## Get away, for less

Budget-minded travelers looking to get away in 2020 will find plenty of deals, thanks to new airline routes, increased competition among hotels and airlines, and a strong U.S. dollar.



### Europe at a discount

In the past year, flights to some European destinations, including Paris, Madrid and Barcelona, have become more affordable thanks to new routes and increased competition among carriers, says Tracy Stewart, content editor at Airfarewatchdog.com. You can find flights to Rome from New York, Boston and San Francisco, for example, for \$300 to \$350. Those prices will continue to dip in 2020 as low-cost carrier Norwegian Air Shuttle adds routes, says Stewart.



### Time it just right

Japan will be one of the most expensive destinations this summer, but when the Olympic Games end in August, some great hotel deals will crop up, says Gabe Saglie, senior editor at Travelzoo. Also, United Airlines and All Nippon Airways are expanding their routes.

Flights to Hawaii will also be less expensive as Southwest adds routes. Flights from the West Coast, which recently cost about \$700, could drop to about \$400, says Saglie.

SOURCE: Kiplinger

## SUCCESS

# Black holes that steal your time

If productivity is elusive, these culprits may be to blame

By DAVID FINKEL | Inc.

As another week nears its end, do you find your to-do list is still pretty long and you are running on empty? Many do.

But what is happening? You get up every morning and go to the office early, put in a solid nine or 10 hours of work, go home and get ready to do it all over again tomorrow. And yet, real productivity seems out of reach.

Chances are you have fallen prey to at least one or two of the following time wasters.

## Email

Most business owners would agree that email is a major impediment to their creating real value for their business, but most of them also cling to the belief that they don't have a choice and they have to keep on top of it. Their team members likely feel the same way.

But when you see it for what it is — an addiction — you can relate to it differently. You don't control an addiction through willpower, you put the power of environment, insight and habit to work to help you do it. So set hard and fast guidelines about how much time you will spend in your inbox. And stick to it.

Imagine what would happen to your to-do list if you set aside time each day to work uninterrupted.

## TV

Whether you're watching it on your 70-inch TV or your 7-inch tablet, mindless TV still holds a spot as an addiction that robs workers of hours each week. Time that could be invested in reading a book, enjoying your family or getting a good night's sleep. The time that you spend at home shouldn't be in front of another screen. Unplug and recharge.



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Sleep also is important for various aspects of brain function, including cognition, concentration, productivity and performance, Healthline reports.

Medical interns with extended work hours of more than 24 hours made 36% more serious medical errors than interns on a schedule that allowed more sleep. Two studies funded by the U.S. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health found that shorter shifts for medical interns reduced medical errors.

Sleep could give you a boost at work, or at least keep you from making a big mistake.

## Social media

Social media serves a purpose for many businesses, but often it

can take up too much space in a business owner's attention, affecting work flow and taking up large blocks of time that could have been spent creating real value for your company.

Also, the real cost of a quick check or post on social media isn't the five minutes it took, it's the 15-30 minutes it takes you to get back in the flow of what you were doing before you got lured away. And for many of us, a quick check turns into mindless scrolling that can lead to even more time wasted.

So what's the solution? If you find yourself spending too much time in your inbox, on your phone or staring at your TV, the easiest way to rid yourself of the negative behavior is to change your environment so your addiction delivery is less visible or accessible.

For instance, you could turn off

your wireless router for the first two hours of the day while you do your most valuable work. You could work remotely twice a week from a place without email.

You could leave your tablet downstairs so you get a good night's sleep and don't feel tempted to stream an episode of "The Mandalorian" at 11 pm. Or you could turn your phone off while at home or at the office.

Halt social media alerts on your devices or take your social media apps off your cellphone so you are less tempted to open them and stupidly scroll. You won't miss them after a week or two.

Talk over one of your addictions with a peer whom you trust and ask him or her to be your accountability partner in making a change.

Consciously design a new habit

that will replace your old addictive behavior. Ask yourself what your old habit gave you, and make sure your new habit serves that same need, but in a much healthier and more productive way. Go for a walk or talk to a friend when you feel the need to check social media or watch something on your tablet.

Consider creating blocks of time (a few hours) during which you will block out the carrier of your addiction. If you struggle with email, then during your blocks of time, keep devices out of sight in a drawer and don't open your inbox on your computer. Just work.

David Finkel is the author of 12 business books, including "The Freedom Formula," and also is the CEO of Maui Mastermind, a business coaching company.

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## OBITUARIES

**ILENE HARRIS 1944-2020**

# Leader worked with teachers at UIC College of Medicine

BY GRAYDON MEGAN

Ilene Harris led the Department of Medical Education at the University of Illinois College of Medicine for 10 years, working to improve training in health professions by improving the teaching abilities of instructors and program directors.

In addition to overseeing the master's in education program, she expanded programs including the doctoral program in curriculum studies with concentration in health professions education.

The programs are for professionals interested in better serving their students and for creating better teaching and learning applications, said Aria Razfar, professor of education and linguistics at UIC, who co-coordinated the program and co-taught with Harris.

"She was an exceptional educator, emphasizing the building of community collaboration," Razfar said. "I think she had a very broad vision and was attentive to details on how to realize that vision."

Harris, 75, died Jan. 19 of a heart attack, said her husband, Morton. She had cancer and the heart attack was related to long-term chemotherapy, he said. She died at home in Lincoln Park.

She was born Ilene Barmish in 1944 and grew up in Chicago. After graduating from Hyde Park High School, she went on to the University of Chicago, where she earned a bachelor's degree in science, a master's degree in history and a doctorate in education.

She married Norman Harris in July of 1967. He was then a professor of mathematics at UIC. In 1973, after he took a position with the University of Minnesota, she took a part-time job in medical education with the University of Minnesota Medical School. She became a professor there and director of the office of educational development



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and research.

In 2003, she came to UIC's College of Medicine as professor in the Department of Medical Education and Pathology and also was director of graduate studies in the department.

In Chicago, she led the Masters in Health Professions Education program and expanded the department's Master of Science in Patient Safety Leadership and the Ph.D. Program in Curriculum Studies with Concentration in Health Professions Education in collaboration with the University's College of Education. She led the Department of Medical Education, first on an interim basis beginning in 2009 and then as permanent head from 2010 to 2019.

Razfar said the interdisciplinary doctoral program is unique for its integration of humanities and medical education.

"It integrates teaching and pedagogy with science and health education," Razfar said. "It's an expanded view of curriculum."

The program focuses on educational leadership and scholarship, said Alan Schwartz, now interim head of the Department of Medical Education. Areas of focus include building curriculum, designing assessment systems and even the use of simulations in health education to protect patient safety.

"She always saw our program as the gold standard of

its kind," Schwartz said. "She always saw our students as being leaders of the (health education) fields of the future."

Harris authored over 150 peer-reviewed publications in journals in health professions education and gave over 400 presentations in various venues, UIC sources said.

"She was an immensely influential person in the College of Medicine and the University and within the medical education academic community both nationally and internationally," Dr. Rachel Yudkowsky, a professor and Director of Graduate Studies in the Department of Medical Education in the College of Medicine, said in an email.

In 2014, Harris was honored with the school's Excellence in Teaching award and was also honored for Outstanding Education Service for her contributions to programs in the College of Medicine. In 2018, she received an award from the Department of Pathology for Excellence, Education and Innovation for her Best Practices series.

"She had drive and energy and worked harder than anybody else," Schwartz said. "She was incredibly committed to her students and her colleagues."

In addition to her husband, Harris is survived by a sister, Ronnelle Dainas.

A service was held.

Megan is a freelance reporter.

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ON FEBRUARY 3 ...

**On Feb. 3, 1690**, the first paper money in America was issued by the colony of Massachusetts. (The currency was used to pay soldiers fighting a war against Quebec.)

**In 1783** Spain recognized U.S. independence.

**In 1809** the territory of Illinois was created.

**In 1811** newspaper editor Horace Greeley was born in Amherst, N.H.

**In 1865** President Abraham Lincoln and Confederate Vice President Alexander Stephens held a peace conference aboard a ship off the Virginia coast. (The talks deadlocked over the issue of Southern autonomy.)

**In 1874** avant-garde writer Gertrude Stein was born in present-day Pittsburgh.

**In 1894** illustrator Norman Rockwell was born in New York.

**In 1913** the 16th Amend-

ment to the Constitution, providing for a federal income tax, was ratified.

**In 1916** Canada's original Parliament Buildings, in Ottawa, burned down.

**In 1917** the United States broke off diplomatic relations with Germany, which had announced a policy of unrestricted submarine warfare.

**In 1924** the 28th U.S. president, Woodrow Wilson, died in Washington; he was 67.

**In 1930** the chief justice of the United States, William Howard Taft, resigned for health reasons.

**In 1943** during World War II, the U.S. transport ship *Dorchester*, which was carrying troops to Greenland, sank after being hit by a torpedo. (Four Army chaplains gave their life belts to four other men and went down with the ship.)

**In 1959** a plane crash near Clear Lake, Iowa, claimed the lives of early rock 'n' roll stars Buddy Holly, Ritchie

Valens and J.P. "The Big Bopper" Richardson.

**In 1966** the Soviet probe Luna 9 became the first manmade object to make a soft landing on the moon.

**In 1972** the XI Olympic Winter Games opened in Sapporo, Japan.

**In 1988** the U.S. House rejected President Ronald Reagan's request for at least \$36.25 million in aid to the Nicaraguan Contras.

**In 1994** The space shuttle *Discovery* lifted off, carrying Sergei Krikalev, the first Russian cosmonaut to fly aboard a U.S. spacecraft.

**In 1995** the space shuttle *Discovery* blasted off with a woman, Air Force Lt. Col. Eileen Collins, in the pilot's seat for the first time in NASA history.

**In 1996** Sgt. 1st Class Donald Dugan, 38, became the first U.S. soldier killed while on duty in Bosnia when a piece of ammunition exploded in his hands.

**In 1998** Texas executed Karla Faye Tucker for the pickax killings of two people in 1983; she was the first woman executed in the United States since 1984. **Also in 1998** a U.S. Marine jet sliced through a ski gondola cable in Italy, sending the car's 20 occupants plunging 370 feet to their deaths.

**In 2000** the Senate voted 89-4 to confirm Alan Greenspan for a fourth term as chairman of the Federal Reserve. **Also in 2000** Richard Kleindienst, who had served as U.S. attorney general during the Nixon administration, died in Prescott, Ariz.; he was 76.

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Lucky Day Lotto midday	
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Pick 4 evening	6242 / 2
Lucky Day Lotto evening	
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Feb. 3 Lotto: \$5.5M
Feb. 4 Mega Millions: \$168M
Feb. 5 Powerball: \$50M

WISCONSIN	
Feb. 2	
Pick 3	272
Pick 4	2336
Badger 5	03 04 05 16 28
SuperCash	10 12 19 20 21 35

INDIANA	
Feb. 2	
Daily 3 midday	893 / 0
Daily 4 midday	6733 / 0
Daily 3 evening	760 / 2
Daily 4 evening	8680 / 2
Cash 5	02 17 24 30 34

MICHIGAN	
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Daily 3 midday	148
Daily 4 midday	3305
Daily 3 evening	496
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#### Abrahams, Jerome 'Jerry'

Dr. Jerome "Jerry" Abrahams, 95. Beloved husband of late Hilda nee Pollock. Devoted father of Gail (Joel) Polisky and Barbie (Bruce) Taylor. Proud grandfather of Scott and Michael Polisky and Stephanie (Ted), Brett (Naomi), and Ryan Taylor. Great grandfather of Miles, Max and Alexandra. Dear brother of the late Rosanna Berkenstadt and the late Betty Lou Gold. Lovingly cared for by Alla and Joe. Jerry served two terms in the armed forces, from 1944 to 1946 and then again from 1953 until 1956. During his service he rose to the rank of Captain in the U.S. Army. He was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal, and the United Nations Service Medal. After leaving the Army, he began his 35 year career as a general surgeon at Highland Park Hospital in Highland Park, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials in his name may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., 17th Floor, Chicago, IL. 60601, [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org). Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, [www.cjinfo.com](http://www.cjinfo.com)

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#### Axelrod, Daniel P.

Daniel P. Axelrod age 59. Loving brother of Marcy Axelrod. Beloved son of the late Irwin and the late Arlene Axelrod, nee Bell. Daniel will be missed by many relatives and friends. He was a kind and gentle soul. Service Tuesday 4PM at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 8851 Skokie Blvd., (at Niles Center Road), Skokie. Interment Eternal Light Cemetery in Florida. Memorials may be made to your favorite charity. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, [www.cjinfo.com](http://www.cjinfo.com)

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#### Bennett, Evelyn N. "Evie"

Evelyn "Evie" Nancy Bennett age 72 of Elgin, Beloved sister of Virginia (Roger) Peterson. Loving aunt of Lynn (Howard) Saubert, Jerry (Therese) Peterson, Wayne and Michael Peterson. Visitation Tues Feb. 4 from 4-8 pm at **Malone Funeral Home** 324 E. State St. (Rt. 38) Geneva where funeral service will be held Wed at 10:00 am with Rev. Brian Coffey officiating. Burial will follow at Union Cemetery, St. Charles, IL. Memorials to Michael Reese Health Trust, 150 N. Wacker Drive, Suite 2300, Chicago, IL 60606-1608.



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#### Chuquimia M.D., Ruben

Ruben Chuquimia M.D., age 80, late of Flossmoor, born in Cusco, Peru. Beloved husband of Olga Chuquimia nee Kanashiro. Loving father of Ruben (Angela) Chuquimia and Roland (Noemi) Chuquimia. Cherished grandfather of Gabrielle, Carter and Francesca Chuquimia and Jaylene Roman. Dear brother of Armando Chuquimia, Lillia Dueñas and Ezequiel Chuquimia, and brother-in-law of Mary Kanashiro, M.D. Dear colleague and friend to many. Resting at the Tews-Ryan Funeral Home 18230 Dixie Highway in Homewood on Tuesday, February 4, from 3 - 8 p.m. Funeral on Wednesday with 10:30 prayers at the Funeral Home to Infant Jesus of Prague Church for Mass at 11 a.m. Interment at Assumption Cemetery in Glenwood. In lieu of flowers, memorials to IL-PAMS (Illinois Peruvian American Medical Society) would be appreciated. For additional information contact [tews-ryanfh.com](http://tews-ryanfh.com) or 708-798-5300.



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#### Dettloff, Ken A.

Age 84, beloved husband of Geri (nee) Pradzinski, loving father of Keith (Chris), Lynn (the late Patrick) Spillane, Kim (Brian) Lichtenberger, Scott (Sue), the late Randy (Kelley). Cherished grandpa of Devin, Leo, Dana, Nate, Jordan, Bren, Zach, Joey, and Lauren. Great-grandfather of Lucas and Ryan. Dear brother of Dene Kamall and CoCo Mackey and the late Kevin Dettloff. Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation 10-11:30 a.m., Tuesday Feb. 4, 2020 at St. Juliana Church, 7201 N. Oketo Ave., Chicago, IL 60631. Mass to follow at 11:30 a.m. Interment St. Adalbert Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Mercy Home for Boys and Girls, 1140 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60607. Arrangements entrusted to **Czachor Funeral Home**. For Funeral info: 773-547-3840

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#### Jackson, Daniel Lee

Daniel Lee Jackson, age 80. Beloved husband of the late Joan; loving and devoted father of Larry (Tanya) Jackson, and Cynthia (Tim) Hartman; beloved Paw-Paw of Tim (Ray Ray) Hartman Jr., Adelynn Hartman, Anthony Dolgner and Noah Dolgner; cherished son of the late Hugh and Vera Jackson; fond brother of the late Thelbert (Pat) Jackson, the late Loretta (Jim) Taylor, and the late Patricia Jackson; beloved brother-in-law of Jerry Sharp, Bill (Jolene) Sharp, and Eva (Stub) Loder; cherished uncle of many nieces and nephews. Funeral 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday at **Modell Funeral Home**, 7710 S Cass Ave, Darien. Interment Plainfield Township Cemetery. Visitation Tuesday 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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### Keough, Steven S. 'Steve'

Steven S. "Steve" Keough, age 50, a resident of Naperville, IL, formerly of Woodridge, IL, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, January 31, 2020. He was born January 27, 1970 in Chicago, IL.

Arrangements by Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Naperville, IL.

For service times and a complete obituary, please visit [www.friedrich-jones.com](http://www.friedrich-jones.com) or call (630) 355-0213 for more information.



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### Kowal, Pauline

Pauline Kowal, Age 91, nee Ponczko. Beloved wife of the late Michael. Loving mother of Roman (Maria) Kowal and Nicholas (Claudia) Kowal. Cherished grandmother of Michael (Paula) Kowal and Larissa (Christopher) Thomas. Visitation Tuesday Feb. 4, 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (Panachyda 6:30 p.m.) at **Cumberland Chapels**, 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge. Funeral Wednesday 9:30 a.m. from the funeral home to St. Joseph Ukrainian Catholic Church for Mass at 10:30 a.m. Interment St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Cemetery. Funeral Info: 708-456-8300 or [www.cumberlandchapels.com](http://www.cumberlandchapels.com)



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### Levenstein, Bernice 'Neicy'

Bernice "Neicy" Levenstein, nee Fisher, age 95, of Highland Park, beloved wife of the late Perry Levenstein; loving mother of Gary (Meryl) Levenstein and the late Terri (David) Flax; adored grandmother of Emily (Michael) Perlberg, Jed (Dana) Levenstein, Jodie (Jeremy) Dane, Rikki Berkowitz, Brett (Edelweiss) Serlin and Lonni Serlin; proud great grandmother of Grant, Jack and Will, Chase and Cade, Jordyn and Julia, Perry and Ruth; devoted daughter of the late George and the late Bessie Fisher; cherished sister of Tobey Lintz and the late Lawrence (Sandi) Fisher; treasured aunt and friend to many. Graveside Service Tuesday will be private. In lieu of flowers, contributions to a charity of your choice. Info: The **Goldman Funeral Group**, [www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com](http://www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com) (847) 478-1600.



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### McDonnell, James Patrick

McDonnell, James Patrick Age 97 Native of Co. Mayo, Ireland. Beloved husband of the late Edna Vera (nee Eighteen) McDonnell. Loving father of Theresa (James) Ryan, Ian (Jean) McDonnell, and Kevin (Denise) McDonnell. Proud granddad of Paul (Jessica), Jonathan (Jessica) David (Alli), James (Mandi), Ian (Amy), Mike (Kim), Shannon (Austin), Mary Therese (Neil), Lucas, Cameron, and Amberly. Adored great granddad of Kaiden, Devin, Madden, Charlize, Bridget, Nathan, Kayla, Ciarán, Adalyn, Miriam, Bridget, Hannah, Bailey, Gracetta, and Declan. Visitation Tuesday 3:00-8:00 p.m. at the **Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home**, 9000 W. 151st Street, Orland Park, IL. Family and friends to gather for Mass of the Resurrection Wednesday 10:00 a.m., at Our Lady of the Woods Church, 10731 W. 131st Street, Orland Park, IL 60462. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to Epilepsy Foundation of Grater Chicago, 17 N State St #650, Chicago, IL 60602, would be appreciated. [www.sheehyfh.com](http://www.sheehyfh.com) 708-857-7878

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### McFadden, Dolores J.

Dolores J. McFadden nee Brown age 94, late of Country Club Hills formerly of Calumet Park. Beloved wife of the late Francis J. "Mac" McFadden. Dear mother of Carol (Damian) Marshall, Terence McFadden, Wendy (Scott) Ippel, Jaime Gardiner, the late Paul McFadden, and Beth Ann McFadden. Cherished grandmother of 14 and great-grandmother of 11. Loving sister of the late James D. (late Martha) Brown. Dear sister-in-law of Angeline (the late James) Finlon. Fond aunt of many nieces and nephews. Resting at the Tews Funeral Home, 18230 Dixie Highway in Homewood, IL 60430 Wednesday from 3 to 8 pm. Funeral Thursday 9:15am prayers at Tews Funeral Home to St. Emeric Church 10am Mass. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Additional information contact [www.tews-ryanfh.com](http://www.tews-ryanfh.com) or call 708-798-5300.



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### Potter, John L.

John Lewis Potter, 67, passed away on January 24, 2020 at Advocate Condell Medical Center.

John was born on June 9, 1952 and grew up on a farm in rural Grayslake, IL with his seven siblings, which generated the sort of antics and mythic tales of youth one might expect from that set up.

He met Ena at party in Wilmette, IL and they were married on August 27, 1983 at 3:30 pm in a friend's backyard. He and Ena raised their two girls, Erin and Lindsay, in the town he grew up in, with a lot of laughs and to be who they wanted to be and cheer for who they'd become.

A lifelong collector of the unique, overlooked or just plain curious, John made life more interesting. He delighted in the stories and people behind his finds, whether prewar Lionel trains, tin signs, pinball machines, jukeboxes and more. The friends made through restoring and showing his vintage Saabs and the Lakewood Poodle Party brought him a lot of joy as well as fresh audiences for his stories. He also loved music (loud) and dancing like he definitely didn't care whether you were, or weren't, watching. John is survived by the loves of his life, Ena Mae (Coleman); his daughters, Erin E. and Lindsay S. Potter; and his siblings Linda R. (Richard) Patterson, Susan K. Potter, Kent F. Potter and Jerri E. Potter. He is preceded in death by his parents, Wayne and Sara Jane (Meyers) Potter; and his siblings, Gretchen M. Potter and Ralph K. Potter.

A celebration of life will be held at in the summer of 2020; to be notified of additional details, please email [JLP.Celebration2020@gmail.com](mailto:JLP.Celebration2020@gmail.com). In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to the Grayslake Historical Society at 164 Hawley Street, Grayslake, IL 60030, Save a Pet at PO Box 266, Grayslake, Illinois 60030, or a rescue pet charity of your choice. For additional information visit [www.kristanfuneral-home.com](http://www.kristanfuneral-home.com) or call 847-566-8020.

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### Psychogios, Konstantinos F.

Konstantinos F. Psychogios, 84, of Chicago. Beloved husband of Christine, nee Karavaselas. Adored father of Maria (John) Petrides, Frank (Ruby) Psychogios, and Sofia (Ross) Paulos. Loving grandfather of Kristina, Constantina, Alexia, Katerina, Aris, and Kosta. Dear brother of the late John (Pitsa), the late Nick (Joanne), and the late Anna. Loving brother-in-law



of Katerina (Fotios) Melegos, Athanasios Karavaselas, and Panagiota (the late Eleftherios) Mantis. Dedicated son of the late Maria, nee Anagnostopoulos, and the late Fotios Psychogios. Fond Uncle, cousin, and friend of many. Visitation Tuesday, February 4, 2020, 4 PM to 9 PM, with a prayer service at 5:30 PM, at **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home**, 6150 N Cicero Ave, Chicago. Funeral Service Wednesday, February 5, 2020, 10:30 AM, St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church, 5649 N Sheridan Rd, Chicago, IL 60660. Interment Elmwood Cemetery. Funeral Info 773-736-3833 or visit [www.smithcorcoran.com](http://www.smithcorcoran.com)

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### Weber, Bernard D. 'Skip'

Bernard "Skip" D. Weber, Jr., age 70, of Evanston. Beloved husband of the late Mary Ellen, nee Bell; loving father of Rebecca and Emily (Nick) Leinauer; cherished grandfather of Lily; devoted son of Pauline and the late Bernard; fond brother of Kathy Pedersen. Visitation Thursday, February 6, 2020, 4-7 p.m. at **Haben Funeral Home & Crematory**, 8057 Niles Center Rd., Skokie. Family and friends to meet for the Funeral Mass, Friday, 10:30 a.m. at St. Peter Catholic Church, 8100 Niles Center Rd., Skokie. Interment St. Peter Catholic Cemetery, Skokie. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 3816 Paysphere Circle, Chicago, IL 60674. Funeral info.: 847-673-6111 or [www.habenfuneral.com](http://www.habenfuneral.com) to sign guestbook.



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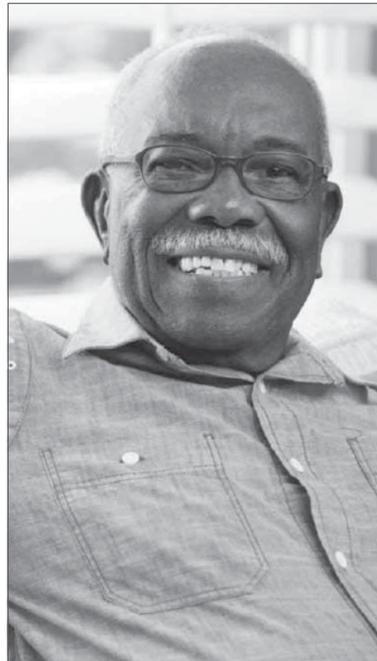
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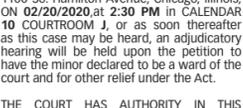
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Anyia Crayton Akeem Crayton

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Dejai Chester (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA01370 19JA01371

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Keimon Crayton (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on November 20, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Maxwell Griffin in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 02/20/2020, at 2:30 PM IN CALENDAR 10 COURTROOM J, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order of judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS January 30, 2020 6592815

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

IN THE INTEREST OF Anyrah Turner

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Delinda Drake (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA01069

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Prentiss Turner (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on September 25, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Demetrios Kottaras in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 02/25/2020, at 10:00 AM IN CALENDAR 7 COURTROOM G, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS January 23, 2020 6592851

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

IN THE INTEREST OF Bianca Williamson

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Mary Martin (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 17JA01307

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Scott Williamson (Father) Any And All Unknown Fathers, respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on December 19, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Robert Balanoff in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 02/21/2020, at 10:00 AM IN CALENDAR 12 COURTROOM L, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS January 28, 2020 6592838

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

IN THE INTEREST OF Chance Alyssa Abraytis AKA Alysa Evans AKA Chance Alyssa Abraytis AKA Chance Alyssa Abraytis AKA Baby Girl Abraytis

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Alysa Abraytis (Mother) AKA Alysa Abraytis

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA01148

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Alysa Abraytis (Mother) and Paris Evans (Father) (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on January 29, 2020, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Maxwell Griffin in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 02/20/2020, at 9:30 AM IN CALENDAR 10 COURTROOM J, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS January 29, 2020 6592827

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

IN THE INTEREST OF Citali Ochoa AKA Citali Ochoa

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Diana English (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA01215

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Roy Jenkins, I I I (Father), AKA Roy Jenkins, respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on October 24, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Robert Balanoff in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 02/25/2020, at 10:00 AM IN CALENDAR 12 COURTROOM L, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS December 17, 2019 6562446

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

IN THE INTEREST OF Constance White

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Wenona White (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00618

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Rodney Allen (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on June 11, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge John Huff in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 02/25/2020, at 9:30 AM IN CALENDAR 14 COURTROOM N, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS January 13, 2020 6575115

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

IN THE INTEREST OF Bianca Williamson

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Mary Martin (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 17JA01307

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

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JUVENILE NO.: 18JA01148

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

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IN THE INTEREST OF Constance White

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Wenona White (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00618

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS January 13, 2020 6575115

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IN THE INTEREST OF Bianca Williamson

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Mary Martin (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 17JA01307

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Scott Williamson (Father) Any And All Unknown Fathers, respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on December 19, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Robert Balanoff in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 02/21/2020, at 10:00 AM IN CALENDAR 12 COURTROOM L, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order of judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS January 28, 2020 6592838

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

IN THE INTEREST OF Chance Alyssa Abraytis AKA Alysa Evans AKA Chance Alyssa Abraytis AKA Chance Alyssa Abraytis AKA Baby Girl Abraytis

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Alysa Abraytis (Mother) AKA Alysa Abraytis

JUVENILE NO.: 18JA01148

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Alysa Abraytis (Mother) and Paris Evans (Father) (Father), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on January 29, 2020, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Maxwell Griffin in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 02/20/2020, at 9:30 AM IN CALENDAR 10 COURTROOM J, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order of judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS January 29, 2020 6592827

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

IN THE INTEREST OF Citali Ochoa AKA Citali Ochoa

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Diana English (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA01215

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Roy Jenkins, I I I (Father), AKA Roy Jenkins, respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on October 24, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Robert Balanoff in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 02/25/2020, at 10:00 AM IN CALENDAR 12 COURTROOM L, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

## TAKE NOTICES

TO: BHF Chicago Housing Group B LLC; BHF Chicago Housing Group B LLC, c/o Chad M. Pozanski, Reg. Agt., City of Chicago, c/o Anna M. Valencia, City Clerk; Beverly Bank & Trust Co., NA; Illinois Finance Authority; Wilmington Trust, NA; The Vineyard Church Chicago; Occupant, 402 E. 69th Street, Chicago, IL 60637; Occupant, 406 E. 69th Street, Chicago, IL 60637; Occupant, 410 E. 69th Street, Chicago, IL 60637; Occupant, 400 E. 69th Street, Chicago, IL 60637; Wayla D Prop., LLC; Karen A. Yarbrough, County Clerk; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD004631 FILED: 11/22/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 5/7/2018 Certificate No.: 16-0004753 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2016 Sold for Special Assessments of (Municipality): N/A Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 2135-2143 E. 80TH STREET, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60617 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 20-36-211-001-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 5/11/2020. 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 5/11/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 5/20/2020 in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 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 5/11/2020 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, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 ICIB INVESTMENTS, INC. Purchaser or Assignee Dated: January 22, 2020 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 2/3, 2/4, 2/5/2020 6586760

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TO: Merrill Apartments LP, c/o Nick Lambros, Reg. Agt.; Merrill Apartments LP; Merrill Apartments LP, c/o Ronald K. Nolan, Escr., Reg. Agt.; Trico One Realty, LLC; Anton Asst Mgt.; Urban Partnership Bank; Karen A. Yarbrough, County Clerk; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD004634 FILED: 11/22/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 5/8/2018 Certificate No.: 16-0005268 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2016 Sold for Special Assessments of (Municipality): N/A Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 2135-2143 E. 80TH STREET, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60617 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 20-36-211-001-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 5/11/2020. 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 5/11/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 5/20/2020 in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 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 5/11/2020 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, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 ICIB INVESTMENTS, INC. Purchaser or Assignee Dated: January 22, 2020 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 2/3, 2/4, 2/5/2020 6586780

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TO: Robert Kuelper, Carolyn Kuelper; 10th Ward Auto Sales, Inc., a/k/a TWAS Inc., c/o Robert Kuelper, Reg. Agt.; 10th Ward Auto Sales, Inc., a/k/a TWAS Inc.; Occupant, 13428 S. Houston Ave., Chicago, Illinois 60633; Karen A. Yarbrough, County Clerk; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD004635 FILED: 11/22/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 5/8/2018 Certificate No.: 16-0006113 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2016 Sold for Special Assessments of (Municipality): N/A Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 13428 S. HOUSTON AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60633 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 26-31-400-019-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 5/11/2020. 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 5/11/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 5/20/2020 in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 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 5/11/2020 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, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 ICIB INVESTMENTS, INC. Purchaser or Assignee Dated: January 22, 2020 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 2/3, 2/4, 2/5/2020 6586836

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TO: South Park Real Estate LLC; South Park Real Estate LLC, c/o Todd M. Van Baren, Reg. Agt.; Occupant, 16136 South Park Road, South Holland, Illinois 60473; Cornelius W. Nymeyer; Anna Mae Nymeyer; Karen A. Yarbrough, County Clerk; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD004625 FILED: 11/22/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 5/7/2018 Certificate No.: 16-0003420 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2016 Sold for Special Assessments of (Municipality): N/A Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 16136 SOUTH PARK ROAD, SOUTH HOLLAND, ILLINOIS 60473 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 29-15-307-049-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 5/11/2020. 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 5/11/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 5/20/2020 in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 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 5/11/2020 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, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 ICIB INVESTMENTS, INC. Purchaser or Assignee Dated: January 22, 2020 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 2/3, 2/4, 2/5/2020 6586737

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TO: Kiwi Friendship Motel, LLC; Kiwi Friendship Motel, LLC, c/o Jagdish Patel, Reg. Agt.; Kiwi Friendship Motel, LLC, c/o Rakosh Sharma, Manager; Village of South Holland, c/o Beckie Harris, Deputy Clerk; Kalpana, Inc. d/b/a Red Carpet Inn, c/o Narendra B. Desai, Reg. Agt.; Travelodge Hotels, Inc., c/o Corporate Creations Network, Inc., Reg. Agt.; OHM Shreeji IV, Inc. d/b/a Econolodge, c/o Rashmikant Patel, Reg. Agt.; Econolodge; Travelodge; Red Carpet Inn; Occupant, 17301 Halsted St., Building A, South Holland, Illinois 60473; Occupant, 17301 Halsted St., Building B, South Holland, Illinois 60473; Henali Shah; Karen A. Yarbrough, County Clerk; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD004626 FILED: 11/22/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 5/7/2018 Certificate No.: 16-0003659 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2016 Sold for Special Assessments of (Municipality): N/A Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 17301 HALSTED STREET, SOUTH HOLLAND, ILLINOIS 60473 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 29-28-100-037-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 5/11/2020. 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 5/11/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 5/20/2020 in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 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 5/11/2020 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, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 ICIB INVESTMENTS, INC. Purchaser or Assignee Dated: January 22, 2020 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 2/3, 2/4, 2/5/2020 6586742

TO: Chicago Title Land Trust Co., Suctr to Cosmopolitan Bank and Trust A/T/U/T/A/D 5/8/00 A/K/A/T/N 3117, c/o C. T. Corporation System; Larry Huggins; City of Chicago, c/o Anna M. Valencia, City Clerk; Illinois Dept. of Revenue; Illinois Attorney General; Benford Brown & Associates, LLC; Fifth Ward Service Office, c/o Aid. Leslie A. Hairston; Fifth Ward Regular Organization; Occupant, 2319 East 71st Street, Chicago, Illinois 60649; Occupant, 2325 East 71st Street, Chicago, Illinois 60649; Occupant, 2321 East 71st Street, Chicago, Illinois 60649; Karen A. Yarbrough, County Clerk; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD004632 FILED: 11/22/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 5/7/2018 Certificate No.: 16-0004893 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2016 Sold for Special Assessments of (Municipality): N/A Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 1919-2325 E. 71ST STREET, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60649 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 20-25-204-003-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 5/11/2020. 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 5/11/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 5/20/2020 in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 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 5/11/2020 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, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 ICIB INVESTMENTS, INC. Purchaser or Assignee Dated: January 22, 2020 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 2/3, 2/4, 2/5/2020 6586768

TO: Chicago Title Land Trust Co., Trust No. 8002366118, c/o CT CORP SYSTEM; City of Chicago, c/o Anna M. Valencia, City Clerk; F & S Properties, LLC, c/o Angel S Garcia, Reg. Agt.; F & S Properties, LLC; Salvador Garcia; Aristelo Garcia; Crystal Garcia; Roselanda's Socks & Shirts Logistic Corporation; a/k/a Roseland's Socks & Shirts Logistic Corporation; Mohammed Motan; Occupant, 1311 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60628; Karen A. Yarbrough, County Clerk; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD004636 FILED: 11/22/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 5/8/2018 Certificate No.: 16-0005876 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2016 Sold for Special Assessments of (Municipality): N/A Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 1131 S. MICHIGAN AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60628 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 25-22-112-003-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 5/11/2020. 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 5/11/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 5/20/2020 in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 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 5/11/2020 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, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 ICIB INVESTMENTS, INC. Purchaser or Assignee Dated: January 22, 2020 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 2/3, 2/4, 2/5/2020 6586787

TO: DAVID GOODWIN; ADTA Discount Tire & Auto Repair; OCCUR TRIT, 14402 S. INDIANA AVENUE, RIVERDALE, ILLINOIS 60827; MELVIN GOODWIN; Karen A. Yarbrough, County Clerk; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD004628 FILED: 11/22/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 5/7/2018 Certificate No.: 16-0003602 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2016 Sold for Special Assessments of (Municipality): N/A Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 14402 S. INDIANA AVENUE, RIVERDALE, ILLINOIS 60827 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 29-04-423-069-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 5/11/2020. 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 5/11/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 5/20/2020 in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 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 5/11/2020 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, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 ICIB INVESTMENTS, INC. Purchaser or Assignee Dated: January 22, 2020 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 2/3, 2/4, 2/5/2020 6586731

TO: Chicago Title Land Trust Co. Suctr To South Holland Trust & Savings Bank, A/T/U/T/A/D 9/9/94 A/K/A/T/N No. 11025, c/o C. T. Corporation System; Dr. Susana J. Schlesinger; Decision Point Counseling and Career Center; Decision Point Counseling and Career Center, c/o Dr. Byron Waller; Occupant, 16284 Prince Drive, Unit M, South Holland, Illinois 60473; Coventry Square Association, c/o Samuel J. Cutra, Reg. Agt.; Coventry Square Association; c/o Larry J. Zollinger; President; Karen A. Yarbrough, County Clerk; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2019COTD004635 FILED: 11/22/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 5/7/2018 Certificate No.: 16-0003620 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2016 Sold for Special Assessments of (Municipality): N/A Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 16284 PRINCE DRIVE, UNIT M, SOUTH HOLLAND, ILLINOIS 60473 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 29-23-202-024-1013 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 5/11/2020. 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 5/11/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 5/20/2020 in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 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 5/11/2020 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, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 ICIB INVESTMENTS, INC. Purchaser or Assignee Dated: January 22, 2020 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 2/3, 2/4, 2/5/2020 6586785

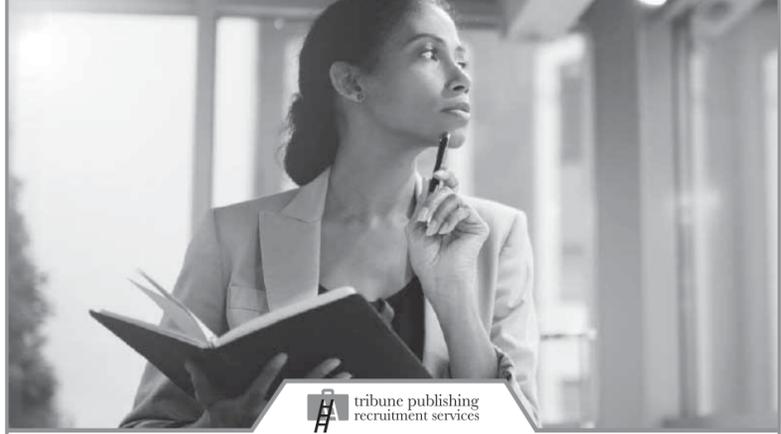
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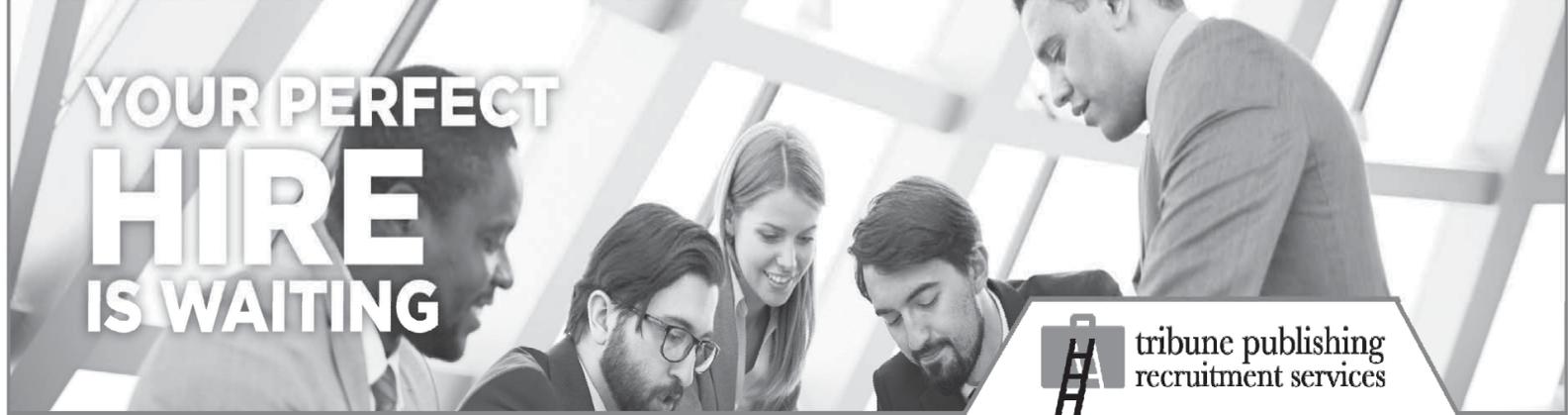
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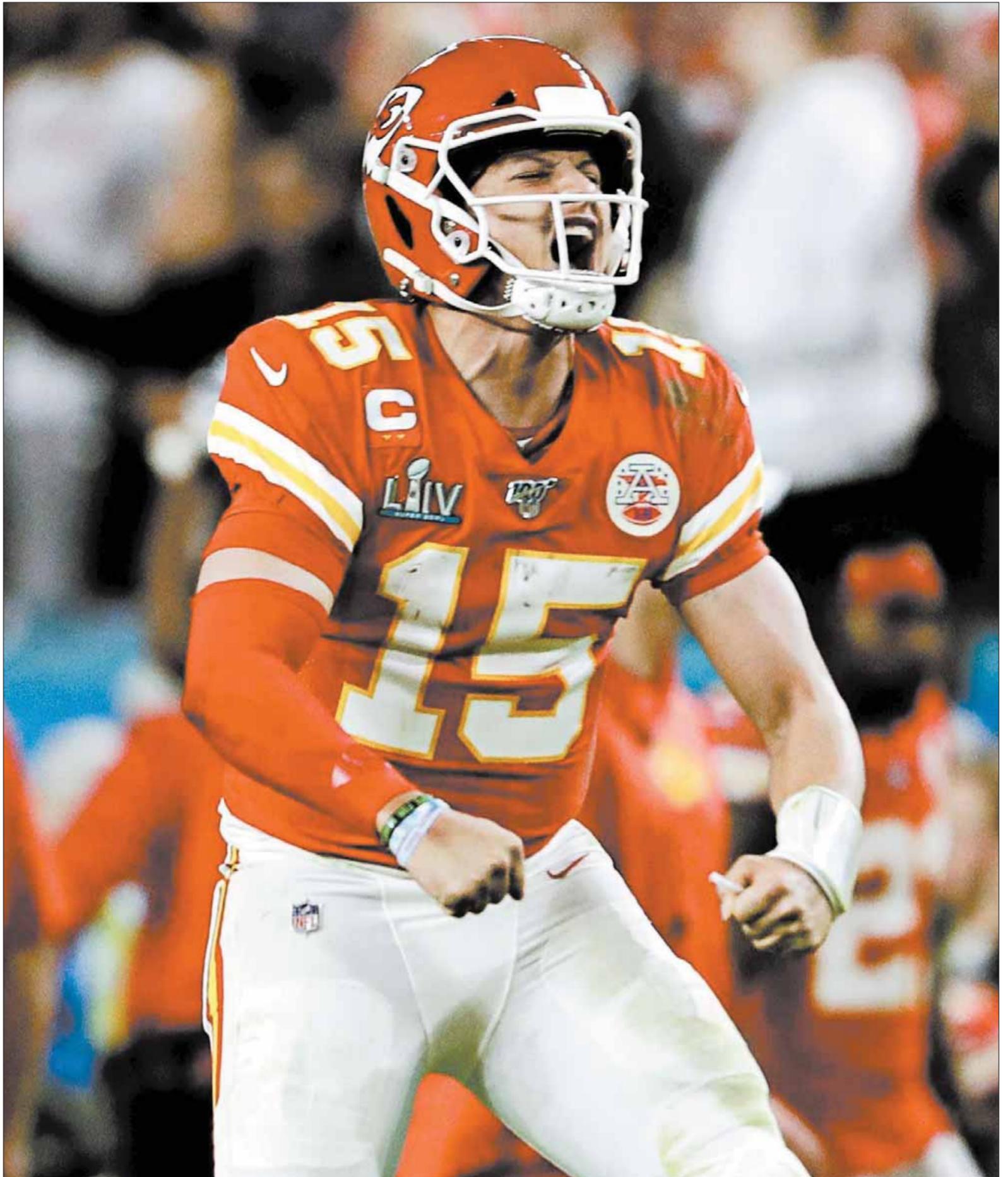


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# Hail to the Chiefs

Mahomes leads 4th-quarter rally to give KC its 1st Super Bowl win in 50 years



JOHN BAZEMORE/AP

Quarterback Patrick Mahomes, above, celebrates after connecting with running back Damien Williams for the go-ahead TD late in the Chiefs' 31-20 comeback victory over the 49ers in the Super Bowl on Sunday night at Hard Rock Stadium in Miami Gardens, Florida. It was the Chiefs' first league championship since they beat the Vikings at the end of the 1969 season.

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## Welcome to the club

With Sunday's win over the 49ers, the Chiefs join the list of franchises with multiple Super Bowl victories. Here's a look at teams with multiple wins, and the seasons they did it:

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IOWA 72, ILLINOIS 65

## Hawkeyes stop Illini's streak at 7

Andres Feliz, right, scored a team-high 17 points in a losing effort for the Illini on Sunday in Iowa City. During the postgame handshake line, both teams' coaching staffs were involved in an argument.



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Four takeaways from the game, **Page 2**



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RAPTORS 129, BULLS 102

## Latest loss leaves LaVine frustrated

"We threw it away.... You have to figure out how to stop doing that," said the Bulls guard, who saw his streak of 20-point games end at 17.

**Plus:** Bulls' Kris Dunn, left, out with MCL sprain. **Page 6**

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## Tempers flare after run ends

Coaching staffs lose cool during postgame handshake

BY SHANNON RYAN

After a seven-game winning streak propelled Illinois to the No. 19 ranking in the Associated Press poll and sole possession of first place in the Big Ten, the Illini dropped their first game in a month Sunday with a 72-65 loss at No. 18 Iowa.

The Illini (16-6, 8-3 Big Ten) — who dropped back into a first-place tie with Michigan State — led 62-61 with 4 minutes, 3 seconds remaining but endured a brutal scoreless stretch of nearly 4 minutes until Ayo Dosunmu made a 3-pointer with 4 seconds on the clock. Iowa (16-6, 7-4) made five of its last seven field goals.

The wild game at Carver-Hawkeye Arena featured 14 lead changes.

The defeat also ended Illinois' three-game road winning streak, while Iowa won its 10th straight home game.

Here are four takeaways from the Illinois loss.

**1. Coaches need to keep their cool.** Tempers boiled over during the postgame handshake line.

Illinois assistant coach Chin Coleman appeared upset as he approached Iowa coach Fran McCaffery, who is known for his combustible personality. McCaffery appeared to respond to Coleman while Illinois assistant Jamal Walker also chimed in.

McCaffery waved his hands, appearing to shoo his players from the handshake line and back to the tunnel. Reporters noticed players jawing with each other and some pushing.

What a horrible example. Even if Coleman was displeased with Iowa dunking near the end of the game, as some have speculated, he should have let it go. The game was over.

Even if McCaffery didn't like Coleman stating his displeasure, he should have shrugged it off, moved on and shook hands with Illinois players.



CHARLIE NEIBERGALL/AP

Illinois G Andres Feliz drives past Iowa F Cordell Pemsil during the Illini's loss on Sunday.

Instead, their tempers fueled the players' emotions. This could have gotten much worse.

"I don't know what happened at the end of the game," Illinois coach Brad Underwood told reporters. "It's probably more words than anything else. I haven't looked at the video yet."

**2. Luka Garza is the front-runner for Big Ten Player of the Year.** The Iowa big man went 15 minutes without scoring to start the game. He then exploded for 11 points in less than 3 minutes and finished with 25 and 10 rebounds for his 13th double-double.

The 6-foot-11 Garza dominated Illinois with his strength and versatility. He made a career-high four 3-pointers in nine attempts and hit 9 of 16 field goals overall, and he got Illinois big men Kofi Cockburn and Kipper Nichols into second-half foul trouble.

Cockburn picked up his second and third fouls in a 14-second span less than 3 minutes into the second half and finished with only six points and six rebounds. With Cockburn on the bench, Giorgi Bezhaniashvili and Nichols were no match for Garza in the post.

**3. Andres Feliz's contributions off the bench have been vital.** Illinois' bench outscored Iowa's 29-0. Most of the time, that will be a difference maker. It happened that Iowa got 61 points from three starters as C.J. Fredrick and Joe Toussaint scored 18 each.

Feliz has been a spark off the bench for Illinois. He scored a team-high 17 points for the second straight game, following up another stellar performance in Thursday's win against Minnesota. He's shooting 55% in the last three games after making 6 of 11 against the Hawkeyes.

Kipper Nichols and Alan Griffin scored six apiece off the bench. Griffin returned from a two-game suspension for stomping on a Purdue player and made two big 3-pointers in the first half.

**4. A brutal February provides opportunity.** Illinois' rough month has been highlighted before. The schedule includes a sold-out home game Friday against No. 15 Maryland and continues against No. 14 Michigan State, No. 25 Rutgers and No. 24 Penn State, the latter two on the road.

Illinois could have created some separation in the conference standings by beating Iowa. Now the Illini are one of three teams with three Big Ten losses. Maryland (7-3) sits a half-game out of first, while Rutgers (7-4) and Iowa are one game back and Penn State (6-4) is 1½ games behind.

Illinois needs to win some of these tough upcoming games. Brad Underwood acknowledged the difficulty of the conference schedule and said his team is ready for it.

"Isn't that what it's about?" he said. "We've been fortunate. We've been able to go on a nice run in hostile environments. This is what we're bred for. This is what we're trying to be about. There's been a softness. We've been the pushover. We're not doing that."

### LET'S PLAY 2

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6 p.m. Norfolk State at N.C. Central ESPNU  
6 p.m. Lafayette at Bucknell CBSN  
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5 p.m. Indiana at Purdue BTN  
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7 p.m. Michigan State at Maryland BTN

**HOCKEY**  
4 p.m. Northeastern vs. Harvard NHL  
6:30 p.m. Flyers at Red Wings NBCSN, NBCSCH

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7:30 p.m. Oly. qual.: U.S. vs. Costa Rica FS1

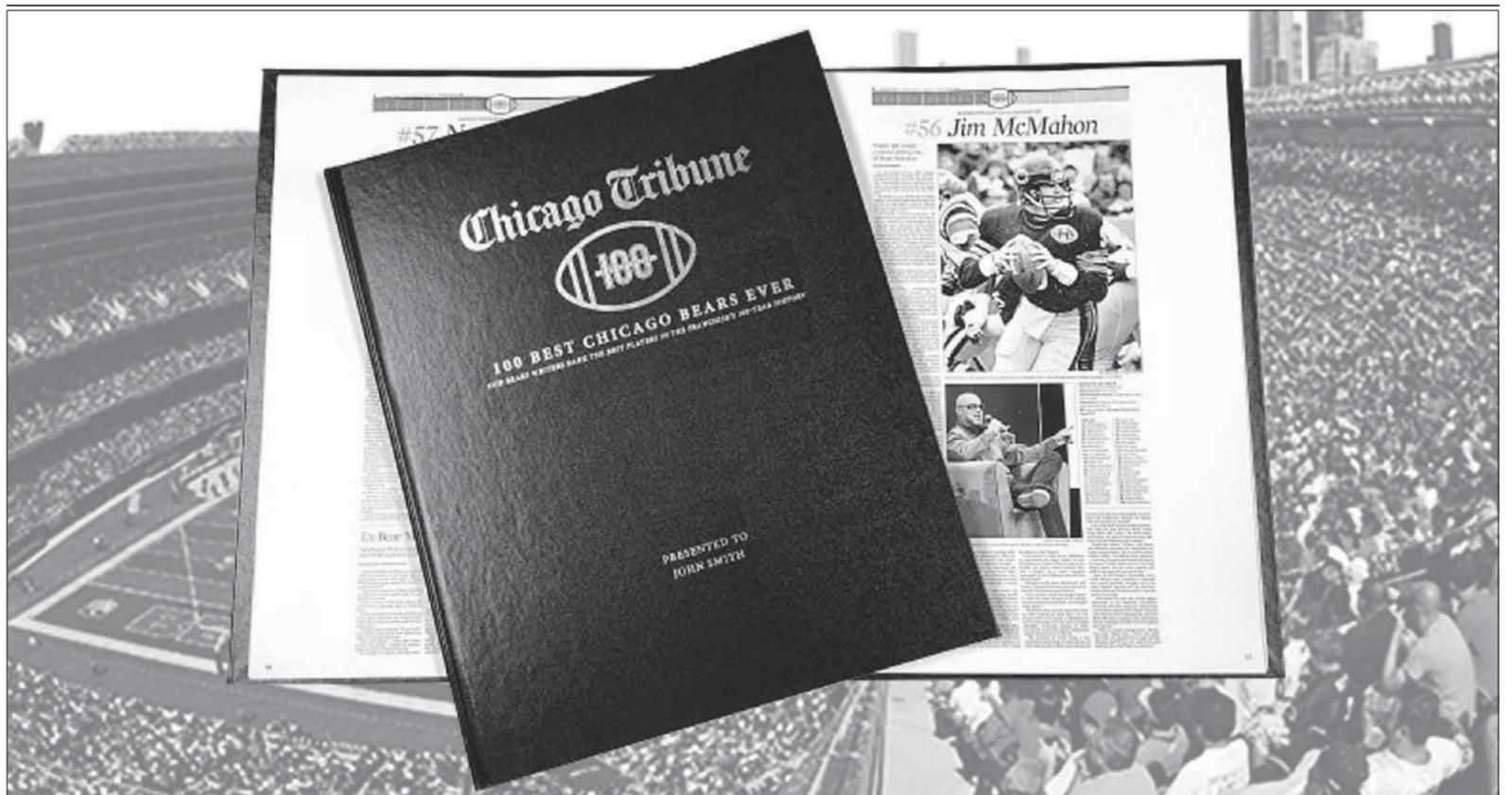
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**The Bears could clear a lot of cap space by letting go of Leonard Floyd and Prince Amukamara. Would they let go of both? And if so, whom do you see as replacements?** @zberg034

If the Bears part with Floyd, their depth chart at outside linebacker would have Khalil Mack and a host of inexperienced options likely unsuited for significant roles. While paying Floyd \$13.2 million in the fifth-year option of his contract isn't optimal, the outlook without him is problematic. As far as Amukamara goes, the Bears wouldn't actually save \$9 million in cap space if they cut him because they would have to take most of that (or maybe more) to sign a replacement unless they view Kevin Toliver as someone who can start.



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Defensive end Frank Clark (55) celebrates after the Chiefs' 31-20 victory over the 49ers in the Super Bowl on Sunday night.

## Another Shanahan collapse in Super Bowl

Loss in big game looks all too familiar for 49ers coach

By **JOSH DUBOW**  
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MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. — Kyle Shanahan will have another Super Bowl collapse to answer questions about.

After being pepped all week by reporters seeking to rehash that blown 28-3 lead to the Patriots three years ago when Shanahan was offensive coordinator for the Falcons, Shanahan's first trip to the Super Bowl as a head coach ended in another late-game meltdown.

The 49ers became the third team in Super Bowl history to give up a 10-point lead in the second half when they blew a 20-10 advantage and lost 31-20 to the Chiefs on Sunday night.

In two trips to the Super Bowl, Shanahan's teams have been outscored 46-0 in the fourth quarter and overtime.

Shanahan has now had seven drives as a play-caller in the fourth quarter of Super Bowls and his teams have four punts, two turnovers, one failed fourth down and only six first downs.

The 49ers appeared to be firmly in control when they intercepted Patrick Mahomes for a second time with 11:57 to play and a 10-point lead.

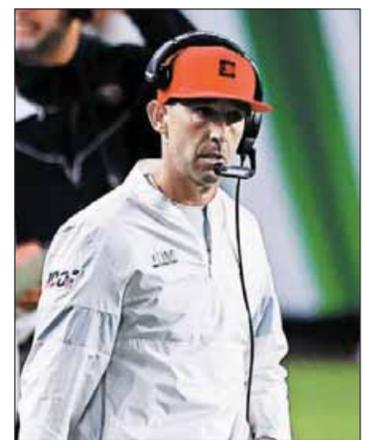
But then the coach known as perhaps one of the league's most innovative play-callers couldn't dial up the right plays to help the 49ers seal the win.

Jimmy Garoppolo completed a 12-yard pass to George Kittle to give the 49ers a first down with less than 11 minutes to play. But Raheem Mostert was stopped for 1 yard, Garoppolo threw an incompletion on second down and then was forced into a short scramble on third down following a false start on Joe Staley.

That forced a punt and Mahomes led an 83-yard drive that got the Chiefs right back into the game.

The 49ers still had a chance to seal it with a productive drive on offense but a first down run followed by two incompletions gave the Chiefs the ball back again. Mahomes led another TD drive to give the Chiefs a 24-20 lead, setting the stage for Garoppolo to lead a late-game comeback in the final 2:39.

The 49ers managed to move the ball across midfield following the two-minute warning before three straight incompletions and a fourth-down sack ended the chance for Shanahan to join his father, Mike, as the only father-son Super Bowl champion coaches.



RONALD MARTINEZ/GETTY

49ers head coach Kyle Shanahan reacts during the Super Bowl on Sunday night.

## Reid, Chiefs end decades of frustration with classic rally

By **BARRY WILNER**  
Associated Press

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. — Uncomfortable and under duress for much of the game, Patrick Mahomes suddenly recaptured his mojo and lifted Andy Reid and the Chiefs to a Super Bowl victory, the team's first NFL championship in a half-century.

All it took was falling behind by double digits in the postseason again. Then Mahomes, selected MVP, hit two long passes on touchdown drives for a 31-20 victory Sunday over the 49ers.

"We never lost faith," Mahomes said. "That's the biggest thing. Everybody on this team, no one had their head down. We believed in each other. That's what we preached all year long."

The vaunted 49ers defense wilted late, particularly on short throws to Travis Kelce to cut the deficit to three and to Damien Williams for the lead.

The first NFL title in Chiefs coach Reid's two-decade career was clinched by Williams' 38-yard TD run, sending red-clad Chiefs fan into chants of "Andy! Andy!"

Reid, 61, won a Super Bowl ring with the 1996 Packers



CHARLIE RIEDEL/AP

Damien Williams celebrates after scoring his second touchdown in the final minutes of the Chiefs' comeback victory.

while in charge of tight ends. He's been seeking one as a head coach since being hired by the Eagles in 1999. The Eagles lost in their only trip to the big game under Reid after the 2004 season.

"This is what it's all about," Reid said. "What a great team, great coaches. Appreciate every bit of it."

The Chiefs (15-4) trailed

24-0 and 17-7 in their previous playoff games. This time, the Chiefs nearly didn't have the time for a comeback.

The Chiefs fans in the crowd of 62,417 at Hard Rock Stadium got little opportunity to chant and do the tomahawk chop as their team fell behind 20-10 with 17½ minutes remaining.

Mahomes even threw his second interception of the night

after that. But then came the kind of Mahomes magic that makes him special.

He found Hill, whose bobble led to the second 49ers pick, for 44 yards on a third-and-15 — the first long pass completed by the Chiefs. A 20-yard pass interference call on Tarvarius Moore, who had that earlier pick, put the ball at the 1 and Kelce was wide open for the score.

The Chiefs defense confounded by the 49ers' misdirection much of the game got stingy and forced a three-and-out. Mahomes soon hit Watkins down the right sideline behind Richard Sherman for a 38-yard gain, leading to Williams' first score.

The 49ers (15-4) had nothing left in the fourth quarter, and its coach, Kyle Shanahan saw yet another late-game meltdown by his team. Three years ago, as offensive coordinator with the Falcons, he was part of the team's collapse and loss in overtime to the Patriots.

The Chiefs, an original AFL franchise, won the final Super Bowl before the full merger, beating the Vikings at the end of the 1969 season. Chiefs owner Lamar Hunt even coined the phrase Super Bowl.

Now the Hunt family can add a Vince Lombardi Trophy to the Lamar Hunt Trophy earned with the AFC crown.

### QUARTERLY REPORT A LOOK AT HOW THE GAME UNFOLDED



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### Welcome Mahomes

**SCORE**  
Chiefs 7, 49ers 3  
**SCORING PLAYS**  
SF: Gould 38-yard field goal  
KC: Mahomes 1-yard run (Butker kick)  
**KEY PLAYS**  
After forcing the Chiefs into a 3-and-out on the opening drive, the 49ers went on a 10-play, 62-yard drive, highlighted by a 32-yard gain on an end-around by Deebo Samuel. But the 49ers had to settle for a Robbie Gould field goal. On the ensuing drive, the Chiefs moved the ball 75 yards on 15 plays, converting a 4th-and-1 on the 49ers' 5-yard line. On 2nd-and-goal at the 1, Patrick Mahomes (above) went around the right end for a touchdown.

### Picking on Jimmy

**SCORE**  
Chiefs 10, 49ers 10  
**SCORING PLAYS**  
KC: Butker 31-yard field goal  
SF: Juszczyk 15-yard pass from Garoppolo (Gould kick)  
**KEY PLAYS**  
The first turnover of the game went to the Chiefs, as Bashaud Breeland (above) intercepted Jimmy Garoppolo at the Chiefs' 44-yard line. The Chiefs would then drive 43 yards, ending with Harrison Butker's 31-yard field goal. The 49ers responded on the next drive, mixing runs and timely passes, and went 80 yards in seven plays, finishing with a 15-yard TD pass from Garoppolo to Kyle Juszczyk.

### Momentum swing

**SCORE**  
49ers 20, Chiefs 10  
**SCORING PLAYS**  
SF: Gould 42-yard field goal  
SF: Mostert 1-yard run (Gould kick)  
**KEY PLAYS**  
The 49ers defense, which had been brilliant throughout the playoffs, started imposing its will on the Chiefs, intercepting Mahomes and disrupting their offense throughout the quarter. The turnover set up a Raheem Mostert TD run (above) from the 1. Earlier, Mahomes had the ball knocked loose by Nick Bosa for a 9-yard loss before trying to force a ball on 3rd-and-12 and wound up throwing it right to the 49ers' Fred Warner.

### Comeback kids

**SCORE**  
Chiefs 31, 49ers 20  
**SCORING PLAYS**  
KC: Kelce 1-yard pass from Mahomes (Butker kick)  
KC: Williams 5-yard pass from Mahomes (Butker kick)  
KC: Williams 38-yard run (Butker kick)  
**KEY PLAYS**  
The Chiefs offense finally looked like the fireworks show it had been all season, outscoring the 49ers 21-0 in the final quarter to capture the franchise's first Super Bowl victory in 50 years. Travis Kelce caught a 1-yard TD pass from Mahomes, and Damien Williams (above) had a pair of scores in the final 3 minutes.

**SUPER BOWL LIV THE GAME IN IMAGES**

# Wait lifting



JOHN BAZEMORE/AP

Coach Andy Reid gets a Gatorade shower after the Chiefs' 31-20 victory over the 49ers in the Super Bowl on Sunday night. It was Reid's first NFL title in 21 years as a head coach.



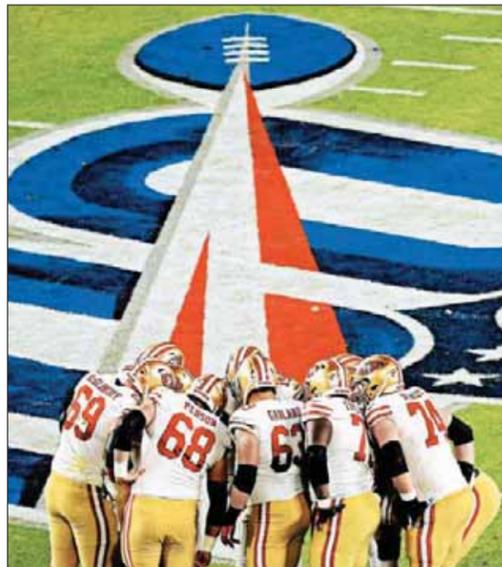
LYNNE SLADKY/AP

Travis Kelce celebrates his TD catch with Damien Williams during the fourth quarter of Sunday's Super Bowl. Williams would add a pair of scores later to cap the Chiefs' comeback.



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Chiefs WRs Sammy Watkins and Tyreek Hill celebrate after a big gain.



MIKE EHLMANN/GETTY

The 49ers offense huddles up near the Super Bowl midfield logo at Hard Rock Stadium.



ELSA/GETTY

49ers fullback Kyle Juszczyk (above) flips into the end zone for a 15-yard touchdown reception during the second quarter Sunday, and then he celebrates (left) with tight end George Kittle after the game-tying score.



RONALD MARTINEZ/GETTY

49ers WR Emmanuel Sanders catches a pass in front of the Chiefs' Tyrann Mathieu.



AL BELLO/GETTY

**NFL NOTES**

## Raiders plan to pursue Brady if he hits free agency

News services

There's a chance Patriots quarterback Tom Brady could hit the free agent market. If that happens, the Raiders will be there waiting.

The Raiders are expected to make a push for the six-time Super Bowl champion if he does not re-sign with the Patriots and hits free agency, ESPN reported Sunday.

Brady, 42, visited Las Vegas — the Raiders' new home starting next season — last month for UFC 246 and crossed paths with Raiders owner Mark Davis.

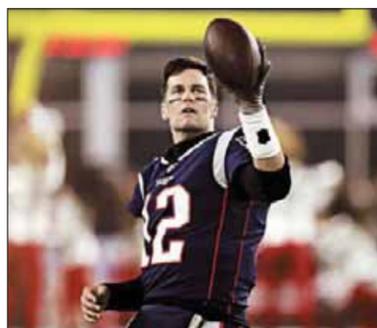
Brady, 41, has spent his entire 19-year career with the Patriots. Under head coach Bill Belichick, he has helped the team to nine Super Bowl appearances.

Since entering the league in 2000, he's made 14 Pro Bowls and has been named Super Bowl MVP four times, among other achievements.

He's an icon in New England sports and Patriots ownership likely will not let him walk without making him an offer worth his while. The team is willing to make Brady a deal "in excess of" \$30 million to keep him, NFL Network reported.

The Raiders would like to put some money down on the revered No. 12, but they're not the only ones.

The Chargers also reportedly are among teams vying for Brady should he hit free agency.



CHARLES KRUPA/AP

Tom Brady, 42, has spent his entire career with the Patriots, winning six Super Bowls.

**Cowboys likely to tag Prescott:** The Cowboys will continue to work on a contract extension for quarterback Dak Prescott, but with talks at an impasse they likely will use their franchise tag on the two-time Pro Bowler and former offensive rookie of the year, ESPN reported.

Prescott, 26, who's scheduled to become an unrestricted free agent next month, wants a long-term deal.

**Chargers give Lynn new deal:** At the end of December, Anthony Lynn said he had "no problem betting" on himself, regarding his somewhat tenuous contract situation with the Chargers.

The team has concurred by signing the coach to an extension beyond the 2020 season, the Los Angeles Times reported.

Lynn, 26-22 in three seasons with the Chargers, had one season remaining on the contract he signed when hired in January 2017. The exact length of his extension wasn't immediately known.

**Union to vote on 17-game season:** The NFL Players Association will meet again after the Super Bowl to conditionally vote on a 17-game regular-season schedule that likely would begin in 2021 as part of a new collective bargaining agreement, ESPN reported.

All 32 team player representatives, along with the union's executive board, will meet for the second time in a week to review a 10-year labor contract.

**Ex-49er Davis retires in commercial:** Just a few hours before the Super Bowl, former 49ers tight end Vernon Davis used the event to announce his retirement.

Davis, 36, used a commercial to hang up his cleats.

Davis was seen in the commercial with former Patriots tight end Rob Gronkowski and former Steelers linebacker James Harrison. In the commercial, Davis and Harrison make up Gronkowski's "retirement crew." It was supposed to pay homage to "Golden Girls."

Davis finished his 15-year career with 583

catches for 7,562 yards and 63 touchdowns and two Pro Bowl appearances. He also won a Super Bowl with the Broncos.

This season, Davis played in just four games for the Redskins before being placed on injured reserve because of a concussion.

**Tributes to Bryant at Super Bowl:** Even at the Super Bowl, they mourned Kobe Bryant.

The 49ers' Richard Sherman showed up for the Super Bowl in a Bryant jersey, the start of numerous honors dedicated to the basketball legend on football's biggest day. Among them: Players from the Chiefs and 49ers lined up for a moment of silence to commemorate all nine victims of last weekend's helicopter crash, including Bryant and his 13-year-old daughter Gianna.

The teams stood on their 24-yard lines — in tribute to Bryant's No. 24 jersey.

"Ladies and gentlemen, please join in a moment of silence as the 49ers, Chiefs, and National Football League extend our deepest condolences to the friends and families of those lost this past week. ... They will never be forgotten," was the message that blared through Hard Rock Stadium.

As that announcement was being made, two of the stadium's four video screens showed an image of Bryant and the names of the other eight victims of the crash. The other two video screens showed an image of longtime Vikings star and Hall of Famer Chris Doleman, who also died last week.

## SUPER BOWL LIV

## Commercial hits — and misses

BY STEVE JOHNSON | Chicago Tribune

TV audiences keep getting pulled in different directions, but every year more than 100 million Americans still come together to watch the Super Bowl. And that means the ads

retain their cultural and commercial clout, this year selling 30 seconds for a record \$5.6 million.

The big news in this election year is that presidential candidates Donald Trump and Michael Bloomberg both bought in, joining the usual assortment of high-concept

charmings and low-impact duds. Celebrities, as always, abound, from Maisie Williams to Missy Elliott, and there's even a dog that's been cured of cancer.

Here are some of the high- and lowlights. For reviews of all the ads, go to [chicagotribune.com/entertainment](http://chicagotribune.com/entertainment).

**Cheetos, "Can't Touch This" ★★★★★**

The snack chip brand built on orange flavor dust wants you to know that it now also offers its familiar powder as a coating on bagged popcorn. Its means of delivering this message is ingenious: Our snacking, every-guy hero learns to raise his fingers, now also bearing the coating, to get out of situations. Better yet, each time he holds up this suddenly potent discolored hand, 1990s hitmaker MC Hammer pops up to sing the title of his best-known tune, "U Can't Touch This." This is one of the first ads I watched this year, and I'm already certain it's going to be the one with the most perfectly used celebrity.

**Snickers, "Fix the World" ★★★★★**

In a winningly snarky callback to Coke's famous "teach the world to sing" ad, Snickers tries to make the world a better place with its own group-walking sing and hill-top gathering. But first it's got to show what's wrong: Grown men ride scooters, people name their kids after vegetables and "milk keeps getting reinvented." The problems are all funny and the "solution" is even better: The singers eventually gather around a huge hole so they can fix the world with an admittedly stupid idea: "feeding it a (giant) Snickers." Who could have predicted this year's best ad would come from a self-deprecating candy bar?

**Saucony, "One Small Step" ★★★**

This simple spot from the respected but second-tier running-shoe company, a first-time advertiser, is just about perfect. Old sneakers in a gymnasium filled with them start heading skyward. Piano music gives the discarded footwear uprising enough poetry that you don't even bother to think what that gym must smell like. "What if the shoes we threw away actually went away?" says the voiceover. Saucony, we learn, has developed a line of biodegradable shoes. It's a brilliant idea backed by the sharp tag line, "It's one small step toward reducing our footprint for good." Also, I now know that it's pronounced "SAUCK-uh-knee."

**Jeep, "Groundhog Day" ★★★**

The Super Bowl falls on Groundhog Day, and it's the movie "Groundhog Day" all over again for Bill Murray. Except he's older and notices an orange Jeep that looks like a toy car writ large in downtown Punxsutawney. He kidnaps the groundhog and the vehicle and has the kind of adventures you can apparently have in a Jeep Gladiator: driving with the top down, snowshoeing. It's hard to fumble the everyday-repeats concept, and this ad does a solid job. Best is Murray playing whack-a-mole and telling his rodent buddy "It's not personal." Points, too, for the tagline, "No day is the same in a Jeep Gladiator."

**Google, "Loretta" ★★★**

Tugging at the heartstrings is probably a wise thing for the all-knowing, all-powerful Google to do. It could help us forget the way it cunningly turns all that it learns about us into money for its bottom line. Still, as much as I began this ad — produced in-house — wanting to deride it as the sad tale of a man whose wife dies and is left with Google as his companion, it won me over. And, yeah, by the end of the demonstration of how he's using the Google to keep memories of Loretta alive, I even had tears in my eyes. Learning at the end that he does have a dog was a needed touch, too. So: Well-played, Google.

**Kia, "Tough Never Quits" ★★**

I'd happily watch a movie, or a documentary, about Josh Jacobs growing up homeless and making it to the Oakland Raiders backfield. But seeing that story interspersed with loving shots of Kia's new vehicle is disconcerting at best. Yay for current Josh's pep talk to his younger self, and, um, yay for the Seltos SUV? It's a dance to bring together uplifting messages about the human spirit and overt calls to hit the dealership. Sometimes, it's a stumble.

**Amazon Alexa, "Before Alexa" ★★**

In this further attempt to put a "smart speaker" on every counter, Ellen DeGeneres and Portia de Rossi wonder what people did before Alexa. And so launches a series of mostly clever imaginings, with people asking or telling folks named "Alex" or "Alexi" or the like to perform tasks: give the news, play songs, turn down the temperature (by tossing a couple of logs out of the fire and the window of a Victorian home). But the spot neglects to point out that before people began anthropomorphizing a Web-connected speaker, they also did not fret about a ubiquitous company eavesdropping on their home lives.

**Michelob Ultra, "Jimmy Works It Out" ★**

Guided by wrestler John Cena — and the promise of Anheuser-Busch's crazy popular beer-like product at the end — "Tonight Show" host Jimmy Fallon learns to get over his distaste for working out. How much you like this one will depend on how charming you find Fallon in physical-comedy mode, clowning amid athletes Usain Bolt (track), Brooks Koepka (golf) and Kerri Walsh Jennings (football). To me, it's about as bland and predictable as Michelob Ultra itself, but the fact that this "fitness beer" brand can spend \$11 million or so on 60 Super Bowl seconds tells you a whole lot of people are very big fans indeed.

## Lopez, Shakira make it Latin pop night

BY GREG KOT

Chicago Tribune

No way, no how were Shakira and Jennifer Lopez going to be ignored. They seized their big nationally televised Super Bowl halftime moment and likely stopped more than a few million viewers from making a run to the refrigerator for more beer and spinach dip.

This was less about music than it was eye-catching spectacle, a sea of constant motion filling TV screens across America with an air of smiling, shimmering exuberance. It was Latin pop night at the Super Bowl, with two ready-to-conquer dancer-singers-entertainers as hosts.

In the pantheon of Super Bowl extravaganzas, usually hollow events long on special effects, it demolished all efforts to resist its considerable charms. Prince's 2007 Super Bowl performance is still king of halftime, but Shakira and J-Lo were certainly the most undeniable performance since then.

Beyond the sheer entertainment value, this was also a moment that resonated for a community. The two artists helped launch the Latin pop wave in American pop two decades ago, with Lopez' 1999 debut album, "On the 6," and Shakira's first English-language album, "Laundry Service" (2001). Between them, those albums sold more than 20 million copies worldwide.

Their dual appearance marked the first time in the Super Bowl's 54-year history that two women headlined the halftime show. In addition, it was the first time the showcase event was topped by two Latinx performers. Recent years have seen an explosion of artists with Latinx roots on the pop charts, including J Balvin, Bad Bunny, Cardi B and Ozuna. In turn, the NFL has significantly increased its advertising aimed at the 52 million Hispanics in the United States. Forbes reported a 60% increase in the NFL ad budget from 2010 to 2015, to \$243 million.

As for the show, the multi-faceted, bilingual Shakira ruled. There she was belly-dancing between Mariachi horns,



SETH WENIG/AP

Shakira, left, and Jennifer Lopez put on an eye-catching spectacle during the Super Bowl halftime show Sunday in Miami.

pounding the drums, playing guitar and leaping into the audience, born aloft by dozens of grasping fans. She mashed together hints of bossa nova from Brazil, cumbia from her native Colombia, tejano from Mexico, Middle Eastern rhythms and African accents. For good measure, there were snippets of Led Zeppelin's "Kashmir" and Bruce Springsteen's "Born in the U.S.A."

Shakira looked and moved like an athlete with her wrist bands and body-bending flexibility. Lopez turned her leather-clad pole-dancing entrance into her own contortionist display, though she was no match for Shakira's musical adventurousness. But when the two joined forces as the whirlwind set hit the home stretch, they very much looked like a couple of rock stars, with their mounds of hair flying in the Miami night.



ELSA/GETTY

Demi Lovato sings the national anthem before Sunday's Super Bowl — a week after her emotional performance at the Grammy Awards.

The prelude to the Super Bowl on Sunday was certainly pleasant enough, with on-point versions of "The Star-Spangled Banner" and "America the Beautiful."

In these days of the endless melisma, anything under two minutes qualifies as a minor victory for those of us who value concision over show-off singing

when it comes to the national anthem. And pop star Demi Lovato, who checked in with a 1:51 version, delivered. The singer, who a week ago at the Grammys made her first stage appearance since being hospitalized in 2018, sounded sure of her intentions from the outset and kept things focused on the song rather than histrionics. She added some spice to a few key words, notably a soaring "free" and the closing "brave."

Veteran gospel singer Yolanda Adams, standing on a football-shaped mini-stage, also exuded generosity and poise with her "America the Beautiful." A choir offered counterpoint harmonies as Adams gracefully extended a few syllables, and then nailed the "shining sea" punctuation point.

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# BLACKHAWKS

## TAKEAWAYS

# Crawford solid again, but DeBrincat still unlucky

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Well, if this is what the final two months are going to be like, then let's get right to it.

After taking a few minutes to shed the rust following a 10-day layoff, the Blackhawks looked as energized and electric as they have all season in an incredibly entertaining 3-2 shootout win Saturday night over the Coyotes.

"People got their money's worth tonight," Hawks coach Jeremy Colliton said.

Much of the game had a frenetic pace, resulting in a combined 86 shots on goal and several incredible saves by goalies Corey Crawford and Antti Raanta.

Crawford's glove stop of a Taylor Hall shot seemed to be the save of the game until Raanta topped him — and possibly made the save of the season — when he somehow stuck up a skate to deny Brandon Saad's backhand into what seemed to be an open net.

The Coyotes are three points in front of the Hawks for the final Western Conference wild-card spot, and though the teams won't meet again in the regular season, they figure to keep a close eye on each other.

Here are two takeaways from Saturday's game.

**1. Corey Crawford was the right choice in net.** Jeremy Colliton's decision to go with Crawford over Robin Lehner coming out of the break was a little surprising, especially with both goalies likely to get starts with back-to-back games Tuesday and Wednesday.

But Colliton's reasoning wasn't any more complicated than going with the hot hand, and shortly before the break that was Crawford.

"We're kind of been going with 'you win, you stay in,'" Colliton said before Saturday's game. "And Crawford's won his last two. Again, we believe in both our guys and we're going to need them both."

The Hawks certainly needed Crawford against the Coyotes, especially at the start of the game when he faced nine shots in less than eight minutes.

"Obviously, it's nice to keep it at zero early," Crawford said. "That's a team we're battling with to find a playoff spot, and that was probably the most exciting game this year."

Crawford, who improved to 3-0 with a .951 save percentage in his last three starts,



ROSS D. FRANKLIN/AP

Blackhawks G Corey Crawford makes a save on a shot by Coyotes C Nick Schmaltz during a shootout on Saturday.

had a couple of outstanding saves in overtime — and stopped both of the Coyotes' shootout attempts — but his best save was a glove save on Taylor Hall in the third period. Crawford moved across the net to rob Hall and keep the Coyotes from taking a lead.

"Big saves for us," Colliton said. "(We) got a little sloppy as the first period went on, and he bailed us out. When the game's on the line, you know you're going to need a save and we got it."

**2. Nothing is wrong with Alex DeBrincat.** A few theories out there have tried to explain why DeBrincat is on pace to score fewer than 20 goals after finishing with 41 last season.

They're all wrong. No, the league hasn't figured out DeBrincat, and he doesn't need more time on a line with Patrick Kane. DeBrincat was a target last season and teams couldn't stop him, and he has been on a line with Kane more this season than all of last season, according to naturalstatstrick.com.

The fact is the puck just isn't going in for DeBrincat, who had eight shots on goal in Saturday's win but has only two goals in his last 11 games and hasn't scored an even-strength goal since Dec. 27.

Is Jeremy Colliton concerned? Hardly. "He's playing well," Colliton said. "He's in a good spot mentally. He's only human. He's frustrated as far as not being able to score, but he knows he's playing well. He's getting chances, they just don't go in. He's making good attempts, he's put in a good spot."

"As I've said to him recently, we're in a good position and he's got a lot left in him."

# BULLS



FRANK GUNN/AP

The Raptors' Kyle Lowry is fouled by the Bulls' Tomas Satoransky (31) as Luke Kornet also defends on Sunday in Toronto.

**RAPTORS 129, BULLS 102**

# Frustrations boil over after fade

LaVine speaks out after rout caps off a winless road trip

BY JAMAL COLLIER

TORONTO — As the clock ticked down in the fourth quarter Sunday, Zach LaVine sat near the end of the bench with a blank stare across his face.

The Bulls were on the way toward a blowout 129-102 loss to the Raptors, capping a winless three-game trip that began with a chance to pull within striking distance of a playoff spot, and LaVine's career-best streak of 17 games with at least 20 points was about to end. His expression on the bench never changed, at least not until his reaction to a superfluous timeout coach Jim Boylen called with 1:04 remaining in a 25-point game.

LaVine has seen games like this, not only during this disappointing and increasingly injury-riddled season, but also for the entirety of a Bulls rebuilding process that has started to plateau.

"I was just upset, man," said LaVine, who finished with 18 points and seven assists. "It gets frustrating when you lose games. I've been going through it the last three years here. It just gets frustrating. It's like anybody else in our position. We're human. You have human reactions and feelings. We all get frustrated eventually."

Especially considering games like Sunday's have been playing out all season for the Bulls. They repeatedly have shown they can compete with some of the NBA's best teams — at least until halftime anyway.

The Bulls opened the game with one of their best halves of the season, knocking down 11 of 24 3-pointers (45.8%). Thaddeus Young scored 17 of his 21 points in the first half, and the Bulls assisted on 16 of their 21 field goals as they entered the break with a three-point lead.

But their hot hand from beyond the arc cooled in the third quarter as they shot 3 of 13 on 3s (23.1%) while the more talented

Raptors took over to outscore the Bulls 35-22 in the quarter. Terrence Davis scored a season-high 31 points off the bench for the Raptors.

"They did their job to win. We threw it away," LaVine said. "The same story we do most of the games we lead at halftime or going into the third quarter. You have to figure out how to stop doing that."

The Bulls have yet to figure out how to close out teams in the second half, one reason they have struggled to beat winning teams all season.

They went 0-3 on this trip against three Eastern Conference teams in playoff position. Despite starting the day in ninth place in the conference, the Bulls are now 0-18 against the top eight teams in the East.

"I thought the third quarter we had some plays to make, we didn't make them," Boylen said. "I thought we dropped our heads a little bit in that third when the ball wasn't going in and they made their run. That's what we talked about."

"We've got different guys playing, new guys playing and we've got guys out. We've got to learn how to play in that third quarter when the ball is not going in."

The Bulls will be tested without two pillars of their defense in center Wendell Carter Jr., who has not played since Jan. 6 because of a high ankle sprain, and guard Kris Dunn, who the team revealed before the game has a sprained MCL in his right knee.

They yielded 262 points in back-to-back road losses to the Nets and Raptors this weekend.

The Bulls deserve credit for the way they've competed despite being decimated by injuries, but the gap between them and teams like the reigning NBA champion Raptors is wide and gets exposed as the game goes on.

"You just have to go out there and play," LaVine said. "Nobody is going to feel sorry for you. They may look at us like it's an easy win; try to take advantage of it. You just have to go out there and play."

# Dunn added to Bulls' long injury list with MCL sprain

BY JAMAL COLLIER

TORONTO — In a season being rapidly derailed by injuries, the Bulls are down yet another starter.

A preliminary exam on guard Kris Dunn revealed a sprained MCL in his right knee, the team announced before Sunday's game against the Raptors. The Bulls want Dunn to be evaluated further before placing a timeline on his recovery, but they are preparing for a stretch without their best perimeter defender and another key piece of the team's future.

Chandler Hutchison replaced Dunn in the starting lineup Sunday.

"We'll continue to develop our win defenders," coach Jim Boylen said before the game. "Guys need to step up into that roll. To say we're going to replace what (Dunn) does would be a foolish statement, but we're going to have to figure it out because that's what a team does."

"Figuring it out" has become a theme this season for the Bulls and their injury-depleted roster.

Dunn joins Wendell Carter Jr. (ankle), Lauri Markkanen (pelvis) and Otto Porter Jr. (foot), all projected as starters before the season, on the sideline. Rookie center Daniel Gafford returned Sunday after missing nine games with a dislocated thumb, but the Bulls' depth, already thin, has been challenged.

"Our defense took a dip when Wendell first went out, and I thought we covered and kind of filled that hole," Boylen said. "We will try to do that with Kris on both ends of the floor. He gets downhill, he gets to the rim, and we need that. Defensively,

we all know he's an all-defensive guy. We will make that adjustment, and that's what I said from day one. Our system needs to take over and plug guys into the system in the appropriate way."

Dunn suffered the injury on the first play Friday night in Brooklyn when he landed awkwardly on teammate Thaddeus Young after a charge from Nets guard Joe Harris. Instead of joining the team in Toronto, Dunn was sent back to Chicago to be examined by team doctors.

Although it was unclear how much time Dunn would miss, his absence will be especially difficult for the Bulls to cover.

Dunn, who will be a restricted free agent this summer, has been the Bulls' best perimeter defender this season, benefiting the most from their aggressive, blitzing style. He accepted a role change from point guard to a less ball-dominant role, playing off the ball often as a wing with increased defensive responsibilities.

He leads the NBA in steals per 36 minutes and is second in total steals, four behind 76ers guard Ben Simmons, despite playing almost 500 fewer minutes. Playing without Dunn on Friday, the Bulls had no answer for Kyrie Irving, who scored 54 points in the Nets' 133-118 victory.

"We've got to depend on other guys to step up and make sure we're taking care of business," Young said. "We're definitely heartbroken by him being injured. I feel bad because I was the guy who fell back on him after taking a charge. These are the things that happen in basketball throughout the course of the game. We have to try to move on and do our work and try to get back to winning games."

# Crossword

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Asian desert
  - 5 Tow along
  - 9 Performances
  - 13 Franc replacers
  - 15 Risque
  - 16 Lawn mower brand
  - 17 Former U.S. Senator Lott
  - 18 Surgery
  - 20 As flat pancake
  - 21 \_\_\_ up; confess
  - 23 Make \_\_\_; atone
  - 24 Mid-afternoon
  - 26 Fruitcake container
  - 27 Plot craftily
  - 29 Astuteness
  - 32 Monty & Arsenio
  - 33 Arthritis symptoms
  - 35 Kilmer of "Top Gun"
  - 37 Like yummy cinnamon rolls
  - 38 Leaving
  - 39 Place to buy salami & rye
  - 40 Faux \_\_\_; social blunder
  - 41 Soup implement
  - 42 Portions
  - 43 Acting awards
  - 45 Male feline
  - 46 Connecting word
  - 47 Cardiff language
  - 48 Seldom seen
  - 51 Iowa's state tree
  - 52 High nav. rank
  - 55 Cabinetmaker
  - 58 Concur
  - 60 Suffix for assist or annoy
  - 61 Indiana-to-Ohio direction
  - 62 Plato's "S"
  - 63 Examination
  - 64 Hurry
  - 65 Hornet's home
- DOWN**
- 1 \_\_\_ move
  - 2 \_\_\_ is not to reason why...
  - 3 Panting
  - 4 Charged atom
  - 5 Male bee
  - 6 Ice Cube's music
  - 7 Part of a royal flush
  - 8 Whirling about
  - 9 Be present at
  - 10 Penny or quarter
  - 11 \_\_\_ on; trampled
  - 12 Family members
  - 14 Tempests
  - 19 Wrong; haywire
  - 22 Very small

**Solutions**

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- 25 \_\_\_ one's tongue; said nothing
- 27 Clipper or tanker
- 28 \_\_\_ beans; chocolate pods
- 29 Zinfandel or Chenin Blanc
- 30 Engage in price gouging
- 31 Island nation near Sicily
- 33 Whale groups
- 34 Feel poorly
- 36 Shopper's paper
- 38 Plant tender
- 39 Water barriers
- 41 Cyclist Armstrong
- 42 Lively dances
- 44 Rug
- 45 Earl Grey product
- 47 Value
- 48 "Take a hike!"
- 49 Walking stick
- 50 Circle portions
- 53 Truman & Obama: abbr.
- 54 Veal or venison
- 56 Fraternity letter
- 57 Suffix for baron or lion
- 59 Martini ingredient

## SCOREBOARD

## NBA

## EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Toronto	36	14	.720	—
Boston	32	15	.688	2
Philadelphia	31	19	.620	5
Brooklyn	21	27	.438	14
New York	14	36	.280	22

SOUTHEAST	W	L	PCT	GB
Miami	33	15	.688	—
Orlando	21	28	.429	12½
Washington	17	31	.354	16
Charlotte	16	33	.327	17½
Atlanta	13	37	.260	21

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB
Milwaukee	42	7	.857	—
Indiana	31	18	.633	11
Chicago	19	33	.365	24½
Detroit	18	33	.353	25
Cleveland	13	37	.260	29½

## WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Houston	31	18	.633	—
Dallas	30	19	.612	1
Memphis	24	25	.490	7
San Antonio	22	26	.458	8½
New Orleans	20	30	.400	11½

NORTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Denver	34	16	.680	—
Utah	32	17	.653	1½
Oklahoma City	30	20	.600	4
Portland	23	27	.460	11
Minnesota	15	33	.313	18

## PACIFIC

L.A. Lakers	37	11	.771	—
L.A. Clippers	34	15	.694	3½
Phoenix	20	29	.408	17½
Sacramento	18	31	.367	19½
Golden State	11	39	.220	27

## SUNDAY'S RESULTS

Detroit 128, Denver 123 (OT)  
Houston 117, New Orleans 109  
Milwaukee 129, Phoenix 108  
Toronto 129, Chicago 102

## MONDAY'S GAMES

Dallas at Indiana, 6 p.m.  
Golden State at Washington, 6 p.m.  
New York at Cleveland, 6 p.m.  
Orlando at Charlotte, 6 p.m.  
Boston at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.  
Philadelphia at Miami, 6:30 p.m.  
Phoenix at Brooklyn, 6:30 p.m.  
Detroit at Memphis, 7 p.m.  
Minnesota at Sacramento, 9 p.m.  
San Antonio at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

## RAPTORS 129, BULLS 103

**CHICAGO:** Hutchison 5-13 6-9 17, Young 9-12 0-12, Kornet 3-11 1-2 8, LaVine 6-10 6-8 18, Satoransky 3-11 0-0 8, Felicio 0-0 0-0 0, Gafford 0-1 1-2 1, Arcidiacono 4-10 1-2 12, Harrison 0-2 2-2 2, Mooka 0-2 0-0 0, Valentine 1-5 0-0 3, White 4-13 0-12. Totals 35-90 17-26 102.

**TORONTO:** Anunoby 2-3 0-0 4, Siakam 6-14 5-17, Ibaka 7-12 1-2 16, Lowry 3-7 5-6 14, VanVleet 5-11 0-0 12, McCaw 3-5 2-2 10, Boucher 5-10 4-4 15, Brissett 1-1 0-0 2, Johnson 0-0 0-0 0, Davis 12-15 1-2 31, Thomas 3-6 0-7, Watson 0-0 1-2 1. Totals 47-84 19-23 129.

## Chicago 29 34 22 17 -102

## Toronto 32 28 35 34 -129

## 3-Point Goals—Chicago 15-48 (White 4-11, Young 3-5, Arcidiacono 3-8, Satoransky 2-6, Hutchison 1-4, Valentine 1-5, Kornet 1-7), Toronto 16-34 (Davis 6-7, Lowry 3-7, McCaw 2-3, VanVleet 2-6, Ibaka 1-2), Thomas 1-3, Boucher 1-4, Siakam 0-2).

## Fouled Out—(Young), Rebs—Chicago 41 (LaVine, Young 7), Toronto 46 (Siakam 9).

## Assists—Chicago 25 (LaVine 7), Toronto 28 (VanVleet 8).

## Fouls—Chicago 21, Toronto 18. A—19,800 (19,800)

## SEASON'S STREAKS

WINS	FROM	TO	W
Milwaukee	11/10	12/14	18
Toronto	1/15	1/15	11
Boston	10/25	11/15	10
L.A. Lakers	11/12	11/29	10
Utah	12/26	1/14	10
L.A. Lakers	12/28	1/13	9
Milwaukee	1/08	1/28	9
Houston	11/04	11/18	8

## LOSSES

FROM	TO	L	
New Orleans	11/23	12/17	13
Minnesota	12/01	12/23	11
Minnesota	1/11	—	11

## through Sunday; basketball—reference

## NHL

## EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	31	10	12	74	177	137
Tampa Bay	28	15	6	69	188	145
Toronto	28	17	7	63	188	171
Florida	28	17	5	61	183	167
Montreal	24	23	7	55	167	166
Buffalo	23	22	7	53	150	161
Ottawa	18	24	10	46	142	176
Detroit	12	37	4	28	111	204

## WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	31	14	8	70	168	150
Colorado	28	16	6	62	182	149
Dallas	29	18	4	62	134	129
Chicago	25	21	6	56	158	163
Winnipeg	26	23	4	56	158	164
Nashville	24	20	7	55	169	171
Minnesota	23	22	6	52	157	172

## PACIFIC

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Vancouver	30	18	5	65	177	159
Edmonton	28	18	6	62	170	162
Vegas	27	20	6	61	168	162
Calgary	27	20	6	60	146	163
Arizona	26	21	7	59	152	148
San Jose	22	27	4	48	136	177
Anaheim	21	26	5	47	134	161
Los Angeles	19	29	5	43	131	167

## 2 pts for win, 1 pt for shootout/OT loss

## SUNDAY'S RESULTS

Pittsburgh 4, Washington 3  
Columbus 4, Montreal 3 (SO)  
Carolina 4, Vancouver 3 (SO)

## MONDAY'S GAMES

Dallas at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m.  
Florida at Toronto, 6 p.m.  
Philadelphia at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.

## TUESDAY'S GAMES

Colorado at Buffalo, 6 p.m.  
Dallas at N.Y. Islanders, 6 p.m.  
Florida at Columbus, 6 p.m.  
Los Angeles at Washington, 6 p.m.  
Montreal at New Jersey, 6 p.m.  
Vancouver at Boston, 6 p.m.  
Vegas at Tampa Bay, 6 p.m.  
Anaheim at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m.  
Carolina at St. Louis, 7 p.m.  
Chicago at Minnesota, 7 p.m.  
Nashville at Winnipeg, 7 p.m.  
Edmonton at Arizona, 8 p.m.  
San Jose at Calgary, 8 p.m.

## PENGUINS 4, CAPITALS 3

Pittsburgh	2	1	1	—	4
Washington	1	0	2	—	3

## 1ST: 1. Was, Eller 12 (Panik), 10:38. 2. Pit, Lafferty 5 (Galchenyuk), 11:46. 3. Pit, Hornqvist 12 (Marino, Malkin), 12:40.

## Penalties: Ovechkin 55 (Was, slash), 0:35; Johnson, Pit (roughing), 4:09; Hathaway, Was (roughing), 4:09; Marino, Pit (trip), 5:42; Eller, Was (interference), 8:18; Simon, Pit (holding stick), 17:05.

## 2ND: 4. Pit, Simon 7 (Crosby, McCann), 11:59. Penalties: Siegenthaler, Was (slash), 3:17; Crosby, Pit (interference), 13:27; Was (bench (too many men)), 15:43.

## 3RD: 5. Was, Kuznetsov 18 (Jensen, Vrana), 6:00. 6. Pit, Tanev 11 (Aston-Reese, Blueger), 17:27. 7. Was, Eller 13 (Hagelin, Gudas), 17:42. Penalties: Letang, Pit (cross check), 0:17; Wilson, Was (high stick), 0:17; Orlov, Was (slash), 1:54; Hagelin, Was (high stick), 10:41.

## SHOTS ON GOAL: Pit 12-16-5-33. Was 10-13-3-32.

## POWER PLAYS: Pit 0 of 6; Was 0 of 3.

## GOALIES: Pit, Murray 16-6-4 (32 shots-29 saves). Was, Samsonov 16-3-1 (33-29). A: 18,573 (18,277). T: 2:29.

## TENNIS

## 108TH AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Sunday in Melbourne; outdoors-hard  
MEN'S SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP  
#2 Novak Djokovic d. #5 Dominic Thiem, 6-4, 4-6, 2-6, 6-3, 6-4.

## Time: 3:59 DJOKOVIC THIEM

Aces	9	13
Double faults	5	5
1st serve in	65%	64%
Win 1st serve	76%	69%
Win 2nd serve	51%	45%
Break points won	5/12	5/12
Net points won	24/29	23/31
Receiving pts won	36%	29%
Winners	46	55
Return winners	2	0
Unforced errors	57	57
Ret unforced errors	4	3
Total points won	157	147
Fastest serve	124 mph	124 mph
1st Serve Average	117 mph	116 mph
2nd serve average	94 mph	97 mph

## 2020 EVENT CHAMPIONS

## Women singles: Sofia Kenin

## Men doubles: Rajeev Ram/Joe Salisbury

## Women doubles: Timea Babos/Kristina Mladenovic

## Mixed doubles: Barbora Krejčíková/Nikola Pietrangeli

## Boys singles: Harold Mayor

## Girls singles: Victoria J. Kasintseva

## Boys doubles: Nicholas David Ionel/Leonardo Riedi

## Girls doubles: Alexandra Eala / Priska Madelyn Nugroho

## Wheelchair singles: Shingo Kunieda

## Women wheelchair: Yui Kamiji

## Wheelchair quad singles: Dylan Alcott

## Wheelchair men doubles: Alfie Hewett/Gordon Reid

## Wheelchair women doubles: Yui Kamiji/Jordanne Whitley

## Wheelchair quad doubles: Dylan Alcott/Heath Davidson

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

## HOW AP MEN'S TOP 25 FARED

1. Baylor (19-1) did not play. Next: at Kansas State, Monday.  
2. Gonzaga (23-1) did not play. Next: vs. Loyola Marymount, Thursday.  
3. Kansas (18-3) did not play. Next: vs. Texas, Monday.  
4. San Diego State (23-0) did not play. Next: at Air Force, Saturday.

## 5. Florida State (18-3) did not play.

## Next: vs. North Carolina, Monday.

## 6. Louisville (19-3) did not play. Next: vs. Wake Forest, Wednesday.

## 7. Dayton (20-2) did not play. Next: vs. Saint Louis, Saturday.

## 8. Villanova (17-4) did not play. Next: at No. 16 Butler, Wednesday.

## 9. Duke (18-3) did not play. Next: at Boston College, Tuesday.

## 10. Seton Hall (16-5) did not play. Next: at Georgetown, Wednesday.

## 11. Oregon (18-5) did not play. Next: at Oregon State, Saturday.

## 12. West Virginia (17-4) did not play. Next: vs. Iowa State, Wednesday.

## 13. Kentucky (16-5) did not play. Next: vs. Mississippi State, Tuesday.

## 14. Michigan State (16-6) did not play. Next: vs. No. 24 Penn State, Tuesday.

## 15. Maryland (17-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 25 Rutgers, Tuesday.

## 16. Butler (17-5) did not play. Next: vs. No. 8 Villanova, Wednesday.

## 17. Auburn (19-2) did not play. Next: at Arkansas, Tuesday.

## 18. Iowa (16-6) beat No. 19 Illinois 72-65. Next: at Purdue, Wednesday.

## 19. Illinois (16-6) lost to No. 18 Iowa 72-65. Next: vs. No. 15 Maryland, Fri.

## 20. Colorado (17-5) did not play. Next: vs. California, Thursday.

## 21. Houston (17-5) did not play. Next: vs. Tulane, Thursday.

## 22. LSU (17-4) did not play. Next: at Vanderbilt, Wednesday.

## 23. Wichita State (17-4) did not play. Next: vs. Cincinnati, Thursday.

## 24. Penn State (16-5) did not play. Next: at No. 14 Michigan State, Tuesday.

## 25. Rutgers (16-6) did not play. Next: at No. 15 Maryland, Tuesday.

## SUNDAY'S SCORES

## EAST

Brandeis 87, Carnegie Mellon 68  
Canisius 66, Marist 65  
Duquesne 71, La Salle 69  
Emory 80, WUSL 67

Georgetown 73, St. John's 72  
Manhattan 71, Siena 49  
Monmouth (NJ) 90, Rider 84  
Niagara 75, Quinnipiac 59  
Pittsburgh 62, Miami 57  
St. Peter's 85, Siena 80

## SOUTH

Centenary 71, Trinity (Texas) 65  
Centre 82, Millsaps 70

## MIDWEST

Green Bay 92, Wright St. 89  
N. Kentucky 65, Milwaukee 56  
Rochester 64, Chicago 59  
South Dakota 81, Omaha 80  
Hawaii 80, CS Northridge 75  
UCLA 73, Utah 57

## HOW AP WOMEN'S TOP 25 FARED

1. South Carolina (21-1) beat No. 22 Tennessee 69-48. Next: at No. 25 Arkansas, Thursday.

## 2. Baylor (19-2) did not play. Next: vs. Kansas, Wednesday.

## 3. Oregon (19-2) did not play. Next: at No. 4 UConn, Monday.

## 4. UConn (19-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 3 Oregon, Monday.

## 5. Louisville (21-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 14 Florida State, Thursday.

## 6. Stanford (20-2) beat Washington State 71-49. Next: vs. No. 8 UCLA, Fri.

## 7. N.C. State (21-1) beat Duke 63-60. Next: at Virginia Tech, Thursday.

## 8. UCLA (19-2) beat No. 19 Arizona State 70-61. Next: at No. 6 Stanford, Fri.

## 9. Mississippi State (19-3) did not play. Next: vs. Georgia, Monday.

## 10. Oregon State (18-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 19 Arizona State, Friday.

## 11. DePaul (20-3) beat Providence 93-71. Next: at St. John's, Friday.

## 12. Gonzaga (22-1) did not play. Next: at Pacific, Thursday.

## 13. Kentucky (17-4) lost to Florida 70-62. Next: vs. Alabama, Thursday.

## 14. Florida State (18-4) did not play. Next: at No. 5 Louisville, Thursday.

## 15. Texas A&amp;M (18-4) lost to LSU 59-55. Next: at No. 9 Mississippi State, Sun.

## 16. Arizona (18-3) beat Southern Cal 73-57. Next: at No. 3 Oregon, Friday.

## 17. Maryland (17-4) did not play. Next: vs. Michigan State, Monday.

## 18. Iowa (18-4) lost to Michigan 78-63. Next: vs. Nebraska, Thursday.

## 19. Arizona State (16-6) lost to No. 8 UCLA 70-61. Next: at No. 10 Oregon State, Friday.

## 20. Indiana (17-5) did not play. Next: at Purdue, Monday.

## 21. South Dakota (21-2) beat Denver 92-60. Next: at North Dakota, Sunday.

## 22. Tennessee (17-5) lost to No. 1 South Carolina 69-48. Next: vs. No. 9 Mississippi State, Thursday.

## 23. Northwestern (19-3) beat Penn State 82-59. Next: vs. Michigan State, Monday, Feb. 10.

## 24. Missouri State (18-3) beat Illinois State 87-74. Next: at No. Iowa, Fri.

## 25. Arkansas (17-4

## TENNIS

## AUSTRALIAN OPEN

## Djokovic digs deep, wins title

Serb will return to No. 1 with 17th career Slam

BY HOWARD FENDRICH  
Associated Press

MELBOURNE, Australia — Novak Djokovic was looking weary and worn down. He felt dizzy and trailed Dominic Thiem in the Australian Open final — miscues mounting, deficit growing.

Djokovic did what he does, though. He refused to lose, waited for a chance to pounce and found his best tennis when absolutely necessary. Even threw in a wrinkle, serve-and-volleying twice when facing break point.

Regaining his stamina and strokes, and showing some gutsy creativity, Djokovic came back to edge Thiem 6-4, 4-6, 2-6, 6-3, 6-4 on Sunday night for an eighth Australian Open title, second in a row, and 17th Grand Slam trophy overall.

“I was on the brink of losing the match. Dominic ... disrupted my rhythm in my game at one point. He was a better player,” Djokovic said. “Probably one point — and one shot — separated us tonight.”

Nonetheless, Djokovic improved his record in semifinals and finals at Melbourne Park to 16-0 and assured himself of returning to No. 1 in the rankings, replacing Rafael Nadal.

No other man in the history of tennis has won this hard-court tournament more than six times. Only Roger Federer, with 20, and Nadal, with 19, have won more men's Grand Slam singles trophies than Djokovic.

“Amazing achievement. Unreal what you're doing throughout all these years,” said the fifth-seeded Thiem, who's 0-3 in major finals. “You and also two other guys, I think you brought men's tennis to a complete new level.”

Addressing Thiem, Djokovic said: “I am sure you will definitely get one of the Grand Slam trophies. More than one.”

A little more than six months after saving a pair of championship points against Federer en route to winning a five-set Wimbledon final, Djokovic again showed that he can't ever be counted out, coming back from 2-sets-to-1 down in a Slam title match for the first time.

It didn't come easily for the 32-year-old from Serbia. He lost six games in a row in one stretch to Thiem, who plays a similar baseline game and eliminated Nadal in the quarterfinals.

Djokovic visited by a doctor and trainer in the third set and, desperate to hydrate, guzzled bottles of water and energy drink. He lectured the chair umpire about time violations.

“My energy dropped significantly,” Djokovic said at his news conference, sipping an anti-oxidant drink instead of the Champagne offered by tournament director Craig Tiley.

This wasn't the dominant Djokovic who made a hard-to-believe total of nine unforced errors during his straight-set triumph over Nadal in the final a year ago. Djokovic eclipsed that total in the first set alone Sunday, finishing with 57.

It was a physical test offering plenty of entertaining exchanges, with 61 points lasting at least nine shots apiece.

“Very demanding,” Thiem said. “Of course,” he said, “I just feel a lot of emptiness right now.”

At two key moments, Djokovic abandoned his usual grind-points-out script and went on the attack, rushing to the net after a serve when facing a break point — first, at 2-1 in the fourth set, then again at 2-1 in the fifth.

Paired off both times. “Not characteristic of me,” Djokovic said. “Kind of all-or-nothing.”

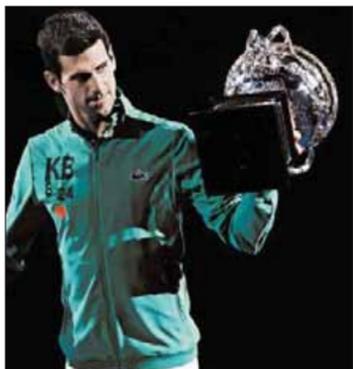
Making a charge as his less-experienced foe faltered, Djokovic broke to lead 5-3 in the fourth set, helped by a sloppy volley into the net, a double-fault and a bad forehand by Thiem.

A break early in the fifth helped Djokovic clutch the silver Australian Open trophy he also won in 2008, 2011-13, 2015-16 and 2019.

He adds that haul to his five titles from Wimbledon, three from the U.S. Open and one from the French Open.

Thiem, an Austrian who's 26, was the runner-up to Nadal at Roland Garros each of the last two years and was again trying to become the first man born in the 1990s to win a major singles title.

Instead, the Big Three have won 13 consecutive Slams and 56 of the last 67.



DITA ALANGKARA/AP

Novak Djokovic admires his trophy after rallying for a victory in Sunday's final.

## FIRE



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Fire owner and Morningstar founder Joe Mansueto has overseen an overhaul of management while establishing a new chapter for the MLS team.

## Investing now to grow the future

Mansueto unafraid to spend on new staff amid Fire's rebrand

BY JEREMY MIKULA

As team owner Joe Mansueto describes it, “it's as if all the stars lined up” for Raphael Wicky to become the Chicago Fire's new coach.

Wicky, 42, fit the profile Mansueto and Fire sporting director Georg Heitz wanted in a coach: young but experienced with what Heitz described as “a fresh, modern approach to football.”



Wicky

The fact Wicky already was living in Chicago was merely a nice coincidence, Mansueto said.

“What we didn't want was somebody who wanted to come to the U.S. on vacation and just coach here,” Mansueto told the Tribune during an interview at his office in the Wrigley Building. “We wanted somebody hungry and eager for the role, and that was Rapha. ... His personality, his experience, his vision for the game all align with Georg's and mine.”

Mansueto's vision was a decisive factor in the hirings of Heitz and Wicky in December.

And of all the changes the Fire made in the offseason — a return to Soldier Field, a tweaked name, a new crest — the investment in and overhaul of the front office and coaching staff show how Mansueto wants to reestablish the club.

The Fire worked with consulting firm Sportsology on what Mansueto described as a “global search” that resulted in Heitz becoming sporting director. Heitz's track record of identifying talent at Swiss club FC Basel were major positives, Mansueto said.

“Right away Georg stood out,” he said. “What I liked about Georg is he had a demonstrated record of success. He won eight consecutive championships at FC Basel. And moreover, I loved his ability to identify and develop talent. That really just impressed me greatly.”

Mansueto has given Heitz, technical director Sebastian Pelzer and the rest of the staff the freedom — financial and otherwise — to build the roster as they see fit. The Fire lack depth and have filled only one designated player spot in Robert Beric, but Mansueto said the club is prepared to spend on several targets before the March 1 season opener.

One of those targets, however, was not Javier “Chicharito” Hernandez, who signed with the LA Galaxy after the team reportedly paid about \$9 million — not including salary — to sign the Mexican star.

“I've not given Georg any financial budget,” Mansueto said. “I said let's field the best and strongest team we can, so I don't think the financial number would have derailed it. Georg has a vision for the kind of team he wants to field and the style of play he wants to see.”

But before Heitz was brought in to rebuild the Fire, the club needed to decide on the futures of Nelson Rodriguez and Veljko Paunovic.

Rodriguez, who oversaw business and soccer operations as team president and general manager, requested to split his role and now oversees only the business side. Paunovic was fired as coach in November after four seasons and only one playoff appearance.

“Nelson and I agreed jointly that it was the right thing to do,” Mansueto said. “We both like Pauno a lot as a person. He's a really warm human being one on one and a strong soccer mind and was a strong player. But there needs to be some accountability too. ... I thought about what we want for the long term and the culture we want to create, so that's when we decided to make a move.”



CHICAGO FIRE FC PHOTOS

The Fire changed their crest from a Florian cross, left, to an oval with a “Fire Crown” in the center.

Part of the long-term investment Mansueto made is in improvements to the practice facilities at SeatGeek Stadium in Bridgeview, where the Fire will continue to practice, and increased data and performance analytics. The Fire in early January hired Ben Donachie from Premier League club AFC Bournemouth to be the performance director.

“If you think about what you spend on players,” Mansueto said, “to spend a little more to make sure that they can perform at their best level, to me it's a no-brainer. It's just obvious that you can spend a little more to help the players perform at their peak levels. That didn't need any argument or discussion.”

“We want to invest more in the coaching, analytics, performance, everything we can to maximize the odds that we're going to have the best players on the pitch and that they can perform to their best abilities.”

One additional change Mansueto hopes to see is greater exposure. The Fire are entering the third and final year of their deal with ESPN Plus but hope to have games on local television. Ten matches this season will be on national television.

Mansueto said the Fire are in negotiations with several local networks with a preference for games to be on free, over-the-air TV. ESPN Plus would remain the Fire's streaming partner for the 2020 season.

However, for all of the changes the Fire have made, one in particular has not gone over well with longtime fans: the rebrand. In particular, the new crest featuring what marketing called the “Fire Crown” for “flames inverted to become a crown.”

Mansueto said he loves “the passion and concern our fans have for the club” — even if the reaction to the crest on social media has been largely negative.

“It clearly means a lot to them, so we certainly want to get it right,” he said. “It does take time to really get used to a logo, so I urge some patience to see it in context, see it in marketing materials, see it in the stadium, see it on the uniforms.”

And if fans never warm up to the new crest?

“We want a great badge for a great club,” Mansueto said. “If it's not working for people, we'll fix it. As a practical matter, we can't do anything in the short term given the long lead times on uniforms and merchandise, so let's go through the season and let fans experience it in context. And we'll take feedback along the way from all different constituencies.”

“So if you're a fan, you've got views, let us know. We're still open to hearing people's views. We'll get it right. Either this will grow on people and they'll come to love it, or we will fix it.”

**Fire sign Bobby Shuttleworth:** The Fire on Thursday announced the acquisition of veteran goalkeeper Bobby Shuttleworth, who previously played for MLS sides New England Revolution and Minnesota United and USL side Sacramento Republic.

Shuttleworth, 32, is under contract through the 2021 season and is the fourth goalkeeper on the roster.

## GOLF

## PHOENIX OPEN

## Simpson tops Finau in playoff

BY JOHN NICHOLSON  
Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Webb Simpson was in big trouble when he drove into the right-side water on the par-5 15th.

“I didn't think it was over,” Simpson said. “But I thought, ‘I'm going to really have to do something special to get back in it.’”

He did — at friend Tony Finau's expense Sunday in the Waste Management Phoenix Open on a TPC Scottsdale course that played tougher with firm greens and a touch of wind.

Simpson birdied the final two holes of regulation to force a playoff with Finau, then won with a 10-foot birdie putt on the first extra hole.

Two strokes ahead with two holes left, Finau missed an 18-foot birdie try in the playoff on the par-4 18th after driving left into the church pew bunkers.

Simpson two-putted for birdie from the fringe on the short par-4 17th and made a 17-footer for birdie from the edge of the green on the 18th. Finau, after hitting a 366-yard drive and an approach to 8 feet, missed a chance to win when his birdie try slid right.

Simpson closed with a 2-under 69 to match Finau at 17-under 267.

“Today was a lot different. Today played tougher,” Simpson said. “I thought the pins were very tough, by far the toughest day of pins, course was longer, we had wind. We hadn't had wind all week, so everything today was harder.”

Finau shot 70.

“I hit good putts,” Finau said. “The first one I hit really good, I thought I made it. ... Second one, similar line, a little bit farther, decided to play a little bit more break and it didn't break.”

Simpson won his sixth PGA Tour title and first since the 2018 Players Championship. The 2012 U.S. Open champion improved to 2-6 in playoffs, three years after falling to Hideki Matsuyama in extra holes at TPC Scottsdale. Simpson also lost a playoff in November in the RSM Classic.

“I think getting frustrated after RSM led to being better prepared for today,” Simpson said.

Simpson visited instructor Butch Harmon on Monday in Las Vegas.

“I started the week off right, just getting a checkup from him,” Simpson said. “And two weeks of rest, I came in feeling ready to go.”

Finau missed a chance for his second PGA Tour victory. He also lost a playoff to Xander Schauffele in November 2018 in China in the WGC-HSBC Champions.

“I definitely didn't give him the tournament,” Finau said. “Unfortunately, it's how the cookie crumbles. ... I love Webb. I think the camaraderie that I have with him as being one of my best friends out here, it would have been hard for either one of us to take this victory from each other. He got the upper hand this time, but I love that guy.”

Simpson felt for Finau. “It's hard. He is a great friend,” Simpson said. “Our wives are friends, and he's one of the best guys on tour. So it is a bit tough.”

A stroke ahead of Simpson after a third-round 62, Finau parred the first seven holes, limiting his birdie chances with sluggish iron and wedge play. He bogeyed the par-4 eighth to end a 57-hole bogey-free streak, leaving an 8-iron from the fairway 65 feet short.

Finau made a big par save on the par-4 10th, holing a 25-footer to only lose one stroke after Simpson ran in a 5-footer for birdie and the lead.

Finau pulled even with an 18-foot birdie putt on the par-3 12th, a day after Simpson aced the hole in a 64. Finau made a 9-foot birdie putt on the par-5 13th to take the lead and doubled the advantage with a par on the 15th after Simpson drove into the water.

They each parred the the par-3 stadium 16th, with Finau wearing a Kobe Bryant jersey on the rowdy hole. The PGA Tour cut the pin position in a tribute to Bryant, using his two Lakers uniform numbers. The pin was placed 24 yards from the front edge and 8 yards from the left edge, putting it in the back left corner. The flag had an 8 one side and a 24 on the other, and the numbers also were painted into the grass in front of the green.



STEVEN RYAN/GETTY

Webb Simpson celebrates after sinking a birdie putt to win the Phoenix Open.

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DAVID MAIALETTI/PHILADELPHIA DAILY NEWS

Zhaire Smith, above, has appeared in 10 career games over two seasons with the Sixers.

## Are the Sixers poised to make the same mistake?

BY DAVID MURPHY | The Philadelphia Inquirer

BOSTON — Ten hours before game time, the corners of the court at TD Garden presented observers with an interesting construct to consider. In one of them, Furkan Korkmaz caught a pass from an assistant coach and elevated into a three-point shot with a rhythm so smooth and a release so effortless that it would make even the most hardened skeptic laugh at the fact that, at this time last year, the Sixers were willing to let him walk away for nothing.

In the other corner was Zhaire Smith.

At some point between now and Thursday at 3 p.m., Elton Brand is going to find himself confronted with a series of decisions that could have a significant impact on the Sixers' championship hopes, this year and beyond.

One part of that calculus will involve a weighting and prioritization of the shortcomings of the current roster, from its inconsistent three-point shooting to its need for a perimeter playmaker to the perpetual room for improvement that every team has on the defensive end. In the short-term, those are the considerations that will most affect the Sixers' title odds.

But from a longer point of view, another question emerges: what sorts of assets should Brand and his front office be willing to give up?

That's where Smith comes in. Eighteen months after the Suns drafted him at No. 16 overall and then traded him to the Sixers, the 2018 first-rounder has exactly nine NBA games on his professional resume, a total that each of the other top 42 picks from that June has surpassed — each, by at least 23 games. Any negotiator worth his salary is going to insist to Brand that Smith's lack of experience leaves him with little value on the trade market, that he is the sort of chip you need to be willing to cash in order to secure even a marginal veteran upgrade.

That rival general manager will have plenty of material for his case.

When Smith was drafted, the big concern was that he did not fit offensively in the backcourt, but was undersized compared to the premiere players he would need to guard on the wing.

Not only would Smith need to prove that he warranted a spot in an NBA rotation, he would need to prove where. To date, he simply has not played enough basketball to accomplish either of those things.

Question is, what do the Sixers believe? Have they seen anything in the 30 G-League games that he's played that would suggest he could occupy a significant role in their rotation within a couple of years? On the flip side, have they seen anything that would leave them to conclude that it won't be the case?

Whatever the answer, a third question emerges: Are they right?

Last year, they were wrong in a way that easily could have cost them one of their most important bench players this season. The Sixers' decision to decline Korkmaz's third-year option was puzzling at the time, given that it would have cost them just \$2.03 million to retain him, and, at worst, would have left them with a contract that would have been able to be moved in a give-away trade. In hindsight, it could have been disastrous, given the dramatic improvement the one-time first rounder has shown after failing to attract much attention on the free agent market and resigning with the team on a two-year, minimum salary deal.

All's well that ends well, and the Sixers ended up with Korkmaz under their control for the same number of years and a modest discount from his rookie deal. But if the Sixers had imagined that the 22-year-old would be playing 21 minutes a night and shooting 38.6% from three-point range on 4.6 attempts per game, they would not have

cut him loose even at four times his current salary. And if the Clippers or Timberwolves had told Brand that they preferred Korkmaz over a second-round draft pick in their trades, he would not have put up a fight.

So what about Smith? The belief around the league is that the Sixers will need to part with the former Texas Tech star in order to acquire any of the targets they have identified. Depending on the deal, they might not have a choice. Because the Sixers are over the salary cap, any deal will need to include a certain amount of outgoing salary depending on the amount of salary that they take on. The only non-starter who makes more than Smith's \$3.1 million figure is Mike Scott, which means his salary could be required to facilitate the acquisition of a certain player. Most of the targets that have been connected to the Sixers — Derrick Rose, Langston Galloway, Robert Covington, Davis Bertans, etc. — make a reasonable enough salary that Brand could cobble together a package that does not require the inclusion of either Smith or rookie Matisse Thybulle. Anything over \$13-\$15 million range and the Sixers would almost certainly have to part with Smith.

But if he has a choice, is it something that he should resist?

Given what we've seen, it's difficult to picture Smith emerging as a rotation fixture before the end of his rookie deal. While Josh Richardson's hamstring injury has opened up a spot for him on the active roster, Smith hasn't had a chance to show much in his 21 minutes of action. You can see the quick feet and explosive leaping ability that make him an intriguing prospect on the defensive end, but also the couple of inches and the 20 to 30 pounds that he'll give up against most NBA wings, as well as the slow release that call into question his offensive potential as a two-guard.

Asked what he's seen out of Smith in his limited action, head coach Brett Brown responded, "Stuff you'd expect me to say. Athlete. Can be a legitimate league defensive type of player you can

**"I definitely feel like I've grown. My shot has gotten better, just with the reps."**

—Sixers G Zhaire Smith

put on a bunch of people. He's not shy. He's not caught up in the moment. Those types of things."

It's difficult to envision Smith getting a chance to show anything more than that in the near future. With five starters under contract through next season, plus Korkmaz and Thybulle, plus the acquisition in question, there wouldn't appear to be much of an opening for Smith to even begin to play his way into a role. In which case, his potential doesn't really matter, since he isn't going to have an opportunity to realize it with the organization.

At the same time, that was also the assumption with Korkmaz. Granted, Korkmaz had the makings of at least one elite tool. But it's also true that nobody has yet to see enough of Smith to conclude what, exactly, he can do. In 19 games in the G-League this season, he has hit 36% of his 3s, a significant improvement over his 5-for-25 showing in 11 games last season. If he continues to add weight, it isn't out of the question that he develops into a capable three-and-D player.

"I definitely feel like I've grown," Smith said after the Sixers' shootaround Saturday. "My shot has gotten better, just with the reps."

Nobody has ever suggested Smith has the potential in that department to match what Korkmaz has done. But the latter's emergence should serve as a reminder of uncertainty inherent in projecting trajectories. The Sixers have parted with a lot of future assets over the last couple of seasons.

Given his current market value, if Smith turns out to have a legitimate NBA future in front of him, it would be a shame if the Sixers gave it away.

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Florida will look to QB Kyle Trask (11) for success its starter this fall.

## COMMENTARY

# SWAMP FEVER

7 months before their first game, the Gators have a playoff-or-bust mentality

By PAT DOOLEY  
The Gainesville Sun

There is nothing quite like football hysteria in a college town in February.

We're not talking about the Super Bowl or those wonderful 94-degree opening days or big-game Saturdays that damage your voice boxes.

College football in a place like Gainesville is a year-round sport, as we all know. It's talked about on radio, in bars (or so I've heard), in break rooms and on golf courses.

The fever pitch never really dies. It just gets quieter. And then something happens and it rises to another level even though it is still seven months until the Gators play a real game, as real as a game against Eastern Washington can be.

The noise in the system is palpable as we head for mini-Signing Day and then spring practice and the spring game and SEC Media Days and then we finally see what the hoopla is all about.

(You would think Gator Nation would be jaded by the expectations for the current basketball team, but I digress).

This is the year, Florida faithful are screaming from the chat rooms and message boards and on AM, FM and DirectTV. And maybe it is.

There seems to be almost a playoffs-or-bust attitude and it extends throughout the program. The fans feel it, the players feel it and the coaches feel it.

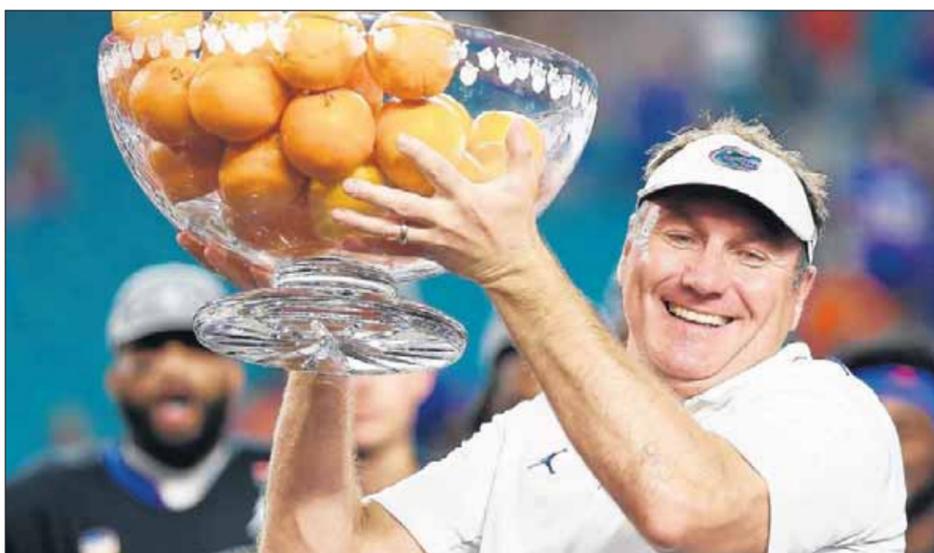
Why should Florida, which is going to get its share of summer loving like we haven't seen around here since Tim Tebow announced he would return for his senior year, make it to the College Football Playoffs for the first time ever?

Here are five reasons (and five why the Gators might not):

### 1. The schedule

One reason there is a "this is the year" crowd is because they have looked at the 2021 schedule and know they get Alabama that season along with a road game at LSU.

This year's schedule looks in-



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Coach Dan Mullen raises the championship bowl of oranges after the Gators defeated Virginia in the Capital One Orange Bowl on Dec. 30 at Hard Rock Stadium in Miami Gardens, Fla.

credibly manageable with three softies in the non-conference plus an FSU team in transition, only three true road SEC games, LSU at home and Ole Miss the rotating West team.

Certainly, Ole Miss could be a pesky gnat for a lot of teams this season with coach Lane Kiffin, but you'd rather go to Oxford than see Nick Saban on the other sideline.

### 2. The roster

Florida lost a lot of talent to the NFL, but only took one hit as far as a junior leaving early. As a result, the Gators have some experienced and motivated seniors at the top of the roster.

There is no doubt Dan Mullen has done a great job of filling in what was a depleted number. Just look at the offensive line where John Hevesy will have enough bodies to fill three units.

The roster was a problem last year when the Gators were in the mid-60s with available scholarship players for the FSU game. That problem has been solved.

### 3. The Georgia thing

The Bulldogs own the SEC East right now no matter how many

Florida fans want to point to the closeness of last year's game and the closing of the gap in recruiting.

But with Georgia being ranked No. 1 in recruiting this season, I'm not sure that the recruiting gap has been closed significantly.

The Bulldogs took some serious personnel losses, especially quarterback Jake Fromm, and the East will likely come down to that one big game in Jacksonville.

In a series that has been littered with winning streaks (eight of four or more by both teams), it's important to note this: Over the last 12 seasons, each team has run off three in a row twice. Georgia has won the last three.

Is it Florida's time? Well, that's where Gator fans are oozing optimism.

### 4. Kyle Trask

One would have to think he'll be even better with 10 starts under his belt. Trask may be the pre-season All-SEC quarterback and has the temperament to handle the spotlight.

He'll be missing some of the weapons that made him effective, but there's no shortage of talent at wide receiver and certainly tight end.

### 5. Continuity

Things could change and often they do after National Signing Day, but right now Florida has the same staff again for next season and that means the players have a comfort level with those coaches and vice versa.

Now, for the downer. The five reasons it may not work out for the Gators:

#### 1. The schedule

Yes, it's manageable, but that could come back and bite UF. If it comes down to quality wins and there are a bunch of 11-1 teams for the last couple of spots, strength of schedule may be a problem.

Florida fans actually want FSU to be better for that reason. They want LSU to remain powerful in the SEC and to win all of its non-conference games.

The schedule may not make a difference, but it's possible.

#### 2. New roles

Guys like Trevon Grimes and Jacob Copeland, Khristian Bogle and Kairi Elam and Dameon Pierce, they are all going to be asked to step

up their games and be the guys.

Not everybody is ready when the director yells "action."

Another issue is that Florida is going to have depth, but it will be young depth. High school stars have to buy in to playing special teams.

### 3. Georgia is still Georgia

The reports of Georgia's demise are grossly exaggerated. The Bulldogs will still probably be the pick at SEC Media Days because of the players they added in the transfer portal (most notably quarterback Jamie Newman) and the second top-ranked recruiting class in three years.

You saw in their bowl game with 10 guys either injured or leaving early that Georgia was able to handle a good Baylor team because there was still plenty of talent available. Don't think for a second Georgia isn't going to be good.

### 4. The running game

As much fun as it was to watch the pass-crazy Gators last season, they are not making it to the playoffs if the running game doesn't get better.

Hevesy has numbers and is confident the line will be much improved. It had better be.

Florida was 74th in yards per carry and 107th in rushing yards per game in 2019. The Gators have to have much better balance if they are going to get over the hump.

Four starters are back on the line, but two of them are true sophomores and another starter could end up being a true freshman. There is a lot of work to do.

### 5. QB controversy

OK, there really isn't one, but there has been enough noise from people who think Emory Jones should be starting to address it.

We can expect to see more of Jones this year. I don't think there is any question about that. How that meshes together may be the key to the entire season.

Will it be Chris Leak-Tebow? That's the hope. But a quarterback's rhythm within a game is a tricky thing.



ERIK CARTER/THE NEW YORK TIMES

After eight seasons and multiple Emmys, Claire Danes and Mandy Patinkin are trying to accept that "Homeland," which begins its final season on Feb. 9, is over.

# The final debriefing

Stars reflect on nearly a decade of 'Homeland' as drama winds down

BY ALEXIS SOLOSKI | The New York Times

On a chilly January afternoon, Claire Danes and Mandy Patinkin arrived safely at the Library at the NoMad Hotel, a book-lined coffee and cocktail space in midtown Manhattan. No one had been kidnapped on the way. Or forcibly institutionalized. "But it's still early," Patinkin said.

For nearly a decade, the Emmy-winning Showtime espionage drama "Homeland," which begins its final season Feb. 9, has subjected its characters to most imaginable horrors and privations. Danes plays Carrie Mathison, a brilliant CIA officer with bipolar

disorder, alongside Patinkin as her recruiter and mentor, Saul Berenson. The show itself, developed from an Israeli series by Alex Gansa and Howard Gordon, has survived its own vicissitudes, including the departures of two leading men, Damien Lewis and Rupert Friend. It has persisted through new administrations, and shifting attitudes toward the intelligence community and American interventions abroad.

At the start of each season, cast members and writers attended what they call "spy camp," a week of inter-

views and discussions with experts and intelligence workers — a "massive, terribly unnerving download," Danes said, "about what's really happening and what is likely to happen" while the season is on the air. The download helped "Homeland" to mirror and seemingly anticipate real events even as the series wrestled with criticism that its depictions of mental illness were simplistic, its portrayals of Muslims Islamophobic. (During production for Season 5, graffiti artists hired to decorate a refugee camp set sprayed "Homeland" is racist" in Arabic, which made it on camera.)

On that afternoon, Danes and

Patinkin still had some additional dialogue to record, and neither knew how the final episodes would be edited. But they had shot their last scene together — "When that last moment came, we just fell into each other's arms and didn't let go," Patinkin said — and had begun to explore what their lives would look like without "Homeland."

With tears, expletives and an order of shrimp cocktail, they discussed their relationship, the evolution of the series and how to let it go. These are edited excerpts from the conversation.

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MICHAEL BROSILOW

Sean Parris and Cassidy Slaughter-Mason star in "How A Boy Falls" at Northlight Theatre.

**IN PERFORMANCE** 'How A Boy Falls' ★★ 1/2

## A tense, anxious thriller comes to Skokie's Northlight Theatre

BY CHRIS JONES

If you are a fan of those intense Scandinavian TV dramas like "The Bridge" or "Forbrydelsen," a.k.a. "The Killing," or if you thrill to the British mystery "Broadchurch," you might well be gripped by "How A Boy

Falls," the latest show from the highly accomplished playwright Steven Dietz at the Northlight Theatre in Skokie. It is a similarly intense affair, lasting just 75 minutes and beginning with an incident in which a small boy under the watch of his babysitter seems to fall from a bal-

cony and die in a body of water. Thereafter, the less you know in advance about what happens the better.

In full critical disclosure, I should note that even the beginnings of such a plot in the thea-

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## Chicago's contestant reveals life in 'Circle'

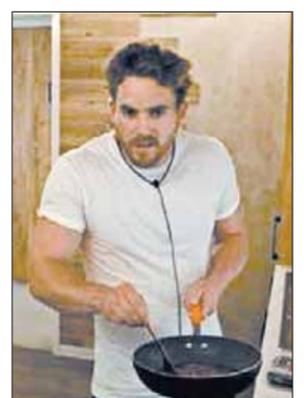
BY HANNAH HERRERA GREENSPAN

Warning: Some spoilers ahead.

Netflix's "The Circle" is like an episode of "Black Mirror" that is its own reality television show.

The show, based on the U.K. version of the same name, follows contestants as they compete to become the most popular player through a specialized social media app for a chance to win \$100,000. The contestants, one of whom is a Chicago actor, are housed alone with no phones, electronics or connection to the outside world — in separate apartments and can't see each other outside of the app. Because the players never meet face-to-face, they can enter the game as themselves or as someone else.

"The Circle" reminds viewers just how much social media has become ingrained in daily life. And explores the question, "What would you do to become popular on social media?" On the show, contestants routinely rate one another, and the two



NETFLIX

"I went into 'The Circle' for the experience. It was something new and unique," says Chicago contestant Bill Cranley.

highest-ranked players become influencers and decide who to block from the game.

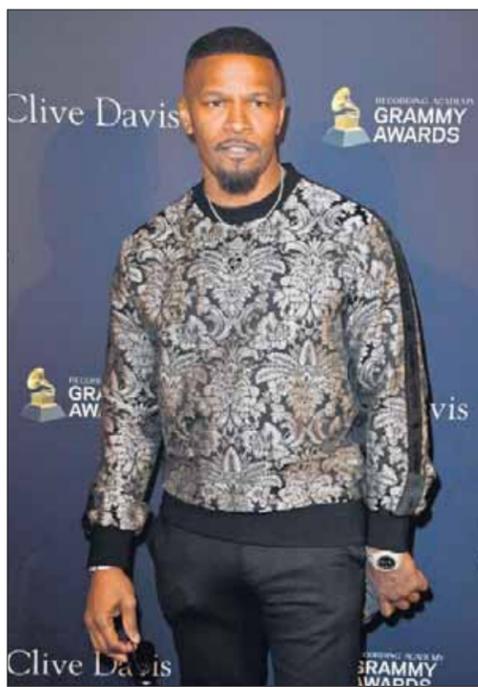
Despite the fake aerial shots of Chicago and Milwaukee, "The Circle" was filmed in Salford, a small town in Manchester in the U.K. "We wanted (the show) to feel like anywhere in America," says creator Tim Harcourt. "We placed it in those cities because the shot of the buildings matched Manchester."

The building where the contestants lived has 65 units and can be rented out. The ones used for filming were decorated, sound proofed and rigged with cameras. Harcourt says the studio built a gym and a yoga room, so the contestants never

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MARK RALSTON/GETTY-AFF

Jamie Foxx, shown here at a Grammy gala on Jan. 25, tricked the crowd at a pre-Super Bowl event Saturday.

## Foxx fools guests at gala with 'Beyonce'

Jamie Foxx tricked an A-list crowd at a pre-Super Bowl show Saturday, telling them Beyonce was about to perform.

"I'm going to go ahead and let it out of the bag right now: Beyonce. Beyonce," he screamed as the guests at The Giving Fund's Big Game Big Give event cheered. "Beyonce from Fort Lauderdale. It's not the one you were thinking, but still!"

Queen Bey was not at the gala, which was held at a \$65 million waterfront home on Miami Beach's exclusive Star Island, but in attendance were several other celebrities, including Keegan-Michael Key, model Karolina Kurkova, "Breaking Bad" co-stars Bryan Cranston and Aaron Paul and filmmaker Michael Bay.

Foxx was playful all night, salsa dancing with the crowd, practicing his Spanish and telling everyone to get close because he smelled especially good that evening. But when the DJ played a club version of Whitney Houston's "I Wanna Dance with Somebody," he soured.

"We want the original Whitney," he said, before getting the audience to chant her name. The DJ quickly obliged and cued up her original hit.

The event raised money for several charities, auctioning off sports memorabilia, last-minute Super Bowl tickets and a retreat on a private island in Belize.

— Associated Press

## Box office

1. "Bad Boys for Life," \$17.6 million
2. "1917," \$9.6 million
3. "Dolittle," \$7.7 million
4. "Gretel & Hansel," \$6.1 million
5. "The Gentlemen," \$6.01 million
6. "Jumanji: The Next Level," \$6 million
7. "Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker," \$3.1 million
8. "The Turning," \$3.05 million
9. "Little Women," \$3.01 million
10. "The Rhythm Section," \$2.8 million

SOURCE: Associated Press  
Estimated sales,  
Friday-Sunday



TAYLOR JEWELL/INVISION

### Sundance top honors:

The Korean-American family drama "Minari," Lee Isaac Chung's tender autobiographical tale about his upbringing in rural Arkansas, won two top honors Saturday at the Sundance Film Festival. "Minari," starring Steven Yeun, above, had arguably been the biggest critical sensation at Sundance. The film snagged the U.S. dramatic grand jury prize and the dramatic audience award. The top documentary prize went to Jesse Moss and Amanda McBaine's "Boys State," a portrait of the annual mock-government competition held in Texas with politically ambitious 17-year-old boys.

**Feb. 3 birthdays:** Guitarist Dave Davies is 73. Actor Nathan Lane is 64. Actress Maura Tierney is 55. Actress Isla Fisher is 44. Rapper Sean Kingston is 30. Actor Brandon Micheal Hall is 27.



# ASK AMY

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## Picky eating dishes up embarrassment

**Dear Amy:** I married into a Korean family.

My mother lives nearby. She is very closed-minded about food. She won't try new things and rarely goes to restaurants because she tends to nitpick every part of the meal or say that some ingredient "dis-agrees" with her.

Recently, my in-laws threw a big party at their house to celebrate my mother-in-law's 70th birthday. The party was catered, featuring mostly Korean food.

They invited my mother. Knowing that she was likely going to have issues with the food, I gave her a heads-up so she could plan accordingly. She said, "Don't worry about me," and so I didn't.

At the party, she immediately stated that she "couldn't eat a thing."

My very sweet father-in-law paid special attention to her, to encourage her to try something.

A few minutes later, I looked out and saw my mother-in-law firing up the grill in order to cook a single hamburger for my mom, while everyone else sat down at the table and enjoyed the catered food.

While everyone was polite, I was incredibly embarrassed at my mother's closed-mindedness and stubborn behavior.

I want her to try new things and to get out of her comfort zone. I also don't want to exclude her on the basis of her picky eating habits. What would you recommend?

— *Perturbed by Pickiness*

**Dear Perturbed:** Your desire for your mother to leave her comfort zone is natural and understand-

able, but her extremely picky eating does not excuse her rudeness.

Your mother might have ARFID (Avoidant/Restrictive Food Intake Disorder), an eating disorder characterized by an extreme aversion to lots of different foods. You could suggest that she research this possibility.

However, having dietary limitations, restrictions, phobias or preferences does not give a person license to announce it at a party. Furthermore, the idea that your mother let your mother-in-law cook a special dish for her — at your MIL's own landmark birthday party — is quite beyond the plate.

The way you present this, your mother behaved in a way that was both rude and entitled.

Whether her disordered eating is caused by health problems or specific food-based fears is something that she should sort out.

In the future, you should encourage her to bring her own food in a container. She could very easily say, "I have a very limited diet, so I need to bring my own food whenever I eat away from home."

You (and she) should offer heartfelt gratitude to your in-laws for being so kind and hospitable.

**Dear Amy:** I don't know if readers send you follow-ups about how they are doing and if they're taking your advice, but I want to let you know that I have!

My letter was signed "Angry Ashley." I was hanging out with "Steve," and it wasn't a good situation for me. I took your advice, and I have been going to counseling, and I

started an antidepressant.

I've been hanging out with new people, and I'm a lot happier. I've met some pretty awesome people, and I'm less afraid.

I've watched some of the movies you've recommended, and that's why I like your column. You seem to love movies, and your advice is direct.

Thank you so much for printing my letter. It really helped me, and I hope it helps other women who have a similar situation.

— *No longer "Angry Ashley"*

**Dear No Longer:** Your original question outlined a "friends with benefits" relationship where you didn't enjoy the friendship, nor (as far as I could tell) any benefits.

Thank you for the positive update! I'm happy that you are taking care of yourself. Your relationship with yourself is the only one guaranteed to last.

**Dear Amy:** Your answer to "Going Nuts in Niagara Falls," about the squirrels overrunning her new property was terrible! Squirrels do not take well to relocation. These animals deserve protection, not relocation.

— *Squirrel Lover*

**Dear Lover:** In an un-planned and perfectly ironic twist, this column ran on "Squirrel Appreciation Day." My inbox is now flooded with anti-Amy mail, much of it, very possibly, written by squirrels.

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## Ending

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**Q. As the show has progressed, the relationship between Carrie and Saul has become its center. Why?**

**Mandy Patinkin:** These are two patriots, these two people. They would give their lives for this country. When we met people through spy camp, that was the enduring quality — a love of this country with all its complexity.

**Claire Danes:** I didn't quite appreciate how real that was — I grew up in New York in a community of artists, and people who question and often resent authority. It was very humbling.

**Q. What makes them such a good team?**

**Danes:** Well, he is more measured, a lot more sane. He is grounded. And she is flying. They're both wildly intelligent, but they're kind of at different frequencies and those frequencies complement each other. Carrie, if she lost Saul, she would be really, really disoriented. He is her ultimate ballast. She was really grounded and emboldened by the strength of that relationship.

**Patinkin:** All I can tell you is at every point, I had only one desire, which was I wanted Claire to know she could do anything she wanted. That she was that safe.

**Danes:** And I did. I thoroughly did. Each year that passed, our relationship became that much more established and the trust continued to grow, and it would be just such a relief to get to play with my partner and I could really relax into it — even though they tended to be very stressful scenes. That is one of the things I will miss the most, because when will I have that again? When will I be able to work with somebody consistently over eight years?

**Patinkin:** It's the time.

**Danes:** It's the time. You can't cheat that. And we've done this work in how



SIFEDDINE ELAMINE/SHOWTIME

Mandy Patinkin stars as Saul Berenson and Claire Danes as Carrie Mathison in "Homeland." "We're family," Patinkin says.

many countries in how many circumstances?

**Patinkin:** This 30-something kid taught me the meaning of grace, which took (expletive) forever to learn, that you just be kind and graceful in the worst moments. She showed it to me.

**Q. You started shooting in 2010, and the first episode was broadcast in 2011. Did the show change as the world changed?**

**Danes:** The emphasis has always been on the intelligence community, which is a sort of neutral entity, actually. It's a place in government where those two cultures really coexist. There are as many Republicans as Democrats working within that field, and it felt kind of amazing to be in a space where that was the case.

**Patinkin:** The question was, at times, who is the terrorist? Is it a person in the State Department? In a mosque? Is it a white man? An Islamic man? And that responsibility is so interesting. We took a lot of heat — and I'm not defending anything, because people were bothered. As politicians use terror and fear to

get elected all over the world, they love a show like ours to some degree, because it can help generate fear. That is what sells tickets. But our show is a novel of 12 chapters over eight years. In fairness, you can't read just this chapter when the politician is the bad guy or the religious person in the mosque is the bad guy. You have to take it as a whole.

**Q. There were critiques of the show as anti-Muslim.**

**Patinkin:** Colbert did a big critique. And when the graffiti was on the walls and nobody saw it, those guys were right to do it. It was a great wake-up call for everyone.

**Q. Do you think the show was successful in addressing it?**

**Danes:** I think we could have been more sensitive. I also think that the whole premise of the show, even from the very beginning, was that there were protagonists who were unreliable. Brody (played by Lewis) was this American hero, and maybe he was the opposite of that. Carrie at the end is completely parallel to Brody. We're not sure

if she's been compromised or not. We are subverting typical ideas about what it is to be the good guy. So I think that's always been baked into it.

**Patinkin:** I do think that we have tried to do the work. I think our writers have done the best they could.

**Q. Mandy, you said in an earlier interview that you wanted the show to end with a sense of optimistic possibility. Did the final season achieve it?**

**Patinkin:** I prayed for that. I fought for it. And I hope that my prayers will be answered. I know how things can change in the editing room. But I'm hoping that that wish of an optimistic, positive possibility, void of terror for five (expletive) seconds, will be a part of our narrative.

**Danes:** I think the characters are taken to their ultimate edge, which they always are. I mean, how many times have we both been kidnapped?

**Patinkin:** Sometimes I just wish I was in another trunk.

**Danes:** Yeah, it's been a lot of trunks.

**Patinkin:** A lot of hoods.

**Danes:** We joke that Carrie, instead of a lingerie drawer, just has a drawer full of hoods. We've been pummeled in a profound way and an almost comical way. I mean you have to be a little detached from it, because it's often so extreme. But I think that we managed it without being too maudlin or saccharine or reductive or simplistic. That was always the trick, to honor the show's sense of daring, which is defining and exciting and rare, and also really honor where we've taken our beloved characters and our beloved audience.

**Q. Does this feel like the right time to end?**

**Danes:** Alex just couldn't stand the weight of it anymore. I think it ended for him. The way this show is structured, it can be reimagined over and over again. It's flexible in that way. Every year it was a reboot.

**Q. Would you have done more if more had been offered?**

**Danes:** I've been claimed by it. I had two kids over the course of the show, too. So I really didn't have many hiatuses. I think

it's important for me as an actor to stretch myself in different ways. So in that sense, it's good for it to end, and this is as good a point as any. But I don't think that it needed to end now.

**Q. How were the last days on set?**

**Danes:** We had a final scene together, and I lost it at the end. After that, I didn't have scenes that were all that complex or critical. I was in a mild fugue state, strangely calm, a little dissociated. But when I had my final scene with Mandy, that's when I was able to feel the loss and the pride and gratitude for everything that we have shared. When we wrapped, for two consecutive weeks, I dreamed that we were filming. I'm still kind of struggling with this idea of it being truly concluded. But I'm cooking again. I'm de-Mathisoning by baking chickens and stuff.

**Patinkin:** I didn't have the balls to not have something to do so immediately after, so I set up a concert tour of which I'm halfway through. (Patinkin, a musical theater veteran, sings selections from his recent "Diaries" albums.) Over the Christmas vacation, I started walking around with my wife going, "What am I going to do?" I want to be free. But it's like, what am I good at? And who am I, and what am I going to be? I have never had an experience like this. I don't have a reference point.

**Danes:** No, me neither. Who does? I mean, I've never done anything as long. I've barely been married as long. I'm not going to find that again.

**Patinkin:** Wait a minute, young lady: You don't know what you're going to find. I've been through a lot of things, and I never imagined that I'd have this opportunity. The blessed grace of our existence is we don't know what happens one second from now.

**Q. But you'll be in each other's lives?**

**Danes:** Yes, there's not a choice.

**Patinkin:** We're family.

ANDY GILL 1956-2020

## Gang of Four guitarist, co-founder dies at 64

BY JEM ASWAD  
Variety

Andy Gill, guitarist and co-founder of the influential British post-punk band Gang of Four, died Saturday after a brief respiratory illness, according to a statement from the band. He was 64.

"Andy's final tour in November was the only way he was going to bow out; with a Stratoscaster around his neck, screaming with feedback and deafening the front row," the statement reads in part.

Via songs like "Damaged Goods," "What We All Want," "I Found That Essence Rare" and "I Love a Man in Uniform," Gill's jagged, lurching, innovative guitar work, a mixture of punk noise and '60s R&B textures, was the band's trademark and, along with acts like Public Image Ltd. and Joy Division, defined the sound of British post-punk. Gang of Four had a wide influence on many musicians that followed — R.E.M., Nirvana and many others cited the band as an influence. Gill also worked extensively as a producer over the years, producing the debut 1984 album from the Red Hot Chili Peppers — whose fusion of funk and punk-rock showed a distinct Gang of Four influence in the band's early days — and albums from the Jesus Lizard, Futureheads, Killing Joke and others.

Gill co-founded the band with lead singer Jon King in 1976 while both were attending art school in the northern English city of Leeds, a fertile source of late-period punk acts (the Mekons also hailed from there). With political-leaning lyrics influenced by socialism and anti-commercialism — a stance echoed in the



JASON DECROW/AP

Guitarist and record producer Andy Gill, who led the influential British post-punk band Gang of Four, died Saturday.

band's single and album artwork — and a name from the Chinese Cultural Revolution, Gang of Four's propulsive and confrontational music quickly drove it to underground fame. After an independently released 1978 single ("Damaged Goods") and an enthusiastic cosign from the influential BBC DJ John Peel, the band rather ironically signed with Britain's largest major label, EMI. Picked up for U.S. distribution by Warner Bros. Records, the group's 1979 debut album, "Entertainment," became an underground hit in the U.K. and the States, and the band toured extensively in the U.S.

However, their following album, the ironically titled "Solid Gold," was a more dense and daunting outing, and the group splintered after its release, with bassist Dave Allen leaving (he subsequently cofounded the subsequently cofounded with ex-XTC keyboardist Barry Andrews and later became a digital-music executive). The group went into a more funk-oriented direction with the addition of bassist Sara Lee (who later joined the B-52s for their late-'80s second wind) and the "Songs of

the Free" album, which featured the alt-radio hit "I Love a Man in Uniform." The group embraced the soul-funk sound to an even greater degree with its following album, 1983's "Hard," on which it worked with R&B producers Ron and Howard Albert and alienated much of its core fan base. The band split up shortly after.

Gang of Four reunited in 1987 and continued to record and tour over the years — including on a surreal 1990 U.S. matchup with Sisters of Mercy and Public Enemy — although most influential work was behind it. A new wave of groups lauding its influence arose in the early 2000s, as bands like Franz Ferdinand, Liars, Bloc Party and particularly Radio 4 purveyed a similar mix of jagged guitars and funk rhythms. King dropped out in 2012, but Gill continued.

According to the band's statement, a final album is in the works. "His uncompromising artistic vision and commitment to the cause meant that he was still listening to mixes for the upcoming record, whilst planning for the next tour from his hospital bed."



MICHAEL BROSILOW

Tim Decker and Michelle Duffy star in "How A Boy Falls" at Northlight Theatre.

## Thriller

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ter, heck even the title, causes me to feel anxiety, even taking me back to the omnipresent fears I had of such world-shattering occurrences when my own kids were young. On Friday night in Skokie, that meant I found it hard to be gripped in that safe, slightly titillating way upon which this genre depends.

To be clear, this might well be just my issue. I don't question the right of Dietz, whose masterful plotting I've admired for decades, to forge such an inciting incident in this play about an affluent, complex family, or even to force at least some of us to re-live our worst fears in the theater, especially since TV does this all the time and maybe not everything is as it first seems with the kid in this instance. But there is some-

**When:** Through Feb. 29

**Where:** North Shore Center for the Arts, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie

**Running time:** 1 hour, 15 mins.

**Tickets:** \$30-61 at 847-673-6300 or northlight.org

thing about live theater that makes everything feel so much more real and, for me, uncomfortable.

Northlight has miked its actors for Halena Kays' production, adding to a sense of intimacy. That was a good idea and the production, which stars Cassidy Slaughter-Mason, Tim Decker, Michelle Duffy, Travis A. Knight and Sean Parrish, certainly has its powerful moments. (Duffy is especially enigmatic.) All of the tensions in the piece — which is structured as a kind of triangular relationship with two strange detective-observers — are staged on a very slick and

elegant setting from Lizzie Bracken that comes with an element of kinetic change that only adds to the tensions inherent in the material.

But there also is a certain flatness to some of the acting here, a lack of necessary specificity, as if everyone had decided they were in a genre piece and that freed them from the demands of emotional reality. In more than one scene, some stunning reversal of circumstance or fortune is imparted, only for the receiving character to react with an almost clinical nonchalance. That's always a danger with shows where not everything is clear, and actors easily can find themselves playing the end of the show, far ahead of an audience which is dealing with everything in time both real and unforgiving.

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## IN PERFORMANCE

## Hypnotic Makaya McCraven, otherworldly George Crumb

BY HOWARD REICH

He calls himself a “beat scientist,” but “creative thinker” would be a more accurate description, judging by the performance that Chicago drummer-band-leader Makaya McCraven gave Friday night in Orchestra Hall.

Making his debut on the stage that’s home to the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, McCraven offered the premiere of a suite he calls “In These Times.” It was less a formally structured composition than a collection of jazz tone poems (with video accompaniment), but the work attested to McCraven’s gifts as conceptualizer, as well as his nimbleness as drummer.

His large ensemble couldn’t really be called a big band, in that it sidestepped the usual configuration of brass and reeds dominating the proceedings. Instead, McCraven drew an impressively cohesive sound from a unit with many moving parts: reeds, brass, strings, harp and more.

Together, these musicians covered a great deal of repertoire but conjured a signature sound throughout: shimmering, trans-

lucent, gently undulating waves of music more subtle and meticulously textured than one might have expected from such a large contingent.

The evening opened with the title song, but McCraven — who seems to thrive on surprise — began by gently touching his drum set with his fingertips, making music that was more seen than heard. Eventually other musicians joined in, the glistening ensemble sound slowly slipping into our perception, as if from nowhere.

As additional instrumentalists joined the fray, a simple and plaintive melody emerged, trumpeter Marquis Hill’s gauzy phrases swathed in layers of color from the rest of the band. There was a hypnotic, chantlike quality to this music that, to one degree or another, defined the rest of the evening: a kind of sonic balm.

“The Hungarian Lullaby,” named for a tune that McCraven said his mother sang to him as a child, opened with lushly arpeggiated figures from harpist Brandee Younger. Once again, the orchestral sound swelled, with sensuous statements from pianist

Greg Spero and exquisitely shaped lines from bassist Junius Paul.

Each composition that followed in its own way extended the incantatory quality of McCraven’s conception. And yet the scores made room for some formidable solos, including alto saxophonist Greg Ward’s soaring lines and trumpeter Hill’s running, jagged phrases in “This Place, That Place.”

The high point arrived in “Song for the Forest Boogaboo,” a hard-charging work reminding listeners that McCraven can ignite a fire when so inclined. Though his drum work had been quietly woven into the ensemble texture through most of the concert, this time he produced an immense solo showing not only his technical acuity but, in retrospect, the degree of control he had exerted until this point.

True, the acoustics in Orchestra Hall rarely are kind to a large amplified ensemble, and McCraven’s group would have sounded even more detailed and compelling in a better acoustical environment. Still, there was no questioning the music’s craft and accessibility, nor the mutu-



DAVID MARQUES

Makaya McCraven’s suite “In These Times” attests to his gifts as a conceptualizer.

ally empathetic performances McCraven drew from his colleagues.

## George Crumb Festival

The Music Institute of Chicago’s George Crumb Festival over the weekend shed welcome light on compositions of an American visionary, while celebrating his recent 90th birthday.

The event reached a peak on its second and final night at Nichols Concert Hall in Evanston, with a revelatory performance of Crumb’s “Night of the Four Moons” (1969). Drawing on the poetry of Federico Garcia Lorca and inspired by what the composer called his “rather ambivalent feelings vis-à-vis Apollo 11,” the suite explores humanity’s

age-old infatuation with that glowing sphere in the sky.

Mezzo-soprano Barbara Ann Martin stood at the center of the Saturday night performance, her magical tones and mercurial spirit ideally suited to the ethereal nature of this music. Add to this Caroline Pittman’s throaty tones on alto flute, Joshua Graham’s beguiling percussion-vocal effects, Paula Kosower’s insinuating cello lines and Jesse Langen’s banjo punctuations (led by conductor James Setapen), and you had a song cycle that took listeners into uncharted terrain — just as Apollo 11 once did.

Earlier in the evening, pianist Katherine Petersen captured the sense of wonder that drives Crumb’s “Eine Kleine Mitternacht

Musik” (2001), essentially a fantasy on Thelonious Monk’s “Round Midnight.” Pianist Jeffrey Jacob illuminated Crumb’s gifts for extending the piano’s sonic possibilities in “Twelve Fantasy-Pieces after the Zodiac (Makrokosmos II)” (1973). And Fifth House Ensemble — staffed by flutist Jennie Oh Brown, cellist Herine Coetzee Koschak and pianist Petersen — plumbd the post-Debussy mysteries of Crumb’s “Vox Balaenae” (1971).

The distinctiveness of this program and its performances made one wish the Crumb Festival would become an annual event. Why not?

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## Circle

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left the building.

According to Netflix, there has not been a decision made for Season 2 of the U.S. version of “The Circle.” But there will be French and Brazilian versions of the show available to U.S. viewers later this year.

Part of what makes the show appealing is the cast. They are unlike any other cast of other reality television shows. Harcourt says, “A lot of TV shows have similar characters, like ‘Jersey Shore’ and ‘The Real Housewives.’ Social media lets us look for people who would have never met in real life, and we wanted a warmer cast than what you would see on competition shows.”

Also, according to Harcourt, the American cast was much more loyal than the British cast, and wouldn’t stab each other in the back.

Chicago was represented on “The Circle” by contestant Bill Cranley.

We talked with the 28-year-old Cranley about his journey to “The Circle” and what really went down behind the scenes. He entered “The Circle” in episode 6 and was blocked in episode 9. The interview has been condensed and edited.

## Q: Where in Chicago are you from?

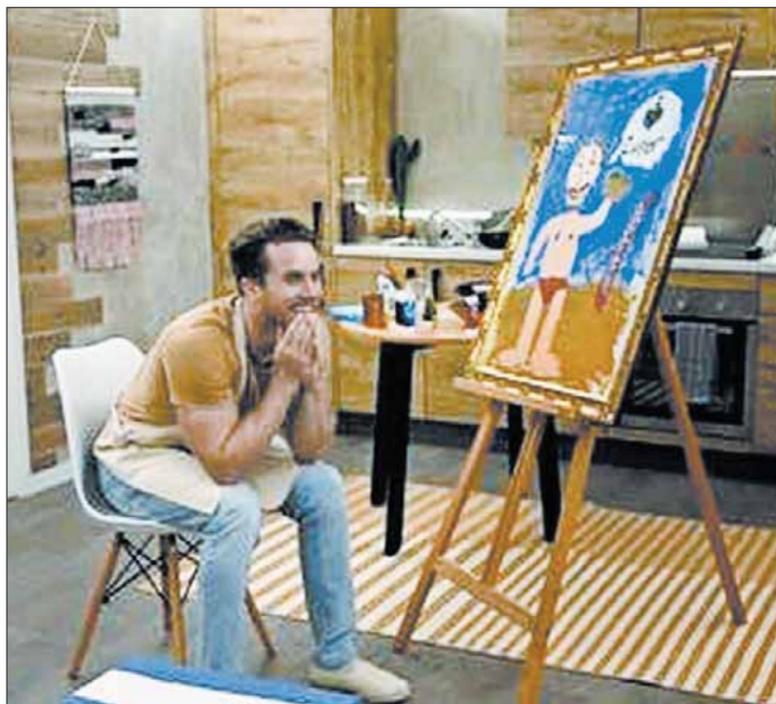
A: I was born and raised in Plainfield, and I went to the University of Illinois-Champaign. I have lived in Lincoln Park for the last two to three years.

## Q: How did you hear about “The Circle” and how did you get on the show?

A: My sister sent me a link to this TV show, and I really didn’t know what it was about. I filled out the application and was told that the show was doing in-person interviews in Chicago. I woke up that morning, and I was not going to go. I thought, “I don’t know what this is about and I don’t know if it’s real.” And I was one second away from hitting the snooze button. But then I thought, screw it, let’s go. I went to the interview and was asked questions about my life and what I am all about.

## Q: How many interviews did you have before you knew you got a cast?

A: Oh geez, I had a lot. I had five to six Skype interviews, and I think three face-to-face interviews. For the final interview, they flew me out to LA in July to do a simulation of “The Circle.” They had all poten-



NETFLIX

Chicagoan Bill Cranley entered “The Circle” in episode 6 and was blocked in episode 9.

tial cast members in separate hotel rooms for two days, and we couldn’t have our phones and we just had to sit around reading books and watching Netflix. A part of me thought, “Are they recording me? Is this a test?” I was very confused to the process. I didn’t know I was cast until a few weeks after.

## Q: Why did you come into “The Circle,” if not for the prize and living in a swanky apartment?

A: I went into “The Circle” for the experience. It was something new and unique. There are always times where I thought it would be fun to be on a reality show. I would kind of stray away from it because some U.S. reality shows are over the top and insane, and I feel like people’s lives get ruined. But “The Circle” was something new and fresh that I was totally on board after the first few interviews.

## Q: In the show, you mention that you work in the auto industry, but you are also an actor based in the city, correct?

A: I do not work in the auto industry anymore. I was with this organization that had three different dealerships, and I was doing digital marketing for them. I made videos and tutorials for them for about two years. Because I was doing acting and modeling part-time, I was turning down a lot of gigs. I felt guilty about turning down those gigs, but I also had my other job. I left my digital marketing job in June. I was still working part-time for them when I left, but now I officially broke away.

## Q: How did you know that you were going to be brought into the game?

A: So I think they flew over 50 people from the U.S. to the U.K. to be on the show potentially. The show initially cast eight people, but then they didn’t know who they were going to bring in later and had 30 of us on standby. While the show was going on, we could do whatever we wanted with our chaperone, who was with us 24/7. We all got assigned one, and mine was a 21-year-old kid (who) said, “You Americans are crazy, we love you.” Our chaperones were all communicating on this app, like a Find My Friends type of deal, where they would tell each other where we were going so we wouldn’t run in to other chaperones or other potential players. My chaperone and I went all out. We did indoor skydiving, went to London and a theme park.

## Q: Where were you housed before you got into the apartments?

A: I had an Airbnb actually a mile away from the set. And they were pretty secretive about it. Anytime I had to go to the apartment, they put noise-cancelling headphones on me and blindfolded me, same thing when we were doing promos for the show.

## Q: How long were you in your “The Circle” apartment in the U.K.?

A: I was in the apartment for three days. Right when you see me walking in was the first time I saw the room and everything, so it was a genuine reaction. I believe the show aired for 10 days, but we were there (in the U.K.) for 30 days because they wanted us to

get comfortable in our new environment and get over the jet-lag and feel at home.

## Q: Were you really being filmed 24/7 or did you have some privacy?

A: They were 100% filming 24/7. There were cameras on every single corner of the room that would move. I had to tell them whenever I had to go to the bathroom for them to move the cameras in there. I felt weird about it too, honestly. Sometimes the cameras didn’t move, and I wasn’t sure how much they could see. But whatever, I had to shower! The only person I was talking to the whole time was the producer from the sky, the voice of God through the PA system. And there were two of them, a night-shift one from the U.K. and a day-shift one from the U.S. We all had our own producers. They were talking to me pretty much every minute of the hour, honestly. Every half hour, they’d check in. Sometimes, we’d talk for hours. They wouldn’t tell you what was going to happen next, but they did say, “Hey, you can relax for now.”

## Q: Did you have any freedom while on the show?

A: So, the producers woke us up and would turn on the lights and say, “Bill, it’s time to wake up buddy!” But they were more lenient about when it was time to go to sleep. I couldn’t fall asleep my first night because it was so hot in the room. And I was very energetic from getting on the show and had nowhere to put it, so I stayed up to read. And the producers said, “Alright Bill, it’s getting pretty late. You should start

to finish up that chapter or something. You could do whatever you want, but you’ve got a big day tomorrow.” We also weren’t allowed to open the windows because they didn’t want us to hear the other contestants. And in the U.K., it’s not common to have air conditioning. So the apartments were really hot. That was the biggest complaint I heard from other contestants. It was over 80 degrees, and I had to change my shirt multiple times in a day. No phone, no electronics of any kind. So I brought a book and a ukulele.

## Q: What was a day in “The Circle” like?

A: After waking up, I would do my daily routine of putting my contacts in, cook breakfast and by mid-morning/early afternoon, we’d have some kind of interaction. I would chill and make lunch, and then there would be another interaction that was either a private chat or a game. And by like 8 or 9 p.m. — I have no idea because I didn’t know what time it was while in the apartment — there would be a blocking of a player. The first night I was there, we had an interaction of the game with myself and other new player Sean. The second night was a blocking and the third night I was blocked.

## Q: Did you have any human contact while in the apartments?

A: Anytime I wanted something like food-wise, someone would knock on the door and bring it to me. But even those interactions were kept to a minimum because they didn’t want to influence the game.

## Q: Was living in the apartment like living in a hotel?

A: Yes, because anything you wanted, you would get. Which was great. Like, I love energy drinks, they’re my vice and they stocked my fridge with them. I wrote a grocery list, and when I got on the show, everything that I asked for was in the fridge. For laundry, I didn’t last that long to experience my laundry being done for me, so I don’t know. But I did bring a month’s worth of clothes with me.

## Q: What was it like being brought in later in the game?

A: I felt like I didn’t get a chance to talk to the players. And that the whole cast was already set in stone and stayed to themselves. When there was a blocking, they weren’t going to pick each other because of what happened in the past few days before.

## Q: Why were you the

only player who didn’t get to visit another player in person after you were blocked?

A: I have no idea why. On Twitter, people are saying that I was so salty that I didn’t want to see anyone. But honestly, I don’t think I got a lot of air time, and that’s probably why I didn’t get to visit another player in person. I mean that’s all speculation. Also I wasn’t the only one to get blocked that day, so maybe Alex (catfishing as Adam) was the contestant to get the one in-person visit? They also didn’t air the private chats that I had, so if I did get to visit someone, I don’t think it would’ve made sense to viewers.

## Q: You were very genuine in “The Circle,” but then got blocked. In your video message, you called out everyone for being fake. Would you do anything differently?

A: I feel like my video message came out harsh. And I didn’t describe it well, but I just felt that being authentic was the name of the game, or at least pretending to be authentic. It was so blatantly people-pleasing and it was boring, to an extent. I couldn’t tell anyone apart other than Chris and Joey. It was kind of comical where someone would say something about family and loyalty, and then they all would say the exact same thing. I only had to look at the pictures to know that they were all different people. They played it safe and right. If I got on the game earlier and I caught on to that vibe quick, I would do the exact same thing to stay in the game. It ended up being whoever wasn’t nice got sent home.

## Q: Have you been recognized since being on the show?

A: Yes, actually earlier today I was at Chick-fil-A and these little high school students asked for a photo. I also went to Miami last week, visiting family, and people recognized me there too.

## Q: Do you keep in contact with other contestants from the show?

A: Yes, we talk daily and we have an Instagram group chat. We’re actually planning on meeting up in Miami next week.

## Q: Now that “The Circle” has ended, what’s next?

A: I was recently on an episode of “Chicago P.D.” And I just got back from a call-back for a commercial before calling you. I am also hoping to maybe take some acting or improv classes.

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# WATCH THIS: MONDAY



Alyson Hannigan

**"Girl Scout Cookie Championship"** (7 p.m., 2 a.m., Food): Actress Alyson Hannigan hosts this new reality competition built around America's obsession with these iconic fundraising cookies in a series of challenges to five talented bakers, who are tasked with transforming these bestselling treats into stellar dishes and cakes. Judges Nacho Aguirre and Katie Lee, plus a rotating third colleague, evaluate their efforts.

**"Below Deck"** (7 p.m., 10:30 p.m., Bravo): As Season 7 docks with a finale called "Big Girls, Do Cry," Kate puts the final charter at risk as she sets Kevin up for failure by allowing him to present the primary's requested erotic cake, even though Kate knows she already went to bed. For the crew's final night, Captain Lee arranges a "full moon party" on a private beach. Tanner, meanwhile, takes his last shot at wooing Kate while Brian and Courtney try to resolve their issues.

**"Below Deck Sailing Yacht"** (8 p.m., 11:31 p.m., 1:32 a.m., Bravo): A 180-foot sailing yacht called the Parsifal III is the setting for this new spinoff of "Below Deck," which once again features an elite crew catering to the whims of a well-heeled clientele as they cruise through crystal-clear waters near Corfu, Greece. There's an added degree of difficulty involved this time around, though: Capt. Glenn Shephard and his crew are working at the whim of the winds.

**"Maiden"** (8 p.m., Starz): Alex Holmes' exhilarating 2019 documentary chronicles the gallant performance of Tracy Edwards and her all-female crew aboard their vessel Maiden as they stunned the yachting world in the grueling 1989-90 Whitbread Round the World Race, which entailed battling the elements, physical exhaustion and rampant sexism on the part of the other teams.

**"Chopped Sweets"** (9 p.m., 12 a.m., Food): Scott Conant, a familiar face on the "Chopped" judges panel, is host for this new spinoff competition, in which four chefs compete in a series of challenges featuring a different, often confounding, sweet-themed ingredient that must be incorporated into the desserts they create.

**"McMillions"** (9 p.m., 10 p.m., HBO): This six-part docuseries chronicles the bizarre yet true story of a 1990s fraud case in which \$24 million was stolen from the McDonald's Monopoly game, which awarded prizes to the company's fast-food customers. Unfortunately, customers and most McDonald's executives were unaware that the biggest winning tickets were being stolen and sold to winners via a complex web of friends and family members who became co-conspirators.

## TALK SHOWS

- "Conan"** (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Guest: Antonio Banderas.\*
- "The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon"** (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actor Andy Samberg; actress Mary Elizabeth Winstead; Finneas performs.\*
- "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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## MONDAY EVENING, FEB. 3

	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
BROADCAST	<b>CBS</b> 2	The Neighborhood (N)	Bob Hearts Abishola (N)	All Rise: "Bye Bye Bernie." (N) ©	Bull: "Child of Mine." (N) ©	News (N) ♣		
	<b>NBC</b> 5	America's Got Talent: "The Champions Semi Finals." (N) ©			Manifest: "Coordinated Flight." (N) ©	NBC 5 News (N) ♣		
	<b>ABC</b> 7	The Bachelor (N) ©				News at 10pm (N) ♣		
	<b>WGN</b> 9	black-ish ©	black-ish: "Sprinkles." ©	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N) (Live) ©	WGN News at Ten (N) ♣	
	<b>Antenna</b> 9.2	It's a Living	3's Comp.	Family Ties	Growing	Designing	Murphy	Carson ♣
	<b>Court</b> 9.3	Closing Arguments (N)		Closing Arguments with Vinnie Politan © ♣				
	<b>PBS</b> 11	Chicago Tonight (N)		Antiques Roadshow: "Bonnanzville Hour 2." (N) ©		No Passport Required: "Philadelphia." (N) ©	Independent Lens (N) ♣	
	<b>CW</b> 26.1	All American (N) ©		Black Lightning (N) ©		Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©
	<b>The U</b> 26.2	Dr. Phil ©		Tamron Hall (N) ©		Steve Wilkos Show (N)		Cops ©
	<b>MeTV</b> 26.3	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	Green Acres	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett
<b>H&amp;I</b> 26.4	Star Trek ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek ©	
<b>Bounce</b> 26.5	Jumper (PG-13,'08) ★	Hayden Christensen. ©			Mindhunters (R,'04) ★★	LL Cool J. © ♣		
<b>FOX</b> 32	9-1-1: Lone Star: "Act of God." (N) ©		(8:01) Prodigal Son: "Wait & Hope." (N) ©		Fox 32 News at Nine (N)		Modern Family	
<b>Ion</b> 38	Criminal Minds ©		Criminal Minds ©		Criminal Minds: "Hamelin." ©		Criminal ♣	
<b>Telem</b> 44	Exatón EE. UU. (N)		La Doña (N) ©				Chicago (N)	
<b>MNT</b> 50	Chicago P.D. ©		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Chicago ♣	
<b>UniMas</b> 60	Enamorádonos				Noticiero (N)	Esta historia me suena		
<b>WJYS</b> 62	J. Savelle	K. Hagin	Joyce Meyer	Robison	Blakeman	Wonderen	No More	
<b>Univ</b> 66	Ringo (N)		Amor eterno		Rubí (N)		Noticias (N)	
CABLE	<b>AE</b>	Live PD (N)	Live PD (N)	Live Rescue: "Live Rescue -- 02.03.20." (N) © ♣				
	<b>AMC</b>	The Book of Eli (R,'10) ★★	Denzel Washington, Gary Oldman. ©			(9:35) The Duel ('16) ★★ ♣		
	<b>ANIM</b>	Alaska- Last Frontier		Alaska- Last Frontier (N)				Wild Life (N) ♣
	<b>BBCA</b>	Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Trek: DS9 ♣
	<b>BET</b>	4 (4:30) 12 Years a Slave		Creed (PG-13,'15) ★★★	Michael B. Jordan, Sylvester Stallone. © ♣			
	<b>BIGTEN</b>	Women's College Basketball (N)				BIG Show	BIG Show	
	<b>BRAVO</b>	Below Deck (Season Finale) (N) ©	Below Deck (Series Premiere) (N)			Spy Games (N) ©		Watch (N)
	<b>CNN</b>	3 (3) America's Choice 2020: Iowa Caucus (N) (Live) ©						
	<b>COM</b>	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Daily (N) ♣
	<b>DISC</b>	Street Outlaws: "North vs. South." (N) ©						Outlaws ♣
	<b>DISN</b>	Bunk'd ©	Gabby	Sydney-Max	Roll With It	Coop	Sydney-Max	Bunk'd ©
	<b>E!</b>	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Fraser's (N)	Nightly (N)	Botched ♣
	<b>ESPN</b>	College Basketball (N)		College Basketball: Texas at Kansas. (N) (Live)				SportCtr (N)
	<b>ESPN2</b>	Wm. Basketball (N)		College Basketball: Baylor at Kansas State. (N) (Live)				Basketball
	<b>FNC</b>	Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News
	<b>FOOD</b>	Girl Scout Cookie (Series Premiere) (N)	Kids Baking (N)			Chopped Sweets (Series Premiere) (N) ©		Chopped ♣
	<b>FREE</b>	5 (5) Pearl Harbor (PG-13,'01) ★★	Ben Affleck. (SAP)			Party of Five: "Rafa." ©		700 Club ♣
	<b>FX</b>	6 (6) Avatar (PG-13,'09) ★★★	Sam Worthington. ©					Avatar (PG-13,'09) ★★★ ♣
	<b>HALL</b>	Winter Love Story (NR,'19)	Jen Lilley. ©			All of My Heart (NR,'15) © ♣		
	<b>HGTV</b>	Home Town ©		Home Town (N) ©		One/Kind (N)	One/Kind (N)	Home ♣
<b>HIST</b>	American Pickers		American Pickers (N)		(9:03) Pawn Stars (N)		Pawn ♣	
<b>HLN</b>	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	
<b>IFC</b>	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	
<b>LIFE</b>	When the Bough Breaks (PG-13,'16) ★	Morris Chestnut. ©			(9:33) Dirty Teacher ♣			
<b>MSNBC</b>	4 (4) Iowa Caucus: Decision 2020 (N) (Live) ©							
<b>MTV</b>	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridic. (N)	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	
<b>NATGEO</b>	Brain Games: Bonus (N)		Brain Games (N) ©		David Blaine		Blaine ♣	
<b>NBCSCH</b>	NHL Hockey: Flyers at Red Wings (N)				Figure Skating (Tape) ♣			
<b>NICK</b>	Cloudy With Meatballs	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ♣	
<b>OVATION</b>	6 (6) Practical Magic (PG-13,'98) ★★		To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything ♣					
<b>OWN</b>	Dateline on OWN ©		The Real Story w/Salinas		Deadline: Crime		Dateline ♣	
<b>OXY</b>	NCIS: "Worst Nightmare." ©		NCIS: "Short Fuse." ©		NCIS: "Royals and Loyals." ©		NCIS © ♣	
<b>PARMT</b>	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops (N) ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	
<b>SYFY</b>	Edge		Gods of Egypt (PG-13,'16) ★	Nikolaj Coster-Waldau. ©			Futurama ♣	
<b>TBS</b>	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Conan (N)	
<b>TCM</b>	Bus Stop (NR,'56) ★★★	Marilyn Monroe.			(8:45) Some Like It Hot (NR,'59) ★★★			
<b>TLC</b>	90 Day Fiance: Watch Party: "Blindsided." (N)				90 Day Fiancé		I Am Jazz ♣	
<b>TLN</b>	Supernatural	IMPACT	Faith Chi	Faithwire	Robison	Billy Graham	Humanit ♣	
<b>TNT</b>	Suicide Squad (PG-13,'16) ★★	Will Smith, Jared Leto. ©					The Dark Knight Rises ♣	
<b>TOON</b>	Home Movie	Burgers	Burgers	Rick, Morty	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Family Guy	
<b>TRAV</b>	Paranormal Caught on Camera ©				Beyond the Unknown (N)		Unknown ♣	
<b>TVL</b>	Raymond	Everybody Raymond		Raymond	King	King	King	
<b>USA</b>	WWE Monday Night RAW (N) (Live) ©						Biggest ♣	
<b>VH1</b>	Love & Hip Hop (N) ©		Love & Hip Hop Miami (N)		Love & Hip Hop ©		Hip Hop ♣	
<b>WE</b>	Criminal Minds ©		(7:57) Criminal Minds		(8:53) Criminal Minds		Criminal ♣	
<b>WGN America</b>	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Carter (N) ♣	
PREMIUM	<b>HBO</b>	5 (5:50) Bridesmaids ★★★		The New Pope (N) ©		McMillions (Series Premiere) (N) ©	McMillions ♣	
	<b>HBO2</b>	The New Pope ©					The Darjeeling Limited ♣	
	<b>MAX</b>	The Hate U Give (PG-13,'18) ★★★	Amandla Stenberg.			(9:15) Crazy Rich Asians ('18) ★★★		
	<b>SHO</b>	The Wedding Guest ★★		(8:15) Donnybrook (R,'18) ★★	Jamie Bell. ©			Desus
	<b>STARZ</b>	5 (5:57) The Equalizer 2		Maiden (PG,'18) Tracy Edwards.		Dazed and Confused ♣		
<b>STZNC</b>	5 (5:49) The Game (R) ★★★		Wrong Man ©		(8:56) Wrong Man ©		XXX ★★	



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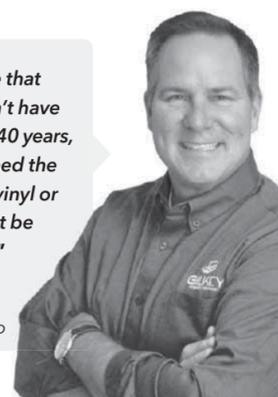
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### Horoscopes



**Today's birthday** (Feb. 3): Your community is your strength this year. Realize dreams through steady, disciplined actions. Unraveling a group tangle this summer leads to renewed physical energy. A twist in your love story gets resolved with help from friends next winter. Connect with a powerful team.

**Aries** (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Communicate and connect. Clear out the cobwebs over the next three weeks, with Mercury in Pisces. Dreams could seem prophetic.  
**Taurus** (April 20-May 20): 8. Make profitable connections. Social life booms over the next few weeks, with Mercury in Pisces. Friends share valuable information, solutions and advice.  
**Gemini** (May 21-June 20): 9. Personal growth flowers. Career opportunities abound over the next three weeks, with Mercury in Pisces. There may be a test. Market, promote and connect.  
**Cancer** (June 21-July 22): 7. Consider your next moves. Travel and discovery beckon. Over three weeks, with Mercury in Pisces, educational adventures entice. Explore new cultures, philosophies and mysteries.  
**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. For the next few weeks, with Mercury in Pisces, it's easier to track and grow shared investments. Actions speak louder than words. Collaborate.  
**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Listen to the competition over three weeks, with Mercury in Pisces. Sign agreements and negotiate terms. Work together for common gain and shared prosperity.  
**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 9. Study and learn. Listen to your body, with Mercury in Pisces. Express excellence through your work. Balance work, play and health. Notice physical impacts.  
**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 9. Pursuing passions can get profitable. Go for fun, with Mercury in Pisces for three weeks. You're exceptionally persuasive. Practice creative arts.  
**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Collaborate for efficiency and fun. Fix up your place, with Mercury in Pisces. Discuss desired changes. Determine color schemes and lighting.  
**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 9. Nurture your physical performance. The next three weeks with Mercury in Pisces hold high-powered communications. Share with your networks. Indulge your curiosity and intellect.  
**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 9. You're especially financially savvy over the next few weeks, with Mercury in Pisces. Profitable ideas abound. Consider long-term impacts. Collaborate for shared gain.  
**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): 7. Home comforts soothe. You're exceptionally brilliant, with Mercury in your sign for three weeks. Write, record and express your unique view.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

### The Argyle Sweater



Bliss By Harry Bliss



### Bridge

Here are the answers to the weekly quiz:

- Q.1**—Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:  
 ♠ 6 ♥ AK72 ♦ KQ964 ♣ 862  
 As dealer, what call would you make?  
**A.1**—Should you open 1D and partner respond 1S, the rebid problem is so bad that perhaps you shouldn't open. We would open 1H and take our chances on the missing fifth heart.
- Q.2**—North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:  
 ♠ AQ10 ♥ AK1096 ♦ K103 ♣ AQ  
 As dealer, what is your plan?  
**A.2**—This hand is worth much more than 22 points. We would force to 3NT, expecting to pick up a trick on the opening lead. That would probably start with opening 2C.
- Q.3**—East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:  
 ♠ KJ72 ♥ K10 ♦ 1075 ♣ KJ76  
 Right-hand opponent opens 2H, weak. What call would you make?  
**A.3**—You would double a 1H opening but acting at the two level requires a little extra, and this hand doesn't have it. Pass.
- Q.4**—Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:  
 ♠ Q1032 ♥ A2 ♦ AJ74 ♣ A74  
 Partner opens 1D and right-hand opponent overcalls 2C. What is your plan?  
**A.4**—A rare competitive auction where we might not get to show our support. Start with a negative double. You might have to bid 3NT next, depending on what happens.

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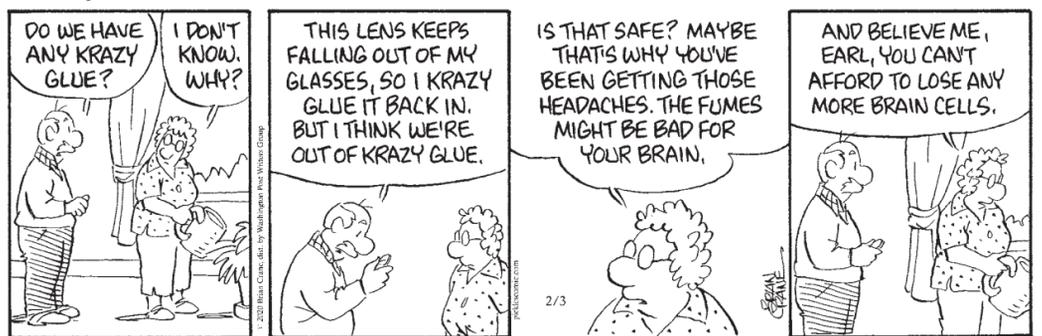
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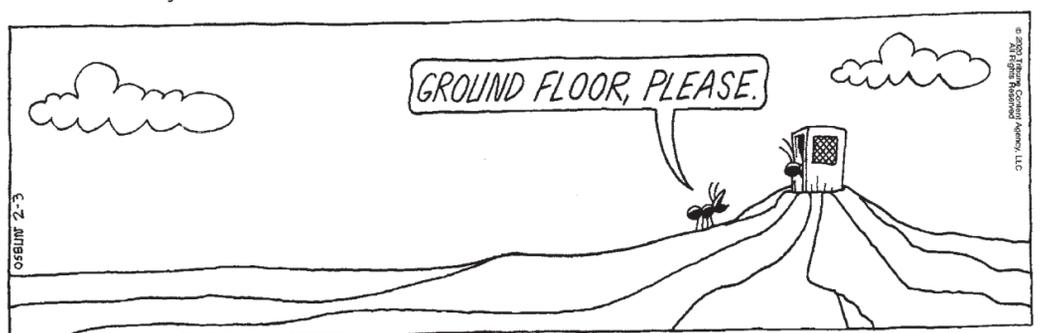
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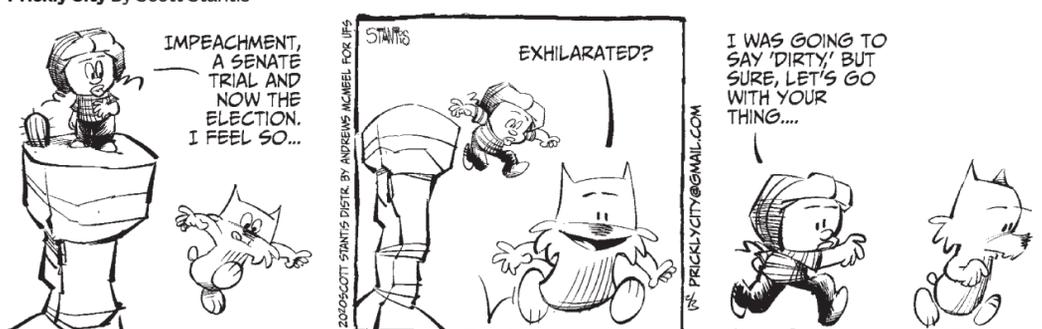
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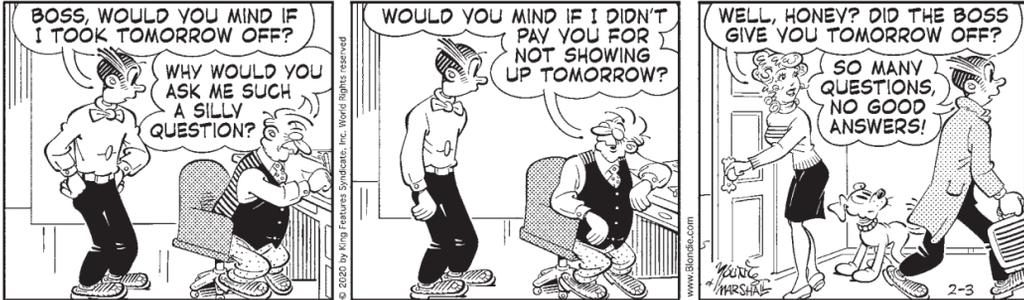
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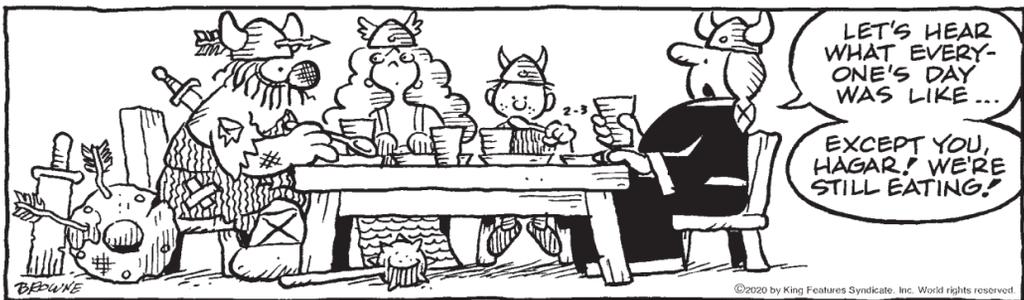
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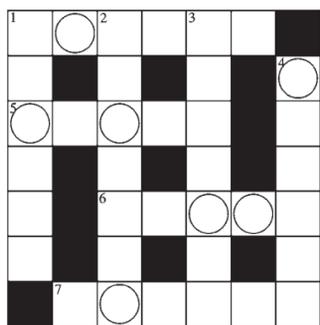


**Trivia Bits**

How many keys are on a standard piano keyboard?  
 A) 66  
 B) 77  
 C) 88  
 D) 110

Saturday's answer: The Postcard of the Hanging contains covers of Bob Dylan's songs.

**Jumble Crossword**



**ACROSS**  
 CLUE ANSWER  
 1. Be faster than NTRU  
 5. Lemon CEUJ  
 6. Bite, savor TSEAT  
 7. Vendor ELSRE

**DOWN**  
 CLUE ANSWER  
 1. Item, matorn BOCJTE  
 2. Barb, thorn LHTSETI  
 3. Eating ITUNLSE  
 4. Profession EARECR

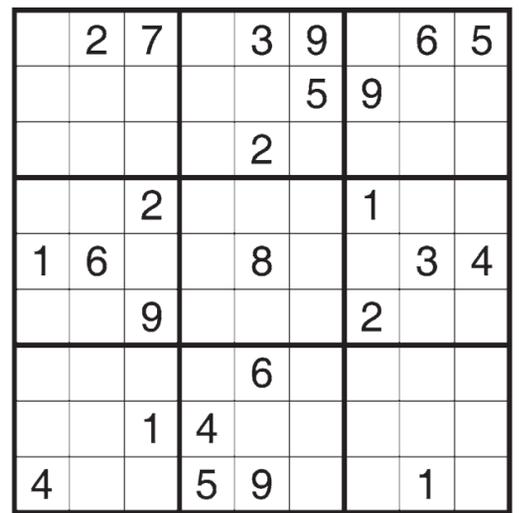
How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

**BONUS** ○○○○○○○○○

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 ANSWERS: 1A-Outrun 5A-Juice 6A-Taste 7A-Seller 1D-Object 2D-Thistle 3D-Triple 4D-Carrot 5D-Justice  
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**Sudoku** 1 2 3 4

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2	5	9	4	6	3	7	1	8
7	4	3	8	1	5	6	2	9
1	6	8	9	2	7	3	5	4
3	1	7	5	9	6	4	8	2
4	8	5	1	7	2	9	3	6
9	2	6	3	8	4	1	7	5
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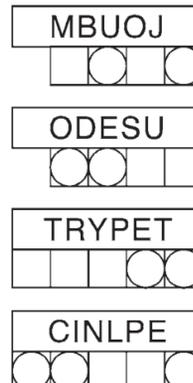
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

**Saturday's solutions**

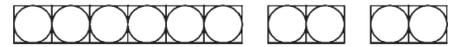
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**Jumble**

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.



Answer here



**Saturday's answers**

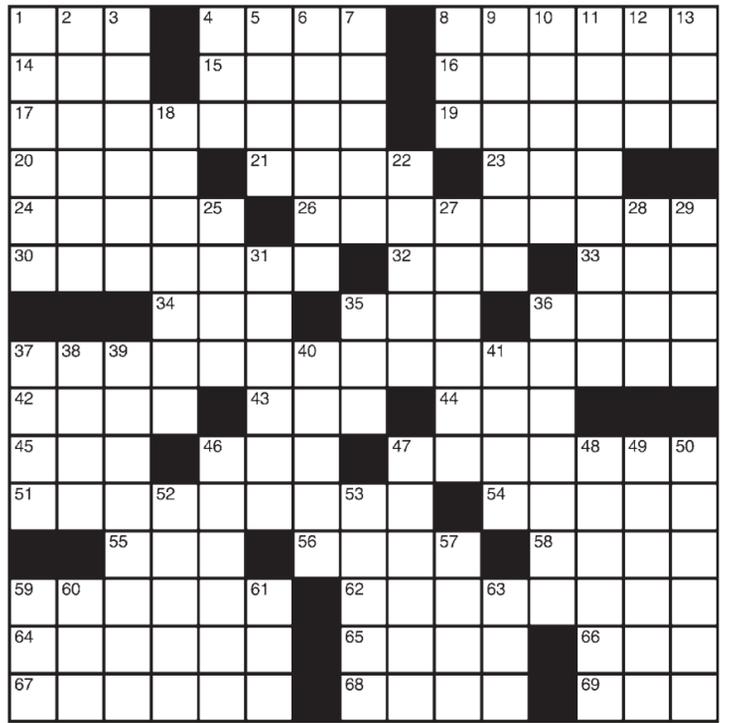
Jumbles: PLUME WOUND TOWARD FUTILE  
 Answer: He didn't initially love the idea of buying the wood stove, but he — WARMED UP TO IT

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**Crossword**

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**Across**

- 1 Actor Beatty
- 4 Spirited horse
- 8 Cold-weather omen on Groundhog Day
- 14 Prefix with Pen
- 15 Leisurely pace
- 16 Dwell
- 17 Getaway car driver
- 19 Flowery van Gogh painting
- 20 Superficially highbrow
- 21 Play segments
- 23 Cheese go-with
- 24 Injured in the bullring
- 26 Golfer's dream
- 30 Put inside
- 32 German "east"
- 33 Dead \_\_\_ Scrolls
- 34 Bank acct. addition
- 35 Little trickster
- 36 One of 50 on the U.S. flag
- 37 You can't go back after passing it

- 42 Went up
- 43 35-Down relative
- 44 Land in the Seine
- 45 Lennon's love Yoko
- 46 Chinese chairman
- 47 Everlasting
- 51 Kit and caboodle
- 54 Hundred Acre Wood creator
- 55 Help
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**Saturday's solution**



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MONDAY, FEB. 3

NORMAL HIGH: 32°

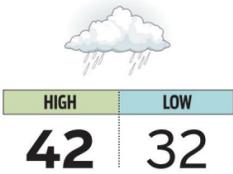
NORMAL LOW: 17°

RECORD HIGH: 59° (1992)

RECORD LOW: -19° (1996)

## Sunshine, warmth departing after just one day

### LOCAL FORECAST



**■ Clouds and chill return after Sunday's record warmth**  
**■ Cloudy and noticeably chillier.**  
**■ Daybreak temperature hover in the lower 40s then hold steady or slowly fall into the upper 30s as the day progresses.**  
**■ East-northeast winds 10-15 mph**  
**■ Cloudy overnight. Some drizzle or sprinkles possible. Lows fall to about freezing.**

### NATIONAL FORECAST



After nearly two weeks of dreary winter weather, Chicagoans were treated to a delightful Sunday that brought not only plenty of sunshine, but also record warmth. Temperatures reached into the 50s across the city and areas south and east, with a few 60s reported across northern Indiana. Residual snow cover put a damper on temperatures north and west of the city, where readings were capped in the middle and upper 40s. Seasonal reality returns Monday as winds turn into the northeast bringing a return of clouds and chillier weather. Monday highs will fall from the lower 40s into the 30s, where high temperatures should remain through the rest of the week. A series of weather disturbances moving through the Ohio Valley will bring several opportunities for wintry precipitation through Thursday.

### TUESDAY, FEB. 4

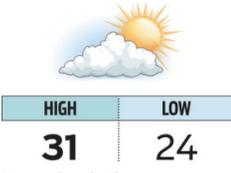


Cloudy and cold. Some light snow or a wintry mix possible. Gusty north winds 20-30 mph. Seasonable highs in the lower 30s.



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.

### WEDNESDAY, FEB. 5



More clouds than sun. Generally dry, though some light snow or flurries possible mainly well south of the city. High temperatures cluster around freezing. Some snow possible overnight.



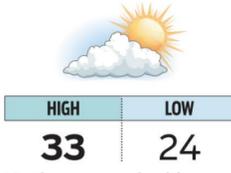
### THURSDAY, FEB. 6



Some snow possible early followed by a mostly cloudy day with highs in the lower 30s. Gusty north winds 15-25 mph.



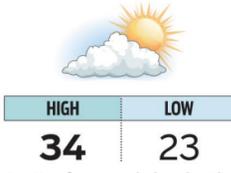
### FRIDAY, FEB. 7



Partly sunny and cold. Afternoon highs reach the lower and middle 30s. Northwest-north winds 12-22 mph.



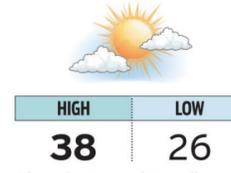
### SATURDAY, FEB. 8



A mix of sun and clouds. The February chill continues as highs struggle to the lower/middle 30s. West winds 10-20 mph.



### SUNDAY, FEB. 9



Abundant sunshine allows temperatures moderate a bit as high reach the upper 30s.



### ASK TOM

Dear Tom,  
 I notice the record high for Feb. 2 is 51. What is the city's lowest record high?  
 Bob O'Kelly,  
 Downers Grove

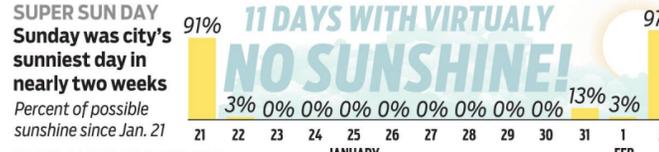
Dear Bob,  
 That's it! There have been no record highs in Chicago that were lower. We posed your question to Chicago weather historian Frank Wachowski who reported that dating back to 1871, the Feb. 2 record high of 51-degrees that was toppled Sunday, was the city's lowest-hanging fruit. Prior to Sunday's new-record high of 52, Chicago's previous Feb. 2 record highs were 51 in 1992, 50 in 1987 and 49 in 1920. Despite today's new record, Feb. 2 will still lay claim to the city's lowest record high. Next in line are the record highs of 55 on Jan. 30 (1988) and 56 on Jan. 5 (1890) Feb. 1 (1968), and Feb. (1946). On the opposite end of the spectrum, the city's highest record high is 105 degrees on July 24, 1934.

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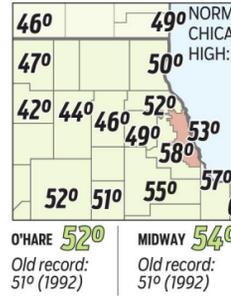
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 Ivory's weather updates weekdays 3 to 6 p.m. on WGN-AM 720 Chicago.

## Early-Feb warmth shatters records across middle-America



### SUNDAY'S MILD TEMPS

Sunshine/gusty west winds deliver record-breaking warmth to city



### TODAY'S 50s A FAR CRY FROM RECENT FEB. 2NDS

■ Feb. 2, 2015: 1.8" of snow and 19° —the last day of the SuperBowl Blizzard — Jan. 31-Feb. 2 snow total was 19.3"—the city's 5th-biggest snowstorm.

■ Feb. 2, 2011: 6.6" of snow and 23° Last day of Groundhog Day Blizzard—the Jan. 31-Feb. 2 snow total: 21.2"—city's 3rd-biggest snowstorm.

### RECORD-BREAKING WARMTH IN AT LEAST 16 STATES SUNDAY



AMONG SUNDAY'S RECORD WARM TEMPERATURES  
 81° Harrison, Ark. 69° St. Louis, Mo.  
 80° Hays, Kans. 62° Burlington, Iowa  
 78° Imperial, Neb.

CLOSING THE BOOKS ON JANUARY  
 2020 opens cloudier, warmer and wetter than normal—but less snow

### AVERAGE TEMPERATURE

O'HARE 30.1° 6.3° ABOVE NORMAL  
 MIDWAY 31.3° 6.5° ABOVE NORMAL

### PRECIPITATION

O'HARE 2.80" 1.07" ABOVE NORMAL  
 MIDWAY 3.14" 1.08" ABOVE NORMAL

### SNOWFALL

O'HARE 7.8" 3.0" BELOW NORMAL  
 MIDWAY 6.8" 4.7" BELOW NORMAL

### POSSIBLE SUNSHINE

25% 17% BELOW NORMAL

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### CHICAGO DIGEST

#### SUNDAY TEMPERATURES

LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	46	33	Midway	54	35
Gary	57	36	O'Hare	52	36
Kankakee	55	35	Romeoville	53	34
Lakefront	53	35	Valparaiso	60	33
Lansing	58	38	Waukegan	50	34

#### CHICAGO PRECIPITATION

PERIOD	2020	NORMAL
Sun. (through 4 p.m.)	0.00"	0.05"
February to date	0.01"	0.10"
Year to date	2.81"	1.83"

#### CHICAGO SNOWFALL

PERIOD	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Sun. (through 4 p.m.)	0.0"	0.0"
Season to date	18.1"	15.2"
Normal to date	21.1"	22.3"

#### LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS

MONDAY	TUESDAY
Wind E 10-15 kts. N/NE 25-35 kts.	
Waves 1-2 feet 6-12 feet	
Sun. shore/crib water temps 38°/36°	

#### U.S. SNOW COVER

FEB. 2	2020	2019
Area covered by snow	30.9%	37.2%
Average snow depth	3.8"	4.3"

#### 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

Sunday's reading	Moderate
Monday's forecast	Moderate
Critical pollutant	Particulates

#### MOON RISE/SET TIMES

Sun	7:01 a.m.	5:07 p.m.
Moon	11:57 a.m.	1:45 a.m.

#### MONDAY PLANET WATCH

PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	7:50 a.m.	6:29 p.m.
Venus	8:47 a.m.	8:36 p.m.
Mars	3:46 a.m.	12:53 p.m.
Jupiter	5:34 a.m.	2:35 p.m.
Saturn	6:05 a.m.	3:29 p.m.

Source: Dan Joyce, Chicago Astronomical Society

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