



Smollett faces new raft of charges

Actor accused of disorderly conduct in alleged hoax attack

BY MEGAN CREPEAU AND JASON MEISNER

After a year of scathing headlines, escalating legal battles and bizarre tabloid twists, former "Empire" actor Jussie Smollett will soon find himself in the same place he was last February — facing charges in a Cook County

courtroom alleging he staged a hate crime on himself.

A special Cook County grand jury on Tuesday indicted the actor on six counts of disorderly conduct alleging he orchestrated the racist and homophobic attack on a frigid night in downtown Chicago.

The allegations were nearly identical to charges brought — and then mysteriously dropped — by Cook County prosecutors last



Smollett

year, adding more controversy to a case that's sparked months of breathless international media coverage and become the defining issue in the upcoming state's attorney primary election.

Smollett, 37, is scheduled to be arraigned on the new charges at the Leighton Criminal Court Building on Feb. 24, nearly a year to the day that he appeared in the same courthouse to face the original charges.

In announcing the new indictment, special prosecutor Dan Webb, who was appointed six months ago to investigate all aspects of the Smollett investigation, said further prosecution of the actor was "in the interest of justice."

"Jussie Smollett planned and participated in a staged hate crime attack, and thereafter made numerous false statements to Chicago Police Department officers on multiple occasions, reporting a heinous hate crime that he, in fact,

knew had not occurred," Webb said in a news release.

Among the factors that went into the decision were "the extensive nature" of Smollett's falsehoods, the massive amount of time and money Chicago police put into the investigation, and the strength of the evidence cited by State's Attorney Kim Foxx's own prosecutors in bringing the original charges, the Webb statement continued.

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Are shooter drills 'doing more harm than good'?

Though required in Ill. schools, they're said to traumatize students

BY ELYSSA CHERNEY AND PETER NICKEAS

Since last year, every school in Illinois has been required by law to conduct active shooter drills to prepare students for potential violence. But two national teacher unions are calling for an end to the practice of simulating violence during such drills because of the potentially harmful effects they can have on the mental health of students and teachers.

The American Federation of Teachers and the National Education Association, along with anti-violence group Everytown for Gun Safety, said they want to end "simulations that mimic an actual incident" of gun violence during school safety drills.

A paper jointly released Tuesday by the groups questions the benefits of involving students in active shooter drills at all and advises that, if children do participate, the drills should be announced beforehand, age-appropriate and designed to minimize trauma.

"They're becoming more perverse and obscene. Hiring strangers to wear masks and rattle the doors of classrooms without letting students or faculty know, shooting teachers with rubber bullets, students with fake blood lying in the hallway being asked to play the role of victims. All of these things have caused us over the

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Democratic presidential candidate Bernie Sanders takes the stage with his wife, Jane, on Tuesday night in Manchester, New Hampshire.

Sanders edges Buttigieg for narrow NH victory

Klobuchar rounds out top tier as Bennet, Yang drop out of the race

BY STEVE PEOPLES, KATHLEEN RONAYNE AND HUNTER WOODALL
 Associated Press

MANCHESTER, N.H. — Bernie Sanders won New Hampshire's presidential primary election Tuesday night, narrowly edging moderate rival Pete Buttigieg and scoring the first clear victory in the Democratic Party's chaotic 2020 nomination fight.

In his win, the 78-year-old Sanders, a self-described demo-

cratic socialist, beat back a strong challenger from the 38-year-old former Midwestern mayor — two men representing different generations and wings of their party.

"This victory here is the beginning of the end for Donald Trump," Sanders declared.

As Sanders and Buttigieg celebrated, an unexpectedly strong performance from Amy Klobuchar gave her a path out of New Hampshire as the contest moves on to the string of state-by-state primary contests that lie



Buttigieg



Klobuchar

ahead. Joe Biden and Elizabeth Warren posted disappointing results and were on track to finish with zero delegates from the state.

The New Hampshire vote

made clear that the early days of the Democratic contest will be a battle largely between two men four decades apart in age and ideological opposites.

Sanders is a leading progressive voice, calling for substantial government intervention in health care and other sectors of the economy. Buttigieg has pressed for more incremental changes, giving Americans the option of retaining their private health insurance and making a

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Pediatrician probed to see if vaccination docs faked

Suicide note left by Evergreen Park doctor alerted Cook officials

BY ZAK KOESKE, KATE THAYER AND JOHN KEILMAN

Cook County sheriff's police are investigating whether an Evergreen Park pediatrician who died by suicide last year had been falsifying documents for

parents who did not want to vaccinate their children, Sheriff Tom Dart said.

Dart said Tuesday that a suicide note Dr. Van Koinis left before taking his own life had raised questions about the record keeping of vaccinations at his medical practice at 3830 W. 95th St., Evergreen Park.

The sheriff said investigators believe parents may have sought out Koinis, a known advocate of homeopathic medical tech-

niques, to obtain documentation showing their children had been immunized against communicable diseases when they had not.

"He was well known for being someone who was into homeopathic medicine, and from what we have determined, it was well known that people opposed to vaccination could go to him," Dart said.

He said it wasn't clear how widespread the doctor's apparent deception may have been,

but that his suicide note mentioned it dating back almost 10 years.

"The length of time he mentioned and the fact that he was so focused on this as a regret of something he did and the fact he committed suicide led us to believe it was quite serious on many levels," Dart said.

While there is not evidence Koinis was failing to vaccinate

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Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx speaks with members of the Chicago Tribune Editorial Board in January.



JOHN KASS

Kim Foxx can't do her job after Smollett fiasco

How can Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx continue to do her job following the re-indictment of Hollywood entertainer Jussie Smollett?

I don't think she can.

Smollett, the Hollywood entertainer with Obama White House fans, has been sitting on Foxx's political shoulders for a year like some rotting albatross.

The Smollett affair has made Foxx and Cook County a national laughing-stock. But at least there's one benefit.

Now all Americans know how rotten things are here politically.

"I think she should resign, now," said Donna More, who's challenging Foxx in the March 17 Democratic primary. "She should resign because, while everyone is presumed innocent, the media frenzy will occupy her, and take her attention away from being able to do her job. How can she function? She can't"

I called More just as special prosecutor Dan Webb recharged Smollett, a year after Foxx mysteriously dropped a 16-count grand jury indictment against the actor for faking an alleged racial, homophobic hate crime that he tried to pin to President Donald Trump's politics.

Because of the Trump angle, Smollett received oodles of media love at first, though I never could figure out how he fought off his fantasy attackers with a tuna sandwich in one hand and a cellphone in the other.

Foxx's decision to drop charges destroyed her credibility.

Foxx has refused to talk about the case, or why she held private conversations about it with Smollett's powerful friends, including prominent lawyer Tina Tchen, who had served as former first lady Michelle Obama's chief of staff.

All Foxx says is "I own it."

Yeah, you own it all right. Now that the Sun-Times endorsed you, they own it too.

"Now we know why Kim Foxx has refused to talk about this case," More said, adding that the new charges suggest Foxx was swayed by calls from influential people when she dismissed

those 16 felonies counts against Smollett.

"This can no longer be considered just an error in judgment or a disappointing lack of transparency," More continued in our interview. "There may be significant wrongdoing here on the part of the state's attorney. I think she should resign."

After hearing about the new charges, I figured Foxx would run for public hugs from the Rev. Jesse Jackson and play the race card again, but not before cooking up some juicy conspiracy theory to transform herself into a victim. Why not? It worked for Jussie, for a time.

It didn't take long, only a few minutes until the Kim Conspiracy hatched. It began to cheep, pitifully, like baby seabird on a windswept shore.

Her campaign blamed Trump and invoked former FBI Director James Comey in blasting Webb's decision to recharge Smollett. How's that for paranoia? Foxx issued this statement:

"What's questionable here is the James Comey-like timing of that charging decision, just 35 days before an election, which can only be interpreted as the further politicization of the justice system, something voters in the era of Donald Trump should consider offensive."

I get it, Kim. Trump made you talk to Tina Tchen. Trump made you drop all the charges against Smollett. It's all Orange Man Bad.

If you lose the election, you can always write newspaper columns.

Obviously, Foxx and friends are counting on the idiocracy of Cook County to save her.

But it seems pathetic and desperate and it slaps voters in the mouth. Any Democratic politician who now comes to Foxx's aid will look like someone who thinks that voters are idiots. And they're not.

Perhaps Foxx's patron, Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, who is the chair of the Cook County Democrats, can give her a hug, too.

But hugs are nonverbal. And what we need are answers in plain English

to the following questions:

Who else did Foxx talk to about Smollett? Were there any other Obama White House people involved? Why did Foxx's office tell reporters that she'd formally recused herself from the case, and then later admit she had only recused herself in a "colloquial sense?"

And what the hell was Foxx thinking when she took calls about Smollett's heater case?

She just should have said, "I can't have this conversation. Tell Michelle that I'm a prosecutor, dammit."

But Kim's a climber. And the rungs were just beyond her reach, like heaven.

Perhaps Webb, the former U.S. attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, will answer the Foxx questions. But I have little faith in him after he served as a special prosecutor in the case of David Koschman, the little guy who, on his 21st birthday, while drinking on Division Street, died after being punched by a weightlifter who outweighed him by 100 pounds of muscle.

The puncher was a nephew of former Mayor Richard M. Daley. I saw Webb's investigation as a whitewash.

We'll see about Webb. I hope he rehabilitates himself with this one.

Either way, the news isn't good for Foxx and friends.

"Dan Webb gave her a thousand bucks in a campaign donation," More said. "She can hardly claim he doesn't like her. But some in the media and our elected officials won't care. They're willing to excuse her for any malfeasance."

"But how much can the voters of Cook County excuse?"

This is politics, in Cook County, in the city by the lake.

Just how much are the voters willing to take?

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Dreadlocks should be just as OK as blond curls



DAHLEEN GLANTON

My picture appears with my column in the Chicago Tribune three times a week. But if most readers happened to pass me in a hallway, they probably wouldn't recognize me.

That's because for me and many other African American women, hair is an accessory. Sometimes I wear an Afro. Sometimes I wear it straight or wavy or twisted. Sometimes I have braids hanging down my back. Sometimes it is in crinkly curls. Sometimes I get sick and tired of messing with my hair and throw on a wig.

That's my prerogative. I have no idea why anyone else should care.

It has been more than a half-century since Afros became a cultural fixture in America, yet mainstream society still insists that natural black hair is inappropriate in certain situations. In its narrow and biased wisdom, white-dominated society tries to force black people to only wear styles it considers aesthetically pleasing.

It makes no sense that in 2020, black hair is still an issue in America. Braids, dreadlocks and Afros should be as acceptable as blond curly perms and man buns.

But across the country, black hair discrimination continues to make its way into the workplace, the school environment, public venues and entertainment events.

Officials in a predominantly white school in Texas suspended DeAndre Arnold and threatened to ban him from his senior prom and high school graduation unless he cut his dreadlocks off. In New Jersey, a white referee forced a 16-year-old athlete to cut his dreadlocks before participating in a wrestling match. A company in Alabama rescinded a job offer to a black woman who showed up to work wearing dreadlocks, saying dreads violated the grooming policy because they "tend to get messy."

This is racial discrimination, plain and simple. It's ridiculous. It's petty. It's insensitive. And it should be illegal.

There's a movement afoot to do just that. It's called the Crown Act, short for Create a Respectful and Open World for Natural Hair, organized by a coalition of black advocacy and civil rights groups in conjunction with the skin care brand Dove.

Chicago native Matthew Cherry spoke about it when he received his Academy Award on Sunday for the animated short film "Hair Love," prompting a much-needed national discussion about black hair bias.

"We wanted to normalize black hair," Cherry said in his acceptance speech.



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Director Matthew A. Cherry, left, and Deandre Arnold, who was told his hair violated school dress code, arrive for the Oscars on Sunday.

"There's a very important issue that's out there, the Crown Act, and if we can help to get this passed in all 50 states, it will help stories like DeAndre Arnold's — who is our special guest tonight — stop to happen."

Illinois is among the states already taking steps. State Rep. Jehan Gordon-Booth has introduced legislation to amend the Illinois Human Rights Act — which bans nearly all forms of discrimination — to include traits historically associated with races, including hair texture and styles such as braids, locks and twists.

If House Bill 3884 becomes law, Illinois would be the fourth state to address ethnic hair bias. Last year, California became the first state to enact such a law, followed by New York and New Jersey. Currently, 22 states, including Texas, are considering similar laws. Bills also have been introduced in the U.S. House and Senate.

The movement received a huge boost from Cherry's film, which depicts a father who tries to tackle his daughter's thick natural hair while his wife recovers from cancer. But there's still a long way to go to educate Americans about the unfairness of banning ethnic hairstyles in the workplace, schools and other areas.

A petition drive sponsored by the Crown Act has received more than 60,000 signa-

tures but remained short of the 100,000 sought.

Gordon-Booth is braced for whatever opposition might come in Illinois. Certainly, there will be pushback from legislators who are reluctant to hit businesses and corporations with another layer of regulatory requirements. But she thinks many of her colleagues would be supportive if they understood the depth of the discrimination.

So over the next few months, she'll be lining up women and men to tell their stories. She will record famous people as well as ordinary people telling compelling stories of how hair bias got in the way of a job or made them feel uncomfortable.

There aren't many African Americans who don't have a story to tell.

Years ago when I interviewed for a newspaper job in Houston, I wore a wig over my braided extensions because I sensed that the white editor would not approve of my ethnic look. It turns out I was right.

After I got the job, he insisted that I use my more common first name, Angela, on my byline rather than Dahleen, the name I'd used since birth. Being young and naïve, I went along with it, and I have regretted that I did not demand better.

Society doesn't think my kinky hair — the hair I was born with, hair that is uniquely African American — is good enough to be seen in public. It makes some white people uncomfortable. But rather than deal with its own bias, society tells me that I must do unnatural things to my hair, like straightening it with hot combs or chemicals, in order to seem more presentable.

And if I don't follow society's hair rules, I can't succeed in America. I can't get a job I'm qualified for. And a teenager who has done all that was required of him to graduate can't walk across a stage to receive his high school diploma.

Everybody knows that's just wrong. We must demand that our elected officials do the right thing and fix it.

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Ill. is first state with own test for coronavirus

Locals won't have to wait for test results to come back from feds

BY LISA SCHENCKER

Illinois is the first state to be able to test for the new coronavirus, rather than sending specimens to the federal government for testing, the state health department announced Tuesday.

Testing is being conducted at an Illinois Department of Public Health laboratory in Chicago, and results will typically be available within 24 hours.

"The ability to do this testing will mean we will be able to detect any new cases of novel coronavirus earlier and prevent any possible spread," said Evonda Thomas-Smith, assistant director at the state health department, in a news release. "We understand there is concern about this new virus, which is why having test results back quickly can help reduce some of those concerns."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention began shipping test kits to labs throughout the U.S. and abroad last week. People will be tested if they're showing certain symptoms and recently traveled from China or had close contact with a person with coronavirus. Positive test results will still have to be confirmed by the CDC.

The state health department is in the process of bringing testing to labs in Springfield and Carbon-dale.

So far, two Illinois residents have tested positive for coronavirus, a husband and wife who were released from Amita Health St. Alexius Medical Center Hoffman Estates last week. The man caught the illness from his wife, who had traveled to Wuhan in late December. The case was the first known instance of person-to-person transmission in the U.S.

In Illinois, 44 other tests for the virus have come back negative, according to the public health department.

Across the U.S., 13 people have tested positive.

As of Tuesday, 43,103 people had confirmed cases of the virus worldwide, and 1,107 people had died, all but one of them in China, according to the World Health Organization.

Symptoms of the virus can include fever, cough and shortness of breath. It's believed symptoms appear anywhere from two to 14 days after exposure. The CDC has said it's still unclear how easily the virus spreads from person to person.

The state health department and the Illinois Poison Center have set up a hotline for Illinois residents to call if they have questions about the coronavirus. People who live outside Chicago can call the hotline at 800-889-3931 or email DPH.SICK@illinois.gov. Chicago residents may call 312-746-4835 Monday through Friday during business hours, and 311 during evenings, weekends, and holidays, or email coronavirus@chicago.gov.



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Members of the Obama Community Benefits Agreement Coalition stage a sit-in outside of Mayor Lori Lightfoot's office on Tuesday.

A sit-in outside mayor's office takes stand on Obama center

Protesters push for meeting to preserve affordable housing

BY LOLLY BOWEAN AND GREGORY PRATT

About a dozen Chicago residents staged a sit-in outside Mayor Lori Lightfoot's City Hall office on Tuesday afternoon, demanding a meeting to discuss preserving affordable housing near the site of the proposed Obama Presidential Center.

The demonstration came on the day that the City Council's housing committee was scheduled to meet and just as the city was expected to introduce a series of ordinances designed to both protect affordable housing and encourage development in Woodlawn.

Holding "real affordable housing now" and "#CBASitIn" signs, protesters chanted, "Mama mama, can't you see what displacement's done to me."

Organizer Devondrick Jeffers said the Obama CBA Coalition is demanding 30% set-asides for affordable housing stemming from new development and for all redeveloped city land to be 100% affordable. The city's proposal for what counts as affordable is too high, Jeffers said, and would result in \$1,000 studio apartments being considered affordable.

"We've proposed something and the city's given us something else," Jeffers told the crowd.

The mayor has found herself in the middle of a disagreement between South Side residents who have long been pushing for a community benefits agreement — a binding contract that would

guarantee certain amenities such as jobs, the creation of neighborhood assets and affordable housing — and those who say such an agreement would threaten development in low-income communities that need it the most.

For weeks, city officials have been promising to unveil a series of ordinances designed to both protect affordable housing and encourage development in Woodlawn. But the city's efforts have drawn criticism and rebuke from Ald. Jeanette Taylor, 20th, and dozens of residents who say the proposals don't go far enough to protect the most vulnerable from gentrification.

On Tuesday, the group of residents sat on the floor outside the main doorway to Lightfoot's office for hours. Holding cardboard signs, they chanted, sang protest songs and stood giving personal testimonies of being pushed out of their communities by rising rent costs. At times, the protesters got into confrontations with police and risked getting arrested.

Progressive freshman aldermen also encouraged their protest. "You've got community allies in City Council, you've got community allies in City Hall," Ald. Maria Hadden, 49th, told protesters. "Even though this is not my neck of the woods, Woodlawn is not where I live, residents of the 49th Ward care about what's happening in Woodlawn. Residents across the city, on the North Side care about what's happening on the South Side."

City officials have hosted more than a dozen closed-door meetings with South Side residents who live near the proposed Obama Presidential Center to

hear their concerns regarding housing and displacement. Rather than an ordinance that focused on the entire region, however, city officials decided to first draft laws that would determine how Woodlawn would grow while also addressing the need for affordable housing.

Last month, the city's Department of Housing hosted an open-house meeting and, rather than making formal presentations, officials hung posters that displayed community concerns and had one-on-one conversations with residents and homeowners in attendance.

The mayor already has had conversations with Taylor and Hairston about the issue.

"The administration has worked closely with Alderman Taylor and Alderman Hairston, as well as a range of Woodlawn residents and other important stakeholders, to craft a solution that will prevent displacement," a Lightfoot spokeswoman said in a written statement. "We are committed to ongoing discussions with these stakeholders to make sure the concerns of the community are reflected in any affordable housing or economic development solutions for Woodlawn, while ensuring that there are no unintended consequences for the community."

Still, the conversation around housing and growth near the Obama Presidential Center has revealed a division in the community between residents who want ironclad contracts and those who don't because they fear such laws would depress their property values and keep the community from improving.

Shortly after last year's election, Taylor and veteran Ald.

Leslie Hairston, 5th, drafted a so-called community benefits ordinance that would have mandated, among other things, that 30% of newly developed housing be set aside for lower-income residents who earn \$60,000 or less.

But that ordinance was put on hold, and later the city announced it had its own plan.

City officials have not, however, released a draft of their proposed ordinance and did not introduce one on Tuesday.

Taylor met with the mayor on Monday and struck a hopeful tone about negotiations. After protesters assembled on Tuesday, Taylor said the mayor's office had agreed to set up a meeting with the coalition.

Ald. Byron Sigcho-Lopez, 25th, told the group of protesters that the city has subsidized development but hasn't worked hard enough to protect lower-income African Americans and Latinos, who as a result have started to leave the city.

"As the developers are given all the green lights... the people from the community are being evicted, they continue to lose their homes, they cannot afford the rents," he said.

The situation turned tense at one point, after a Chicago cop asked the protesters to move or be arrested. The officer said they'd be given three warnings before being placed under arrest, but officials appeared to back off after the second warning.

Not long after, activists said the Chicago Teachers Union had ordered them pizza, and they settled in.

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12 cases tied to corrupt ex-cop are dismissed

Some 75 people have had convictions related to Ronald Watts tossed

BY MEGAN CREPEAU

A dozen men with convictions connected to disgraced ex-Chicago police Sgt. Ronald Watts and his crew saw their cases thrown out en masse Tuesday, the first such exonerations since early last year.

Seven of those men crowded into Cook County Circuit Judge LeRoy Martin Jr.'s packed courtroom Tuesday morning as Cook County prosecutors agreed to drop their cases — 13 separate convictions in total — as State's Attorney Kim Foxx watched from a seat in the front of the courtroom.

Some 75 people have had their Watts-related convictions tossed as of Monday, according to attorney Joshua Tepfer, who has represented many of Watts' accusers.

In November 2017, prosecutors

conducted what was believed to be the county's first mass exoneration, and 15 men had their cases dropped at once. Similar hearings were conducted somewhat regularly in the months that followed as prosecutors sorted through hundreds of Watts cases, though Tuesday's was the first since February of last year.

Foxx, who is in the midst of a reelection fight, has made the office's exonerations a highlight of her campaign materials.

Watts reigned over a decade-long run of corruption centered largely on the Ida B. Wells homes on the South Side. He and his crew were accused of operating a protection racket, forcing residents and drug dealers to pay bribes or face bogus charges.

Watts and Officer Kallatt Mohammed were finally arrested in 2012 after they shook down a drug courier who actually was an FBI informant. Watts was sentenced to 22 months in prison and moved to Las Vegas after he was released. In lawsuits involving him,



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Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx stands with some of the 12 men who had their cases thrown out at the Leighton Criminal Court building.

Watts has invoked his Fifth Amendment right against self-incrimination dozens of times, according to court records.

Fifteen Chicago police officers tied to Watts were placed on desk duty pending an investigation into their conduct. Cook County prosecutors have said they will no longer rely on 10 officers who had close ties to Watts, citing concerns

about their credibility.

The scandal, one of the largest to hit the Chicago Police Department in decades, was a stark example of the breakdown in trust between police and communities, particularly in minority neighborhoods with high rates of crime and poverty.

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Pets can now join you on your Uber ride, for a price

Beginning Tuesday, Chicago Uber passengers can bring their pets, for a \$6 additional charge.

Riders can select Uber Pet as they would any ride option within the Uber app, according to Uber spokeswoman Kelley Quinn.

Uber drivers will keep most of the surcharge. Drivers who choose to opt out of Uber Pet are still required to accept service animals on trips.

The Uber Pet service is already available in some other cities, including Philadelphia and Minneapolis-St. Paul.

Lyft leaves it up to the driver whether a passenger can bring a pet along, and there is no surcharge, said Lyft spokesman Jeremy Berrington. Lyft drivers must accept service animals.

— Mary Wisniewski



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Occupied tents are marked with yellow tape as city workers move abandoned tents, branches and other debris Tuesday.

City crews clean up homeless encampment near Dan Ryan

Residents relieved eviction not on agenda this time

BY SOPHIE SHERRY

City workers cleared debris and abandoned tents from a homeless encampment near the Dan Ryan Expressway on Monday morning. Some residents of the encampment stood by to ensure only trash was thrown away, while many were relieved the city was actually there to help clean.

The Department of Streets and Sanitation posted notices a week ago near Des Plaines Street and Roosevelt Road, warning residents there would be off-street cleaning Monday.

In the past, off-street cleanings have caused fear of evictions, especially when city officials fail to communicate what they are doing with the residents. But Monday, residents said that when debris, garbage and dying trees are left in the area, they can pose a real hazard.

Last year, after an off-street cleaning, an old tree fell on the tent of Bobby Lopez and his partner, Mia Garcia. Lopez said they were lucky they were not



Bobby Lopez, with his partner, Mia Garcia, lives in the camp along Des Plaines Avenue at Roosevelt Road.

hurt.

This year, Lopez said he was relieved the city actually was removing the old trees during the cleaning.

"It's about time," Lopez said. "They've got to do it before someone gets hurt back there."

After the cleaning notices were posted, outreach workers from the city's Department of Family and Support Services visited the encampment to warn people to safeguard their personal items Monday.

Residents also worked alongside city workers to label tents that were abandoned.

City crews are only supposed to remove tents labeled as abandoned or

items that no one has claimed.

Despite city assurances, members of the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless were alarmed when they showed up to the cleaning Monday and saw bulldozers.

A community lawyer with the group, Diane O'Connell, said it was quite scary when the large bulldozers began rolling through the camp.

She said she can only think of one other time the city brought out heavy machinery for a cleaning. That day she saw two people's tents get knocked down even though they were not marked as abandoned.

But Alisa Rodriguez,

who's in charge of homeless programs for the Department of Family and Support Services, said residents were given fair warning about the large machinery and told the intention of Monday's large cleanup was not to kick anyone out.

When the city crews left the camp Monday, a couple of residents standing near an entrance gave them a round of applause and thanked them for their work.

In addition to those doing the cleaning, city workers were at the encampment to take people to shelters if they were interested. Rodriguez said Monday morning they had brought one resident of the encampment to a shelter.

"Once all the machinery leaves and the area is clean, we have instructed the clients that they can come right back," Rodriguez said. "No one is being kicked out, no one is being displaced or forced out."

DCFS punishes staffers, cuts ties over shackling kid

Teen restrained for 5-hour drive in violation of ban

BY ELYSSA CHERNEY

Despite a recent policy meant to end the use of hard restraints on foster children, a 14-year-old girl in state care was forced to wear ankle shackles Monday during a five-hour drive to a treatment facility out of state.

The Illinois Department of Children and Family Services said Tuesday that it has terminated a contract with the service provider, suspended employees involved in the decision and asked the agency's inspector general to investigate.

"All relevant staff will also receive an immediate retraining to ensure protocols are followed moving forward," agency spokesman Jassen Strokosch said in an emailed statement. "DCFS is deeply committed to ensuring every child in our care is treated with the utmost dignity and respect and that this never happens again."

DCFS banned the same provider, Missouri-based Jim Stewart Transportation, from using hard restraints last year after it learned that nearly 30 foster children had been subjected to leg shackles or handcuffs while being driven between facilities since 2017. Advocates raised concerns in November after two teenage boys, 15 and 17, were moved from a shelter in Chicago to a living placement in Palatine on the same day.

The new policy, created with the American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois as part of a long-running federal consent decree, banned shackles and required DCFS to receive an order from a judge or psychiatrist to use soft restraints made out of cloth

material in a limited number of circumstances where it was clinically appropriate.

Heidi Dalenberg, an attorney for the ACLU in the consent decree, called on DCFS employees involved in this latest case to resign.

"This is not a question of policy — this is about common decency. People should not need training or elaborate approval protocols to know that you don't shackle children," Dalenberg said in an emailed statement.

She also said DCFS needs to use trained medical transport companies and should only turn to restraints if a child is at risk of hurting themselves or others during a transport.

Jim Stewart Transportation was started in 2001 and has about 30 drivers who specialize in relocating young adults with behavioral challenges, Alan Ifft, director of operations, told the Tribune last year. The drivers are mostly former police officers or teachers, not medical personnel.

During Monday's trip, the company was tasked with driving the girl from a psychiatric hospital in Moline to a treatment center in Springfield, Missouri, Strokosch said.

Calling the use of shackles degrading and traumatizing, a spokeswoman for the governor's office said Gov. J.B. Pritzker was "furious" when he learned about the incident Monday night and urged DCFS to take swift disciplinary action.

"The Governor has instructed DCFS to fire the transportation company that violated this rule and directed DCFS to hold every employee who has violated its policy fully accountable," spokeswoman Jordan Abudayyeh said in an emailed statement.

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Lincoln Park student's father sues city Board of Education

BY ELVIA MALAGÓN AND ROSEMARY SOBOL

The father of a Lincoln Park High School student has sued the Chicago Board of Education, alleging the school did not do enough to prevent his 15-year-old daughter from being sexually assaulted by another student, according to court records.

The lawsuit was filed Friday in Cook County Circuit Court and centers around an incident that happened Jan. 13. The father alleges in the lawsuit that the school failed to provide adequate security, failed to implement appropriate policies to prevent the sexual abuse of minors on school property and failed to prevent the other student from having inappropriate contact with his daughter, according to the lawsuit.

Michael Passman, a spokesman for Chicago Public Schools, said in an email that the district is unable to comment on the pending lawsuit, but he said the district is committed to helping the high school through "this challenging time."

"Protecting students is our highest priority, which is why it was necessary for the district to take a series of personnel actions at Lincoln Park High School in response to serious allegations of recent adult and student misconduct," Passman said in the email.

The father and the girl were not named in the lawsuit, and won't be named in court proceedings, according to an order filed last week. A hearing in the case is set for April 7.

The lawsuit comes at a time of turmoil for Lincoln

Park High School where, since early January, several administrators and basketball coaches have been removed or reassigned amid a spate of misconduct complaints against staff and students that has prompted five internal investigations. CPS officials have said investigators have uncovered multiple serious violations, including allegations of sexual misconduct, improper student discipline, recruiting violations, retaliation against witnesses and financial misconduct.

One of the internal investigations stems from the same alleged sexual assault referenced in the civil suit.

That alleged sexual assault happened near the end of the school day after the girl mentioned to a male student that she needed to charge her phone and the boy led her into a classroom, according to police sources. The two began kissing, but she asked him to stop when he began to touch her in the hip area, according to police.

At one point during the students' interaction, the girl went to the bathroom, and the teen boy was waiting for her in a hallway when she came out, according to police sources. The two went back into the classroom and it was then that the boy allegedly sexually assaulted the girl after pulling down her pants and underwear, according to the police sources.

The Chicago Public Schools' Office of Student Protections and Title IX opened an investigation into the incident the next day. Chicago police have since confirmed officers are also investigating what happened inside the classroom but that no charges

have been filed in the case.

At least one of the other internal investigations related to Lincoln Park High stems from late December when the boys basketball team took an overnight trip to Detroit that district officials later called "unauthorized." The varsity boys basketball team later forfeited its city league playoff game and were withdrawn from the state postseason tournament.

The leadership changes at the school have led to heightened tensions among the student body. Students organized walkouts, sit-ins and there were also reports of physical fights inside the school. Many students, parents and members of the Local School Council have complained that CPS officials have not released enough information about what prompted the apparent firing of the interim principal and an assistant principal, the reassignment of a school dean and the suspension of the varsity boys basketball team.

But Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot has said she supports the decisions made during the school leadership shakeup.

On Monday, Lincoln Park High parents received an email from officials saying there weren't any incidents to report from that day. The district also told parents it had conducted a security review and created a "refreshed plan for all of our security staff."

"We will continue to maintain a strong adult presence in supporting a positive school climate," the email stated.

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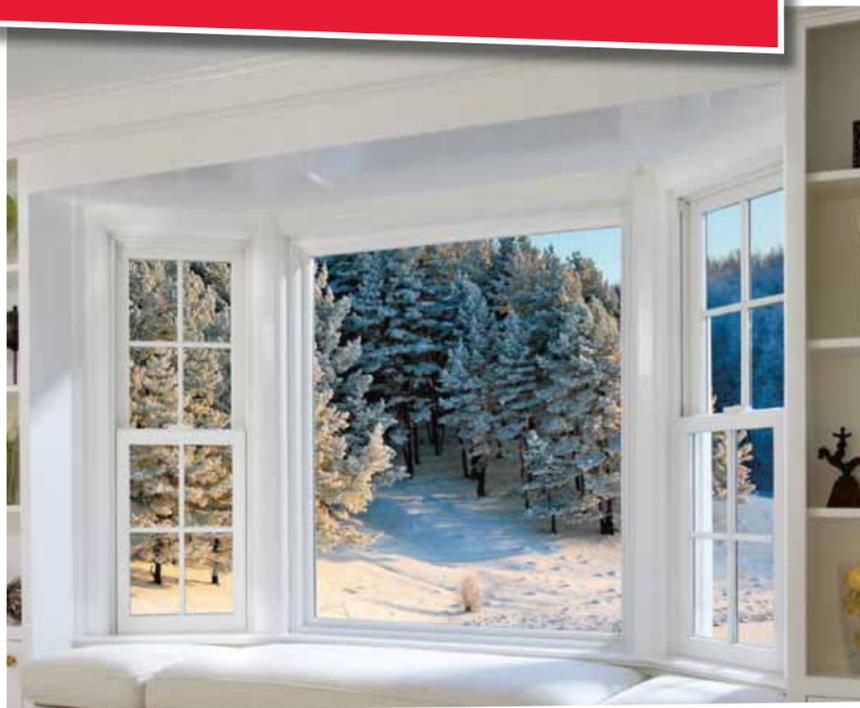
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Dems renew homeless funding push

Proposal ties to Lightfoot's real estate transfer tax

BY JAMIE MUNKS AND ANTONIA AYRES-BROWN

SPRINGFIELD — A group of Democratic lawmakers is renewing a push for Mayor Lori Lightfoot to agree to dedicate a significant portion of revenue from her real estate transfer tax plan to initiatives to combat homelessness in Chicago.

Lightfoot's graduated real estate transfer tax plan would have wealthier homeowners paying more on property sales. The first-year mayor campaigned on the issue and it was among her top requests of the legislature last year.

The chances of that plan advancing appeared tenuous going into the fall session, however, and it

flamed out when a group of progressive Chicago-area lawmakers said they wouldn't support it without a significant percentage of the new revenue going toward homelessness initiatives. Lightfoot said at the time the request for 60% of the plan's revenue to go toward homelessness is "never going to happen, obviously," because of the city's budget constraints.

The latest proposal was put forth Tuesday by 33 Democratic lawmakers who called it a "compromise," noting it would allocate revenue from the transfer tax to both patch the city's budget hole and provide homeless services. Talks with Lightfoot's administration have been ongoing since the fall session adjourned, according to lawmakers, who expressed optimism that some form of the tax plan would advance in the General Assembly this spring.

"This puts what we've been discussing in meetings into writing. It allows the opportunity to use it as a starting point," said Sen. Ram Villivalam, a Chicago Democrat.

Lightfoot campaigned on increasing affordable housing options in Chicago by adjusting the city's real estate transfer tax so wealthier homeowners pay more.

The rate structure laid out in legislation filed Tuesday adjusts the rates in Lightfoot's proposal on properties sold within city limits for more than \$3 million. Its backers say the proposal would generate an estimated \$88 million to help plug the city's deficit, while funneling an additional \$79 million toward homelessness initiatives.

For property sales between \$3 million and \$10 million, the rate would be 2.8% for the portion of the sales price that exceeds \$3

million. For property sales greater than \$10 million, the transfer tax rate would be 4%, applying to the portion of the sale over \$10 million. Lightfoot's proposal would have applied a 2.55% rate to that highest bracket.

Lightfoot spokeswoman Lauren Huffman said the administration is in discussions with the Bring Chicago Home coalition "on ways to partner on a legislative proposal that generates progressive revenue and responds to the needs of all our most vulnerable communities, including homeless residents."

Edrika Fulford, a volunteer advocate at the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless, said 86,000 people are affected by homelessness in Chicago. The estimated \$79 million for fighting homelessness could go to affordable housing and services like job training, budgeting

guidance and mental health support, Fulford said. Unlike temporary shelters, which Fulford described as a "Band-Aid," these services help formerly homeless people avoid returning to homelessness once they have attained permanent housing.

"You can get a house, but you need the services in order to maintain it," said Fulford, who has previously experienced homelessness. She hopes the legislation will create a dedicated revenue stream — one that is not vulnerable to budget cuts and changes in administration — for pursuing long-term solutions in Chicago.

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Lightfoot withdraws sign permit proposal

BY JOHN BYRNE

Mayor Lori Lightfoot pulled back a plan Tuesday to give her administration the power to approve business signs, the latest evidence she's going to have a hard time enacting her vision to broadly curtail aldermen's control over such decisions.

If there's a problem with the current system that requires City Council approval for most signs, Lightfoot needs to make that case, Transportation Committee Chairman Ald. Howard Brookins Jr. said.

"The council was set up as, obviously, a strong council, weak mayor system, and a lot of people are concerned about powers being taken away," Brookins said after Lightfoot withdrew her proposal from consideration in the committee. Brookins said he didn't know whether the committee would have approved Lightfoot's plan.

But aldermen are the ones who pay the political price when people don't like a sign in their neighborhood, Brookins said. "People in the community just assume if a sign is going up that could be objectionable, that we OK'd it," he said.

Lightfoot spokeswoman Anel Ruiz said the mayor simply wants to get more feedback.

"We believe it's important to get these reforms right to ensure they deliver on their intended goals of making permit approval processes more equitable for our small business community, which is why we are working with Alderman Brookins to ensure that we consider every policy option so that these reforms can comprehensively streamline the permitting process," Ruiz said in a statement. Lightfoot campaigned on a pledge to heavily limit so-called aldermanic privilege, the long-established City Council tradition of the body following the local alderman's recommendation on most ward-level decisions. Vesting that much authority in individual aldermen has led to much of the corruption at City Hall, according to the mayor.

But Brookins, like many of his colleagues, argues the abuses aren't nearly as widespread as the mayor says they are. And he contends city officials don't understand neighborhood dynamics the way aldermen do in making such decisions.

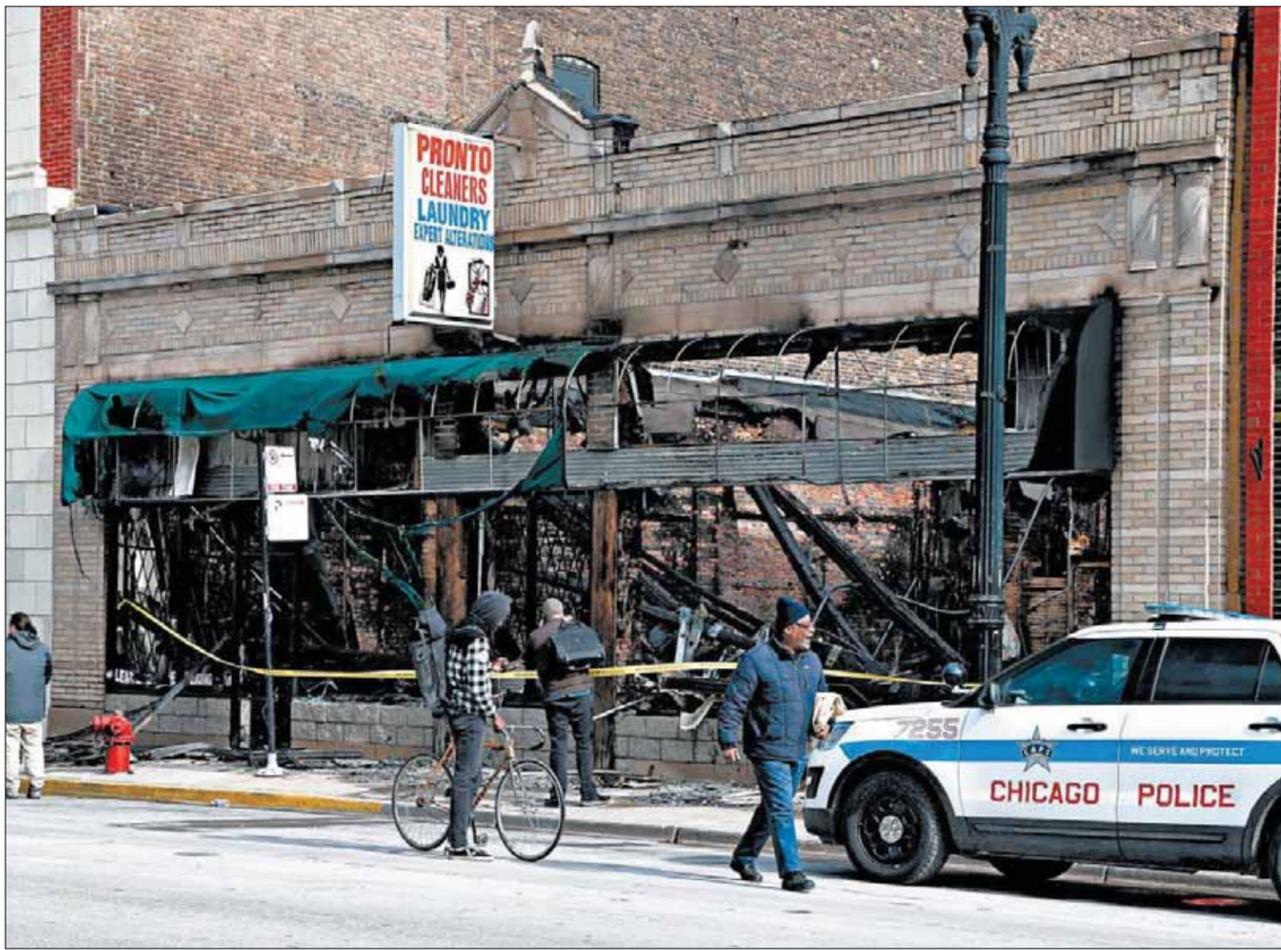
"I don't know that anybody is abusing a sign (permit), or how often that is happening, one way or the other," Brookins said. "And if so, then I'd like to hear those horror stories."

Allegations of a real estate developer trying to trade legal business with an alderman in exchange for help with a permit for a sign on the Northwest Side were central to a federal indictment filed last year.

Developer Charles Cui was charged with bribery for allegedly steering legal work to powerful Southwest Side Ald. Edward Burke's law firm because he hoped Burke would help him get a permit for a sign outside a building in Portage Park. Cui last year pleaded not guilty to federal bribery charges and his lawyer has said Burke never gave Cui any help with the sign. Lightfoot also has taken aim at aldermanic privilege in zoning matters. It's one of the council members' most cherished sources of authority, but has been a source of much corruption over the years.

Ruiz said Lightfoot still plans to tackle the zoning rules, which likely would face fierce pushback from the council. "No, this doesn't affect our plans for zoning reform this year and that we look forward to beginning discussions with aldermen on how we can develop a comprehensive strategy guiding equity in economic development for the future," she said in a statement.

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Dry cleaning business lost in blaze

Pronto Cleaners, in the 2200 block of South Michigan Avenue in Chicago, is gutted hours after a fire Tuesday.

Smollett

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Not only did prosecutors drop charges without requiring Smollett to admit guilt, he left the courtroom that day having been given credit for two days of community service he had already performed, and he paid no restitution except forfeiting \$10,000 in bond money — less than 10% of the approximately \$130,000 the police spent on overtime in the case, Webb noted.

In his statement, Webb said his investigation into the controversial way Foxx's office handled the case is continuing, and that a final report would be issued to the court and Cook County Board of Commissioners.

The Smollett case has become a flashpoint in Foxx's reelection campaign, with all three of her primary challengers using it to attack her credibility. Her opponents on Tuesday immediately jumped at the news that Smollett had again been indicted, with some calling on Foxx to resign.

Foxx's campaign issued a statement blasting the "James Comey-like timing" of Webb's decision to bring the charges, noting there are only 35 days until the primary election.

Comey, a former FBI director, was criticized by many for allegedly affecting the 2016 presidential election by announcing a new investigation into Hillary Clinton's emails just days before voters went to the polls.

"(It) can only be interpreted as the further politi-

cization of the justice system, something voters in the era of Donald Trump should consider offensive," Foxx's statement read.

For Smollett, meanwhile, the newly filed indictment means the actor must return to the same courthouse where he boldly declared his innocence just 11 months ago, telling reporters he had "been truthful and consistent from day one."

The courthouse at 26th and California was buzzing with rumors all day Tuesday as word spread of potential charges. Court-house mainstays had tracked the case closely, with prosecutors and defense attorneys alike saying they were baffled last March when the charges were dropped.

Now, the legal process for Smollett essentially begins anew — this time before a different set of prosecutors. Smollett will be assigned to a judge and enter a plea. His attorneys will likely wage a fierce battle in coming months over whether the new charges constitute double jeopardy.

In a statement, Smollett's attorney Tina Glandian cast doubt Tuesday on Webb's investigation, saying the same Chicago detectives who handled the initial case also conducted Webb's probe. She also echoed Foxx's claim that the timing of the charges was politically motivated.

"The Office of the Special Prosecutor has not found any evidence of wrongdoing whatsoever related to the dismissal of the charges against Mr. Smollett," Glandian stated. "Rather, the charges were

appropriately dismissed the first time because they were not supported by the evidence."

Webb was appointed to his post by Cook County Judge Michael Toomin in August with a broad mandate to probe every aspect of the Smollett case, including whether to bring further charges against the actor. He impaneled a grand jury late last year that has been hearing evidence from Webb's law offices at Winston & Strawn.

The indictment returned Tuesday alleged Smollett made four separate false reports to Chicago police in the aftermath of the Jan. 29, 2019, incident in Chicago's tony Streeterville neighborhood.

Smollett, who is black and openly gay, told police he was attacked by two men as he was walking back home after getting a sandwich at a Subway restaurant. The men shouted slurs, poured a bleachlike substance on him and hung a noose around his neck, he told officers.

But the actor, best known for his now-ended role on Fox's "Empire" TV show, eventually turned from victim to suspect, and in a Hollywood twist, police said that the entire incident was a hoax and that Smollett actually staged the assault from start to finish to bolster his career.

By the time charges were brought, Foxx had recused herself from overseeing the prosecution after revealing she had contact with a member of Smollett's family early in the investigation at the request of Tina

Tchen, Michelle Obama's former chief of staff.

Foxx declined to provide details at the time, but communications later made public showed Foxx had asked then-Chicago police Superintendent Eddie Johnson to turn over the investigation to the FBI after she was approached by Tchen, a politically connected lawyer, about the case.

But other communications released to the Tribune after public-records requests showed Foxx claiming she recused herself because of false rumors that she was related to the actor, not any communications she'd had with his relatives.

Foxx also termed as "bull—" the explanation her own office gave for her withdrawal at the time, the texts show.

After the charges were abruptly dropped, Sheila O'Brien, a retired Illinois appellate judge, petitioned Toomin to appoint a special prosecutor to look into the handling of the investigation. After extensive legal arguments last summer, Toomin ruled that Foxx had the right to withdraw herself from overseeing the prosecution but held no legal authority to then delegate that responsibility to her top deputy.

With that deputy holding no real authority, the Smollett case made its way through the court system without a legitimate prosecutor at the helm, Toomin said, indicating that it was invalid from start to finish.

In a campaign ad in November, Foxx acknowledged she had fallen short in the Smollett matter but was vague on specifics.

"Truth is, I didn't handle it well. I own that," she said.

Webb was careful on Tuesday to say that his decision to charge Smollett does not necessarily mean that anyone in Foxx's office engaged in wrongdoing.

Webb has already determined, though, that his office "disagrees" with how the state's attorney's office handled the case, saying that despite public pronouncements that Smollett was treated the same way as other low-level offenders, prosecutors were "unable to provide" any evidence to back it up, his news release stated.

In addition, Cook County prosecutors couldn't show Webb's team any new evidence that arose between Smollett's indictment and the day charges were dropped that would weaken the case against the actor.

Smollett's attorneys have argued in previous court filings that any further charges would violate his rights against double jeopardy, particularly since he forfeited his bond when the case was dropped.

But that argument doesn't hold water, veteran attorney Richard Kling told the Tribune on Tuesday. Double-jeopardy protections do not apply until a defendant has pleaded guilty or begun a trial.

"There was no jeopardy, there was no bench trial, there was no jury trial," Kling said. "The law is absolutely etched in stone in terms of when jeopardy attaches."

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Judge tied to McDonald video release named to federal bench

BY JASON MEISNER

A Cook County judge who changed the course of Chicago history by forcing the city to release the Laquan McDonald shooting video has been nominated to the federal bench.

Judge Franklin Valderrama, who has served as an associate judge at the Daley Center since 2007, was nominated this week to serve as a U.S. District Court judge by President Donald Trump, according to an announcement from the clerk's office of the Northern District of Illinois.

Also nominated by the president to fill a district judge position was Iain Johnston, who currently serves as a federal magistrate at the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse.

The nominations will be considered by the U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee before likely being sent for a vote by the full Senate.

"Our court is extremely pleased by the nomination of these two distinguished

jurists and eagerly awaits their confirmations," U.S. District Chief Judge Rebecca Pallmeyer said in a statement.

Valderrama was thrust into the spotlight in November 2015 when he rejected the arguments of city of Chicago lawyers that the now-infamous police dashcam video depicting Officer Jason Van Dyke shooting McDonald 16 times should be kept from the public.

The ruling came as a surprise to the Emanuel administration, which had fought to keep the video under wraps and negotiated a \$5 million payment to McDonald's family before a lawsuit was even filed.

Just days after Valderrama's order, the video was released by the city, leading to weeks of protests, first-degree murder charges against Van Dyke and the firing of then-police Superintendent Garry McCarthy.

The outrage over the shooting of 17-year-old McDonald — who was black — by a white officer

also prompted a historic civil rights probe by the U.S. Justice Department that found the Chicago Police Department systematically abused citizens, particularly those in impoverished neighborhoods.

Van Dyke was convicted by a jury of second-degree murder and is serving a 6½-year prison sentence. The city, meanwhile, has entered into a consent decree in federal court that calls for a major overhaul of Police Department practices.

In a statement Tuesday issued through his clerk, Valderrama said he was honored to be nominated but had no further comment. Valderrama earned his law degree from DePaul University and is an adjunct professor at John Marshall Law School.

Prior to joining the Cook County bench, Valderrama was a partner at Sanchez, Daniels & Hoffman LLP.

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Man dies after being mauled by pit bull

BY KATHERINE ROSENBERG-DOUGLAS

A man who was one of four people attacked by a pit bull Saturday in a Plainfield home died from his injuries, authorities said Tuesday.

Plainfield police and firefighters were called to a home in the 22900 block of Judith Drive about 9:15 p.m. Saturday when the family's pet pit bull began mauling people there, seriously injuring the 25-year-old man before biting three other people, authorities said. Because the male pit bull continued acting aggressively toward emergency crews when they arrived, the animal was shot by a Plainfield police officer, a Will County animal control representative said Tuesday.

The 25-year-old was

rushed to Amita St. Joseph Medical Center in Joliet with "severe injuries to his arms" but was transferred to Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood for additional treatment, according to the release.

The man was identified as Devin White, of the 2000 block of Mystic Drive in Plainfield, according to the Cook County medical examiner's office. He was pronounced dead at 8:30 p.m. Monday at Loyola. Following an autopsy Tuesday, the medical examiner's office concluded White's death was accidental and came as a result of "multiple injuries" from a "dog attack."

White died "as a result of the injuries" suffered from "the dog bite," according to a statement issued Tuesday by Plainfield police Detec-

tive Sgt. Kevin McQuaid. He did not immediately return a call requesting additional information.

The three other people suffered minor injuries from the pit bull: a 52-year-old woman; a 25-year-old woman; and a 19-year-old man, officials said. All three were evaluated at an area hospital and later released, according to police.

The dog was owned by the family, who told officials the animal had not been provoked before it attacked, police said.

Police were still investigating the attack Tuesday, according to McQuaid's statement.

Family members could not be reached Tuesday.

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When you feel in control of your sense of well-being," adds Dr. Cockburn, "you feel more able to accomplish tasks that you previously wanted to bypass."

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wanting to associate with others because you fear loss of control, or fear what others might think of you, goes away."

"I think that Liberty is well named in that it liberates the individual to a sense of being able to perform normal tasks in a normal way."

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Curious Sam T. in Tucson wanted to see how much liquid Men's Liberty would hold.

"I can't claim to be an expert research analyst," laughs Sam, "but here is what I learned."

Sam first filled a fresh Liberty unit with water and learned that it securely held one full cup. On the top of his shelf, Sam found a few pairs of disposable briefs with built-in absorbent pads.

To his surprise, these held a whopping two cups of liquid, which may not be helpful, according to Sam.

"I saw an ad on the internet," says Sam, "that showed some guy wearing these briefs, walking around with a big smile on his face."

"I thought to myself, yeah... if I had two cups of urine sloshing around my crotch, I wouldn't be smiling, and I would sure be walking 'funny.'"

"Also," says Sam, "the slightest pressure on an absorbent will cause it to leak."

Men's Liberty doesn't leak and sure won't cause "funny" walking," he says.

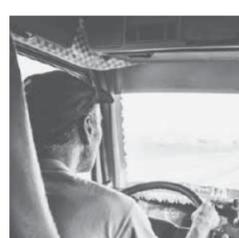
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Shorter sentence sought for Stone

Prosecutors leave case after DOJ overrules them

BY KATIE BENNER AND SHARON LAFRANIERE
The New York Times

WASHINGTON — Senior Justice Department officials intervened to overrule front-line prosecutors and will recommend a more lenient sentence for Roger Stone, convicted last year of impeding investigators in a bid to protect his longtime friend President Donald Trump, a senior department official said Tuesday.

The highly unusual move prompted one of the government's key prosecutors to resign and three others to withdraw from the case.

It came after federal prosecutors in Washington asked a judge late Monday to sentence Stone to seven to nine years in prison for trying to sabotage a congressional investigation that threatened Trump and the president criticized their recommendation on Twitter as "horrible and very unfair."

As he did after a jury convicted Stone on seven felony charges in November, Trump attacked federal law enforcement officials, saying "the real crimes were on the other side." "Cannot allow this miscarriage of justice!" Trump added.

The development was a tumultuous turn in one of the most high-profile cases brought by the special counsel, Robert Mueller, whose investigation of Rus-



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After Justice Department officials intervened in the Stone case, President Trump said he hadn't spoken to DOJ officials.

sian interference in the 2016 election cast a lengthy shadow over Trump's presidency. Disagreements between United States attorneys and their Justice Department superiors rarely burst into public view, especially in criminal cases that have commanded the public spotlight for months.

Hours after the Justice Department said that it would lower Stone's guidelines, a prosecutor on the case, Jonathan Kravis, an assistant U.S. attorney, told

the court he had resigned "and therefore no longer represents the government in this matter."

Kravis had been a veteran prosecutor in Washington, and though not part of Mueller's original team, was nonetheless involved in multiple cases brought by the special counsel's office. Besides the Stone prosecution, Kravis had also signed onto the case against former Trump campaign chairman Paul Manafort, which resolved with a guilty plea, and against a Russian troll farm accused of sponsoring a cover social media campaign aimed at dividing public opinion during the

2016 presidential election.

And a member of Mueller's team who helped lead the prosecution of Stone, Aaron Zelinsky, withdrew from the case. He also resigned from a special assignment with the U.S. attorney's office in Washington, though he will continue to work for the Justice Department in Baltimore. He was working there when he was selected in 2017 for the Mueller team.

He was involved in cases aimed at determining what knowledge the Trump campaign had about Democratic emails hacked by Russia and what efforts Trump aides made to get

information about them. He was also involved in the prosecution of George Papadopoulos, the former Trump campaign aide who played a critical role in the FBI launching its investigation in the summer of 2016.

A third prosecutor, Adam Jed, an original member of Mueller's team, also withdrew from the case. His status at the Justice Department was not clear. Before joining Mueller's team, he worked on civil cases at the Justice Department.

By Tuesday evening, a fourth prosecutor, Michael Marando, had left the case.

After the attorneys quit the case, Justice Depart-

ment officials filed a revised sentencing memorandum with the judge, arguing its initial recommendation could be "considered excessive and unwarranted under the circumstances," but that it would defer to the court.

Department officials defended the DOJ's intervention, saying they were taken aback by the request for such a stiff sentence, according to a law enforcement official who offered the department's view of what happened on condition of anonymity because the Stone case was ongoing.

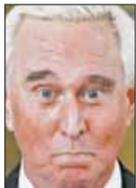
The prosecutors had suggested a lighter prison term in discussions with Justice Department officials, according to the official. The department decided to override the prosecutors' decision soon after the sentencing memorandum was filed Monday evening, said Kerri Kupec, a spokeswoman for the Justice Department.

She said that department officials did not discuss the case with anyone at the White House, including the president, and were not reacting to any directive from Trump or to his criticism on Twitter.

Trump later told reporters that he didn't speak to Justice officials. "I would be able to do it if I wanted," he said.

Rep. Adam Schiff, the California Democrat who chairs the House Intelligence Committee, said that if the president intervened in any way to reverse the decision of career prosecutors, it would be "a blatant abuse of power."

Associated Press contributed.



Stone

Philippines notifies US it will end security pact

Officials say move threatens alliance, trade, cooperation

BY JIM GOMEZ
Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines — The Philippines notified the United States on Tuesday it would end a major security pact allowing American forces to train in the country, in the most serious threat under President Rodrigo Duterte to their 69-year treaty alliance.

Foreign Secretary Teodoro Locsin Jr. said in a tweet that Manila's notice of termination of the Visiting Forces Agreement was received by the deputy chief of mission at the U.S. Embassy in Manila. The termination would take effect after 180 days unless both sides agree to keep it.

Locsin signed the notice on the order of Duterte, who has often criticized U.S. security policies while praising those of China and Russia despite the Philippine military's close historic ties with its American counterpart.

U.S. Secretary of Defense Mark Esper said Tuesday in Brussels, Belgium, that he only received notice of

Duterte's order on Monday evening and had not yet fully digested the details.

Esper called it "unfortunate."

"I do think it would be a move in the wrong direction," he said.

Esper said that when he visited the Philippines last November he thought the relationship was on a strong footing.

The U.S. Embassy in Manila acknowledged receipt of Manila's notice and said Washington "will carefully consider how best to move forward to advance our shared interests."

"This is a serious step with significant implications for the U.S.-Philippines alliance," the embassy said in a statement. "Our two countries enjoy a warm relationship, deeply rooted in history. We remain committed to the friendship between our two peoples."

In a Senate hearing last week, Locsin warned that abrogating the 1998 security accord with Washington would undermine Philippine security and foster aggression in the disputed South China Sea. U.S. military presence in the strategic waterway has been seen as a crucial counterweight

to China, which claims virtually the entire sea.

Locsin proposed a review of the agreement to fix contentious issues, including criminal jurisdiction over erring American troops, instead of abrogating it.

Duterte threatened to terminate the security agreement after Washington reportedly canceled the U.S. visa of a loyal ally, Sen. Ronald dela Rosa, who was linked to human rights violations when he first enforced the president's deadly anti-drug crackdown as the national police chief in 2016.

Thousands of mostly poor suspects have been killed under the bloody campaign Duterte launched when he took office in mid-2016, alarming the U.S. and other Western governments and human rights watchdogs.

Duterte gave the U.S. a month to restore dela Rosa's visa, but U.S. officials have not publicly reacted to the Philippine leader's demand.

Duterte said in a speech late Monday that President Donald Trump has moved to save the agreement but added that he rejected the idea. He accused the U.S. of meddling in Philippine af-



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Philippine troops and a U.S. Army soldier take positions in a 2015 exercise at Fort Magsaysay in Nueva Ecija province. The Philippines decision threatens such training.

fairs, including seeking the release of opposition Sen. Leila de Lima, whom he has accused of involvement in illegal drugs. She has dismissed the allegation as a fabricated charge meant to muzzle dissent.

"America is very rude. They are so rude," Duterte said.

Locsin outlined in the Senate hearing what he said were the crucial security, trade and economic benefits the accord provides. The U.S. is a longtime treaty ally, a major trading partner and the largest development aid provider to the Philippines.

The accord, known by its

acronym VFA, legally allows the entry of large numbers of American forces along with U.S. military ships and aircraft for joint training with Filipino troops. It specifies which country will have jurisdiction over American soldiers, who may be accused of crimes while in the Philippines, a sensitive issue in the former American colony.

A separate defense pact subsequently signed by the allies in 2014, the Enhanced Defense Cooperation Agreement, allows the extended stay of U.S. forces and authorizes them to build and maintain barracks

and warehouses and store defense equipment and weapons inside five designated Philippine military camps.

A Filipino senator and former national police chief, Panfilo Lacson, said terminating the treaty would reduce the two allies' 1951 Mutual Defense Treaty "to a mere paper treaty as far as the U.S. is concerned."

U.S. State Department Assistant Secretary R. Clarke Cooper said in a telephone news conference Monday that abrogating the pact would put at risk more than 300 military engagements this year between the allies.



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President Cyril Ramaphosa stands next to a statue of Nelson Mandela on Tuesday as he addresses the crowd.

Freed Mandela birthed a new S. Africa

BY ANDREW MELDRUM AND NQOBILE NTSHANGASE
Associated Press

CAPE TOWN, South Africa — Thirty years ago, Nelson Mandela was released from 27 years of imprisonment by South Africa's apartheid regime and instantly galvanized the country, and the world, to dismantle the brutal system of racial oppression.

Raising a clenched-fist salute and striding from the gates of Victor Verster pris-

on, Mandela, then 71, made it clear he was committed to ending apartheid and establishing majority rule and rights for all in South Africa.

His release gave many South Africans their first view of Mandela because during his imprisonment the regime banned the publication of images of him and his speeches. And then, suddenly, he was on national television, urging massive changes.

"Comrades and fellow South Africans, I greet you all in the name of peace,

democracy and freedom for all," Mandela said hours after his release, speaking to throngs of supporters at Cape Town's City Hall.

On Tuesday, current President Cyril Ramaphosa dramatically returned to the City Hall to address the nation, saying Mandela's stirring address was a "speech that birthed a nation."

Just over four years after his release, Mandela was elected president in the country's first all-race elections, leading South Africa

out of decades of violently imposed discrimination. Under his leadership, South Africa drafted and passed a constitution widely praised for upholding the rights of all, becoming one of the first to explicitly endorse gay rights.

Mandela, and then South African President F.W. de Klerk, who freed him, won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1993 "for their work to peacefully end apartheid and for laying the foundation for a new democratic South Africa."



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Medical workers on Tuesday help evacuate apartment residents after two cases raised suspicion that the virus may be spreading through the building's plumbing in Hong Kong.

WHO settles on an official name for virus: COVID-19

BY JAMEY KEATEN
AND MARIA CHENG
Associated Press

GENEVA — The disease caused by a new virus that emerged late last year in China and has since killed more than 1,000 people and sickened tens of thousands now has an official name: COVID-19. The acronym stands for coronavirus disease 2019, as the illness was first detected toward the end of last year.

At a news briefing Tuesday, the World Health Organization said it had decided on the name after consulting with the Food and Agriculture Organization and the World Organization for Animal Health.

"We had to find a name that did not refer to a geographical location, an animal, an individual, or group of people," said Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO's director-general. WHO also wanted a name that was "pronounceable and related to the disease," he said.

Tedros said having a name for the new disease is important to prevent the use of other names that might be stigmatizing.

"It also gives us a standard format to use for any future coronavirus outbreaks," he said.

The death toll from the epidemic is continuing to climb.

Chinese officials said Wednesday that 1,113 people had died from the coronavirus, with most of the deaths occurring in Hubei province, the epicenter of the outbreak.

A total of 44,653 virus infections have been recorded on the Chinese mainland, and most were also in Hubei.

The crossing of more grim thresholds has dimmed optimism that the near-quarantine of some 60 million people in Hubei and other disease-control measures are working.

In Hong Kong, authorities evacuated some residents of an apartment block after two cases among those living there raised suspicion that the virus may be spreading through the building's plumbing.

It was reminiscent of the SARS outbreak that killed hundreds in the semi-autonomous Chinese city. The biggest number of con-

nected cases in that outbreak were in one apartment complex where the virus spread through sewage pipes.

In the United States, nearly 200 evacuees were cleared Tuesday to end their two-week quarantine at a California military base where they had been staying since flying out of China. None of those who flew into March Air Reserve Base has tested positive for the disease, health authorities said, although one evacuee at another base was found to have the virus and was in hospital isolation.

The group arrived from China on Jan. 29 aboard chartered flights from Wuhan.

There have been 13 confirmed cases in the United States.

More than 460 cases have been confirmed outside mainland China, including two deaths in Hong Kong and the Philippines. Of those, 135 are quarantined aboard a cruise ship in Yokohama, near Tokyo.

There are no proven treatments or vaccines for the new and still-mysterious virus.

Boy Scouts seek to boost support for abuse victims

BY DAVID CRARY
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Facing a possible bankruptcy due to sex-abuse litigation, the Boy Scouts of America issued a new apology Tuesday to survivors of abuse and announced plans for expanded services to support them.

The Boy Scouts are teaming up in a five-year partnership with lin6, a national nonprofit that provides various resources and support services to male survivors of sexual abuse. The organization's name derives from studies concluding that about one in six men in the U.S. experienced childhood sexual abuse.

The BSA said the partnership will enable lin6 to expand its 24/7 web-based helpline chat service, which helps survivors connect quickly to a trained advocate for abuse victims.

The BSA declined to disclose if it was investing money in the partnership, or how much. It's also unclear how much cash the organization has on hand to enter into significant ventures at a time when its finances are in turmoil.

The Boy Scouts recently mortgaged a pristine property in New Mexico to help secure a line of credit, with the vast tract of land being used as collateral amid a crush of sex-abuse lawsuits.

Lawyers representing hundreds of men who say they were abused as Scouts are predicting that the Boy Scouts will soon file for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, which potentially would provide a centralized, court-supervised process for handling claims while enabling the organization to remain in operation.

The organization's finances have been strained by sex abuse settlements for several years, and the



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situation worsened after New York, Arizona, New Jersey, and California enacted bills last year making it easier for victims of long-ago abuse to file claims. Teams of lawyers across the U.S. have been signing up clients by the hundreds to join lawsuits against the BSA.

One of those lawyers, Seattle-based Mike Pfau, questioned whether the lin6 partnership announcement was a "publicity attempt" linked to an impending bankruptcy declaration.

"Sadly, this is extraordinarily late in the game, particularly given the Boy Scouts knew that perpetrators had been infiltrating their ranks for 100 years," said Pfau, referring to files of suspected molesters that the BSA began compiling in the 1920s.

The BSA said the partnership will allow lin6 to expand the number of on-line support groups for men who were sexually abused from two to five each week.

The organization said the new arrangement was expected to continue regardless of how it deals with its current financial crisis.

"We sincerely apologize to anyone who was harmed in Scouting," said Roger

Mosby, the BSA's president and CEO. "In addition to implementing strong policies to prevent abuse, we are dedicated to supporting victims when and how they need it."

The BSA says it will not comment on "speculation and rumor," but has not ruled out the possibility of a bankruptcy filing.

One of Pfau's clients, Virginia resident Ralph Morse, described the new partnership as "a step in the right direction."

"But it certainly doesn't compensate for anything that's happened to survivors," he said.

Morse is suing the BSA for abuse he allegedly suffered in the 1960s at the hands of a scoutmaster in upstate New York.

For years, the Boy Scouts have offered to fund in-person counseling for any current or former Scout. Michael Johnson, the Boy Scouts youth protection officer, said he became convinced that lin6 could offer a broader range of support after hearing it from an abuse victim, Jason Lee.

Lee, a 45-year-old software consultant in Atlanta, was abused by an assistant scoutmaster while in the Boy Scouts in Alabama. The molester, Charles Corley, was sentenced to 30 years in prison in 1995.

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- > **Alex Kotlowitz**, author, *An American Summer: Love and Death in Chicago*
- > **Tom Gilardi**, Vice President of Youth Programs, Mercy Home for Boys & Girls
- > **Marcelo Sanchez**, Mercy Home for Boys & Girls alum

Feds: Ex-convict extorted students for nearly \$1M

BY JIM MUSTIAN
Associated Press

NEW YORK — An ex-convict accused of bilking several college students out of nearly \$1 million and forcing some into prostitution or unpaid labor was arrested Tuesday on extortion and sex trafficking charges.

Lawrence “Larry” Ray was previously known for his role in helping to send former New York City police Commissioner Bernard Kerik, who was a close confidant of Rudy Giuliani’s, to prison.

Federal prosecutors said Ray, 60, used “physical, sexual and psychological abuse” to extort money from five students at Sarah Lawrence College, a private liberal arts college outside New York City. He convinced them they were indebted to him, authorities said, subjecting them to “grueling interrogations” that spanned hours and deprived them of food and sleep.

Ray was taken into custody Tuesday and expected

to appear hours later in Manhattan federal court. He had previously denied the allegations, saying they were the result of a conspiracy against him.

U.S. Attorney Geoffrey Berman told reporters the investigation was prompted by an article that appeared last year in New York magazine.

Ray allegedly ensnared many of his victims while they were college sophomores at Sarah Lawrence. His first victims were his daughters’ roommates, Berman said.

Ray moved into the students’ on-campus housing in late 2010, presented himself as a father figure to the roommates and began conducting “therapy” sessions with them, according to an indictment filed in U.S. District Court.

Prosecutors said he alienated them from their parents, persuading some of them to move into a Manhattan apartment and convincing them they were “broken.”

“After gaining his victims’ trust, Ray turned on

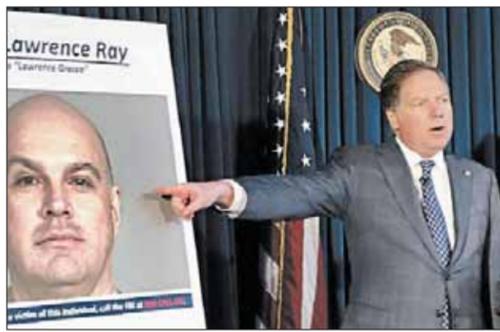
them, falsely accusing them of harming him by attempting to poison him or to deliberately damage his property,” Berman said.

Ray solicited false confessions from more than a half-dozen victims, Berman said, and coerced them to make payments “they did not actually owe and could not possibly afford.” Prosecutors said Ray recorded some of the confessions.

In interviews with New York magazine, Ray said he believed he was being poisoned as part of a conspiracy hatched by some of the students and Kerik, who denied any involvement.

Sarah Lawrence said Tuesday that it has not been contacted by federal prosecutors but would cooperate “if invited to do so.”

Prosecutors allege that Ray directed the students to drain money from their parents’ savings accounts and forced some of them into unpaid labor at a family member’s property in North Carolina. Others opened lines of credit or solicited contributions



U.S. Attorney Geoffrey Berman points to a photo of Lawrence Ray at a news conference Tuesday in New York.

from others to help pay the false debts.

“Ray subjected his victims to almost unspeakable abuse,” Berman said, alleging Ray once tied a woman to a chair and placed a plastic bag over her head that nearly suffocated her. Ray collected more than \$500,000 from that woman after forcing her into prostitution, prosecutors said.

Ray previously played a role in a scandal involving Kerik, a former police driver for Giuliani while he was mayor. Kerik became New York City’s corrections commissioner in 1998 and then its police commissioner from 2000 to 2001, serving during the 9/11 attacks.

Kerik nearly became President George W. Bush’s homeland security secretary in 2004, but his name was abruptly withdrawn as the nominee.

Two days later, The Daily News reported that Ray, who had been the best man at Kerik’s wedding, had come forward with evidence that Kerik failed to report thousands of dollars in gifts he’d received while working for the city. At the time, Ray was under indictment in a \$40 million stock scam.

Kerik ultimately served nearly four years in prison for tax fraud, making false statements and other charges related to gifts he accepted from companies looking for favors.

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point of appealing to Republicans and independents who may be dissatisfied with Trump.

“Thanks to you, a campaign that some said shouldn’t be here at all has shown that we are here to stay,” Buttigieg told cheering supporters.

Yet Sanders and Buttigieg enter the next phase of the campaign in different political positions.

While Warren made clear she will remain in the race, Sanders, well-financed and with an ardent army of supporters, is quickly becoming the leader of the progressive wing of the party.

Meanwhile, Buttigieg still has moderate rivals to contend with, including Klobuchar, whose standout debate performance led to a late surge in New Hampshire.

Biden promises strength in upcoming South Carolina, while former New York Mayor Mike Bloomberg was not on Tuesday’s ballot but looms next month.

After a chaotic beginning to primary voting last week in Iowa, Democrats hoped New Hampshire would provide clarity in their urgent quest to pick someone to take on Trump in November. At least two candidates dropped out in the wake of weak finishes Tuesday night: just-the-facts moderate Colorado Sen. Michael Bennet and political newcomer Andrew Yang, who attracted a small but loyal following over the past year and was one of just three candidates of color left in the race.

While struggling candidates sought to minimize the latest results, history suggests that the first-in-the-nation primary will have enormous influence shaping the 2020 race.

In the modern era, no Democrat has ever become the party’s general election nominee without finishing first or second in New Hampshire.

The action was on the Democratic side, but Trump easily won New Hampshire’s Republican primary. He was facing token opposition from for-

mer Massachusetts Gov. Bill Weld.

Warren, among the front-runners for months, offered an optimistic outlook as she faced cheering supporters, “Our campaign is built for the long haul, and we are just getting started.”

Despite an embarrassing defeat that raised questions about her path forward, Warren vowed to move trudge on.

“Our campaign is built for the long haul, and we are just getting started,” she declared.

Having already predicted he would “take a hit” in New Hampshire after a distant fourth-place finish in Iowa, Biden essentially ceded the state. He traveled to South Carolina on Tuesday as he bet his candidacy on a strong showing there later this month boosted by support from black voters.

He was not on the ballot, but Bloomberg, a New York billionaire, loomed over the New Hampshire contest as moderates failed to embrace a single alternative to Sanders.

The former New York City mayor was skipping all four states that vote this month in favor of dozens of delegate-rich contests in March. He’s already devoted hundreds of millions of dollars to the effort.

Bloomberg returns to the campaign trail Wednesday with stops in Tennessee but will face fresh scrutiny after audio emerged on Tuesday raising new questions about his support for New York’s controversial stop-and-frisk policy found to disproportionately target people of color.

Sanders and Buttigieg were on track to win the same number of New Hampshire delegates with most of the vote tallied, and Klobuchar a few behind. Warren, Biden and the rest of the field were shut out, failing to reach the 15% threshold needed for delegates.

AP has allocated six delegates each to Sanders and Buttigieg and four to Klobuchar with eight still to be called.

After Iowa and New Hampshire, Buttigieg held a one delegate lead over Sanders with one Iowa delegate yet to be allocated and Buttigieg leading ever so slightly in that contested



Bernie Sanders and his wife, Jane, leave a polling place Tuesday in Manchester, N.H.



Pete Buttigieg, who is in second place, greets supporters in Nashua, N.H.



Amy Klobuchar waves to supporters in Manchester, N.H. She is currently in third place.

count.

Klobuchar now joins a close knot in a second tier with Warren and Biden, about ten delegates behind the two leaders.

Democrats were closely monitoring how many people showed up for Tuesday’s contest. New Hamp-

shire’s secretary of state predicated record-high turnout, but if that failed to materialize, Democrats would confront the prospect of waning enthusiasm following a relatively weak showing in Iowa last week and Trump’s rising poll numbers.

The political spotlight quickly shifts to Nevada, where Democrats will hold caucuses Feb. 22.

But several candidates plan to visit states in the coming days that vote on Super Tuesday, signaling they are in the race for the long haul.

Disgraced religious order gets new leader

US priest to aid in recovery despite new misconduct

BY NICOLE WINFIELD
Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — The Legion of Christ religious order, discredited years ago by its pedophile founder, has elected an American priest as its new superior as it seeks to recover from new sex abuse and cover-up scandals that have renewed calls for it to be disbanded.

The Rev. John Connor, 51, is the first American to lead the Mexico-based order. His election this month was a sign that the Legion’s heavily Mexican hierarchy realized it needed to send a signal that it is changing course, 10 years after it first promised reform.

Among Legion priests, Connor is seen as a reformer. But he has also been accused of mishandling a case of a priest accused by several women of crossing physical and emotional boundaries in the U.S. The priest was only recently removed from ministry even though initial reports about his behavior were received in 2017.

Connor, who has been in charge of the Legion in North America since 2014, has apologized for those who were hurt. And he has acknowledged that the Legion overall has not handled abuse cases properly and must now “wade through the sins of our past” to try to regain the trust of the faithful.

The Vatican took the Legion over in 2010 after determining that its late founder, the Rev. Marcial Maciel, sexually abused at least 60 seminarians, fathered at least three children, and built a cultlike order to hide his crimes.

The papal delegate named to run the Legion, the late Cardinal Velasio De Paolis, was given broad powers to purify the order of Maciel’s toxic influences and renew it. But during four years of reform, De Paolis focused on rewriting the order’s constitutions and refused to reopen covered-up cases of sex abuse involving other Legion priests.

Those cases are now coming to light, casting doubts on the Vatican’s reform. Victims have lashed out at how they have been ignored; former members have revealed their own cases of psychological abuses at the hands of Legion priests still in power. The Mexican bishops conference has demanded change. And even onetime supporters have questioned whether the Vatican shouldn’t have suppressed the order 10 years ago when the option was on the table.

“I am starting to reevaluate my hope that the Legion can be reformed,” the U.S. moral theologian Janet E. Smith wrote in the National Catholic Register.

Connor was elected during a weeklong assembly of Legion leaders from around the world, which has been dominated by the new abuse crisis. A focus of discussions was a Dec. 21 in-house report that found 33 Legion priests and 71 seminarians had abused minors, in addition to Maciel and his 60 victims. A third of the abuser priests were themselves victims of abuse.

The Legion has now vowed to be more focused on survivors.



After lunching on grilled chicken sandwiches from a nearby McDonald’s, Siba won the nonsporting group Monday.

Poodle stops for fast food, wins at Westminster

BY JAKE SEINER
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Chic and strong-headed, Siba the black standard poodle will only eat chicken — no meat, no veggies, not even turkey.

That became a problem when handler Crystal Murray-Clas couldn’t find any at the Westminster Kennel Club show Monday.

So this prim and proper poodle chow down on the closest thing her humans could find — a fast-food treat that proved to be

the perfect fuel for her final show.

“It’s usually all about the chicken,” Murray-Clas said.

After lunching on grilled chicken sandwiches from a nearby McDonald’s, Siba won the nonsporting group at Madison Square Garden on Monday night, one of four dogs to qualify for the best in show final ring.

Bono the Havanese took the toy group, Bourbon the whippet was top hound, and Conrad the Shetland sheepdog won herding.

Winners for the other

three groups — and best in show — will be crowned at the Garden on Tuesday night.

A finalist at the dog show out of 2,630 entries, Siba earned her way with a most dignified showing.

The 3½-year-old struck a pose waiting for the judge to start, planting her feet firm and pointing her perfectly cut head high.

She strutted confidently across the green carpet, not a hair out of place on her carefully clipped coat.

“She knows she’s spe-

cial,” Murray-Clas said.

A princess at times, Siba isn’t always so elegant.

She lives with Murray-Clas and adores her rambunctious 2-year-old son. When she’s off show duty, Siba is happiest running around the fields near Murray-Clas’ home in Hanover, Pennsylvania — and tracking mud into her house.

She’ll have plenty of time for that when she retires from shows after this week.

“You would never know she was a show dog,” Murray-Clas said.

DACA wait sparks wave of activism

Immigrants build trust through civic engagement

BY ANITA SNOW
Associated Press

PHOENIX — Tony Valdovinos didn't know he was in the U.S. illegally until he tried to join the Marine Corps at 18 and learned he was born in Mexico.

Valdovinos, now 29, channeled disappointment into activism, knocking on doors in Latino neighborhoods and registering people to vote, though he can't cast a ballot himself. He also enrolled in the Obama-era Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program that allows immigrants brought to the U.S. as children to work and protects them from deportation.

"This is the greatest nation in the world," said Valdovinos, who runs a firm helping elect Arizona candidates. "I feel a responsibility to serve this country."

DACA recipients like Valdovinos are assuming prominent roles in the 2020 elections. They are becoming leaders in the Democratic presidential campaigns of Bernie Sanders and Tom Steyer and get-out-the-vote groups in immigrant communities, using their shared language and culture to build trust.

Jeanne Batalova, a senior analyst for the Migration Policy Institute in Washington, said political involvement helps DACA recipients facing an uncertain future feel empowered.

"They are doing what they can to exercise their agency, to shape their lives and destinies," Batalova said.

The campaigns are heating up as the Supreme Court prepares to decide the future of DACA, which President Donald Trump wants to end for the estimated 652,880 recipients. Like many of them, Valdovinos calls himself an American and wants everyone en-



Tony Valdovinos, left, hugs actors Sean Ewing and Johanna Carlisle-Zepeda during a news conference preview for the musical "Americano!" based on his life.

gaged in an election that may shape their future more than any other in their lifetime.

"The current state of DACA is very precarious," said Rep. Ruben Gallego, D-Ariz. "We have to be worried with this administration and this Supreme Court, which are capable of creating a mass deportation of human beings who don't know any other country than the United States."

Gallego has long supported DACA recipients, inviting one, second-grade teacher Vanessa Mendez, to be his guest at Trump's State of the Union address last week and recently attending a performance of "Americano!" a new musical inspired by Valdovinos' life.

"We cannot give in to the fear," Valdovinos said about the upcoming court decision. "We have to fight for the right to have our lives."

Berkeley, California, journalist and immigrant rights

activist Jose Antonio Vargas, who famously revealed he was brought to the U.S. illegally from the Philippines in The New York Times Magazine in 2011, said he identifies with DACA recipients even though he was too old to qualify. Now 39, Vargas discovered his status when applying for a driver's license at 16.

He said he is encouraged by immigrants like Valdovinos who feel American.

"It's part of the maturation of this generation, the sophistication of how we tell our stories," Vargas said. "Many of the DACA recipients are among the most civically engaged Americans you're likely to meet."

They include Argentine-born Belen Sisa, 25, Sanders' deputy press secretary in Washington.

DACA opponents say the program rewards children of families who broke the law. Arizona Republican

Rep. Paul Gosar called unsuccessfully for the deportation of DACA recipients who were invited by members of Congress to attend Trump's State of the Union address in 2018.

Precedents exist for activism by non-voters in the U.S., like the women who fought in the early 20th century for voting rights and African Americans who toppled barriers like literacy tests disenfranchising many black people into the 1960s.

The Supreme Court's conservative majority has indicated it will likely strip DACA protections by June. Liberal justices have suggested the Trump administration has not fully justified its decision to end DACA.

If the court lifts protections, Congress could vote to put the program on surer legal footing. But Congress' lack of comprehensive immigration reform prompted President Barack Obama in 2012 to create the program

that gives immigrants who are in school, graduated from high school or served in the military two-year reprieves on deportation if they don't commit major crimes.

Trump said in a November tweet that if DACA is overturned, a deal would be made for them to stay, but he also alleged some recipients are "very tough, hardened criminals."

Edder Diaz-Martinez, 29, a DACA recipient originally from Mexico City, is communications director for the Maricopa County Democratic Party in Phoenix. Diaz-Martinez called the program a Band-Aid and said recipients need a permanent solution.

Karen Martinez, Nevada state digital director for Steyer, is renewing her DACA status at a cost of \$500, not knowing if the program will exist later this year. Now 30, she came to the U.S. from Hidalgo, Mexi-

co, when she was 10.

But if the program crumbles, Martinez said, "I'll still absolutely feel like I'm an American."

Valdovinos said he tries not to think about what the court may do, noting that he lived without protections for many years in Arizona while Phoenix-area Sheriff Joe Arpaio oversaw high-profile raids targeting migrants and a state law made police turn over people suspected of being in the country illegally to immigration authorities.

In those years, Valdovinos belonged to Team Awesome, comprised of mostly DACA recipients, who knocked on doors in the heavily Latino district of Maryvale to get Mexican American Daniel Hernandez elected to the Phoenix City Council in 2011.

"The toughest political work is walking in our communities, getting them registered, getting them to vote," he said. "The absentee ballots come in the mail with the water bill and sit in a pile of papers for years."

Valdovinos later formed La Machine Consulting Firm to help candidates such as Gallego, Phoenix City Councilman Carlos Garcia and Mayor Kate Gallego with their campaigns.

Fellow Team Awesome member Viridiana Hernandez, who ultimately obtained legal U.S. residency through marriage, said being a DACA recipient helped breakdown barriers while canvassing neighborhoods.

"I was able to speak to the woman of the house in Spanish, and I'd tell her, 'Look, I'm just like you, without papers,'" Hernandez said. She then could persuade any U.S. citizens in the family to register to vote.

While Valdovinos couldn't join the Marines, he still hopes to gain citizenship.

"It would be so great to cast a vote after knocking on hundreds of thousands of doors," he said.

Anger over Trump plan may stoke Israeli Arabs

Forced transfer proposal seen as form of apartheid

BY JOSEPH KRAUSS
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Associated Press

UMM AL-FAHM, Israel — It might have seemed to be one of the more innocuous elements in President Donald Trump's deeply divisive Middle East peace initiative: the suggestion that a densely populated Arab region of Israel be added to a future Palestinian state, if both sides agree.

The proposal has infuriated many of Israel's Arab citizens, who view it as a form of forced transfer. They want no part in the Palestinian state envisioned by the Trump administration, with many comparing it to the areas set aside for black South Africans as part of the apartheid government's policy of racial segregation.

The Palestinian Authority in the West Bank also has adamantly rejected the plan, which would allow Israel to annex all of its settlements and large parts of the West Bank, leaving the Palestinians with limited autonomy

in an archipelago of enclaves surrounded by Israel.

Inside Israel, outrage over the plan could once again mobilize Arab voters ahead of elections next month, potentially denying Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu another term and throwing the implementation of the Trump plan — already a long shot — into greater doubt.

Arab citizens make up about 20% of Israel's population. They can vote but face discrimination and higher levels of poverty. They have close family ties to the Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza, and many identify as Palestinians. But they are also deeply rooted in lands that are now part of Israel, and most are immersed in Israeli society. Their political parties advocate reform, not partition.

Many Jewish-Israelis nevertheless view Arab citizens with suspicion, seeing them as a fifth column sympathetic to the country's enemies.

The Trump plan "contemplates the possibility" that an area known as the Arab Triangle, which abuts the West Bank and is home to more than 250,000 Arab citizens, could be added to a

future Palestinian state if both sides agree. The border would be redrawn, and no one would be uprooted from their homes.

But it raises questions of consent, as residents of the area have little power over the Israeli government or the Palestinian Authority.

Jamal Zahalka, a former member of the Israeli parliament from the staunchly pro-Palestinian Balad party, said the plan is the latest iteration of a decades-old Israeli policy of maximizing territory while preserving its Jewish majority.

"They want more land and less Arabs," Zahalka said.

Since the Middle East peace initiative was announced in late January, U.S. officials have played down the brief section of the 50-page plan that discusses the Arab Triangle.

"This is a territorial reallocation. It is not intended to affect anybody's citizenship," Ambassador David Friedman told reporters.

Israeli media have cited unnamed officials as saying Netanyahu has no intention of implementing the idea and is focused on other parts of the plan. His office declined to comment on the



Workers construct a dome on a new mosque at the Israeli Arab town of Kfar Qassem.

reports or the idea of transferring the Arab Triangle.

But the idea is not new. Avigdor Lieberman, head of the ultranationalist Yisrael Beiteinu party, has long advocated the transfer of populated Arab areas to a Palestinian state. His party platform states that Arabs could choose Palestinian citizenship to help "end the duality from which they suffer." A senior party official declined to comment on the Trump plan, saying they were still studying it.

Israeli officials' reluctance to discuss the issue could reflect political calcu-

lations ahead of the election — the third in less than a year after no one was able to form a majority coalition.

Netanyahu has inveighed against Arab citizens ahead of past elections in order to mobilize his right-wing base. Before September's vote, he had proposed posting cameras at Arab voting stations, accusing his opponents of trying to "steal" the election.

Those tactics backfired when an Arab coalition emerged as the third largest bloc in parliament, contributing to Netanyahu's failure to form a government.

Arab voters had sat out many past elections because of squabbling among their leaders and apathy borne of marginalization. No Arab party has ever sat in an Israeli government, and none of Israel's main parties have invited them to do so.

Hassan Jabareen, the head of the Adalah human rights group, which focuses on Arab citizens, predicts the Trump plan will help rally Arab voters against Netanyahu.

"You have a new campaign, a new goal, a new objective, and a new discourse," he said.

Abbas rejects Trump team's Mideast peace plan in speech to UN

BY EDITH M. LEDERER
Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas vehemently rejected the Trump administration's Mideast peace plan in a speech to the U.N. Security Council on Tuesday, calling it an attempt to keep the Palestinians from having an independent state.

He called for an international conference to pursue the two-state solution demanded in numerous U.N.

resolutions.

Abbas called the U.S. proposal "an Israeli-American preemptive plan in order to put an end to the question of Palestine."

He told the Security Council the plan violates numerous U.N. resolutions, annuls Palestinian rights "to self-determination, freedom and independence in our own state," and should not be considered a basis for negotiations.



Abbas

"I have come to you on behalf of 13 million Palestinians to call for a just peace — that is all," he said.

Israel's U.N. Ambassador Danny Danon criticized Abbas' position and told the council that if Abbas really wanted peace, he should be in Jerusalem talking to President Benjamin Netanyahu — not at the United Nations.

"Only when he steps

down can Israel and the Palestinians move forward," Danon said.

Abbas called on the international Quartet of Mideast mediators — the U.S., Russia, the European Union and United Nations — and the Security Council along with other countries "to hold an international conference for peace to implement resolutions of international legitimacy."

He said "the United States cannot be the sole mediator," saying the Palestinians have tried this

before and will not agree to do so again.

President Donald Trump unveiled the U.S. initiative for ending the Israeli-Palestinian conflict Jan. 28. The U.S. proposal envisions a disjointed Palestinian state that turns over key parts of the West Bank to Israel, siding with Israel on key contentious issues including borders and the status of Jerusalem and Jewish settlements.

Abbas held up a map of the fragmented U.S. proposal, saying "it's like a Swiss

cheese really."

Later, he produced maps of progressively smaller proposed Palestinian states from the 1947 U.N. plan to partition Palestine to the end of the British mandate until the present map under the Trump plan.

The Palestinians seek all of the West Bank and east Jerusalem — areas captured by Israel in the 1967 Mideast war — for an independent state and the removal of many of the more than 700,000 Israeli settlers from these areas.

NEWS BRIEFING

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Appeals court halts deportation of child with head injury

HOUSTON — A federal appeals court in California temporarily halted the deportation of a 5-year-old child who injured his head before immigration agents arrested his family and whose advocates say needs to be seen by a neurologist.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals issued an order late Monday that prevents the immediate removal of the boy, his 1-year-old brother, and their mother, who are be-

ing held at U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement's family detention center.

The child fractured his skull and suffered bleeding around his brain in a December fall, a month before his family was detained. The boy's father is at a jail in California.

The family's advocates say he has headaches and trouble hearing, indicating he could be suffering from the aftermath of a traumatic brain injury.

Official: Sudan to hand over al-Bashir for genocide trial

CAIRO — Sudan's transitional authorities have agreed to hand over ousted autocrat Omar al-Bashir to the International Criminal Court to face trial on charges of war crimes and genocide, a top Sudanese official said Tuesday, in a deal with rebels to surrender all those wanted in connection with the Darfur conflict.

For a decade after his indictment, al-Bashir, 76,

confounded the court based in the Netherlands. He not only was out of reach during his 30 years in power in Khartoum, but also traveled frequently to visit friendly leaders without fear of arrest.

The military overthrew al-Bashir in April 2019 amid massive protests of his rule. Military leaders initially ruled out surrendering him to The Hague, saying he would be tried at home.

Closings next as Weinstein declines to testify at rape trial

NEW YORK — The defense rested its case Tuesday in Harvey Weinstein's rape trial without the disgraced Hollywood mogul taking the witness stand, setting the stage for closing arguments in a landmark #MeToo trial punctuated by graphic testimony from six accusers.

As expected, Weinstein chose not to testify, avoiding the risk of having prosecutors grill him on cross-examination about

the lurid allegations. He confirmed the decision after returning to the courtroom from meeting with his lawyers behind closed doors for about a half-hour.

Asked as he left court if he was thinking of testifying, Weinstein said: "I wanted to."

Jurors are expected to hear the defense's closing argument Thursday, followed by the prosecution's closing Friday.



KELVIN CHAN/AP

Rights activist Silkie Carlo protests near a police van outfitted with facial recognition technology that was being used to search for criminal suspects Tuesday in London.

Stirring privacy fears, London police deploy face scan tech

LONDON — London police started using facial recognition cameras on Tuesday to automatically scan for wanted people, as authorities adopt the technology that has raised concerns about surveillance and erosion of privacy.

Cameras on a police van monitored people coming out of a shopping center in Stratford, in east London. Signs warned that police were using the technology to find people "wanted for serious crimes." Officers stood nearby, explaining to passersby how the system works.

It's the first time Lon-

don's Metropolitan Police Service has used live facial recognition cameras in an operational deployment since carrying out a series of trials that ended last year.

London police are using the technology despite warnings from rights groups, lawmakers and independent experts about a lack of accuracy and bias in the system and the erosion of privacy.

"This isn't what you do in a democracy. You don't scan people's faces with cameras. This is something you do in China, not in the U.K.," said Silkie Carlo, director of privacy campaign

group Big Brother Watch.

Police Commander Mark McEwan downplayed concerns about the machines being unaccountable. Even if the computer picks someone out of a crowd, the final decision on whether to investigate further is made by an officer on the ground, he said.

London's system scanned faces in crowds to see if they matched any on a "watchlist" of 5,000 faces created for Tuesday's operation. The watchlist images are mainly of people wanted for serious crimes like attempted murder, McEwan said.

Heavy rains spread havoc across Southeast

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — A Tennessee hillside collapsed, roads were flooded and rivers were rising across the Southeast on Tuesday after heavy rains that once again threatened a Mississippi lake where a dam previously was in danger of failing.

The National Weather

Service said minor to moderate flooding was expected from central Mississippi to north Georgia. The Tennessee River was predicted to crest about 7 feet above flood level at Perryville, Tennessee.

Multiple roads were covered with water or washed out because of rainfall that

exceeded 5 inches in parts of central Alabama.

In eastern Mississippi, officials in Starkville said the water at Oktibbeha County Lake had once again reached a critical level just weeks after heavy rains caused a mudslide that put the earthen dam in danger of failing.

US, Taliban near reduction in violence agreement

WASHINGTON — The United States and the Taliban are close to an agreement on a temporary reduction in violence in Afghanistan in a move that could lead to all-Afghan negotiations aimed at ending the decadeslong conflict.

The agreement would call for the Taliban and U.S. forces to refrain from conducting attacks or combat operations for seven days, according to a person familiar with the ongoing discussions who spoke Tuesday on condition of anonymity.

If the reduction in violence holds, the U.S. and Taliban would be expected to sign an agreement to begin talks involving the Taliban and Afghans from across the nation, including some who hold government positions but don't represent the government. The Taliban has refused to negotiate with the government.

In Syria: Rebels shot down a Syrian military helicopter in northern Syria on Tuesday, killing its crew members in a fiery crash, while the government kept up its relentless bombing campaign on the opposition-held region, with an airstrike in which seven civilians died, activists and news reports said.

The violence in Idlib province came as government troops moved closer to capturing the last rebel-controlled section of a strategic highway linking southern and northern Syria, which would bring the road under the full control of President Bashar Assad's forces for the first time since 2012.

Nearly a quarter of the 3 million people in Idlib and nearby areas have fled the violence.

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Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx speaks last month with members of the Chicago Tribune Editorial Board.

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New charges against Jussie Smollett mean double trouble for Kim Foxx

In response, the Cook County prosecutor and Democratic candidate oddly points to James Comey and Donald Trump

Tuesday brought fresh criticism for Kim Foxx, state's attorney of Cook County.

Tuesday also brought fresh challenges for Kim Foxx, candidate for renomination in the Illinois primary.

With legal action and comments that undercut Foxx in both roles, special prosecutor Dan Webb complicated life for the prosecutor and the candidate.

Kim Foxx's reaction? In a peculiar statement she cast herself as the victim of an unfair attack of the sort former FBI Director James Comey might wage in the era of President Donald Trump.

This shows why the Smollett case matters

Taken together, Tuesday's developments underscored why the case of actor Jussie Smollett matters less because of him than because of what all of us are learning about Foxx's judgment: She mishandled a case and now has citizens asking about equality under the law: whether some defendants in Cook County's criminal justice system have to bear the brunt of the law while others get sweet deals from her prosecutors.

Webb's announcement of a six-count criminal indictment of Smollett says to the people of Cook County that it takes a special prosecutor to pursue a case that their elected prosecutor inexplicably dropped.

And with early voters preparing to decide Foxx's fate, a statement from Webb, a

former U.S. attorney here, opens the candidate to fresh accusations of incompetence if not deceit: Foxx has maintained that her office treated Smollett the way it treats other defendants every day. She has made much of that claim.

Yet Webb says her state's attorney's office couldn't point to those comparable cases.

Webb's conclusion contradicts Foxx's statement to WBEZ on March 27, 2019, that "every single day ... there are people who get similar arrangements, people who get diversion, people who get sentences that are probably not what some people would want. Every single day."

Webb is saying Foxx's office had no precedent or consistent policy to justify letting Smollett off the hook — but did it anyway.

Dan Webb's harsh verdict on Foxx

In a prepared statement, Webb came down hard on Foxx — politely, he didn't name her while critiquing her — and lambasted her office for botching the Smollett case and misleading the public.

Webb said he disagrees with the way the state's attorney's office handled the Smollett prosecution, but actually he went quite a bit further. Webb's team investigated Foxx's claim that her office treated Smollett as it does other defendants. But in the end, his statement suggests that her office gave Smollett special treatment. Webb wrote

that Foxx's office "was unable to provide this documentary evidence."

Webb also pointed out that Foxx's office, at the time of the original indictment in March 2019, believed it had strong evidence against Smollett — yet three weeks later decided to dismiss the charges, with 15 hours of community service as Smollett's punishment.

Between the lines of Webb's statement is a special prosecutor shaking his head in disbelief at Foxx's management of the case. And perhaps he's not done. In his statement he said he hasn't yet determined whether anyone involved in the case engaged in wrongdoing, including the state's attorney's office or individuals in that office.

Those hate crime allegations

Webb's six counts of disorderly conduct essentially reassert last year's allegations against Smollett: that in January 2019 he faked being the victim of a hate crime and assault.

According to Tuesday's fresh indictment, Smollett invented the story of being attacked at 2 a.m. in Streeterville by two men who used racial and homophobic slurs, punched Smollett in the face, put a noose around his neck and poured a bleachlike substance on him.

Smollett made this report to police knowing "there was no reasonable ground

for believing that such an offense had been committed," the indictment states.

Foxx evokes Comey and Trump

Foxx's statement in response to the new indictment questioned its timing, implying that Webb is playing a dirty political trick on her: "The Cook County State's Attorney's office charged Jussie Smollett with multiple counts, and today the Special Prosecutor did the same. What's questionable here is the James Comey-like timing of that charging decision, just 35 days before an election, which can only be interpreted as the further politicization of the justice system, something voters in the era of Donald Trump should consider offensive," Foxx's office said.

That's a misdirection play from Foxx, who's reading the indictment through her own political prism: The allusions to Comey and Trump have an air of desperation.

Webb, by contrast, is focusing on Smollett's actions, Foxx's prosecutorial judgment and her office's dubious conduct.

Foxx said almost a year ago that she welcomed an independent review of her office's handling of the Smollett case, remember?

Now the results are coming in, and they don't look good for prosecutor Foxx. Voters will render their own verdict on candidate Foxx.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Love your enemies! Now *that* is thinking differently. It changed the world starting 2,000 years ago, and it is as subversive and counterintuitive today as it was then. But the devil's in the details. How do we do it in a country and world roiled by political hatred and differences that we can't seem to bridge? ...

In a free society where you don't fear being locked up for our opinions, true moral courage isn't standing up to the people with whom you disagree. It's standing up to the people with whom you *agree* — on behalf of those with whom you *disagree*. Are you strong enough to do that? ...

I'm asking you to be kind of like a missionary. I've had missionaries on both sides of my family, and they are amazing entrepreneurs. They don't go out looking for people who already agree with them, because that's not where they are needed — they go to the dark places to bring light. It's hard work, and there's lots of rejection involved. (Here are words that have never been uttered: "Oh good, there are missionaries on the porch.") But it's the most joyful type of work, isn't it?

I'm calling each one of you to be missionaries for love in the face of contempt. If you don't see enough of it, you're in an echo chamber and need a wider circle of friends — people who disagree with you.

Arthur Brooks, The Washington Post

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PERSPECTIVE

Taika Waititi sings a new song at the Oscars: This land was their land



ERIC ZORN

Before introducing the winners of honorary Oscars during Sunday night's Academy Awards telecast, filmmaker Taika Waititi made a striking announcement.

"The Academy would like to acknowledge that tonight we have gathered on the ancestral lands of the Tongva, the Tataviam and the Chumash," said Waititi, who won the award for best adapted screenplay for "Jojo Rabbit." "We acknowledge them as the first peoples of this land on which the motion pictures community lives and works."

"It was a huge moment," said Felicia Garcia, proprietor of land-acknowledgements.org, a site aimed at helping cultural institutions in particular "recognize and respect Indigenous homelands" that their buildings and grounds now occupy.

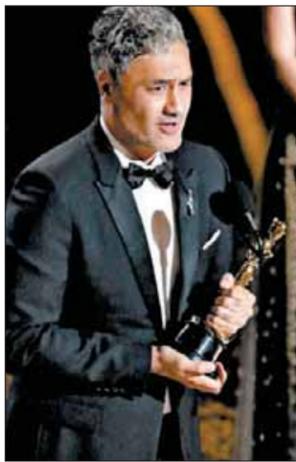
Such ritual expressions date

back thousands of years, particularly in Waititi's native New Zealand Garcia said. They became very common there and in New Zealand some 50 years ago, spread to Canada and in the last several years have gained a foothold in the United States, mainly at cultural institutions. Waititi then unexpectedly exposed the practice to a mainstream audience of more than 20 million Oscar viewers, many of whom were no doubt left wondering just what to make of it.

The point isn't to provoke guilt, said Garcia, a member of the Santa Ynez Chumash tribe and the curator of education at the Indian Arts and Research Center at the School for Advanced Research in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

"Definitely not," she said when we spoke Monday. Land acknowledgments, also called territorial acknowledgments, are aimed at addressing "gaps in the narrative by telling truths about history and the land" and "at breaking down stereotypes" that suggest American Indians are basically all one people. "They are a starting point, not a solution," she said.

"The displacement of Indige-



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Taika Waititi speaks after winning the Oscar for best adapted screenplay for "Jojo Rabbit" at the Academy Awards on Sunday.

nous peoples and the devastating effect that forced relocation has had on these communities has been largely hidden within the nationalist narratives," says Garcia's website. "Acknowledgement statements confront institutional

legacies as agents of colonialism."

Chicago's Field Museum has one: "The Field Museum resides on the traditional homelands of the Three Fires Confederacy: Ojibwe, Odawa and Potawatomi."

Northwestern University has one: "Northwestern sits on the original homelands of the Council of the Three Fires: Ojibwe, Potawatomi, Odawa."

Steppenwolf Theatre has one: "We recognize that Steppenwolf Theatre sits on Native land. ... The purpose of recognizing the original inhabitants of a land is to show respect, gratitude, and appreciation to those whose land we reside on, as well as raising awareness about histories that are often erased or forgotten."

Garcia said Hollywood was a particularly appropriate place for Waititi's land acknowledgment, "since the film industry is responsible for the spread of stereotypes and misconceptions about indigenous people."

And the timing was right, she said, coming as it did a week after the Super Bowl during which the Kansas City Chiefs and their war-whooping fans perpetuated the cartoonish trivializing of

American Indian culture.

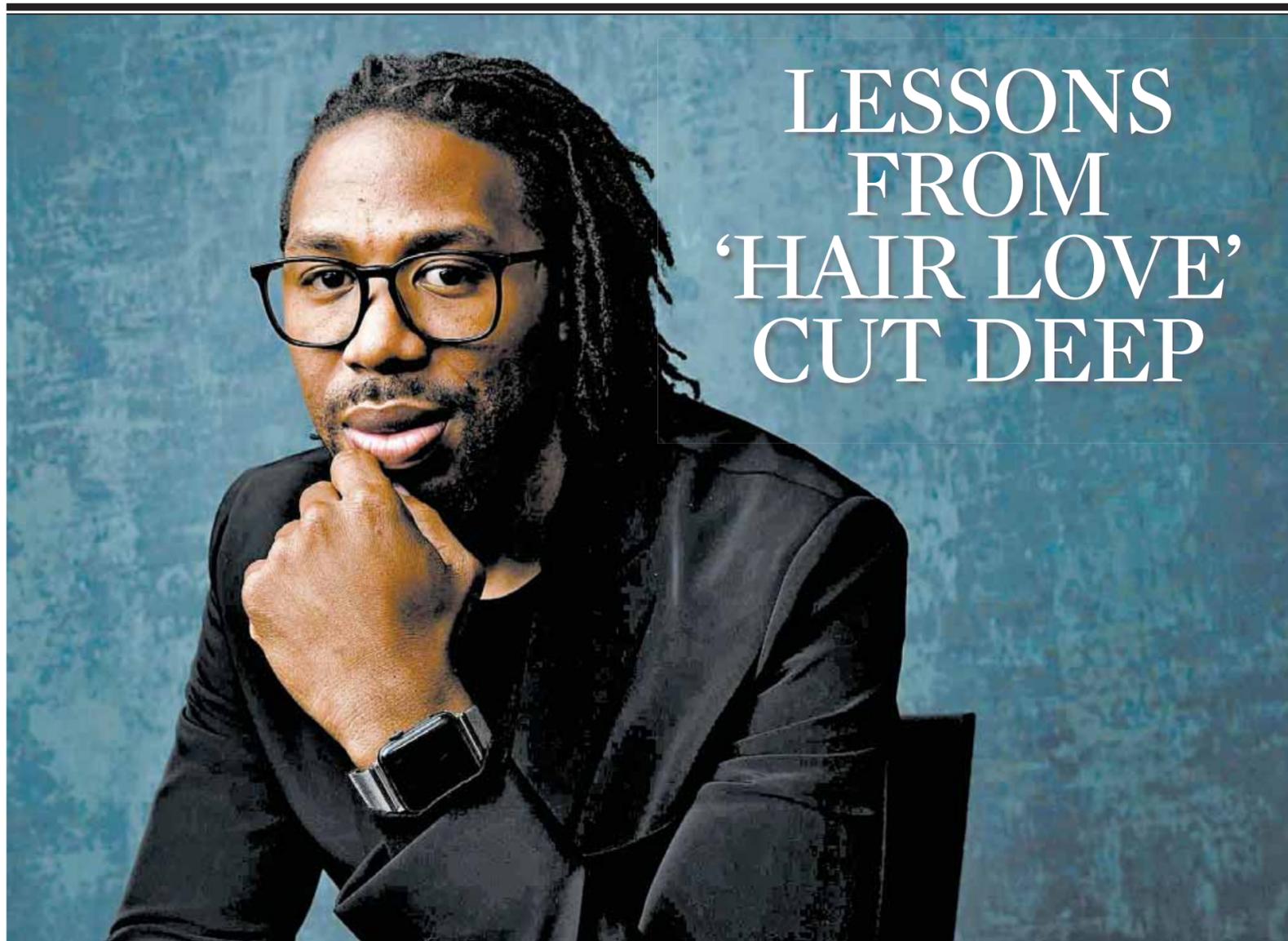
Though ceremonial land acknowledgment strikes me as performative and therefore somewhat empty, I'm all for anything that provokes a more honest reckoning with all that European settlers robbed from the natives. That legacy and the legacy of slavery aren't ones that should be whitewashed, ever forgotten or easily reconciled with our national self-image.

Waititi said Sunday that he was speaking on behalf of the Academy. If so, we can expect to hear similar expressions from others at the Oscars in years to come and in many other venues as well.

And I would remind those tempted to grouse about how "politically correct" it all sounds that an acknowledgment isn't even an apology much less an offer of reparations. It's a statement of historical fact.

Not to scold or shame those of us who have benefited from certain ugly elements in our nation's past, Garcia said, but to inspire us "to learn the whole story."

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CHRIS PIZZELLO/INVISION

Chicago filmmaker and former NFL player Matthew Cherry, shown at the Academy Awards nominees luncheon Jan. 27 in Los Angeles, won an Oscar for his short film "Hair Love."



CLARENCE PAGE

Good art often shows us something old and familiar, but makes us see it in a new way.

That's a big part of what makes Chicago filmmaker and former NFL wide receiver Matthew Cherry's adorable Oscar-winning short "Hair Love" so effective and important.

On Sunday, Cherry became the second ex-pro athlete in three years to win an Oscar in the animated short category. That puts him in exceptional company. The first was the late Kobe Bryant, who won the Oscar for the 2017 short film "Dear Basketball."

Cherry's topic is something close to all of us: hair.

Especially black hair. Even for black men and boys. As an African American male, I can tell you that growing up around black women and girls exposed me to a lot of chatter about the styles, combs, chemicals and rituals associated with black hair.

And, brief as it is, I learned a bit more from Cherry's short. Writ-

ten and directed by Cherry, the seven-minute film follows an African American father's first attempt to do his daughter's hair. It does not go well. But with the help of a video blog, voiced by Issa Rae, he muddles through in a heartwarming way that bonds them and reveals important lessons about patience, identity and rewards.

"'Hair Love' was done because we wanted to see more representation in animation," Cherry said as he and producer Karen Rupert Toliver picked up their statuettes. "We wanted to normalize black hair."

"Normalize" is a curious, yet appropriate word for him to use. As "normal" as black hair with all of its related history, styles and meaning is to black people, it remains an exotic, foreign and even threatening aspect of black physiology to the uninitiated.

On the good side, there are numerous videos on YouTube with captions like, "Single Dad Learns to Do His Daughter's Hair," "Black Dad Goes Viral Braiding Daughters Hair During NYC Subway Ride" and Facebook sites like DadsDoHair.

There are some white and Latino dads in some videos, too. But considering the abundance of negative images of young black



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"Hair Love" shows a black father helping his daughter with her hair.

males that we see in media, I like the idea of "normalized" images of men actively engaged in what has always been a traditionally female role: wielding the big comb, hair clips and conditioners.

But unfortunately some people are still so shocked by new hair styles that they remind me of my high school principal, who railed at the Beatles' "weird hairdos."

Today we have new scandals, such as the clipping of New Jersey high school wrestler Andrew Johnson, who made national news when his dreadlocks were forcibly cut off before a match.

Or there was the case of Dean-

dre Arnold, a Mont Belvieu, Texas, high school senior who was told he can't attend graduation unless he cut his dreadlocks. Arnold and his mother, Sandy, were invited to attend the Oscars as the guests of Cherry and Rupert Toliver.

And then there is Chastity Jones, a black woman who lost a job opportunity in Alabama because she refused to cut off her dreadlocks. The federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission joined her case, but a federal appeals court ruled that dreadlocks were a changeable characteristic of black people and

therefore did not meet the federal discrimination standard.

That's what Cherry was talking about when he ended his brief speech on a political note: "There's a very important issue that's out there," he said. "The CROWN Act, and if we can ... get this passed in all 50 states it will help stories like DeAndre Arnold's, who's our special guest tonight."

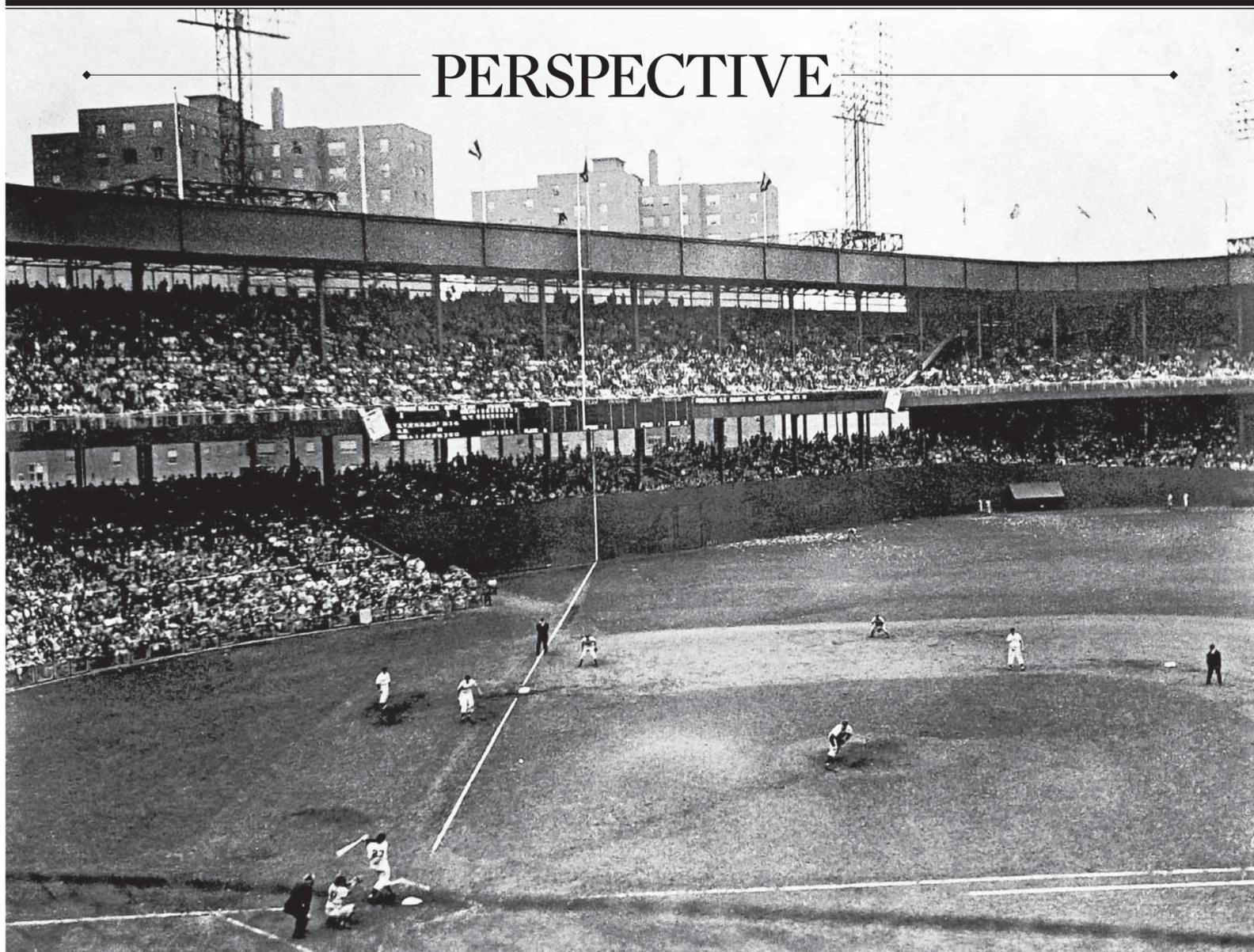
The CROWN Act, which stands for Create a Respectful and Open World for Natural Hair, has been enacted by California, New York and New Jersey. Illinois and 21 other states are considering versions of their own, according to the website set up by advocates. Two Democrats, Sen. Cory Booker of New Jersey and Rep. Cedric Richmond of Louisiana, have introduced a federal version.

The ball is rolling. For now, I close with the wise words that my late father used to say when I was defending my robust Afro in the late '60s: "It's not what's on top of your head that matters, it's what you have inside."

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PERSPECTIVE



New York Giants third baseman Bobby Thomson hits a home run off Brooklyn Dodgers pitcher Ralph Branca in a playoff game at the Polo Grounds in New York on Oct. 3, 1951.

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SPRING TRAINING'S HERE! PITCHERS, CATCHERS, SIGN-STEALERS, PLAY BALL!

By CORY FRANKLIN

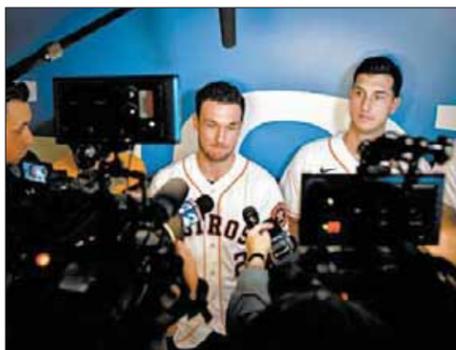
"Cheating is baseball's oldest profession. No other game is so rich in skulduggery, so suited to it or so proud of it," longtime Washington Post sports writer Thomas Boswell once wrote. A new baseball season begins this week with spring training, and the top story will undoubtedly be the recent cheating scandal that has roiled the sport.

This winter it was revealed that the Houston Astros, who won the 2017 World Series and nearly won the 2019 World Series, employed high-resolution cameras and monitors to capture signs. The Astros frequently used players banging on a garbage can in the dugout to notify batters (no bang — fastball, bang — off-speed pitch), and there is a suggestion that some Astro hitters wore buzzers to receive in-game pitch communications. The Boston Red Sox, winners of the 2018 World Series, were also implicated along with several other teams.

An early, low-tech version of the same sign-stealing technique may have accounted for what is arguably the most dramatic home run in baseball history. In the 1951 playoffs, New York Giants third baseman Bobby Thomson launched a come-from-behind, ninth-inning line drive homer to win the National League pennant off a fastball thrown by Brooklyn Dodgers relief pitcher Ralph Branca. The episode was memorably captured by Giants radio announcer Russ Hodges with his legendary call, "The Giants win the pennant! The Giants win the pennant!"

Four decades later, it was revealed that the Giants had been stealing opposing catchers' signs during the 1951 season. The signs were captured by a spy with a telescope in center field, who then relayed them via a buzzer system to the team's dugout. Late in life, Thomson denied receiving a sign on the home run pitch he hit that fateful October afternoon; Branca insisted that Thomson knew a fastball was coming. Before they both died, the two men became fast friends, but their disagreement over the home run was never resolved. No one was ever disciplined.

Stealing a pitcher's signs, when done by players or coaches on the field, is not only legitimate, it is ex-



STEVE GONZALES/HOUSTON CHRONICLE

Astros Alex Bregman, left, and Kyle Tucker at the team's FanFest in Houston on Jan. 18.

pected, occasionally admired. What's changed is the emergence of electronic communication with high-tech devices, most of which are being banned from the dugout. But extremely high-resolution cameras can't be banned from the stands and remain available for cheating. And as Boswell observed, cheating is part of baseball.

And cheating works, if only for getting into the head of the opposition. Arizona Diamondbacks catcher Stephen Vogt told The New York Times, "As a catcher, when you see your pitcher execute a perfect slider down in the zone with two strikes and someone doesn't even flinch at it, you start to get alarm bells going off in your head. I spent a lot of time wondering if I was doing something in my setup that would be tipping pitches to the other team."

In the current scandal, punishments were meted out — but not for players. The general manager and field manager of the Astros were suspended for a season by Major League Baseball and then fired by the team. The field manager of the Red Sox — a bench coach for the 2017 Astros who helped mastermind their scheme — was let go by Boston.

Is there a solution? Major League Baseball can rewrite the rules and tighten surveillance, but the cat-and-mouse games with resourceful teams will continue. The best chance of preventing electronic cheating is to hand out severe punishment for teams and players who are caught: a minimum five-year ban from baseball for any players, coaches or front office personnel engaged in electronic cheating. Long enough to ruin a career.

To realize how important stiff penalties are to prevent cheating, consider gambling in baseball. The deterrence of lifetime suspensions for the eight players involved in the 1919 Chicago Black Sox scandal was quite effective. After that, baseball had no major gambling issues for more than 60 years until Pete Rose started betting on games.

At the next collective bargaining agreement between Major League Baseball and the Players Association, after the 2021 season, the requisite levels of evidence, appeals and due process for electronic cheating should be part of the negotiations so that guilty players can be disciplined. Like the prohibition on gambling posted in every clubhouse, the rules outlining what is not permitted in terms of sign stealing should be as well.

The ethos of baseball was once explained by former Milwaukee Brewers manager George Bamberger, who told The Washington Post, "We do not play baseball. We play professional baseball. Amateurs play games. We are paid to win games. There are rules, and there are consequences if you break them. If you are a pro, then you often don't decide whether to cheat based on if it's 'right or wrong.' You base it on whether or not you can get away with it, and what the penalty might be."

In baseball, that risk-reward has generally been on the side of breaking the rules; to change that equation, the consequences must be stiff, career-threatening penalties. Undoing past damage may be impossible, but going forward there is a way to deter cheaters. Hit them where they live.

Cory Franklin is a Wilmette physician and author of the book "The Doctor Will See You Now."

VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Sell Lake Michigan water? Absurd

Commentary writer M. Todd Henderson offers a "simple solution" to mitigating damage to shoreline communities from rising water levels ("How can we stop a rising lake from damaging communities?" Feb. 10). Sell the excess water!

Actual square area involved, since both Lake Michigan and Lake Huron are hydrologically one lake, totals more than 28 million acres, not the 14 million he cites.

Imagine the challenge of equitable treatment of the states that surround the lakes since other lakes and river systems downstream of Michigan-Huron would undoubtedly be affected.

The government of Illinois does not have a reputation for acting quickly on important matters, and to complicate the issue, other states must have their say. How much additional physical damage would result from the time lag of many months or possibly years? Moving just 1 acre-foot of water (nearly 326,000 gallons) is a bit mind-bending. Henderson proposes that we move 42 million acre-feet.

Who would bear the cost and liability of extracting and shipping the water? Who would be the beneficiaries of the profits, if any? If profit is a motive in this scheme, who decides the customer base? The neediest? Those most able to afford the water?

His proposal that the governors of affected states and the Environmental Protection Agency would unite to oversee a for-profit program is not worth further comment.

Who would mitigate or absorb millions of tons of carbon waste added to our atmosphere from the extraction and shipping of these enormous volumes?

Finally, consider the placement, distribution and use of water at its destination. Who would be responsible for placement and storage at the destination? Who would own land or facilities on which to place it? Who oversees operations? Who distributes the water? What are the acceptable uses?

— Patrick Comer, Clarendon Hills

Water plan would help solve debt

M. Todd Henderson's commentary, which suggests that the value of Lake Michigan water that is "excess" — that which is ruining our shoreline by flooding and pounding it — may be around \$244 billion, is jaw-dropping.

If that figure is anywhere close to being accurate, his suggestion that Chicago and/or Illinois could sell the excess water — presumably to the highest bidders — and in doing so perhaps solve their massive indebtedness and reverse Chicag-exit and Illin-exit, is equally jaw-dropping.

I suggest that if laws prohibiting the sale

of even excess lake water are amended, Chicago's mayor and Illinois' governor should make exploiting this idea a top priority for 2020.

— David Cady, Chicago

Residents of arid states, move here

M. Todd Henderson's proposal to sell Lake Michigan water to thirsty Southern and Western states is predicated on the beliefs that Great Lakes levels will always be high, that incentivizing more growth in water-starved states is desirable and that future Congresses — increasingly dominated by those same states — won't tear up previous diversion and allotment legislation once demand outstrips supply.

Here's a better idea. Since living in the arid West and South will be even more unsustainable as the climate continues to warm, let the thirsty denizens of those parched states come and stake their lot with us here in the Great Lakes region. We don't have as much sunshine as California or Texas, but as Henderson points out, we do have plenty of water.

— David Schmidgall, Chicago

Actor's Oscar speech illuminating

The highlight of the Oscars ceremony was Joaquin Phoenix's compassionate and passionate acceptance speech after he won for best actor for "Joker." It truly would be ideal if we embraced and respected the planet, native peoples, the animal kingdom and those who are different from us. It's much better than exploiting, destroying and harming what should be a universal kinship. Many actors and celebrities have too much to say, but in this instance, Phoenix said all the right things in an inclusive, benevolent and enlightened speech.

— Brien Comerford, Glenview

Old-fashioned ballot counting

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— Roy Lipscomb, Chicago

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“Being a new mom is inherently stressful, and asking moms to deal with that stress while they’re also dealing with untreated psychiatric disorders is a setup for failure.”

— Dr. Erika Werner, a board member for the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine



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Jenny Mason-Frey cares for her 3-month-old son Jack on Feb. 4 in Chicago.



RYAN ORI
On Real Estate

Developer chasing big Goose Island plan

Project could bring office and retail space, as well as apartments

Chicago's gritty Goose Island hasn't had residents in decades, but a Canadian developer wants to change that — in a big way.

Vancouver-based Onni Group is exploring plans to build 2,100 to 2,500 apartments on the southern tip of the traditionally industrial island, a riverfront development that could have more units than the massive Presidential Towers complex downtown.

The preliminary Goose Island plan also calls for office, hotel and retail space along the Chicago River, Onni Group spokesman Duncan Włodarczak said. By comparison, Presidential Towers — whose four 50-story towers were built along the Kennedy Expressway in the 1980s — has a combined 2,346 units.

The plan could include constructing a pedestrian bridge connecting Onni Group's 8-acre site on Halsted Street across the North Branch Canal to the huge office building at 600 W. Chicago Ave., he confirmed. Onni is working with the city to determine a connection point for the bridge, Włodarczak said.

Onni Group bought the Greyhound bus maintenance facility on Goose Island for \$38 million just over a year ago, and the developer has yet to unveil specific designs or renderings to neighborhood groups or 27th Ward Ald. Walter Burnett.

“It's still in the early stages,” Włodarczak said. “We're still working with the community, the alderman and the city to determine what we can potentially develop on the site.”

Onni already is familiar with Chicago, where its developments include the three-tower, 1,289-unit Old Town Park development that's replacing the Atrium Village apartment complex on the Near North Side.

If Onni's ambitious Goose Island plan gains city zoning approval,

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A new postnatal direction

Northwestern tackles moms' depression in Compass program

BY LISA SCHENCKER

Jenny Mason-Frey had experienced panic attacks before — sudden waves of anxiety that set her heart racing, her head spinning and made her feel as if she was going to die.

The Lakeview woman learned to cope over the years by disengaging from whatever was occupying her. But when she had a panic attack a week after the birth of her son, she knew that would no longer work.

“I can't just leave the situation,” said Mason-Frey, 29, whose son Jack is now 3 months old. “I have to work through it because I have a son who's relying on me now.”

Rather than looking for a psychiatrist on her own, Mason-Frey called a therapist at Northwestern Medicine whose name she received from her midwife during her pregnancy. The therapist worked with Mason-Frey's midwife and a psychiatrist at Northwestern to see her that week and put her on medication immediately.

The first-time mom is part of a



Jenny Mason-Frey plays with and cares for her 3-month-old son, Jack Frey, at home on Feb. 4 in Chicago.

Northwestern program grabbing national attention for what some experts call a novel approach to treating expectant and new mothers with depression. As many as 20% of mothers experience perinatal depression, which strikes before and after pregnancy, but only about 3% to 5% get adequate treatment, said Dr. Emily Miller, a maternal-fetal medicine subspecialist and as-

sistant professor at Northwestern University who created the program.

The 3-year-old program, called Compass, screens patients regularly for depression, and connects them with in-house care managers, therapists and psychiatrists in their health insurance networks, who meet weekly to discuss treatments. The care manager, typically a

social worker, uses a registry to track patients' progress, contacting them every few weeks.

The team communicates with the patients' obstetricians and midwives about their care plans. The program serves women receiving prenatal and postnatal care at Northwestern who are referred by their doctors or midwives or who seek it out for themselves. Nearly 1,600 women have gone through the program.

Compass is funded by Friends of Prentice, which works with Northwestern Medicine Prentice Women's Hospital to raise money for research into women's health. It's the biggest project Friends of Prentice has funded in its 35 years, said President Michael Borders.

This kind of collaborative care has been used in other types of medicine, such as primary care, but it hasn't been used much in care for women having babies, Miller said.

“It's reimagining completely how we're delivering care,” Miller said.

Many obstetricians refer patients experiencing depression to outside therapists or psychiatrists, meaning patients might have to wait weeks or longer for

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NINTENDO OF AMERICA

A rendering of the Nintendo Switch On The Go lounge coming to O'Hare International Airport later this month.

Nintendo Switch pop-up lounge coming to O'Hare

Area will let flyers play popular titles, order products for delivery

BY ABDEL JIMENEZ

Nintendo wants to make airport waits a little less dreary with the addition of a pop-up lounge featuring its gaming system at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport, starting Monday.

The Japanese video game giant will open its free Nintendo Switch On The Go lounge at O'Hare from Feb. 17 through March 29. Travelers can play games on televisions or through a handheld version of the Nintendo Switch. Games will include The Legend of Zelda: Breath of the Wild, Mario Kart 8

Deluxe, Super Mario Odyssey, Super Mario Party and Tetris 99.

Nintendo's lounge will have “comfortable seating,” charging ports and kiosks where travelers can order limited products for home delivery. The lounge will not offer physical products for purchase.

The pop-up will open from 7 a.m. until 7 p.m. daily at Terminal 1, Concourse B, between gates B12 and B14.

The pop-ups also will be at Dulles International Airport outside Washington, D.C., Seattle's Tacoma International Airport and Dallas Love Field Airport through March.

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Amazon pays \$50M for former amusement park, megamall site

Retail giant likely to increase network of distribution centers

BY RYAN ORI AND LAUREN ZUMBACH

Online retail giant Amazon has paid more than \$50 million for the former site of Old Chicago, an indoor amusement park and mall in Bolingbrook that predated massive experiential shopping centers like Minnesota's Mall of America.

Amazon's purchase likely paves the way for the site to become the latest in an already vast network of Amazon distribution centers throughout the Chicago area.

Amazon's redevelopment of the property would bring a 21st century use to a site best known for the short-lived heyday of Old Chicago, which opened to fanfare in 1975 but closed in 1980. The site had amusement rides, circus performers and a concert venue, but it failed after running up costs and struggling to keep visitors coming back.

The massive Old Chicago structure featured a 16-story dome and was demolished in 1986.

Seattle-based Amazon on Jan. 21 paid \$50.5 million for the site, according to Will County property records.

The 119-acre site is along the



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The Old Chicago Amusement park and shopping center in Bolingbrook in 1975.

east and west sides of Illinois Route 53, just south of Interstate 55. The site's address is 200 Old Chicago Drive.

The seller was Atlanta-based Cox Automotive, which in November shut down the Manheim Arena Illinois auto auction center on the site. Cox laid off 223 workers and offered 170 employees jobs in south suburban Matteson.

CBRE broker Matt Ishikawa represented Cox in the sale.

Amazon did not respond to a

request for comment on its plans for the site.

But with relatively easy access to interstates 55, 355, 80 and 88, the land is well located for a massive distribution center.

The e-commerce company has opened more than 20 warehouse facilities in Illinois within the past four years, according to supply chain and logistics consulting firm MWPVL International.

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Exec buying former produce market site

BY RYAN ORI

The owner of a Chicago construction firm plans to buy the former home of Stanley's Fresh Fruits & Vegetables, but there are no immediate plans for what will replace the popular produce market on the North Side.

John Novak, the owner of Novak Construction, confirmed he has a contract to buy the property at 1558 N. Elston Ave. for more than \$8 million.

Novak said he's buying the land as a long-term investment, with plans to eventually build on it as larger developments nearby — including Sterling Bay's

\$6 billion Lincoln Yards mixed-use project — take shape.

"I just know it's a good piece of property, with a lot of activity in that area with Lincoln Yards and the rest," Novak said. "It's more of a long-term play. There's nothing immediate in mind."

Novak, who founded the general contractor in 1980, said he expects to complete the purchase March 2.

That would end a lengthy process to sell the property, starting in July 2018. The produce market closed in April 2019, after 52 years in business, while the real estate remained up for sale.

The land near the Ken-

edy Expressway is being sold by the family of Stanley's founder Stelios Panagiotaros, also known as Stanley Peters.

Last year, brokers from Chicago-based Paine Wetzel Commercial Real Estate and Champaign-based MWA Capital Advisors said the property would be sold at a Nov. 19 auction. The Stanley's property was packaged with separately owned, adjacent properties to form a combined site of almost 76,000 square feet. Bids were accepted for individual parcels or all of the land.

But the auction was non-binding, and sellers did not sign a contract with the



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A sign for Stanley's Fresh Fruits & Vegetables in Chicago. The popular produce market on Chicago's North Side closed after 52 years in business.

unidentified top bidder. The brokers eventually struck a deal with Novak, who also

had made a bid, Novak said. Peter Panagiotaros, son of the Stanley's founder, con-

firmed the pending sale to Novak but otherwise declined to comment.

Novak said his deal is for about 47,000 square feet of land, which includes the closed produce store.

Novak said he envisions eventually replacing the single-story building with some combination of retail, residential and office space on the site at the high-traffic intersection of Elston and North avenues.

"I'm waiting to see how the area develops," Novak said. "It could be five to 10 years before we decide. There's a lot of options."

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al and comes to fruition, it would bring an influx of residents to a longtime industrial corridor headed for waves of development.

The 160-acre, man-made island was formed by creating a canal in the 1800s, combining it with the North Branch of the Chicago River.

Goose Island today has a mix of manufacturers, distribution centers and loft offices. Chicago's zoning rules prohibited residential development until the city in 2017 created a new land use plan for a 3.7-mile stretch of industrial land along the river. The changes put the wheels in motion for riverfront properties such as Sterling Bay's proposed \$6 billion Lincoln Yards development and the planned redevelopment of 37 acres just south of Goose Island owned by broadcast company Tribune Media.

The Greyhound site was carved out as the one Goose Island parcel where apartments are permitted.

The site is mostly at 901 N. Halsted St., with a small parcel across the street at 904 N. Halsted. Greyhound put the property up

for sale in 2017, and the company plans to move its bus repair operation to a new facility in the Canaryville neighborhood on the South Side.

Onni initially struck a deal to buy the Greyhound site for about \$50 million in 2018, before it negotiated the price down because of affordable housing requirements. The land is within a pilot area of the city's Affordable Housing Requirement Ordinance, where 20% of residential units must be priced for low- and moderate-income residents.

In other parts of the city, 10% of residential units must be affordable.

Onni initially proposed building half of the affordable units on site and paying an in-lieu fee toward creating the other half within two miles. Burnett shot down that idea, saying the on-site aspect of the pilot area was non-negotiable.

That led Onni to step back from the deal before eventually negotiating the lower purchase price to offset the lower return expected on affordable units. That means if 2,500 apartments are built, 500 of them would have to be deemed affordable.

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Program

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appointments, she said. They might also have trouble finding therapists or psychiatrists covered by their health insurance plans. Putting those providers in the same space can eliminate wait times and confusion over insurance coverage, Miller said.

The program requires patients be screened for depression at least twice during pregnancy and again after birth. Not all obstetricians screen patients that often, Miller said, though Illinois law requires those providing care before and after birth to offer screenings.

Miller presented unpublished research at the Society for Maternal-Fetal Medicine's annual meeting in Texas last week showing that pregnant women who went through the program were more likely to be screened for depression, and those who screened positive were more likely to get treatment than women who saw the same obstetricians and midwives before the program launched.

Dr. Erika Werner, a board member for the society, said the Northwestern program is one of the first in the U.S. to use collaborative care to handle psychiatric disorders in pregnancy, an approach that is "sorely



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Jenny Mason-Frey is part of the Compass program, which helps new moms with support and treatment for stress, depression and anxiety.

needed." "Being a new mom is inherently stressful, and asking moms to deal with that stress while they're also dealing with untreated psychiatric disorders is a setup for failure," Werner said.

Dr. Amanda Yeaton-Massey, assistant professor of maternal-fetal medicine at the University of California at San Francisco, said she's looked to the Northwestern program for inspiration as the health system looks to improve coordination between obstetricians and mental health professionals. "It's a better way to care for moms, and I think a lot of services, when you put them outside the four walls of the clinic, are harder to access," Yeaton-Massey said.

The University of Pitts-

burgh departments of psychiatry and obstetrics are also working with Northwestern's Miller to develop a research proposal that would allow them to use the Compass program.

"We know that there are a lot of barriers for women to get mental health treatment," said Eydie Moses-Kolko, an associate professor of psychiatry at the Western Psychiatric Hospital of the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. "We can offer them mental health treatment in a way that's more convenient."

Raquel Pendleton, 34, of Chatham, said the Compass program has made a big difference in her life. After Pendleton had her son in September, "I was experiencing something I never

experienced before."

She didn't want to get out of bed, eat or leave the house. "My child was the only thing I wanted to be bothered with," she said.

When those feelings lasted more than two weeks, she knew it was more than the baby blues. She contacted her doctor at Northwestern, and that same week, she met with a Northwestern therapist.

She began to feel better. Now, she's getting out of the house again with her now 4-month-old son, grocery shopping and visiting relatives.

"They've got me on a regimen that helps me get back to myself," she said.

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c/o Levenfeld Pearlstein, LLC, Attorney for the Secured Party
Attn: Jamie L. Burns, 2 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1300,
Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 476-7601

Names of Debtors: Argo Tea, Inc., Argo Tea Rush, LLC, Argo Tea State/Randolph, LLC, Argo Tea UCH, LLC, Argo Tea Broadway, LLC, Argo Tea Marquette, LLC, Argo Tea NW, LLC, Argo Tea Franklin, LLC, Argo Tea Mena, LLC

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Place: **Levenfeld Pearlstein, LLC
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Amazon

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In January, the Tribune reported Amazon was plan-

ning a distribution center on another site formerly known for entertainment. Amazon leased a three-building, 623,000-square-foot distribution center on the former site of the May-

wood Park horse track just west of the city in Melrose Park.

The former Old Chicago site is about three times larger.

The idea of combining rides and live entertainment under a single roof was innovative when Old Chicago opened in 1975. Canada's West Edmonton Mall and the Mall of America, which combine shopping with attractions like rides, mini golf, escape rooms and aquariums, wouldn't open until 1981 and 1992, respectively.

But Old Chicago was "troubled from the get-go," said Neil Stern, senior partner with Chicago-based retail consultancy McMillanDoolittle, who recalls visiting the indoor amusement park as a kid. "It was never economically viable."

The \$20 million, 500,000-square-foot building cracked while under construction, leading to cost overruns. A trapeze artist fell to his death in front of hundreds of spectators. Six Flags Great America opened just one year later in Gurnee, creating competition.

Nor was its location in then-remote Bolingbrook ideal. A 1975 photo shows Old Chicago's massive dome rising above a field

and farm buildings along I-55.

While it had roughly 200 shops, they were designed to host small boutiques, not big, name-brand destination stores, and two years after opening, occupancy had fallen to 54%. Old Chicago drew 2 million visitors in its first year, but just 900,000 in 1977, the Tribune reported at the time.

Old Chicago's original owners sought bankruptcy protection roughly a year after opening. New owners invested \$6 million in improvements, but it closed in 1980.

There have been only a handful of similarly massive, entertainment-driven malls since, Stern said. Three — Mall of America, West Edmonton Mall and New Jersey's American Dream Mall, which partially opened last year with attractions including an indoor skill hill — are owned by the same firm, Triple Five Group.

"You have to get everything just perfect about it — the right location, the right mix, filling a hole in the market. I think it's absolutely doable, but it's not like these have taken over the world," he said.

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T-Mobile's \$26B takeover of Sprint gets clear signal

Major US wireless companies would shrink from 4 to 3

By **TALI ARBEL**
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A federal judge has cleared a major path to T-Mobile's \$26.5 billion takeover of Sprint, as he rejected claims by more than a dozen states that the deal would mean less competition and higher phone bills.

Though the deal still needs a few more approvals, T-Mobile expects to close it as early as April 1.

Once that happens, the number of major U.S. wireless companies would shrink from four to three. T-Mobile says the deal would benefit consumers as it becomes a fiercer competitor to the larger Verizon and AT&T. The deal would also create a new but smaller competitor as satellite TV company Dish pledges to build a next-generation, 5G cellular network.

A group of state attorneys general tried to block the deal, arguing that having one fewer phone company would cost Americans billions of dollars in higher bills. Consumer Reports said the three remaining companies would have fewer incen-

tives to compete on prices and quality.

Judge Victor Marrero in New York said Tuesday that the companies' insistence that the deal would cut prices and the states' insistence that the deal would raise prices "essentially cancel each other out." Instead, he chose to rely on what wireless executives have done in the past and what they commit to doing in the future in an industry that is changing rapidly.

T-Mobile has pushed in recent years such consumer-friendly changes as restoring unlimited data plans. Marrero said he found that T-Mobile executives were credible at trial in promising to continue competing aggressively with AT&T and Verizon.

The judge also agreed with the companies that Sprint was "at best struggling to even tread water" and would not last as a national wireless competitor. He also said that he is persuaded that the U.S. Justice Department's side deal with Dish, which sets up the satellite TV provider as a new wireless company, would reduce the threat to competition.

Marrero's decision comes after the

Justice Department already approved the deal. Another judge still needs to approve the Dish settlement, a process that is usually straightforward but has taken longer than expected. A utility board in California also has to approve the deal.

New York Attorney General Letitia James, one of the leading attorneys general in the case, said her office was considering an appeal. She said Tuesday's ruling "marks a loss for every American who relies on their cellphone for work, to care for a family member and to communicate with friends."

Gigi Sohn, of the Georgetown Law Institute for Technology Law & Policy, said that while consumers are often promised benefits from mergers, "what they are left with each time are corporate behemoths" that can raise prices and destroy competition.

T-Mobile launched its bid for Sprint in 2018, after having been rebuffed by Obama-era regulators. T-Mobile CEO John Legere had seen President Donald Trump's election as a good opportunity to try again, according to trial evidence.

Man killed in Tesla had issue with Autopilot

Associated Press

DETROIT — An Apple software engineer who died when his Tesla Model X hit a concrete barrier on a California freeway had complained before his death that the SUV's Autopilot system would malfunction in the area where the crash happened.

The complaints were detailed in documents released Tuesday by the National Transportation Safety Board, which is investigating the March 2018 crash that killed engineer Walter Huang.

The documents say Huang told his wife that Autopilot had previously veered his SUV toward the same barrier on U.S. 101 near Mountain View, California, where he later crashed. Huang died at a hospital from his injuries.

"Walter said the car would veer toward the barrier in the mornings when he went to work," the Huang family's attorney wrote in a response to NTSB questions.

Huang also described Autopilot's malfunctioning to his brother, the attorney wrote, in addition to talking with a friend who owns a Model X.

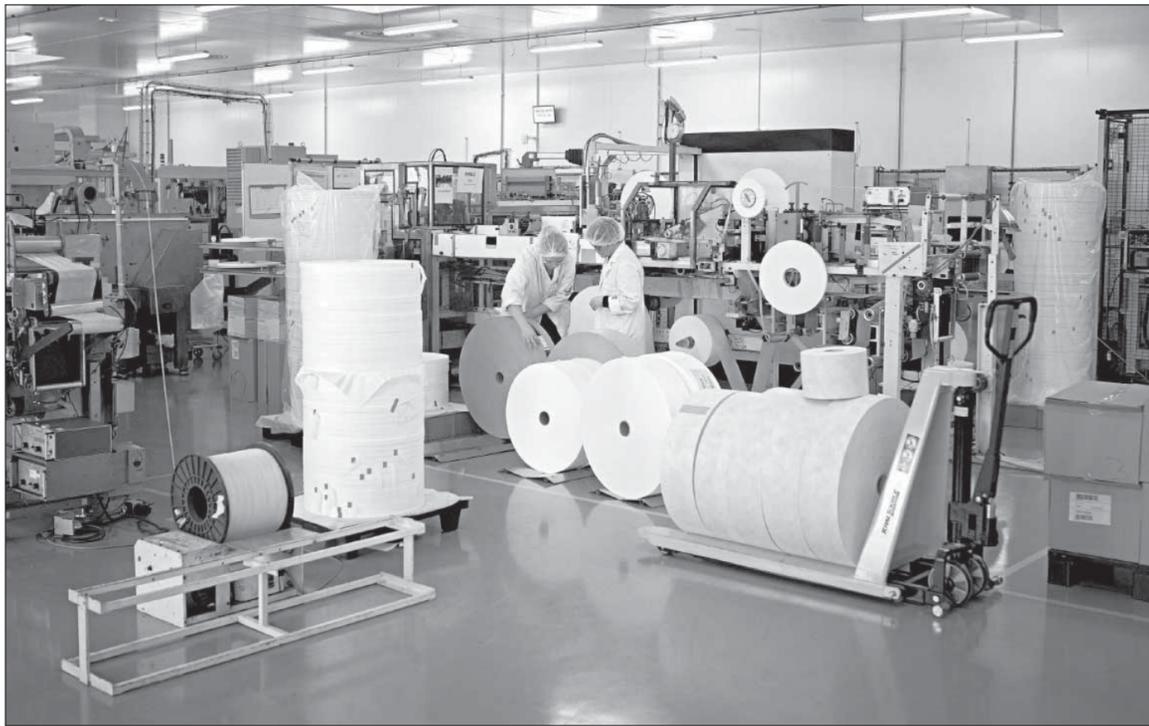
Huang discussed with the friend how a patch to the Autopilot software made the Model X veer, the lawyer's response said.

Sometime before the crash, Huang took his Tesla to a service center to fix a "navigation error," the attorney's response said. But Tesla could not duplicate the problem and it was not repaired.

The Huang family is suing Tesla and California's Department of Transportation for allegedly failing to maintain the highway.

Autopilot is a partially automated system designed to keep a vehicle in its lane and keep a safe distance from vehicles in front of it. It also can change lanes with driver approval. Tesla says Autopilot is intended for driver assistance and that drivers must be ready to intervene at all times.

The full safety board is scheduled to hold a hearing on the crash Feb. 25.



ELLIOTT VERDIER/THE NEW YORK TIMES

A new employee is trained at Kolmi Hopen's medical face-mask factory in Angers, France.

Mask maker faces high demand

French factory works to meet demand after coronavirus outbreak

By **LIZ ALDERMAN**
The New York Times

ANGERS, France — The relentless whir of machines echoing across a cavernous French factory floor is an unexpected result of the deadly virus that has nearly paralyzed cities in China and other parts of Asia.

The company, Kolmi Hopen, makes an item that is suddenly one of the world's hottest commodities: the medical face mask.

The factory typically makes around 170 million masks a year, but in the last week orders arrived for a staggering half-billion, flooding the sales department's inboxes at the rate of one every two minutes. Kolmi Hopen is racing to hire more workers to keep the machines running 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

"We're making masks as fast as we can," said Guillaume Laverdure, chief operating officer of Kolmi Hopen's parent company, Canada-based Medicom, as forklift drivers moved boxes of freshly finished masks into

trucks.

"But demand is still rising," he added. The coronavirus outbreak has set off a run on protective masks across China and in major cities. To curb the spread of the virus, the Chinese government has ordered citizens to don masks every time they go outside. Medical professionals said once used, a mask must be replaced with a fresh one, driving an explosion in demand. Grim scenes of people lined up for hours to get a protective face covering, only to be turned away when pharmacies run out, have become familiar.

"I can't find a single mask to buy," said Sandy Lo, 60, in Hong Kong. "I don't know what stores have stock anymore." She said she reuses old masks "because what else could I do?"

Most of the world's face masks are made in China and Taiwan. But factories there, including ones run by Medicom, have been forced to temporarily halt exports to comply with government demands to reserve them for frantic residents.

Last week, the Chinese government, conceding it was in urgent need of medical masks and other protective gear, said it would begin importing them from Europe, Japan and the United States to help make up for the shortfall.

It has made the Kolmi Hopen outpost in

western France an unlikely hot spot. Phones at the factory have been ringing off the hook as medical supply buyers scour the globe for mask-makers.

Demand is especially strong for high-filtration respiratory masks, which can be more effective against the spread of virus-laden droplets than surgical masks, Laverdure said. Laverdure declined to discuss financial details, including the cost of the masks.

Scientists said there isn't much evidence that masks actually protect healthy people — hand washing may be more important.

Still, as the coronavirus spreads, with thousands of confirmed cases and hundreds of deaths, experts fear that supplies of face masks and other sanitary protection items will run low in other countries — even for routine medical use. Pharmacies in the United States have begun reporting shortages.

The frenzy of orders at Kolmi Hopen shows the large-scale disruption China can create in the global supply chain for even the most specialized products, if factories there fail to operate at full strength.

China produces about half the world's sanitary face masks — around 20 million a day, supplying hospitals and medical workers in numerous countries. Taiwan makes up another 20% of the global supply.

Virus crisis hits global flows of letters, parcels

By **JOHN LEICESTER**
Associated Press

PARIS — Postal operators in the United States, China and elsewhere say the suspension of flights to slow the spread of a deadly new virus is having a major effect on global flows of letters and parcels.

In a note seen by The Associated Press, the U.S. Postal Service informed its counterparts around the world Tuesday that it is "experiencing significant difficulties" in dispatching letters, parcels and express mail to China, including Hong Kong and Macao, "because most of its supplier airlines have suspended their flights" to those destinations.

As a consequence and "starting immediately," USPS said it can no longer accept

items destined for China, Hong Kong and Macao "until sufficient transport capacity becomes available."

Likewise, in another, separate note seen by the AP, Singapore Post told its global counterparts that it is no longer accepting letters, parcels and express mail items destined for China, "until sufficient transport capacity becomes available."

The notes were shared with postal services around the world via the Universal Postal Union, a U.N. agency headquartered in Switzerland that is a main forum for postal cooperation between its 192 member countries.

In a statement to the AP, the UPU said that the suspension of flights because of the virus "is going to impact the delivery of mail for the foreseeable future."

"But it is hopefully temporary. The Universal Postal Union is carefully monitoring the operational situation, and is in constant contact with postal operators to ensure any backlog is cleared in the shortest possible time," it said.

The Chinese mail service, China Post, said it is disinfecting postal offices, processing centers, and vehicles to ensure the virus doesn't travel via the mail and to protect postal staff.

The virus does "not survive for long on objects. It is therefore safe to receive postal items from China," said a China Post noted transmitted via the UPU.

The letters, parcels and express mail that do still make it to China will be delivered "via non-face-to-face methods," the note added.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

Regulators probe 5 tech companies

WASHINGTON — Federal regulators are ramping up their investigation of the market dominance of five giant tech companies, demanding detailed information on their acquisitions back to 2010.

The Federal Trade Commission announced the move Tuesday, issuing orders to Facebook, Amazon, Apple, Microsoft and Google's parent, Alphabet Inc.

The FTC, the Justice Department and a House committee have been investigating the conduct of big tech companies and whether they aggressively bought potential rivals to suppress competition and hurt consumers.

Some critics have pointed to Facebook's acquisition of Instagram and WhatsApp as deals that should be questioned.

Twitter tool helps deliver census info

Twitter has rolled out a new tool to help users find accurate information about this year's U.S. Census.

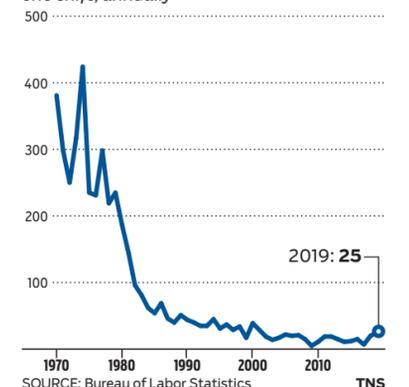
People who search for census-related terms will automatically see a link to the federal government's census website, which contains information about participating in the census, what information is collected and how it is used.

Tech companies are trying to stanch the flow of misinformation about the census, used to apportion seats in the U.S. House and allocate billions in federal funding. False claims about the census could skew the results if they discourage participation.

Twitter will also add a tool making it easier to report content that contains inaccurate or misleading census claims.

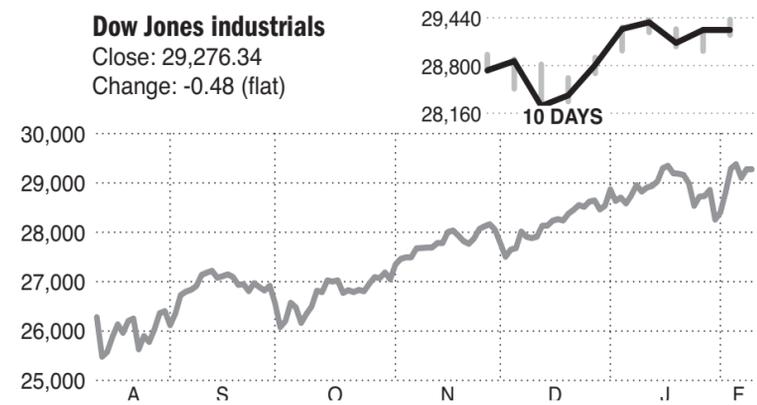
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Close: +10.55 (+.11%)	Close: +5.66 (+.17%)	Close: +9.84 (+.59%)
High: 9,714.74	High: 3,375.63	High: 1,686.01
Low: 9,617.21	Low: 3,352.72	Low: 1,674.00
Previous: 9,628.39	Previous: 3,352.09	Previous: 1,667.67

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
+0.05 to 1.59%	-9.10 to \$1,565.60	+0.06 to 109.76/\$1	-0.0006 to .9156/\$1	+0.37 to \$49.94

Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P
+1.63	+1.81	+1.82	+1.16	+4.19	+2.27	+15.14	+30.00	+22.33

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 20	551.50	551.75	539	542	-10
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 20	381	382	378	379.75	-2
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 20	885.75	889	878	884.75	+50
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Mar 20	30.69	30.95	30.40	30.72	+10
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Mar 20	291.50	293.10	289.20	290.80	-60
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Mar 20	49.61	50.69	49.58	49.94	+37
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Mar 20	1.768	1.800	1.753	1.788	+022
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Mar 20	1.5229	1.5424	1.5086	1.5142	-0071

Source: The Associated Press

LOCAL STOCKS

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STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	89.17	+0.87	Envestnet Inc	N	82.10	-0.89	McDonalds Corp	N	215.73	+2.52
AbbVie Inc	N	96.00	+1.25	Equity Commonwealth	N	32.95	+0.09	Middleby Corp	O	115.23	+2.63
Allstate Corp	N	125.10	+1.15	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	73.46	+0.37	Mondelez Intl	O	58.87	-0.10
Aptargroup Inc	N	116.05	+0.25	Equity Residential	N	84.79	-0.15	Morningstar Inc	O	157.22	-0.63
Arch Dan Mid	N	46.12	+0.44	Exelon Corp	O	49.34	+1.03	Motorola Solutions	N	184.46	+0.39
Baxter Intl	N	91.85	+0.57	First Indl RT	N	44.40	+0.32	Navistar Intl	N	37.65	+0.54
Boeing Co	N	344.42	-0.25	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	72.37	+0.64	NISource Inc	N	29.93	+0.07
Brunswick Corp	N	63.98	+0.97	Gallagher AJ	N	107.40	+0.62	Nthn Trust Cp	O	102.89	+1.83
CBOE Global Markets	N	123.45	-0.24	Grainger WW	N	300.87	+2.70	Old Republic	N	23.28	+0.23
CDK Global Inc	O	54.19	+1.04	GrubHub Inc	N	51.82	-1.02	Packaging Corp Am	N	102.60	+2.03
CDW Corp	O	135.97	+1.98	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	109.23	+0.69	Pacycity Hldg	O	142.05	-1.74
CF Industries	N	42.17	+0.50	IAA Inc	N	47.69	-0.54	RLI Corp	N	97.79	+0.69
CME Group	O	211.65	-1.72	IDEX Corp	N	176.05	+1.58	Stericycle Inc	O	61.51	+0.7
CNA Financial	N	50.72	-0.09	ITW	N	187.13	+3.29	TransUnion	N	95.07	-1.29
Cabot Microelect	O	164.72	+3.34	Ingredion Inc	N	98.51	+7.49	US Foods Holding	N	39.67	-1.07
Caterpillar Inc	N	136.19	+1.87	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	165.17	-7.33	Ultra Salon Cosmetics	O	293.78	+5.3
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	32.80	+0.56	Kemper Corp	N	80.60	-0.63	United Airlines Hldg	O	80.53	+1.06
Deere Co	N	170.26	+2.02	Kraft Heinz Co	O	30.01	+0.32	Ventas Inc	N	58.36	-0.66
Discover Fin Svcs	N	75.75	-0.08	LKQ Corporation	O	33.58	+0.39	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	52.99	-0.43
Dover Corp	N	118.99	+0.77	Littelfuse Inc	O	184.51	-0.09	Zebra Tech	O	247.81	-0.74

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Sprint Corp	8.52	+3.72
Nokia Corp	4.41	+1.15
Ford Motor	8.10	+0.04
Chesapeake Energy	.50	+0.00
Itau Unibanco Hldg	8.06	+0.17
Under Armour Inc	16.59	-3.86
Gen Electric	12.85	-0.06
Aurora Cannabis Inc	1.54	-0.02
Uber Technologies	41.27	+1.26
Bank of America	34.77	+0.08
AT&T Inc	38.17	-0.17
Vale SA	11.92	+0.32
Teva Pharm	12.33	-0.02
Freeport McMoRan	12.40	+0.23
Energy Transfer LP	12.37	+0.18
Petrobras	14.82	+0.42
Yamana Gold Inc	3.93	+0.01
Verizon Comm	58.69	-1.55
Slack Technologies	25.98	-0.56
Ambev S.A.	3.81	...
VEREIT Inc	9.86	-0.02
Snap Inc A	17.61	+0.01
Pinterest Inc	24.03	-0.26
Transocean Ltd	4.48	-0.02

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
AT&T Inc	38.17	-0.17
Alibaba Group Hldg	217.21	+1.44
Alphabet Inc C	1508.79	+1.1
Alphabet Inc A	1510.06	+1.40
Amazon.com Inc	2150.80	+16.89
Apple Inc	319.61	-1.94
Bank of America	34.77	+0.08
Berkshire Hath B	227.33	+0.22
Facebook Inc	207.19	-5.87
HSBC Holdings pR	26.84	+0.03
Intel Corp	67.41	+1.02
JPMorgan Chase	138.00	+0.26
Johnson & Johnson	151.99	+0.13
MasterCard Inc	330.92	+0.64
Microsoft Corp	184.44	-4.26
Procter & Gamble	124.16	-2.01
Taiwan Semicon	58.66	+1.64
Visa Inc	203.94	-2.05
WalMart Strs	115.40	+0.15

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	34.92	+13	+21.4
American Funds AmrcnBalA m	29.26	+0.08	+17.0
American Funds CptWldGrncA m	53.21	+0.34	+19.6
American Funds CptWldGrncA m	64.07	+0.26	+14.1
American Funds FdmtlInvSA m	64.15	+0.32	+22.5
American Funds GfrAmrcA m	54.26	+0.18	+24.9
American Funds IncAmrcA m	23.55	+0.07	+15.5
American Funds NwPmrcA m	40.71	+0.10	+21.0
American Funds NwPmrcA m	49.45	+0.24	+26.0
American Funds WAMTInvSA m	49.31	+0.12	+20.9
Dodge & Cox Inc	14.26	-0.01	+9.7
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	43.04	+0.44	+14.1
Dodge & Cox Stk	196.86	+1.56	+17.5
DoubleLine TtRetBdl	10.78	...	+7.1
Fidelity 500ldxInsPrrm	116.64	+0.20	+26.4
Fidelity Contrafund	14.54	-0.01	+26.7
Fidelity InvMGradeBd	11.76	-0.01	+10.3
Fidelity TtMktldxInsPrrm	94.21	+0.24	+24.7
Fidelity USBdlxInsPrrm	12.10	-0.02	+9.4
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	2.34	+0.01	+9.6
Metropolitan West TtRetBdl	11.11	-0.02	+9.7
PIMCO Inc2	12.10	...	+7.3
PIMCO Incstl	12.10	...	+7.5
PIMCO TtRetIns	10.53	-0.01	+9.2
Schwab SP500ldx	51.43	+0.09	+26.8
T. Rowe Price BCGR	133.56	+0.05	+25.4
T. Rowe Price GrStk	79.01	-0.03	+27.3
Vanguard 500ldxAdmrl	310.42	+0.54	+26.4
Vanguard BalldxAdmrl	40.50	+0.04	+18.7
Vanguard DivGrIn	31.68	+0.06	+26.7
Vanguard EqInAdmrl	80.76	+0.37	+19.4
Vanguard GrldxAdmrl	101.54	...	+35.0
Vanguard HCAdmrl	91.41	+0.42	+20.7
Vanguard IntTtAdmrl	14.65	...	+7.3
Vanguard InsldxIns	302.18	+0.52	+26.4
Vanguard InsldxInsPlus	302.20	+0.52	+26.4
Vanguard InstSMInPls	71.45	+0.17	+24.8
Vanguard IntGrAdmrl	106.84	+0.97	+26.7
Vanguard MdcpldxAdmrl	228.04	+1.43	+20.9
Vanguard PmCpAdmrl	149.37	+0.57	+22.1
Vanguard STInvMGrAdmrl	10.79	-0.01	+5.7
Vanguard SncpldxAdmrl	80.57	+0.52	+13.7
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	33.18	+0.06	+14.1
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	20.27	+0.04	+16.1
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	37.26	+0.11	+17.0
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	23.03	+0.08	+17.8
Vanguard TtMktldxAdmrl	11.23	-0.02	+9.6
Vanguard TtMktldxIns	11.23	-0.02	+9.6
Vanguard TtMktldxAdmrl	23.01	-0.01	+8.4
Vanguard TtMktldxIns	34.52	-0.02	+8.4
Vanguard TtMktldxAdmrl	29.80	+0.22	+14.3
Vanguard TtMktldxIns	119.18	+0.87	+14.4
Vanguard TtMktldxInsPlus	119.21	+0.88	+14.4
Vanguard TtMktldxIns	17.82	+0.13	+14.3
Vanguard TtMktldxAdmrl	82.93	+0.20	+24.7
Vanguard TtMktldxIns	82.95	+0.21	+24.7
Vanguard TtMktldxIns	82.89	+0.20	+24.6
Vanguard WingtAdmrl	76.97	+0.06	+20.4
Vanguard WislyIncAdmrl	67.74	+0.04	+15.2
Vanguard WndsrldAdmrl	66.23	+0.18	+22.7

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OBITUARIES

JANET WOLTER 1926-2020

Oncologist, researcher at Rush
a pioneer in studying cancer

BY GRAYDON MEGAN

Dr. Janet Wolter was a professor at Rush University Medical Center, a cancer researcher and a practicing oncologist who made lasting contributions to the care of breast cancer patients.

"She was a clinical researcher translating ideas that originated in the laboratory to the bedside," said Dr. Melody Cobleigh, the Brian Piccolo Professor of Cancer Research at Rush Medical College, a chair Wolter formerly held.

Cobleigh said Wolter was a pioneer in studying and treating cancer. "There was no such thing as oncology when she started (in the early 1960s)," Cobleigh said.

Wolter helped start the midwest's first comprehensive breast cancer center at Rush in 1985, a place where patients could be seen by surgeons, radiation oncologists and medical oncologists.

"That was a huge leap forward for patients," said Cobleigh, who was a fourth-year medical student when she met Wolter in 1975. "That was what she was all about — getting patients the best care they could receive."

Wolter, 93, died of natural causes Feb. 4 in her home in Chicago's Lakeview neighborhood, according to her stepson Jeff Grip. Wolter used her married name, Grip, in her personal life.

Wolter grew up in River Forest. After graduating from Oak Park and River Forest High School in 1943, she went on to get a bachelor's degree from Cornell College in Mount Vernon, Iowa, before getting a medical degree from the University of Illinois College of Medicine in 1950. Family members said her plan to become a doctor began when she was in seventh



FAMILY PHOTO

Dr. Janet Wolter in an undated photo.

grade.

Wolter interned with the University of Illinois hospital system, followed by a yearlong fellowship at what was then Presbyterian Hospital in Chicago before another internship in medicine at Johns Hopkins Hospital. She then was an assistant resident in medicine at Duke University Hospital before returning to the University of Illinois Hospital as chief resident in medicine.

She worked in a polio center there until the advent of polio vaccines made that service obsolete.

She began her career in cancer care in 1963, working with the late Dr. Samuel Taylor III.

Wolter was active in two major oncology cooperative groups, the Eastern Cooperative Oncology Group and the National Surgical Adjuvant Breast Program, Rush officials said. She was on both executive committees. In 2004, the NSABP bestowed upon her the Investigator Lifetime Achievement Award.

In 1970, she helped design an early trial involving a brief course of chemotherapy after surgery, even when surgery was supposed to have gotten all the cancer, Cobleigh said.

That therapy, called adju-

vant or adjunct to surgery, ultimately proved to be successful. "The rest is history," Cobleigh said.

In 1984, Wolter was diagnosed with breast cancer and participated in a number of trials.

Cobleigh said when she was a medical student, Wolter influenced her career path, reminding her of the television doctor Marcus Welby as a kind and compassionate physician.

"In her small office, I watched her talk with patients and family and offer them options and laugh with them," Cobleigh said. "I just was hooked."

Wolter believed strongly in clinical trials.

"In research, I would say her legacy was to introduce evidence-based medicine into the cure of cancer patients," Cobleigh said. "Her other legacy is the hundreds of doctors she trained."

Away from medicine, Wolter loved music and sang in the choir of St. James Cathedral in Chicago for some 30 years.

She was a longtime subscriber to Lyric Opera of Chicago and her white doctor's coat was often embroidered with a Cubs logo.

Jeff Grip said Wolter had a nearly inexhaustible store of jokes and stories — thousands, he said — for nearly every occasion, most suitable for telling in front of youngsters.

Her husband, Carl Grip Jr., whom she married in 1973, died in 1995.

She also is survived by two other stepsons Jeremy and Tim Grip; seven step-grandchildren; and eight step-great-grandchildren.

There will be a memorial service at 11 a.m. Feb. 29 in St. James Cathedral, 65 E. Huron St., Chicago.

Graydon Megan is a freelance reporter.

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In Memoriam

Karina Brown

To the blessed Karina Brown, 21:
I am your sunshine, your man. It is amazing the kind of impact someone can have on your life until you stop to think about it. Today we raise our memory of you.

You were like a child of our very own. It was hard to fathom that from this delicate girl a strong and purposeful person would grow. We shared many special memories from childhood since the time when I had been six and met you in the sandbox close to our home in Minsk. And some time later my first teacher on my first day of school put me right next to you. It was a very nice surprise! Then I lent you my hairdryer for your wedding. My dear friend forever. May you rest in peace.

You covered all the bases for a great friend: shared interests and an authentic spirit of good will. We shared many things: our love for our children, a passion for music, love of cooking and gardening. You opened the door to the lives many now live. You tethered family, friend and even stranger with a stronghold in novel America. Bringing some of us here set life on a completely different path. You extended your hands, hands that could build bridges.

You welcomed all with open arms and a big, happy smile. It is as if life blossomed within the palace of a home that you created with your loved ones. You only desired to love and serve.

You were a parenting role model. You knew how to be a supporter and advocate for your children. You were a mom to more than just me and Jessica. You were a mom to many.

You were an artist's soul. Wood-burning and woodcarving were your hobbies. Your house was surrounded with greenery and very healthy plants. Many still envision you cooking or gardening in the backyard as they drive by your home.

You were always the glue that held everyone together and will continue to exist in everyone's lives and memories piece by piece. If one puts all these pieces together, one will see a person who gave it her all with what she had and created unity for family, friends and even stranger.

The world was definitely a better place with Karina in it. We learned so much from her at every turn. Soulful and intelligent, caring and warm, generous and kind, fair and articulate, encouraging and hospitable, tender of heart, loving and forgiving may her great name be. She was a great employee, mother, wife and, most of all, a great friend who will be sorely missed probably forever. And we, as a family, shall be closer to one another. We loved her, and she will always be in our book of fondest memories and in our hearts.

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Death Notices

Conley, Nancy Lee

Nancy Lee Conley nee Charlette of Schaumburg for 57 years, beloved wife of 62 years of Jim; loving mother of Maureen Strokosch, Jim (Sally), Eileen (Don) Rosenwinkel, Daniel (Lucy), Michelle (Tim) Helton and the late Kevin; cherished grandmother of 10; proud great grandmother of 9; dear sister of Gayle (the late Dave) Birdsong and Raymond (JoAnn) Charlette, sister-in-law of Mary Alyce Tully; aunt of many loving nieces and nephews. Visitation Wednesday 3:00 - 9:00 p.m. at the Countryside Funeral Home and Crematory 1640 Greenmeadows Blvd. (at Barrington Rd.) Streamwood/Schaumburg. Funeral Thursday 9:15 a.m. to St. Marcelline Church. Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment St. Michael the Archangel. Donations made to Amita Hospice 2601 Navistar Rd. Bldg. 4 Fl. 1 Lisle, IL 60532 or Parkinson's Foundation at 200 SE 1st St. Suite 800 Miami FL 33131 or www.parkinson.org. (630) 289-8054 or www.countryside-funeralhomes.com.

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Dinella, Marianne C.

Marianne C. Dinella nee Lampugnano, 68; Devoted wife of Vince; Cherished mother of Vince (Allison), Phil (Jamie), Danny (Noele) and David (Jenna); Loving grandmother of Vince, Mollie, Sadie, Anne, Emma, Juliette and soon to be Gino and Gisele; Beloved daughter of the late Phillip and the late Mollie Lampugnano; Dear sister of Patricia (the late Gary) Drase, June (Ev) Rubis, Phil (Fanny) Lampugnano and Sharon (Carlo) Capobianco; Dearest friend of Joan Fantozzi, Phyllis Melone and Jessie Vainisi; Dear aunt to many. Memorial Visitation will take place Thursday Feb. 13th from 3:00 p.m. until time of prayer service at 8:00 p.m. at **Cumberland Chapels** 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge. Interment private. For info: 708-456-8300 or www.cumberlandchapels.com



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Drennan, Patricia

Patricia Drennan died peacefully on January 2, 2020 in Chicago after a long illness. She was 87 years old. Born in Detroit. There will be a Memorial Service, to remember and honor her life on Saturday, February 15, 2020 at 12:30 p.m. at Martha Washington Apartments (Hospitality Room), 2324 West Irving Park Road, Chicago, Illinois 60618. For further information please call 312-421-0936 or www.michalifuneralhome.com.



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Englehardt, Audrey M.

Audrey M. Englehardt, nee Mirus, 82, longtime resident of Palatine, IL. Beloved wife of Bob for 59 years. Loving mother of Joellen (Darryl) Stein and Suellen (Mark) Murphy. Proud Mimi of Erin, Katherine, Kevin, Patrick, Jack, Grace and Michael. Dear sister of Jerry (Melvin) Lechowicz and the late Pat Key. Audrey loved to travel with Bob, especially on their annual Hawaiian vacation. She spent many years serving others at her children's schools and cleaning the Holy Family rectory. Mimi loved to spend time with and spoil her grandkids and grand-dogs. Everyone was always welcomed into the Englehardt home where Audrey loved to celebrate and decorate. In lieu of flowers, please consider taking someone special out for ice cream. Family and friends will meet Saturday, February 15, 2020 for visitation from 9 AM until time of Funeral Mass at 10:30 AM at Holy Family Catholic Church, 2515 W. Palatine Road, Inverness. Interment will be private. 847-359-8020 or www.smithcorcoran.com.



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Fox, Leeta

Leeta Fox nee Meyers, 91, beloved wife of the late Nathan; loving mother of Doug (Laura) Fox and the late Michele (Randy) Glancy; devoted grandmother of Jeffrey (Mary) Fox, Quinn and Cooper Glancy; great-grandmother of Westley Fox; fond mother-in-law of Jill Fox. All services will be private. Arrangements by **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 847-256-5700.

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Fredricks, Virginia E.

Virginia E. Fredricks, nee Jorgensen, 97, of Northbrook, passed away February 9, 2020. Beloved wife for 72 years of Edward T. Fredricks; loving mother of Randi E. Fredricks and Kurt E. (Peggy) Fredricks. Virginia was active with the Northbrook Historical Society, Inn Shop and was an avid gardener. Visitation will be held Monday, February 17, 2020 from 4 to 8 pm at **N.H. Scott & Hanekamp Funeral Home**, 1240 Waukegan Road, Glenview. Funeral Mass will be held Tuesday, February 18 at 10 am at Our Lady of the Brook, 3700 Dundee Road, Northbrook.

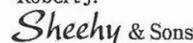


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Graham, Edgar A.

Beloved husband of Virginia (nee Polk). Loving father of Cathie (the late David) Miller, and Debbie (Mark) Lausch. Dear step-father of Janet (Frank) Dunkel, and Pam (Bob) Jankuski. Loving grandfather of 8 and great-grandfather of 9. Fond brother of Ira (Helen) Graham. Kind uncle of many nieces and nephews. Long time proprietor of Graham & Sons Decor and Vending. Memorial visitation Friday, February 14, 2020, 10:00 a.m. until time of Service 1:00 p.m. at the **Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home**, 9000 W. 151st Street, Orland Park, IL. Interment private www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878

Robert J.



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Gronwold, Arlene M.

Arlene M. Gronwold (nee Cerven) formerly of Chicago and Tinley Park. Beloved wife of Don. Loving mother of Jeff (Andrea), Scott (Jennifer) and Wendy (Kenyon) Hathaway. Devoted grandmother of Haleigh, Samuel, Maria and Abigail Gronwold, Tinley and Sawyer Hathaway. Dear sister of Dorothy (the late Charles) Dhom. Visitation Thursday 3pm to 8pm at **RICHARD J MODELL FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES**, 12641 W. 143rd St., Homer Glen. Lying-in-state at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, 14700 S 94th Avenue, Orland Park, IL 60462 from 9:30am until time of service 10:30am. Entombment Bethania Mausoleum. Devoted member of many organizations at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church in Orland Park. In lieu of flowers donations to Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church appreciated. 708-301-3595 or rjmodellfh.com.

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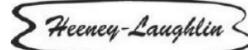
Guagliardo, Maddalena

Maddalena Guagliardo nee Guardi, 99, beloved wife of the late Pietro; loving mother of Antoinette (Claudio) Sanchez; devoted grandmother of Angela (Michael Huber) and Raymond (Nadiyah) Sanchez; loving great grandmother of Ashley, Gabrielle, Thomas, Michael, Alexah, Kylie and Cole; step grandmother to Karen Karkoska, Margaret Dugan, Darlene Romano and John; aunt to many nieces and nephews. Funeral Friday 9:00 am at Grein funeral Directors 2114 W Irving Park Rd to St. Edward Church, Mass 10:00 am. Entombment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Visitation Thursday 4 - 9 pm. 773-588-6336 or greinfuneraldirectors.com

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Heaney, Ronald B.

Ronald B. Heaney, Age 91, U.S. Marine Corps Veteran of Korean War, Born into Eternal Life on February 8, 2020. Beloved husband of the late Virginia T. (nee O'Hara). Loving father of Joseph (Donna), James (Maria), John (Susan), Mary Kay (John) Lynch, Stephen (Margaret) and the late Tommy Heaney. Proud grandfather of 17 and great-grandfather of 11. Dear brother-in-law of the late Helen (John) Slattery, Margaret (James) Vail and Jeanette (Joe) Walsh. Fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. Lifelong dear friend of the late Kay (Jack) Butler and Pat (Tom) Kelso. Alumnus of St. Rita H.S. (1946). Former superintendent for American Can Co. Past president and faithful member of Christ the King Parish St. Vincent DePaul Society. Ron is kindly remembered for graciously providing senior friends and neighbors with rides to Sunday Mass, doctor appointments, grocery shopping, and beauty parlor visits. Family and friends will meet at Christ the King Church, 9235 S. Hamilton Ave. Chicago, IL 60643 on Saturday, February 15th, 2020 for visitation from 9:30am-11:00am. Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 am. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. Memorials to Christ the King St. Vincent DePaul Society are most appreciated. Info: **Heaney-Laughlin Funeral Directors** 708-636-5500 or www.heaneyfh.com



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Kelliher, Mary T.

Mary T. Kelliher, 77, of Edison Park. Beloved daughter of the late Mary B. nee Kearney and the late Edward P. Kelliher. Loving sister of Susan (Robert Rosenkoetter) Kelliher, Patricia (Allen) Wiederer, the late Nancy Fogarty, and the late Thomas Kelliher. Proud aunt of Edward Wiederer, Kimberly Jansen, and Daniel Wiederer. Great aunt of 4. Donations may be made in Mary's name to The Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, 213 W. Institute Place, Suite 302, Chicago, IL 60610. Service and interment will be private. Services entrusted to **M J Suerth Funeral Home**, info 773 631 1240

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Kesselman, Michael

Michael Kesselman, age 77. Beloved husband of the late Linda Sue Kesselman, nee Merin, for over 49 years. Survived by his wonderful daughters, Dara Kesselman and Amy Goldenberg. Zadie's Big Love, his grandson Benjamin Goldenberg. Dear brother of the late Lawrence (Beverly) Kesselman. Devoted son of the late Milton and the late Sara Kesselman. Brother in law of Judy (Morton) Kessel. Will be missed by nieces, nephews and many friends. Private services will be held. For public shiva information please contact the funeral home. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made in his name to Alzheimer's Assoc. Illinois Chapter, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Floor 17, Chicago, IL 60601, www.alz.org or Cove School, 350 Lee Rd., Northbrook, IL 60062, www.coveschool.org. Arrangements by Chicago Jewish Funerals-Buffalo Grove Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com.



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ON FEBRUARY 12 ...

In 1554, Lady Jane Grey, who had claimed the throne of England for nine days, and her husband, Guildford Dudley, were beheaded after being condemned for high treason.

In 1689, the Declaration of Rights was signed in England, proclaiming William and Mary king and queen for life.

In 1818, Chile officially proclaimed its independence, more than seven years after initially renouncing Spanish rule.

In 1870, women in the Utah Territory gained the right to vote.

In 1895, the Battle of Wei-haiwei took place during the Sino-Japanese War.

In 1907, more than 300 people died when the steamer Larchmont collided with a schooner off Block Island in New England.

In 1908, the first round-the-world automobile race began in New York. (It ended in Paris the following August.)

In 1909, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was

founded.

In 1912, the Manchu Dynasty abdicated in China, making way for the establishment of a provincial republic.

In 1962, the Soviet Union backed down from an attempt to restrict allied use of air corridors to Berlin.

In 1968, "Soul on Ice" by Eldridge Cleaver was first published.

In 1970, an Israeli air raid accidentally hit an Egyptian scrap metal plant, killing 70 civilians.

In 1973, the first release of American prisoners of war from the Vietnam conflict took place.

In 1975, Britain's Queen Elizabeth II asked for a \$1 million raise in her living allowance due to rising expenses.

In 1993, in a crime that shocked Britons, two 10-year-old boys lured 2-year-old James Bulger from his mother at a shopping mall in Liverpool, England, then beat him to death.

In 1999 the Senate voted to acquit President Bill Clinton of perjury and obstruction of justice; Clinton told Americans he was "pro-

foundly sorry" for what he had said and done in the Monica Lewinsky affair that triggered it.

In 2002, former Yugoslav president Slobodan Milosevic went on trial in The Hague, accused of war crimes.

In 2004, defying a California law, San Francisco officials began performing weddings for same-sex couples.

In 2008, General Motors reported losing \$38.7 billion in 2007, the largest annual loss in automotive history at the time, and offered buy-outs to 74,000 hourly workers.

In 2013, former Los Angeles police Officer Christopher Dorner, 33, died from a self-inflicted gun wound after a weeklong manhunt in California. (He reportedly killed four people.)

In 2014, President Barack Obama signed an executive order to raise the minimum wage for federal contract workers to \$10.10 an hour starting Jan. 1, 2015, and encouraged employers nationwide to increase wages for their workers. Also in 2014 comedian Sid Caesar, who became one of television's first stars in the early 1950s, died in Beverly Hills, Calif.; he was 91.

In 2016, Pope Francis traveled to Cuba and met with Patriarch Kirill of the Russian Orthodox Church in the first encounter ever between the heads of two of the largest branches of the Christian faith.

In 2018, Illinois House Speaker Michael Madigan announced he cut loose Kevin Quinn, a veteran of his political organization, over "unwanted advances and inappropriate text messages" to a female campaign worker. Also in 2018 the legendary gun manufacturer Remington announced it would file for Chapter 11 bankruptcy.

WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

ILLINOIS	
Feb. 11	
Mega Millions	365 / 2
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Mega Millions jackpot: \$202M	030 / 0
Pick 3 midday	1986 / 0
Pick 4 midday	05 12 34 39 45
Lucky Day Lotto midday	
	08 09 14 24 38
Pick 3 evening	918 / 1
Pick 4 evening	8661 / 2
Lucky Day Lotto evening	
	20 22 24 33 42
Feb. 12 Powerball: \$70M	
Feb. 13 Lotto: \$2M	
WISCONSIN	
Feb. 11	
Pick 3	852
Pick 4	2515
Badger 5	02 040 12 28 31
SuperCash	15 19 21 25 33 34

INDIANA	
Feb. 11	
Daily 3 midday	365 / 2
Daily 4 midday	8053 / 2
Daily 3 evening	030 / 0
Daily 4 evening	1986 / 0
Cash 5	05 12 34 39 45
MICHIGAN	
Feb. 12	
Daily 3 midday	283
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Klesen Jr, Anthony James 'Tony'

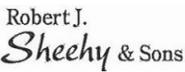
MSGT Anthony James "Tony" Klesen Jr, 73, of Bartlett, died Thursday, February 6, 2020. Born September 11, 1946 in Chicago. Tony retired from the U.S. Air Force after 20 years. After retiring from the Air Force Tony worked as a quality engineer for Raytheon and Lockheed Martin. Beloved husband of Patricia (Nee Kowalski) and the late Stephanie (Nee Radliff); loving dad of Anthony James III and Kimberly Ann (Christopher) Stanley; cherished grandpa of Dakota and caring son of the late Anthony James, Sr and Eleanor (Nee Soske). Memorial visitation Thursday, February 13 from 3:00p.m. until time of service 7:00p.m. at the **Countyside Funeral Home** and Crematory, 333 S Roselle Rd (1/4 mile south of Irving Park Rd), Roselle. Burial at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to charity of choice in Tony's name would be appreciated. 630-529-5751 or www.countysidefuneralhomes.com



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Korpics, Charles J.

Beloved husband of 63 years to Joan Korpics (nee Thomiszer). Devoted father of Mike (Kathy) Korpics, Cathy (Charlie) Schoen, Carol (Bill) Wittenberg, John (Dawn) Korpics, and Joanie (Mike) D'Astice. Proud grandfather of John, Brian, Jackie, Mark, Ben, Tom, Jim, Jake, Kate, Mary, Anna, Charlie, Cay, Luke, Jessica, Daniel, David, Christina, Amanda, and Sarah. Adored great grandfather of Alex, Ellie, Will, Mae, Dylan, Addie, and Charlie. Loving brother of Maryann (the late Ray) Janisch, and the late Frank (the late Denise) Korpics. Dear uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. Funeral Saturday 11:15 a.m. from the **Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home**, 9000 W. 151st Street, Orland Park, IL to St. Michael Church, Mass 12:00 p.m. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers, donations to Catholic Charities of Chicago 721 N. LaSalle, Chicago, IL 60654, would be greatly appreciated. sheehyfl.com 708-857-7878



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Leo, Liliana P.

Liliana P. Leo passed away February 10, 2020 at the age of 92. Preceded in death by her husband Edmund and daughter Judith; devoted mother of Maria (Steve) Siguaw, Patricia (Mike) Davis, and Philip E.; loving grandmother of Zachary Siguaw, Ryan Davis, and Philip A. Leo; great-grandmother of Nik and Tim; fond sister of Carmella (John) Mascitti, the late Andrew (Patricia) Mark, the late Geno (the late Barbara) Mark; fond step-sister of the late Louis (the late Ann) Marchigiani, the late George (Grace) Marchigiani, and the late Mary (the late Carl) Shau. Visitation Friday, February 14, 2020 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at **Michalik Funeral Home**, 1056 W. Chicago Ave., Chicago, IL 60642. Family and friends will meet Saturday, February 15, 2020 at St. John Cantius Church, 825 N. Carpenter St., Chicago, IL 60642 for a 10:00 a.m. Funeral Mass. Interment Assumption Catholic Cemetery, Glenwood, IL. Donations may be made to The Woman's Center, 5116 N. Cicero Ave., Chicago, IL 60630, www.gotwc.org. For further info 312-421-0936 or www.michalikfuneralhome.com.



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Magrini, John T. 'Jack'

John T. "Jack" Magrini, age 93, U.S. Army WWII Veteran, retired employee of Nicor Gas and longtime North Riverside resident. Beloved husband of Jacky Smalstig, dear son of the late Henry and the late Helen (nee Roche) Magrini. Visitation Thursday, February 13, 2020, 8:30am until time of prayers 10:30am at **Kuratko-Nosek Funeral Home**, 2447 S. DesPlaines Avenue, North Riverside to Mater Christi Church, Mass 11:00am. Entombment Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Christ the King Garden Mausoleum. Online condolences may be offered to the family at www.KuratkoNosek.com. Info: (708) 447-2500.



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Muller, Andrew

Andrew F. Muller 67 of Mt. Prospect was born on February 7, 1953 to the late John and late Magdalena Muller and passed away February 11, 2020. Andrew was the beloved husband of Theresa "Terry" (nee Doherty) Muller; loving father of Drew and Christopher Muller; caring brother of the late John Muller; dear son-in-law, brother-in-law, uncle, cousin and friend to many. Visitation Thursday February 13 from 3-8pm at **Oehler Funeral Home** 2099 Miner St. Des Plaines, IL. Funeral Friday February 14 with visitation from 9:30am until funeral mass 10:30am at St Alphonsus Ligouri Catholic Church 411 N. Wheeling Rd Prospect Heights, IL. Interment private. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to American Cancer Society or St Jude Children's Research Hospital. Funeral info 847-824-5155 or oehlerfuneralhome.com



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Nelson, Robert E.

Age 89; Retired CPD; Loving husband of the late Jean; Proud father of David (Kathy), Steven (Laura), and Lynn (Andy CFD); Cherished grandpa of Brandon, Daniel, Maureen, Brittany, Eric, Patrick, Robert, Adrienne and David; Loving great grandfather of Brody; Dear brother of Violet and the late Fred; Fond uncle to his nieces and nephews and beloved friend to many who will be deeply missed; Dedicated public servant for the Chicago Police Department for 32 years and proud Korean War Veteran; Visitation Thursday 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Funeral Friday 9:00 a.m. from **Curley Funeral Home**, 6116 W. 111th Street, Chicago Ridge to Our Lady of the Woods Church, 10731 W. 131st St. Orland Park; Mass 10:00 a.m.; Interment St. Mary Cemetery; In lieu of flowers the family would like donations to The Chicago Police Memorial Foundation, 1407 W. Washington Blvd, Chicago, IL 60607; For Funeral info 708-422-2700, or www.curleyfuneralhome.com



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Nosek, Sophia T.

Nosek, Sophia T. (nee Marek), age 103, passed away February 8, 2020. Beloved wife for 61 years to Joseph P. Darling mother of Kathleen Chyna and the late Gerard. Preceded in death by the late sisters Clara Lipinski, Josephine Michalak, brother Stanley, sister Helen Renkal, brother Rev. John J. Marek, C.S.C. and Rev. Andrew "Edward" Marek, OCSO and Walter Marek. Dear godmother, aunt, great aunt to many and Kathy, who would become like another daughter, not blood related but by a blessing later in life. Former member of the St. Daniel the Prophet Senior club, HARP Chapter 3355, Howe Development Center. Visitation Thursday, February 13, 2020 at Ridge Funeral Home, 6620 W. Archer Ave., Chicago, IL (Edward A. Tylka Manager/Director) from 3:00 pm until 8:00 pm. Funeral Friday, February 14th with closing prayers at the funeral home 9:30 am going to St. Daniel the Prophet for 10:00 am Mass of Christian Burial. Private interment Monday, February 17th at St. Adalbert Cemetery. Please omit flowers. For more information, 773-586-7900 or www.ridgefl.com.

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Polcyn, Virginia I 'Ginny'

Virginia I. Polcyn, 93, beloved wife of the late Elmer; cherished mother of Carol (Jim) Vitkauskas and Rose (Jeff) Senger; sweet grandmother of Chris Vitkauskas, Tracie (Kevin) Barry, Kayleigh Senger, and Lauren Senger; beloved great-grandmother of Lucy Barry; loving aunt to many nieces and nephews; and wonderful friend to many. Visitation Thursday, February 13, 2020 from 3 PM to 9 PM at **Nelson Funeral Home**, 820 W. Talcott Rd., Park Ridge, IL. Lay-in-state Friday, February 14, 2020 from 10 AM until time of service at St. Luke's Lutheran Church 205 N Prospect Ave, Park Ridge, IL. Funeral Service at 11 AM with procession to Memory Gardens for interment. In lieu of flowers please donate to St. Luke's Lutheran Church. For info 847-823-5122 or www.NelsonFunerals.com.



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Schuman, William

William Schuman, 81. Beloved husband for 52 years of Karen, nee Lackner; devoted father of Stacey (Rob) Lutherus; caring son of the late Ruth Lee Schuman; loving brother of the late Phillip Schuman; cherished uncle of Arden Jay; treasured cousin of many. William was an Airborne Ranger in the 101st Airborne Division during the Korean War. He was known for his kindness and compassion- to people he met, strangers, but most especially his family. He had a great sense of humor, was very intelligent and a life-long learner. He will be deeply missed. Funeral service Friday, Feb. 14, 12 PM, at **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 111 Skokie Blvd, Wilmette. Interment Westlawn. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, www.stjude.org. For info: 847-256-5700.



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Tennerstedt, Darlene Kary

Darlene Kary Tennerstedt, 80, of Evanston, formerly of Wilmette, passed away peacefully Sunday, February 9, 2020 with her loving daughter, Elizabeth "EB", by her side. She was born on December 16, 1939 to George and Lillian (nee Sankey) Kary. She grew up in Chicago and attended Austin High School. While working at Bodine Electric, she met her husband and love of her life for 49 years, Richard "Dick". Together they shared their love of the outdoors by hiking and cross-country skiing in the Grand Tetons. Darlene was an avid gardener and loved tending her beautiful perennial garden at her Wilmette home. She volunteered and worked at the Chicago Botanic Garden for over 30 years as a walking and tram tour guide. She was the secretary and then production manager of Northwestern University Press, finished her degree from Lake Forest College in her later years, and was an active and faithful 53-year member of Northminster Presbyterian Church of Evanston. She was the beloved wife of Milton Richard "Dick", loving mother of Elizabeth (Jeff) Sedin, cherished grandmother of Brian and Molly Sedin, loving aunt of Margaret Walker, Paula Bayer and the late William Bayer and great-aunt to Martha and Britta Walker. A memorial service will be held Saturday, February 15 at 2 p.m. with a reception to follow at Northminster Presbyterian Church, 2515 Central Park Avenue, Evanston, Illinois 60201. Memorial donations may be made to the Salvation Army www.salvationarmy-usa.org /donate or to the Northminster Presbyterian Church. Please note Darlene Tennerstedt in the memo line. Arrangements entrusted to **Davenport Family Funeral Homes and Crematory**, Lake Zurich 847-550-4221. For online condolences please visit www.davenportfamily.com.



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Walsh, Mark J.

Mark J. Walsh, age 58 of River Forest, died suddenly; beloved husband of Eva nee DiGilio; loving father of Mark, Jack, James, Charlie and Joe; dear brother of Patrick (Elizabeth "Lou"), Brian (fiancée Debbie Gansauer), Kate (Patrick) Hennessy, Annie (Donna Coates) Walsh, and the late Richard A. Jr. (Roberta); fond uncle, cousin and friend of many; devoted son of the late Richard A. Sr. and Patricia "Patsy" Walsh. Mark was a 1979 graduate of Oak Park and River Forest High School and graduated from The University of Arizona in 1983. He was a successful commodities trader and in 1992 created the Mark J. Walsh & Company, an options and futures trading fund. Mark enjoyed playing sports, coaching basketball, golfing and spending time at Lake Geneva, but more than anything, he loved spending time with his family and friends. Visitation Thursday 2 to 9 p.m. at **Drechsler, Brown & Williams Funeral Home**, 203 S. Marion St., Oak Park. Friends and family will meet at St. Luke Church on Friday for mass at 10 a.m. Private interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to JOHN MALONE "JJMS2" SCHOLARSHIP (<https://www.fenwickfriars.com/support/john-malone-jm52-scholarship/>), in honor of Mark's nephew, are appreciated. Funeral info: drechslerbrownwilliams.com or 708-383-3191

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Warren, Marjane Ruth

Marjane Ruth Warren, 95 passed away peacefully on January 21, 2020 with family by her side. Humble, loving, and cheerful, she was loved by those who knew her. She lived an exemplary life guided by her Faith and Catholic values. Faced in recent years with the afflictions of advancing age, she bore every hardship with grace and patience. Marjane was born on July 11, 1924, in Chicago, the daughter of Frances and Rutherford Sitkowitz. Her schooling was in Chicago, graduating from Bryn Mawr Elementary and Calumet High School. She married the love of her life, Douglas D. Warren, on July 18, 1942 at Sacred Heart Church in Chicago. When World War II sent her husband overseas, Marjane aided in the war effort by working at the Ethicon Div. of Johnson & Johnson - making surgical sutures. War's end reunited them, and in 1951, they became homeowners, moving to Mt Greenwood and joining St Christina Parish. Doug and Marjane lived there for 55 years, raising six children in their Catholic beliefs. They moved to Joliet, IL in 2007. Her leisure time was given to gardening, family genealogy and sewing. She loved music and movies, old and new, especially romances. Always an avid reader, Marjane was reading the daily newspaper front to back and was still borrowing and reading multiple books each week from the Joliet library, up to the final year of her life. First and foremost, she loved her children and grandchildren, and never tired of sharing in their joys and sorrows. She was kind, compassionate and understanding. An inherently tolerant person, she was genuinely interested in everyone, treating each with respect, listening and delighting in their stories. Marjane always heard with her heart. Marjane was preceded by her husband of 70 yrs, and her sweetheart forever, Doug, her parents Frances and Rutherford, her stepfather, Arthur Erickson and her son-in-law, Donald Snaidauf. Survived by her 6 children - Marjane F., Diane Snaidauf, Douglas and Ginny, Mark and April, Deborah and Patrick Masterson, and Matthew; her 16 grandchildren - Derek (Rachele) Snaidauf; Jennifer (Cory) Nagel, Douglas III, Jason, Alicia (Matt) Harvey, Lindsay, Victoria (William) Sluis; Martin, Ashley and Andrew; Laura, Michael and Julie Masterson; Katherine, Rachael and Rhiannon; great grandchildren Toby Warren, Lilly and Liam Sluis. In Lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Joliet Area Community Hospice (joliethospice.org). A celebration of Marjane's life will be held on March 7, 2020. Memorial Mass at St Alexander Church, 7025 W 126th St., Palos Heights, IL at 10:00 AM. The family will receive friends and relatives Saturday morning from 9:00 AM until the time of the service. Private interment at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL on Monday March 9th.

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Winters, William Russell

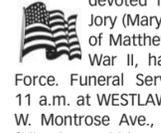
William Russell Winters, age 74, of Park City, Illinois passed away on Sunday February 9, 2020. William was born August 28, 1945 in Evanston, IL. Russell is survived by two sons, Christopher (Karen) Winters and Bradley (Melissa) Winters; grandchildren, Garrett, Phoebe, Paige and Zander; sisters, Joan Burrows, Diane Rudolph and Terry Miller; and many nieces and nephews. A visitation for Russell will be held Friday, February 14, 2020 from 3:00 PM to 7:00 PM at **Marsh Funeral Home**, 305 N Cemetery Rd, Gurnee, IL 60031. Burial will be private.



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Wishnoff, Aaron

Aaron Wishnoff, 95, February 10, 2020, of Homewood, IL, beloved husband of the late Ruth Wishnoff, nee Wilchins (2011); devoted father of Larry Wishnoff and Jory (Mary) Wishnoff; loving grandfather of Matthew Wishnoff. Veteran of World War II, having served in the U.S. Air Force. Funeral Service Thursday, February 13, 11 a.m. at WESTLAWN CEMETERY CHAPEL, 7801 W. Montrose Ave., Norridge, IL, with interment following. Rabbi Carmit Harari, officiating. Please visit AARON WISHNOFF BOOK OF MEMORIES. To express your thoughts or memories in the online guest book, visit www.chapelc.com or www.facebook.com/centralchapel. Arrangements by CENTRAL CHAPEL-Southtown Jewish Directors. Info., 773-581-9000.



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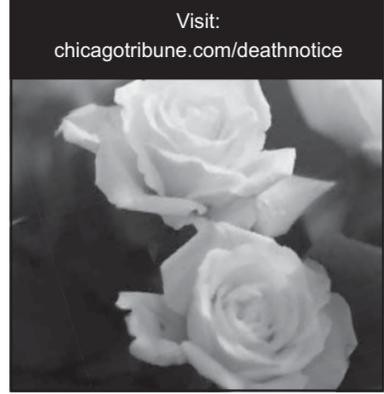
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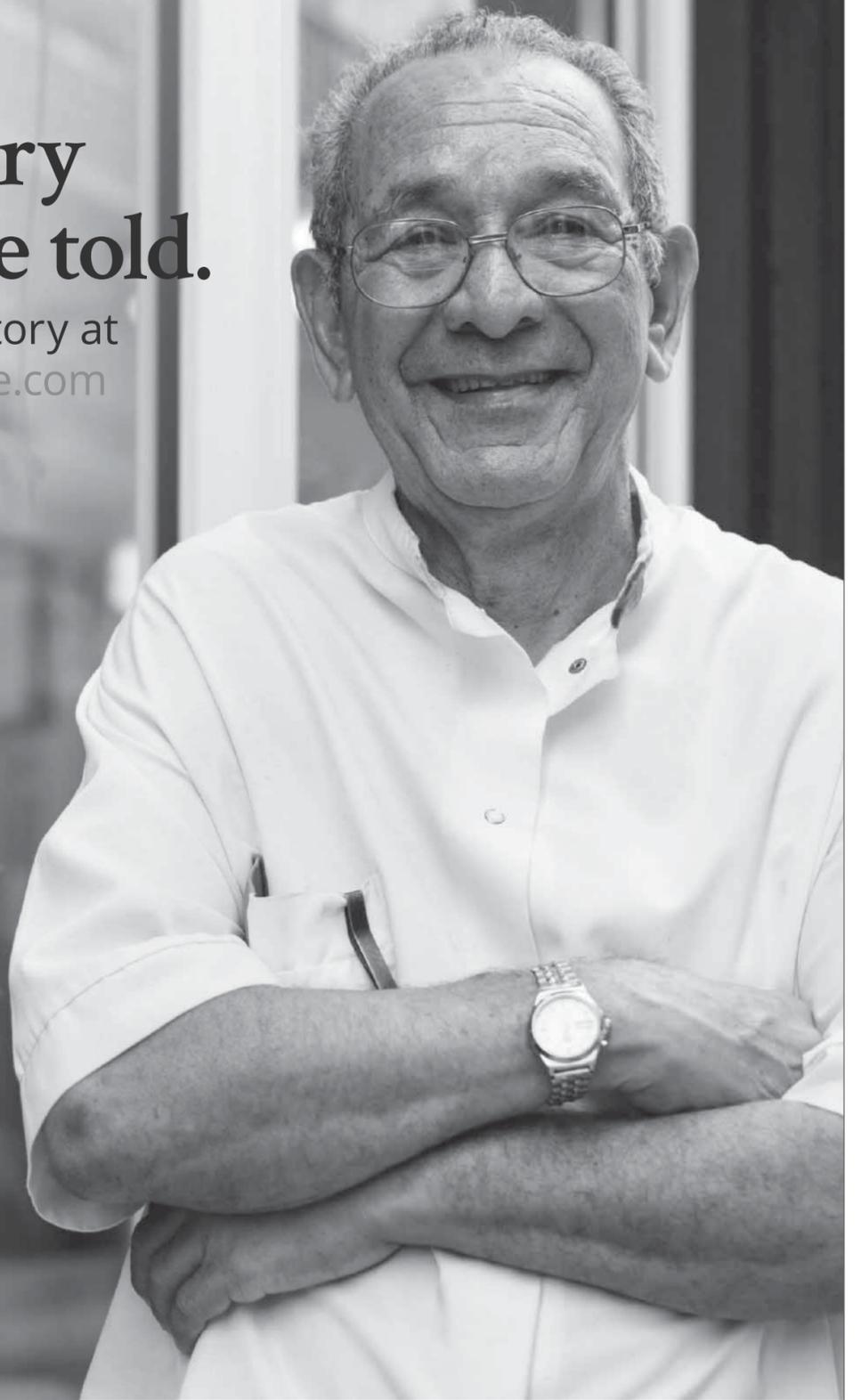
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ASSUMED NAMES

Notice is hereby given, Pursuant to "An Act in relation to the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct or transaction of Business in The State" as amended, that a Certification was filed by the Undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County File No. Y20003075 on the Date: **January 27, 2020** Under the Assumed Name of: **ORIGINAL CEREMONIES** with the business located at: **450 E WATERSIDE DR #2109 CHICAGO, IL, 60601** The true name and residence address of the owner is: **KAREN KAUFMAN 450 E WATERSIDE DR #2109 CHICAGO, IL, 60601** 1/29, 2/5, 2/12/2020 6587221

LEGAL NOTICES

Notice is hereby given that Cicero School District 99 will accept sealed Lump sum trade contractor bids for the following: **SHERLOCK SCHOOL PARKING / PLAYGROUND EXPANSION, 5327 / 5329 / 5331 West 22nd Place, Cicero**

Bid packages include: BP1-ENVIRONMENTAL BP26-ELECTRICAL BP31- STORM UTILITY DRAINAGE PIPING/EXCAVATING BP32- ASPHALT PAVING BP32.3-CONCRETE PAVING BP32.4- POROUS UNIT PAVING / PLANTS BP32.5-FENCING

The project consists of providing all work per Contract Documents dated 02/14/2020 prepared by FGM Architects Inc. 1211 W. 22nd St. Oakbrook, IL 60523 project no. 17-2299-05, Bid Manual dated 02/14/2020 prepared by Vision Construction & Consulting, Inc. 1733 N. 33rd Ave. Stone Park, IL 60165 project no. 19-128, and HOT SPOT REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF CONTAMINATED SOIL documents dated 01/22/20 prepared by Weaver Consultants Group 33 E. Wacker Dr. Chicago, IL 60601 project no. 4333-305-04-04. Additional Details pertaining to the construction project are set forth in the Bid Documents, available on or after 02/14/20.

All bidders must procure a current set of drawings, specifications, bid manual and HOT SPOT REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL OF CONTAMINATED SOIL documents from Vision Construction and Consulting, Inc. or from BHFx Digital Imaging, 80 W. Seegers Rd. Arlington Heights, IL 60005. Contact BHFx at 847-593-3161.

Bidders may rely only on information contained in the bid documents and provided in written addenda issued by Vision Construction and Consulting, Inc. during this bid process, and shall not rely on any oral information or interpretations given by any representatives or agents of Cicero School District 99, FGM Architects Inc., Engineers, Consultants or Vision construction and Consulting, Inc.

There will be a non-mandatory Pre-Bid meeting held on 02/20/20, 10:00 AM local prevailing time located at SHERLOCK SCHOOL PARKING / PLAYGROUND EXPANSION, 5327 / 5329 / 5331 West 22nd Place, Cicero. After the meeting, a tour of the work areas will be conducted. Additional tours may be conducted by contacting Vision Construction & Consulting, Inc. at: Jim Dombrowski, 708.590.9716, email jim@d visionconstruction.us or Ashkan Mizani, 312-982-1041, email ashkan@visionconstruction.us. All bidders and their subs are invited to attend the pre-bid meeting.

Sealed bids will be received by School District 99, 5110 24th St. Cicero, Illinois 60804 until 10:00 AM local prevailing time, Feb. 25, 2020. Immediately thereafter the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. No immediate decision will be rendered. Bids will be tabulated, studied, and presented to the Owner. Contracts will be awarded, if at all, by Cicero School District 99 at the next Board meeting. All questions concerning the bid must be submitted to Vision Construction & Consulting, Inc. in writing.

All trade contractors must pay prevailing wages in accordance with IDOL requirements for Cook County, Illinois.

All bidders are required to submit a bid security with their bid. The security amount shall be ten percent (10%) of their total bid amount. The bid security may be in the form of a bid bond issued by a surety licensed to do business in the State of Illinois, a cashier's check or a certified check payable to the School District.

The District reserves the right to defer the award of the contracts for a period not to exceed sixty (60) calendar days from the date bids are received, and to accept or reject any or all bids, and to waive technicalities. 2/12/2020 6601086

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Public Notice is hereby given that the Pollution Control Board will hold a public hearing in the matter of Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago v. IEPA (Dissolved Oxygen Standards), PCB 16-28. The Public Hearings will be held on April 14, 2020, at 9:00 am; by VIDEO CONFERENCE at the James R. Thompson Center, 100 West Randolph Street, Room 2-025, Chicago AND IPCB Hearing Room, 1021 North Grand Avenue East, North Entrance, Springfield, Illinois; to be continued if necessary on April 15, 2020, at 9:00, by VIDEO CONFERENCE at the James R. Thompson Center, 100 West Randolph Street, Room 2-025, Chicago AND IPCB Hearing Room, 1021 North Grand Avenue East, North Entrance, Springfield, Illinois. The hearings are subject to cancellation without notice and may be confirmed by calling the Office of the Clerk at 312/814-3461. Additional information can be obtained through the Office of the Clerk at 312/814-3461 and the Board's website at <https://pcb.illinois.gov/>.

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F19120024 LCARE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC, Plaintiff, vs. Adrean Williams aka Adrean S. Williams; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants Defendants. CASE NO. 19 CH 14474 10229 South Perry Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60628 Spratt Calendar 64 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Adrean Williams aka Adrean S. Williams, and UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit has been commenced against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court for the Judicial Circuit by said plaintiff praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: THE SOUTH 15 FEET OF LOT 11, LOT 12 (EXCEPT THE SOUTH 10 FEET THEREOF) IN BLOCK 4 IN COTTAGE ADDITION TO BELMONT, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF BLOCK 16, THE EAST 1/2 OF BLOCK 17, LOT 1 AND THE EAST 1/2 OF LOT 3 OF BLOCK 26 OF FERNWOOD, BEING A RESUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 37 NORTH, RANGE 14, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. P.L.N.: 25-09-429-010-0000 Said property is commonly known as 10229 South Perry Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60628, and which said mortgage(s) was/were made by Adrean S. Williams and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 1630722084 and for other relief; that Summons was duly issued out of the above Court against you as provided by law and that said suit is now pending. NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Cook County on or before February 28, 2020, a default may be taken against you at any time after that date and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit: <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp. This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Steven C. Lindberg ANSELMO LINDBERG & ASSOCIATES LLC 1771 W. Diehl Rd., Ste 120 Naperville, IL 60563-4947 630-453-6960 | 866-402-8661 | 630-428-4620 (fax) Attorney No. Cook 58852, DuPage 293191, Kane 031-26104, Peoria 1794, Winnebago 3802, 03126232 ilpleadings@anselmolindberg.com THIS LAW FIRM IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR. 1/29, 2/5, 12/2020 6587057

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'CONTROLLING' THE NARRATIVE

**KRIS BRYANT
& THEO EPSTEIN**

Epstein gets ahead of the story: 'No bad feelings on either side'

BY MARK GONZALES

MESA, Ariz. — Cubs President Theo Epstein did his best to make sure no bitterness remains after Kris Bryant lost his service-time grievance against the team two weeks ago.

On the eve of the first workout for pitchers and catchers under new manager David Ross, Epstein said Tuesday he reached out via text message to Bryant, whose argument filed by the Major League Baseball Players Association failed to earn him free agency after the 2020 season. Bryant, the National League Rookie of the Year in 2015 and its MVP in 2016, will be a free agent after the 2021 season.

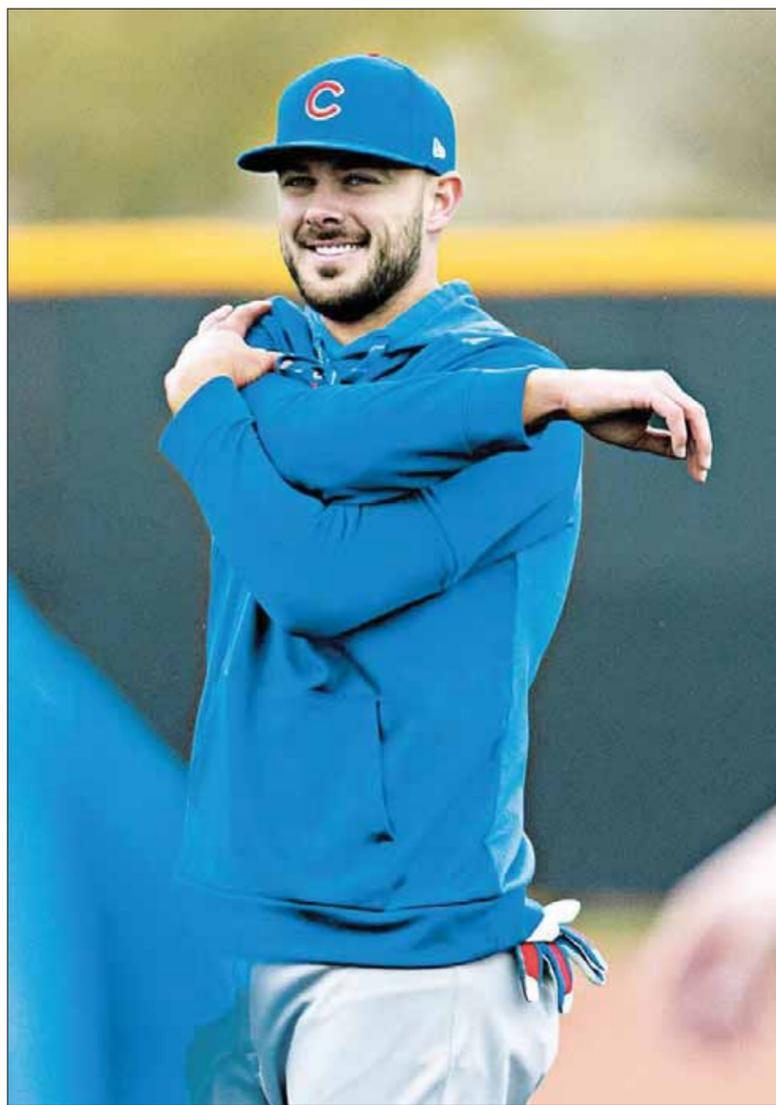
"There were no bad feelings on either side," Epstein said, "and he's just really excited to show up here later this week and start the process of having a great season as a team and individually."

"And he's got a big life milestone coming up as well (with his first child due in April), so he's in a great place."

Still, there will be some awkwardness when Bryant arrives at the Cubs' spring training complex by early next week. All winter, speculation that he would be traded took place as the Cubs look to address long-term needs while coping with a payroll threatening to zoom past the competitive-balance threshold for a second consecutive season, which would result in a luxury tax.

For now, Epstein says the respect between the Cubs and Bryant remains mutual, and that Ross plans to start Bryant at third base and place him near the top of the batting order.

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**JOE MADDON
& THEO EPSTEIN**

Maddon tells his side of fallout: 'They wanted to change everything'



PAUL SULLIVAN
On the Cubs

MESA, Ariz. — When it became apparent in September that Joe Maddon was not returning as Cubs manager, I predicted a conscious uncoupling between Maddon and team President Theo Epstein.

No blame. No regrets. No hard feelings. Just two friends ending a business relationship in a professional manner — the baseball equivalent of a no-fault divorce.

And when Epstein pulled the plug on the final day of the season in St. Louis, the two stood side by side during the announcement and assured us they mutually agreed it was time for a change.

A little more than four months later, as the David Ross era officially kicked off Tuesday at the newly named Nike Performance Center, Epstein was forced to react to a bombshell Maddon dropped in an ESPN.com interview in which the now-Angels manager called the Cubs front office "controlling" and cited "philosophical differences" that made him decide he wanted to leave during last season.

Maddon told ESPN "when I started there — '15, '16, '17 — it was pretty much my methods. And then all of a sudden, after '18 going into '19, they wanted to change everything."

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WIZARDS 126, BULLS 114

Much-needed help should soon be on the way

Porter, Carter, Markkanen all expected back after break

BY JAMAL COLLIER

WASHINGTON — Reinforcements could be on the way for the Bulls following the All-Star break. Coach Jim Boylen is encouraged after a few of his injured starters took steps toward returning to the court during the last few days.

Both forward Otto Porter Jr., who has not played since November because of a fractured left foot, and center Wendell

Carter Jr., out since Jan. 6 because of a high right ankle sprain, have made visible signs of progress, walking without a boot and participating in shooting drills this week to close practice.

Boylen was hesitant to place any exact expectations on either, but he was hopeful both could return to practice shortly after the break. After the Bulls host All-Star festivities this weekend they return to action Feb. 20 against the Hornets at the United Center.

Forward Lauri Markkanen, diagnosed with a right pelvis injury Jan. 24, is a little further behind Carter and Porter, but

Boylen believes Markkanen still is on track to return near the start of next month.

"From what I can see, and from the feedback I'm getting, and from (Monday's) practice, they're on time," Boylen said. "They're moving forward. They seem to be advancing a little bit every day. It's funny, sometimes they progress at a glacial pace and sometimes they jump from day-to-day."

"I feel like they all had jumps the last couple days. What that means? It doesn't change our timetable, but it's encouraging to our staff, to us and to them."

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JASON FRANSON/AP

OILERS 4, HAWKS 3

Tough road ahead

Blackhawks' losing streak hits four in Edmonton. For the full story, go to chicagotribune.com/sports

TOP OF THE SECOND



PAUL SULLIVAN

Bigger not better in baseball

MESA, Ariz. — In his never-ending attempt to make the sport unrecognizable to its core fans, Major League Baseball Commissioner Rob Manfred reportedly is planning to expand the playoffs from 10 teams to 14 and let some of them choose their first-round opponents.

The obvious goal is to create more late-season interest in playoff races, generate more revenue from networks televising postseason games and show the world that outside-the-box ideas are the only way to grow the sport.

The reaction was near unanimous after the plan was leaked to the New York Post: Manfred is a complete idiot.

It's just a plan for now and will need approval of the players union, which naturally wants more playoff games so players can rake in more money. If agreed upon, the format could go into effect as soon as the 2022 season.

"Expanding the playoffs in a sensible way is something worth discussing when part of a much more comprehensive conversation about the current state of our game," union chief Tony Clark said in a statement.

Sensible isn't a word usually associated with MLB, which changes rules so often you would think it was the XFL.

MLB currently has two wild-card teams in each league that fight for a playoff spot, only to face a do-or-die scenario to advance to the division series. It takes only one screw-up or bad bounce to lose, so sometimes the luckier team advances, not necessarily the better one.

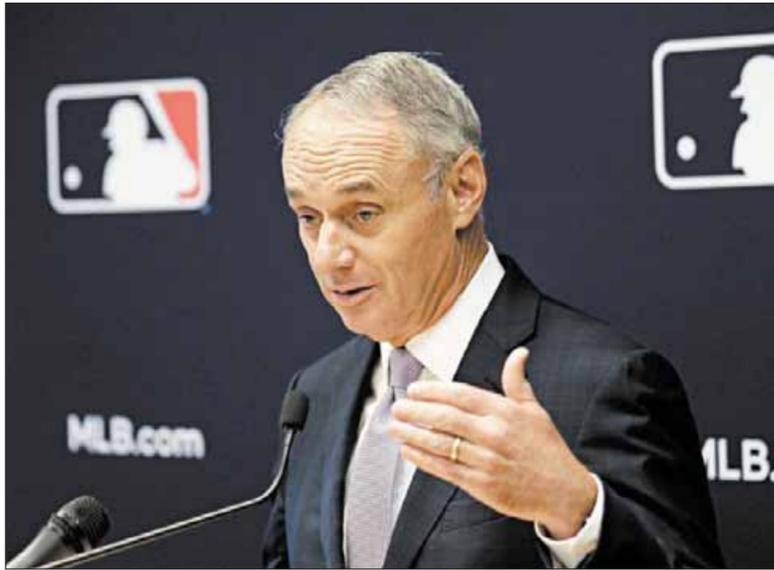
In the Manfred plan, the one-game playoff — thankfully — would become obsolete.

The teams with the best record in each league would get a bye, and the remaining 12 teams — six in each league — would compete in three-game wild-card-round series to advance to division series.

Now comes the head-scratching part.

The division winner with the second-best record in each league would choose its opponent from among the three lowest-seeded wild-card teams, then the division winner with the third-best record would pick its opponent from among the remaining two lowest-seeded wild cards.

The remaining two wild-card teams would face each other. The higher seeds in each series would play all their wild-card-round games at home.



SETH WENIG/AP

MLB Commissioner Rob Manfred has proposed to expand the postseason to 14 teams.

Naturally, it all would be treated like a reality show, televised on the final night of the regular season in the fashion of the NCAA Tournament selection show.

Picture what it would be like: "We'll get to Theo Epstein's pick for the Cubs' first-round opponent. But first, let's hear some thoughts from Brian Kenny and the 'Mad Dog' about whether they should avoid facing the Reds' vaunted starters and choose between the Mets or Braves."

After 20 minutes of loud arguments and recitations of players' WAR values, Epstein would step to the mic and make his choice in dramatic fashion. Then they'll do it again for Nationals President Mike Rizzo before it's on to the American League for more nonstop debate about whom the Astros and Twins will choose from among the Red Sox, Rays and A's.

Oh, boy. What fun.

Manfred seems intent on leaving his mark as an innovator, having already made a major change this year by forcing managers to leave relievers in for three batters or until the end of the inning, whether the reliever is lost on the mound or not. This won't speed up the game, but it certainly

will rile fans if the reliever is crushed by the first two hitters he faces or throws eight straight balls.

Baseball doesn't need a selection show or four more wild-card teams. The only real change it needs is to eliminate the wild-card game and make that a three-game series so one fluke loss doesn't end your season.

Of course, the addition of four teams would increase the possibility of all of MLB's glamour teams — the Yankees, Red Sox, Dodgers and Cubs — making the postseason. That would theoretically increase ratings and make the owners, players union and networks happy.

Leaking the plan now allows everyone a chance to get used to the idea before it's implemented in the next collective bargaining agreement after 2021 while also providing MLB with a distraction from the Astros and Red Sox cheating scandal that has dominated headlines for months.

Will fans' near-universal dislike of the plan make any difference?

No chance.

If none of the deep thinkers in MLB's New York offices could convince Manfred it's a dumb idea, it's doubtful he'll listen to fans.

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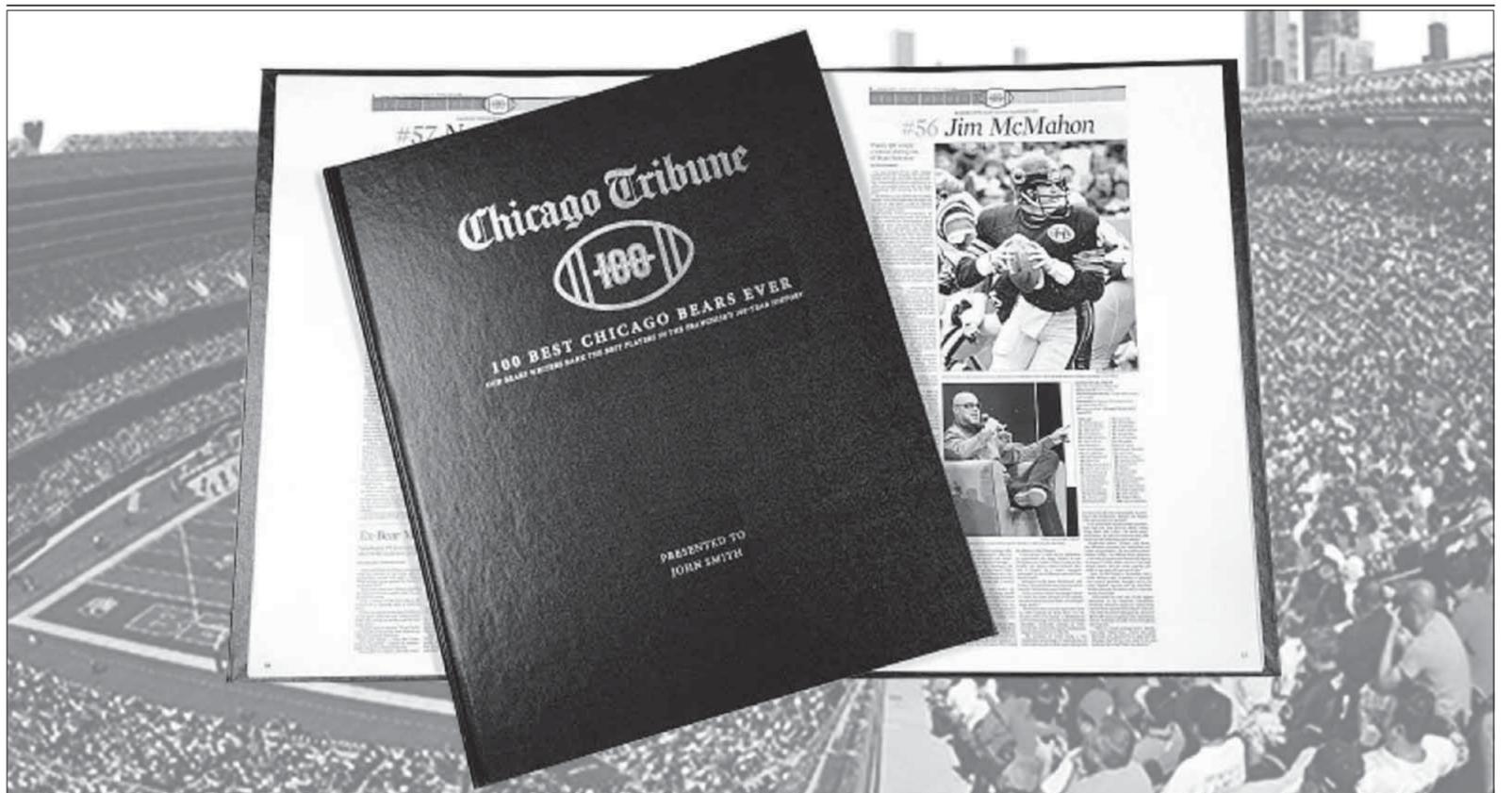
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6:30 p.m. ATP: New York Open Tennis
2 a.m. Rotterdam-St. Petersburg-Hua-Hin Tennis

EX-CUB GRACE JOINS MARQUEE NETWORK

Longtime Cubs first baseman Mark Grace is joining Marquee Sports Network as an analyst. Grace, 55, played 13 of his 16 seasons for the Cubs and was a three-time All-Star. He will provide pregame, in-game and postgame analysis for the network, which announced the hiring Tuesday. "My years as a Cub were very special, and to return to Wrigley, the Cubs and the best fans in sports as part of Marquee Sports Network is something that means a lot to me," Grace said in the statement. "I'm thrilled to be back!" Marquee also added Elise Menaker of the Big Ten Network.

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BASEBALL

Money well spent? Maybe not

Despite additions, Sox pegged for 3rd in Central by PECOTA

BY JEREMY MIKULA

All that money the White Sox spent in the offseason? It won't translate to a huge turnaround if the annual PECOTA projections are true.

Baseball Prospectus predicts the South Siders to finish third in the American League Central with 83 wins despite the acquisitions of Yasmani Grandal, Dallas Keuchel, Edwin Encarnacion and Gio Gonzalez.

PECOTA'S WIN PROJECTIONS IN THE CENTRAL DIVISIONS

AL Central		NL Central	
1. Twins	93	1. Reds	86
2. Indians	86	2. Cubs	85
3. White Sox	83	3. Cardinals	80
4. Tigers	69	4. Brewers	79
5. Royals	68	5. Pirates	70

An 83-win season would be an improvement for the Sox, who finished 72-89 last season after being projected to win 70 games, but would fall short of the expecta-

tion manager Rick Renteria and general manager Rick Hahn have set for 2020.

The Twins (93 wins), who notably added Josh Donaldson and Kenta Maeda this offseason, are expected to win the division again, with the Indians (86) coming in second. The rebuilding Tigers (69) and Royals (68) are projected to sandbag the Central.

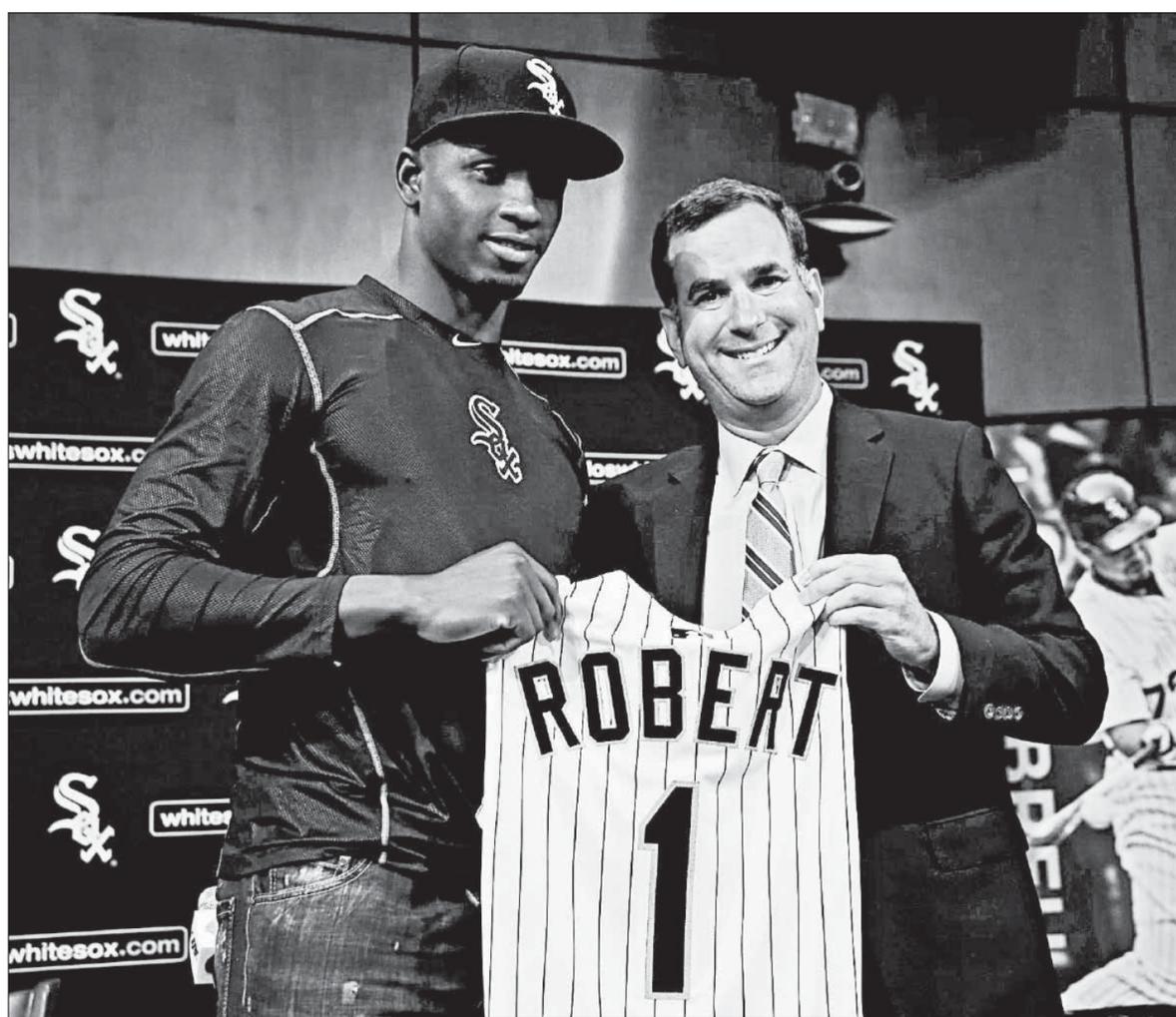
Meanwhile, the Cubs (85 wins) are projected to finish second in the National League Central, one game behind the Reds (86) but with a comfortable gap ahead of the Cardinals (80) and Brewers (79).

Despite a lack of major additions, the

Cubs have a 51.5% chance of reaching the playoffs and a 32.6% chance of winning the division, according to PECOTA.

PECOTA was kinder to the Cubs this year than last, when the North Siders were picked to finish fifth in the division with an 80-82 record. That didn't quite come to fruition, but the Cubs missed the postseason for the first time since the 2014 season after finishing 84-78.

PECOTA — which stands for player empirical comparison and optimization test algorithm — analyzes players' past performances and projects the most likely outcome for the upcoming season.



CHICAGO TRIBUNE

WHITE SOX

Hoping active winter leads to spring, summer success

BY LAMOND POPE

The White Sox last fall identified three areas of need for the offseason: designated hitter, right fielder and starting pitching.

The team addressed all of those needs — and more — and has positioned itself to be a contender in the American League Central or for a wild-card spot. The annual PECOTA projections released Tuesday have the Sox finishing third in the division with 83 wins — 11 more than in 2019.

With pitchers and catchers reporting to spring training Wednesday, here's a review of some of the Sox's offseason moves.

Best move

The Sox set the tone for their offseason Nov. 21, signing Yasmani Grandal to a four-year, \$73 million deal. The two-time All-Star was the top catcher on the free-agent market. He has the potential to aid the Sox in several areas, including on-base percentage.

Grandal was fourth in the majors with 109 walks in 2019; the Sox drew an AL-worst 378 walks. He also is a wizard behind the plate with his stellar pitch-framing skills.

"He was awfully excited to become part of the organization," Sox general manager Rick Hahn said Jan. 23. "And a lot of that had to do with the pieces that were already here, the progress that our young core made over the course of the last year, as well as what the guys throughout baseball understand is coming behind them. Adding in the chance to play in Chicago and play for (manager) Ricky (Renteria), it's enough to get players excited about coming here."

"(Grandal) was certainly of that mindset when he was the first one to commit."

Boldest moves

The Sox could have used some combination of Grandal, fellow catchers James McCann and Zack Collins and first baseman Jose Abreu to share time at designated hitter, but they brought in veteran slugger Edwin Encarnacion on a one-year, \$12 million deal. While the Sox have focused on building for the future, adding Encarnacion and reliever Steve Cishek also are moves for the present. Encarnacion, 37, hit at least 32 homers in each of the last eight seasons.

"He's someone who would make many lineups stronger just from his presence," Hahn said of Encarnacion on Jan. 9, "and we certainly are no exception."



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

New White Sox catcher Yasmani Grandal high-fives fans during SoxFest. The presence of young players such as Luis Robert, top, has made the team more attractive to free agents.

Most to prove

The Sox acquired right fielder Nomar Mazara in a trade with Rangers. He has tremendous power, as demonstrated with a 505-foot home run last season against Reynaldo Lopez. Mazara will attempt to showcase the potential that made him an attractive trade target. The Sox have not ruled out a platoon system in right field.

The left-handed-hitting Mazara performed well against right-handed pitchers, hitting .288 in 302 at-bats with 13 homers and 46 RBIs last season. But he struggled against lefties, hitting .220 in 127 at-bats.

"He's not even close to reaching his potential," Renteria said Jan. 23. "I believe the staff we have will be able to get more out of him."

Biggest position upgrade

The Sox fell short in their attempt to sign starting pitcher Zack Wheeler, who instead went to the Phillies. The Sox rebounded by adding 2015 AL Cy Young Award winner Dallas Keuchel on a three-year, \$55.5 million deal. The 32-year-old left-hander will be slotted toward the top of the rotation, giving the Sox a solid one-two punch along with ace Lucas Giolito.

The Sox also signed veteran left-hander Gio Gonzalez to a one-year, \$5 million deal. Gonzalez, 34, brings stability to the back end of the rotation. Like Abreu, whom the Sox re-signed to a three-year, \$50 million deal, Keuchel's and Gonzalez's influence will go beyond the field.

"He's going to have an impact by being that veteran force every fifth day," Hahn said of Keuchel on Jan. 23. "But it's going to extend beyond that both in terms of sort of a mentorship-type role or a go-to-type guy for the young pitchers."

Top move for the future

For the second straight season, the Sox avoided dealing with the potential of a messy service-time situation.

Before the 2019 season, the team signed left fielder Eloy Jimenez to a long-term deal. This offseason, the Sox and Luis Robert agreed to a six-year, \$50 million deal. The center fielder is one of the top prospects in all of baseball. He had a monster 2019 in the minors, hitting .328 with 32 homers, 92 RBIs and 36 stolen bases at three levels. He has big goals for 2020.

"I want to be rookie of the year and win a championship," Robert said through an interpreter Jan. 24.

CUBS TAKEAWAYS

Battle at 2nd could feature Kipnis

BY MARK GONZALES

The Cubs officially open spring training Wednesday with the first workout for pitchers and catchers.

Here are four takeaways from camp Tuesday.

1. Jason Kipnis is expected to be added to the mix at second base.

The competition at second base became more intriguing with the potential addition of Jason Kipnis.

Kipnis, a Northbrook native who has hit 70 home runs the last four seasons, is expected to join the Cubs on a minor-league contract pending his passing of a physical examination, according to a source.

Kipnis, 32, would give the Cubs a strong left-handed-hitting option. The two-time American League All-Star hit 17 home runs with 65 RBIs while slashing .245/.304/.410 in 458 at-bats in 2019 for the Indians, who didn't pick up his \$16.5 million option.

Kipnis could join a second-base group that includes September sensation Nico Hoerner, David Bote, Carlos Asuaje, Hernan Perez and Daniel Descalso.

2. Anthony Rizzo is a candidate to hit leadoff.

Manager David Ross wouldn't name his list of candidates for the leadoff spot but acknowledges that slugging first baseman Anthony Rizzo hasn't been ruled out.

Rizzo has a lifetime .426 on-base percentage in 244 plate appearances from the leadoff spot, including a .500 mark in 46 plate appearances in 2019.

The Cubs' .294 OBP from the leadoff spot in 2019 was the lowest in the National League, but they're likely to address the spot internally.

"There's a handful of guys you guys can say or can speculate, but I think 'Rizz' is definitely a viable option if I want to go with a professional at-bat to lead it off," Ross said Tuesday at a news conference.

Ross plans to elaborate more on his candidates after he conducts individual meetings with each player this week in Arizona.

3. David Ross is sweating the small stuff.

Ross wants to clean up many of the mistakes and shortcomings that haunted the Cubs last season and emphasized paying attention to small details in workouts.

He cited the need to eliminate base-running mistakes and work quality at-bats.

"Some things have maybe gone awry in the last year," Ross said.

"Nothing earth-shattering. I think it's just a focus to attention to detail and working together, getting back to respecting one another and being accountable."

Ross said the Cubs will use more live batting practice with an umpire to intensify the work.

4. David Ross is sticking to his managerial duties.

Ross said he did not lobby to keep third baseman Kris Bryant out of respect for the jobs of President Theo Epstein and general manager Jed Hoyer.

"I would be an absolute fool to try to try to deal with the experience they have or try to sway them into a decision," Ross said.

"They got a bigger picture they're looking at. I'm looking at win totals, and championships is what I'm looking at, and players."

"Kris Bryant helps us win games, but I do rely on them to do the best job for the group and the organization because I want this to be a spot for winning for a long time, and they've had a track record of doing that."

"I just stay out of that area. Obviously, if Theo calls me and asked me, 'Do you want Kris Bryant on your team?' I would tell them yes."

BASEBALL

Sullivan

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Just do it? Joe just did it.

At the opening news conference of spring training, Epstein said he was going to “take the high road here” because of his “love” and “respect” for Maddon. He repeated his statements from the fall — that no one else could’ve done what Maddon did as Cubs manager and that Maddon would enjoy great success in his new job.

“I guess I’ll just say that this is my 29th season in Major League Baseball,” Epstein said. “This is my 18th running a team. And I can guarantee you I’ve never wanted to get involved in running the clubhouse. I’ve never wanted to infringe on a manager’s authority. I’ve never told a manager that he had to hire or fire a coach, I guess with one exception, due to some off-field issues I had to get involved.”

Epstein apparently was referring to last year’s firing of pitching coach Jim Hickey. “And I’m a firm believer that it’s the manager who has to help define the culture around the major-league team,” Epstein continued. “The manager has to be the leader of the clubhouse, set expectations and hold players accountable to basic organizational standards for preparation and for work and for behavior.”

In those 18 years as a general manager of the Red Sox and president of the Cubs, Epstein said only two times did he feel he needed to get involved because those organizational standards “were not being met.” Though he wouldn’t name Maddon as one of the two instances, Epstein conceded “Joe indirectly alluded to it in some of his comments.”

Epstein insisted he had “no interest in usurping a manager’s power or authority or place running the team,” and preferred to “empower” his managers.

So why did Maddon choose to reveal his true feelings now? He’ll probably have to address that question when Angels camp begins.

Epstein told Maddon he needed to change his style after the 2018 season to get more out of his players, including more hands-on teaching. That request led to Maddon’s admission last offseason that he had studied the book “Managing Millennials for Dummies.”

Maddon said often during the 2019 season that he embraced the changes Epstein asked him to make. But in the end it couldn’t save Maddon from his fate. The Cubs’ late-season collapse only made it easier for Epstein to rationalize his decision to move on.

With no significant roster moves this offseason, it seems obvious the “reckoning” Epstein had threatened was just a threat.



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Cubs President Theo Epstein, left, says he isn’t harboring any ill will toward Joe Maddon.

His real problem, it appears, was with Maddon’s alleged lack of accountability.

“Again, I love Joe, and nothing is going to get in the way of that,” Epstein said. “I don’t think he meant any ill will by his comments. I think it might be his interpretation in hindsight of how he thinks things went down.”

Epstein said he feared an “organizational complacency” had seeped in, adding the Cubs took different approaches to combat it. Ross’ offseason mantra of having his players work out together instead of individually is one of those changes Epstein sought, so we’ll soon see if it makes any difference.

Cubs players love Ross, a former teammate and mentor to many. And while they also professed their love of Maddon, they at times felt he got too much credit for the team’s success.

During spring training last year, one player asked me what Maddon had talked about with the media that day.

“Take a guess,” I said.

“Himself?” he replied.

That’s not a huge surprise. Maddon was charming and chatty and shared many stories of his days managing in the minors. He wasn’t much different in that respect than former Cubs and current Astros manager Dusty Baker, who was known to regale us with a Ralph Garr story or two over the years.

While Maddon sold the Cubs brand better than anyone since Sammy Sosa, some in the organization felt he was really selling Joe Maddon more than the team.

Epstein admitted he and Maddon disagreed on one thing during tough times. “His approach was more that things will work themselves out — (that) these are great players, let them play (and) these things will work out,” Epstein said. “But from my perspective there was a little bit more cause for concern.

“It was not an everyday thing where I would try to step in and offer feedback or help or a reminder about expectations. But when we’re falling short, not in results but in how we’re going about things ... (the) work and preparation that I think should be expected in a big-league situation, I don’t think I’d be doing my job if I didn’t step in.”

Maddon said he still likes Epstein and agreed five years was probably enough for him in Chicago.

“A five-year shelf life in Chicago is almost equivalent to five to 10 somewhere else,” he said. “At the end of the day, man, there’s nothing to lament there. That was the most successful five years that the Cubs have ever had.”

But the “most successful five years” in Cubs history couldn’t save Maddon, and now the conscious uncoupling is unraveling as a new era begins.

BASEBALL NOTES

Red Sox take 1st step with Roenicke

News services

It took Ron Roenicke almost five years to get another chance as a major league manager.

He’ll need to wait at least until next week for “permanency.”

The Red Sox made Roenicke their interim manager Tuesday, promoting the former Brewers skipper to replace Alex Cora on the day Red Sox pitchers and catchers reported for the start of spring training.

Although there’s no expiration date on Roenicke’s tenure, the interim tag will stay until MLB completes its investigation into whether the Red Sox engaged in illegal sign-stealing during their 2018 World Series championship season. If the probe clears Roenicke, who has denied being part of any rules violations, he’s expected to stay.

“We felt that naming Ron our interim manager was the best way to respect the investigation that’s ongoing into our 2018 club. But we feel very strongly about Ron’s ability to lead this group and how well-suited he is for this task,” Chief Baseball Officer Chaim Bloom said.

“We have no reason to think that there is anything that would cause an adverse result for Ron in this investigation,” Bloom said. “We’re going to respect the ongoing investigation and we’ll address permanency once it’s complete.”

Just one year after winning the World Series in his first season with the Red Sox, Cora was let go when Commissioner Rob Manfred named him as a ringleader behind the Astros’ 2017 illegal sign-stealing. The Red Sox have maintained that there was no similar scheme after Cora took over in Boston the next year.

Manfred said last week that he hoped to have the Red Sox investigation completed before the start of spring training. But The AP reported Tuesday that the investigation will continue at least into next week.

Red Sox pitchers and catchers reported Tuesday and have their first workout Wednesday. Rather than open spring training without a manager, the team gave the job to Roenicke — for now.

GM Brian O’Halloran said the team heard from people inside and outside the club who spoke highly of Roenicke.

“I know you did a lot of background check on me,” Roenicke said. “I’m glad it turned out well.”

Roenicke, 63, takes over a team that is dealing with the fallout not only from the cheating investigation but also the salary dump of onetime AL MVP Mookie Betts and Cy Young winner David Price.

“You don’t replace Mookie Betts, who is one of the best players in the game. David Price you don’t replace him. But you move forward,” Roenicke said.

“This is a really good ballclub. There are some tremendous athletes on this team. And you hope that the guys you replace them with become great players. And whether it’s this year, whether it’s a few years. You just keep moving on.”

After winning a franchise-record 108 regular-season games and the World Series in 2018, Cora’s first year, the Red Sox followed that up by missing the playoffs for the first time since 2015.

Roenicke spent five years as the Brewers manager from 2010-15, winning the NL Central title in his first season and finishing as runner-up for NL manager of the year. He was 342-331 with the Brewers.

“Right away, I thought I would” get another chance, Roenicke said. “But then as years go by you, you kind of wonder about it.”

Angels set target for Ohtani: The Angels are targeting mid-May for Shohei Ohtani’s return to the big-league mound, GM Billy Eppler revealed while pitchers and catchers reported Tuesday.

Ohtani, the 2018 AL rookie of the year, will be available as a designated hitter on opening day, but he will take days away from the big-league team to make rehab pitching starts in the minors.

Eppler and Ohtani have detailed plans for the two-way star’s final comeback from Tommy John surgery and subsequent offseason knee surgery, which pushed back his pitching progress.

New manager Joe Maddon is on board with the plans, but he intends to make decisions by speaking with Ohtani.

“I think patience is a key word with all of this,” Maddon said. “I’ve been in development my whole life, so when you’re trying to develop a major league talent like him here, coming off the injury situations that he’s had, it’s important to be very patient, and I am.”

Extra innings: Teams improved to 4-0 in salary arbitration this year when the Rockies beat C Tony Wolters, who will earn \$1.9 million rather than his request for just under \$2.5 million. Wolters, 27, made \$960,000 last season, when he hit .262 with one HR and 42 RBIs in 121 games. ... The Mariners and OF Carlos Gonzalez agreed to a minor-league deal, according to reports. If added to the 40-man roster, Gonzalez would get a one-year contract with a \$750,000 salary in the majors. Gonzalez, 34, was an All-Star in 2012-13 and 2016 with the Rockies. Last season, he hit .200 with three HRs and 10 RBIs in 45 total games for the Indians and Cubs.

Bryant

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The start of spring training won’t prevent the Cubs from looking to improve their long-term fortunes — especially since Bryant, Kyle Schwarber and Javier Baez can become free agents after the 2021 season.

The Cubs are looking for fair compensation — especially young impact pitching with starters Jon Lester and Jose Quintana destined for free agency after 2020 — in any deal for an established player.

“I think the reason we weren’t active in trades is just the desire not to force change, and we didn’t find deals that we thought made us better at this point, or we haven’t to this point,” Epstein said.

The Cubs hope the trade market finally will accelerate after the blockbuster deal that sent Mookie Betts and David Price from the Red Sox to the Dodgers in a three-team trade involving the Red Sox and Twins for Alex Verdugo, Jeter Downs and Connor Wong.

“I’ll be honest,” Epstein said. “There hasn’t been as much turnover as we expected.”

Finding a trade partner in a Bryant deal might be challenging. The pitching-prospect-rich Braves signed outfielder Marcell Ozuna to a one-year, \$18 million contract. The Nationals lost third baseman Anthony Rendon to the Angels via free agency but might not be willing to part with the prospects to satisfy the Cubs.

The Phillies don’t have the young impact pitching to satisfy the Cubs, although owner John Middleton was involved heavily last spring in the signing of Bryce Harper, Bryant’s Las Vegas buddy.

Bryant, who will earn \$18.6 million in 2020, is the Cubs’ biggest trade chip. So far the Cubs have taken a thrifty approach to replacing free-agent relievers Pedro Strop, Steve Cishek and Brandon Kintzler. With left-hander Cole Hamels now with the Braves, the Cubs will try to contend with the same rotation they fielded in 2018, with Tyler Chatwood likely returning as the fifth starter after a productive year in the bullpen.

After a disappointing 2019 that resulted in a parting of ways with manager Joe Maddon, Epstein strongly hinted at change on the roster.

Epstein spoke in general terms Tuesday about “being mindful of your budget.”

“All we’re trying to do is position ourselves.”

Epstein said he was confident the Cubs wouldn’t lose Bryant’s grievance against them. The MLBPA charged that the start of Bryant’s service-time clock was manipulated in 2015 so he wouldn’t become eligible for free agency until after the 2021 season.

“If you read the arbitrator’s decision, I think our actions and approach were validated,” Epstein said. “But there were no hard feelings on either end, and I don’t resent Kris or hold it against him in any fashion.”

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SPORTS

Wade fully behind daughter

Former NBA star proud of child in LGBTQ community

BY JAMAL COLLIER

Retired NBA star Dwyane Wade and his wife, actress Gabrielle Union, consider themselves allies of the LGBTQ community, a responsibility they took seriously when their daughter Zaya opened up about her gender identity.

Wade shared some details of the night Zaya 12, told her parents she was ready to “live her truth” during an appearance on “The Ellen DeGeneres Show” airing Tuesday.

“We are proud — when I say ‘proud,’ we are proud parents of a child in the LGBTQ+

community, and we’re proud allies as well,” Wade told DeGeneres. “And we take our roles and responsibilities as parents very seriously.

“So when our child comes home with a question, when our child comes home with anything, it’s our job as parents to listen to that and give them the best information that we can, the best feedback that we can. That doesn’t change because sexuality is now involved.”

The support for Zaya did not stop with the change in pronouns.

Wade and Union began to gather as much information as possible, tapping into their large number of contacts for guidelines. They even reached out to the cast of

the FX series “Pose,” which has cast the largest number of transgender actors in recurring roles in television history.

“We just tried to figure out as much information as we can to make sure that we give our child the best opportunity to be her best self,” Wade said.

Wade, a Chicago native who played for the Heat, Bulls and Cavaliers, currently is on a media tour to promote his upcoming ESPN documentary, “D Wade: Life Unexpected,” about his career as a 13-time All-Star, but he has shifted smoothly into life as a father of four. His and Union’s parenting skills were applauded by the audience and DeGeneres, who commended their approach to supporting their child unconditionally.

It’s also not the first time Wade and Union have used their platform to advocate for inclusion.

In December, Wade appeared on “All the Smoke,” a podcast with retired NBA players Matt Barnes and Stephen Jackson, to discuss Zaya’s journey and transphobic comments made on social media at the time.

It was clear then and during the “Ellen” segment how proud and supportive he and Union have been to help their daughter.

“I looked at it and said, ‘You are a leader. You are a leader and this is our opportunity to allow you to be a voice,’ ” Wade said. “Right now, it’s through us because she’s 12 years old, but eventually it will be through her.”



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MICHIGAN STATE 70, ILLINOIS 69

Illini’s incredible comeback ends with a fall — and a loss

Illinois came back from 20 points down to take a one-point lead with 20 seconds to play, but Xavier Tillman’s putback dunk with 6 seconds left gave Michigan State a 70-69 win at State Farm Center in Champaign. Ayo Dosunmu rushed down the court to attempt a final shot for Illinois, but he slipped, fell and lost the ball as time expired. The star Illini guard needed assistance getting off the court after the game. Michigan State (17-8, 9-5 Big Ten) took a 40-20 lead early in the second half, but the No. 22 Illini (16-8, 8-5) battled back to take a 61-60 lead on a Dosunmu layup with 5:29 to play. The teams battled back and forth until two free throws by Kofi Cockburn, above, gave Illinois a 69-68 lead with 20 seconds left. Dosunmu scored 17 points to lead Illinois, and Andres Feliz added 15 off the bench. Rocket Watts led the Spartans with 21 points, and Tillman had 17 points and 11 rebounds. For more, go to chicagotribune.com/sports

Bulls

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The Bulls, who had lost five straight games entering Tuesday’s game against the Wizards, could use the boost to their lineup.

They are missing four of their top rotation players, with Carter, Porter and Markkanen joined by guard Kris Dunn, their best perimeter defender, who is recovering from a sprained MCL in his right knee. Dunn is shut down from basketball activities until the swelling in his knee goes down.

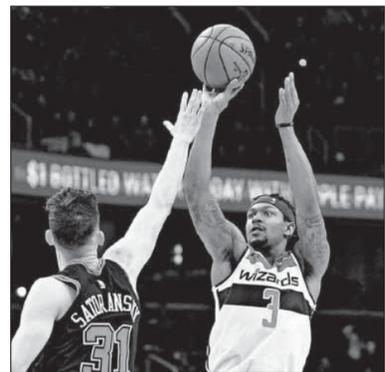
Their lineup is stretched even thinner with rookie center Daniel Gafford nursing an injured left ankle and guard Denzel Valentine out for the third consecutive game because of a hamstring injury.

But if the Bulls’ trio of injured starters continues to improve in the next week or 10 days, Boylen says the team has plans for them to receive additional MRIs before they are cleared for practice and ultimately game action.

“Sometimes a guy can feel real good, but the scans show one thing,” Boylen said. “We don’t want to put anybody in jeopardy.”

Injuries have clouded and defined the second half of this season for the Bulls, leading to a quiet trade deadline while the organization struggles with how to evaluate some of its key players.

The Bulls have just 27 games remaining after the All-Star break, which will leave them with optimistically about 20 or so games to evaluate their lineup together. Since trading for Porter at the trade deadline last season, their building blocks of Zach LaVine, Porter, Carter and Markkanen have played just nine games together.



NICK WASS/AP

WIZARDS 126, BULLS 114

Comeback, Part II? Nope

The last time the Bulls played the Wizards in Washington, they overcame a 12-point third-quarter deficit to force the game into overtime and steal a victory. They attempted to pull off a more impressive comeback Tuesday night with a fourth-quarter charge led by Zach LaVine that cut an 18-point deficit to start the final period to six with just over two minutes remaining. The Bulls could not pull off another late comeback, however, as they fell 126-114. The Bulls have matched a season high with six consecutive losses entering the All-Star break that could not have come quickly enough. LaVine scored 41 points and grabbed nine rebounds in a matchup of Eastern Conference All-Star snubs with Wizards guard Bradley Beal, above, who scored 30 points with seven assists. For more, go to chicagotribune.com/sports

SOCCER

Edwards’ fresh start not happening with Fire

Midfielder/defender heading to Minnesota for Omsberg

BY JEREMY MIKULA

As recently as three weeks ago, midfielder/defender Raheem Edwards was discussing getting a fresh start after spending months away from the Chicago Fire last season.

That fresh start will have to come in Minnesota.

The Fire on Tuesday announced they traded Edwards to Minnesota United for center back Wyatt Omsberg, who is under contract through 2021 with a club option for 2022.

“Wyatt is a strong and imposing defender who will provide competition at the center back position,” Fire coach Raphael Wicky said in a statement. “I am looking forward to working with him and welcoming him to the team.”

Omsberg, 24, was a first-round draft pick in 2018 but spent the majority of 2019 playing on loan in the third-tier USL League One. The former Dartmouth defender is expected to add depth at center back.

The Fire initially shelled out quite a bit for Edwards, sending \$400,000 in targeted allocation money to the Montreal Impact in July 2018. The Toronto-area native started 10 of 13 Major League Soccer matches with the Fire that season.

Things turned sour in 2019, however, as

Edwards’ season initially was shortened by a knee injury in the first half before an extended absence from the Fire kept him out of the final 18 matches. He made just four appearances (two starts) in league play.

After the season, Fire President Nelson Rodriguez — who oversaw soccer operations at the time — declined to go into specifics but told reporters the situation was “dealt with privately between Raheem and the club. Both parties wanted it to remain that way.”

In a surprising move, the Fire gave Edwards something of a lifeline by picking up his team option Nov. 21 during a busy eight days that included the firing of coach Veljko Paunovic and the unveiling of the team’s rebrand.

“New year, new coaching staff, new team, new everything, basically,” Edwards told the Tribune at the team’s media day Jan. 22. “I’m looking to get started and hoping to bring a winning product to Chicago. Chicago has been longing for a winning product since forever.”

If the Fire make the postseason, it will be without Edwards, who at least talked a good game entering preseason training.

“I’m approaching it very serious,” he said. “It’s my career, so I’m trying to do whatever I need to do that’s necessary to help my team and help bring a winning product to the city.”

“Whether it be left wing or left back, I’m going to try my best no matter where they put me and go from there.”

AUTO RACING

NASCAR

Busch aims to capture elusive win

Defending Cup champ eyes 1st victory in Daytona 500

By DAN GELSTON
Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Kyle Busch has partied in victory lane at every NASCAR track from Darlington to Dover, from Bristol to the Brickyard. Busch has even celebrated at Daytona, with a 2008 summer Cup victory on his resume, and trophies from races in other series or exhibitions in his collection.

He has yet to take his traditional bow as the confetti flies at the Daytona 500. He is 0-for-14.

Winning the biggest race in NASCAR is the last drop in filling a bucket list of milestones that includes two Cup championships and more than 200 NASCAR victories for one of NASCAR's all-time greats, who is just 34.

If failing to win the Daytona 500 is gnawing at the tempestuous Busch, he's not letting on.

"The whole aspect of having one item not checked is not that big of a deal," Busch said. "It's not going to end my career by any means."

Maybe not, but it would put a tidy bow on a career where Busch really has not much left to prove.

Last season, Busch was agonizingly close to winning the "Great American Race," finishing second in a race where he led inside of 10 laps left. He had another chance in 2008 until a late-race miscalculation by a teammate cost him a shot at the Harley J. Earl trophy.

Busch gets another shot Sunday at winning the race that Trevor Bayne, Jamie McMurray and Derrike Cope all managed to figure out.

Busch could move past Rusty Wallace and into ninth on the Cup career wins list if he emerges from the anything-can-happen pack. Among active drivers, Busch's 56 wins and two titles are behind only seven-time champion Jimmie Johnson (83 wins).

The good times throughout his career are etched in Busch's Hall of Fame credentials, but the near misses at Daytona are unforgettable.

In 2008, Busch's first season at Joe Gibbs Racing after a complicated breakup at Hendrick Motorsports, a drive toward the finish with teammate Tony Stewart came down to the wire.

Running out front in the high line, Stewart held off two Penske cars over the



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Two-time series champion Kyle Busch is 0-for-14 at the Daytona 500.

final thrilling laps. But as Penske drivers Ryan Newman and Kurt Busch closed in on him, Stewart didn't feel safe running alone without any allies.

At the last second, he dropped low on the track to line up in front of Busch. The JGR teams had planned on winning with teamwork, and Stewart thought he would need Busch to make it to the checkered flag.

The decision backfired in the blink of an eye. Stewart couldn't hook up with Busch fast enough, and the two Penske cars steamrolled past him on the top.

Trying last season to become No. 1 at Daytona, Busch was instead second in the 1-2-3 finish for JGR.

Busch was leading on a restart with nine laps to go and opted to start from the bottom lane after winner and teammate Denny Hamlin told Busch's crew that they would "race it out" without working together.

Before the final restart, though, Busch said Hamlin wanted to "go back into teammate preservation mode." Busch did some blocking that allowed Hamlin to hold off Joey Logano.

Busch's bad luck extends beyond the checkered flag drought. He crashed into a concrete wall in a race the day before the 2015 Daytona 500 and broke his right leg and left foot. Busch was stuck in a hospital

bed, the Daytona 500 just a race on TV. Busch withstood multiple surgeries, went through a grueling rehabilitation program and missed only 11 races.

He won the season finale at Homestead-Miami Speedway to claim his first Cup title.

His consolation may come in the fact he's not alone in star drivers that chased the biggest win in NASCAR.

Hall of Fame driver Dave Pearson needed 15 tries to win the Daytona 500. Big brother Kurt Busch needed 16. Stewart, inducted last month into the NASCAR Hall of Fame, never won the race in 17 starts. Rusty Wallace and Mark Martin didn't win it, either. Dale Earnhardt won in his 20th try.

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NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Toronto	40	14	.741	—
Boston	31	16	.698	2½
Philadelphia	34	21	.618	6½
Brooklyn	24	28	.462	15
New York	17	37	.315	23
SOUTHEAST				
Miami	35	18	.660	—
Orlando	23	31	.426	12½
Washington	19	33	.365	15½
Charlotte	17	36	.321	18
Atlanta	15	40	.273	21
CENTRAL				
Milwaukee	46	7	.868	—
Indiana	31	23	.574	15½
Chicago	19	36	.345	28
Detroit	19	37	.339	28½
Cleveland	13	40	.245	33

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST				
W	L	PCT	GB	
Houston	34	20	.630	—
Dallas	32	22	.593	2
Memphis	27	26	.509	6½
San Antonio	23	31	.426	11
New Orleans	23	31	.426	11
NORTHWEST				
Denver	38	16	.704	—
Utah	35	18	.660	2½
Oklahoma City	32	22	.593	6
Portland	25	30	.455	13½
Minnesota	16	36	.308	21
PACIFIC				
L.A. Lakers	40	12	.769	—
L.A. Clippers	37	17	.685	4
Sacramento	21	32	.396	19½
Phoenix	21	32	.399	20
Golden State	12	42	.222	29

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

Washington 126, Chicago 114
Philadelphia 110, L.A. Clippers 103
New Orleans 138, Portland 117
San Antonio 114, Oklahoma City 106
Houston 116, Boston 105
WEDNESDAY'S GAMES
Atlanta at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
Detroit at Orlando, 6 p.m.
Milwaukee at Indiana, 6:30 p.m.
Toronto at Brooklyn, 6:30 p.m.
Washington at New York, 6:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Portland at Memphis, 7 p.m.
Sacramento at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Miami at Utah, 8 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Denver, 9 p.m.

WIZARDS 126, BULLS 114

CHICAGO: Hutchison 4-12 0-2-9, Young 4-12 0-0 10, Kornet 4-0 8-1 8, LaVine 15-21 3-4 41, Satoransky 7-12 3-19, Felicio 1-3 0-0-2, Arcidiacono 2-5 0-0-5, Harrison 3-5 0-0-6, White 4-14 4-4 14. Totals 44-92-10-14 114.
WASHINGTON: Bonga 3-4 2-2 8, Hachimura 7-12 6-20, Mahinihi 7-10 1-3 15, Beal 12-23 3-4 30, Smith 4-8 0-0 10, Bertans 4-11 0-0 10, Wagner 5-7 2-3 12, Brown Jr. 0-5-2-22, Napier 5-7-2-15, Payton II 0-0-0-0, Robinson 1-2-1-2 4. Totals 48-89 19-24 126.

Chicago	26	36	20	32	—114
Washington	36	33	31	26	—126

3-Point Goals—Chicago 16-39 (LaVine 8-11, Satoransky 2-4, Young 2-6, White 2-7, Hutchison 1-3, Arcidiacono 1-4, Harrison 0-2, Kornet 0-2), Washington 11-32 (Napier 3-4, Beal 3-9, Smith 2-4, Bertans 2-9, Robinson 1-2, Brown Jr. 0-2). **Fouled Out**—None. **Rebounds**—Chicago 44 (LaVine 9), Washington 44 (Robinson 9). **Assists**—Chicago 25 (Satoransky 8), Washington 28 (Smith 9). **Total Fouls**—Chicago 22, Washington 16. **A**—15,135 (20,356)

FORBES 2020 TEAM VALUATIONS

TEAM	VAL	TEAM	REV
New York	\$4.6B	Washington	\$1.75B
LA Lakers	\$4.4B	Phoenix	\$1.63B
Golden State	\$4.3B	Denver	\$1.6B
Chicago	\$3.2B	Milwaukee	\$1.58B
Boston	\$3.1B	Oklahoma City	\$1.58B
LA Clippers	\$2.6B	Utah	\$1.55B
Brooklyn	\$2.5B	Indiana	\$1.53B
Houston	\$2.48B	Atlanta	\$1.52B
Dallas	\$2.4B	Cleveland	\$1.51B
Toronto	\$2.1B	Charlotte	\$1.5B
Phila.	\$2B	Detroit	\$1.45B
Miami	\$1.95B	Orlando	\$1.43B
Portland	\$1.85B	Minnesota	\$1.38B
San Antonio	\$1.8B	New Orleans	\$1.35B
Sacramento	\$1.78B	Memphis	\$1.35B

source: forbes.com;
current values noted in (B-billions)

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE						
ATLANTIC	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	34	11	12	80	188	143
Tampa Bay	37	15	5	79	203	152
Toronto	30	19	8	68	203	189
Florida	30	20	6	66	198	188
Montreal	27	24	7	61	179	176
Buffalo	25	24	8	58	162	178
Ottawa	18	27	11	47	147	191
Detroit	14	40	4	32	120	216

METRO.						
W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Washington	36	15	5	77	202	172
Pittsburgh	34	15	6	74	182	150
N.Y. Islanders	33	16	6	72	166	151
Columbus	30	17	10	70	148	139
Philadelphia	31	19	7	69	184	170
Carolina	32	21	3	67	181	157
N.Y. Rangers	28	23	6	60	181	174
New Jersey	20	25	10	50	152	195

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL						
W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
St. Louis	32	15	9	73	178	160
Colorado	33	16	6	72	200	154
Dallas	32	19	5	69	151	142
Winnipeg	29	24	5	63	174	176
Minnesota	27	23	6	60	173	181
Nashville	26	22	7	59	178	183
Chicago	25	23	8	58	166	178

PACIFIC						
W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Vancouver	31	21	5	67	187	175
Edmonton	30	20	6	66	181	176
Calgary	29	22	6	64	161	173
Vegas	28	22	8	64	182	178
Arizona	28	23	8	64	165	162
Anaheim	23	26	7	52	146	173
San Jose	24	28	4	52	147	187
Los Angeles	19	33	5	43	137	183

2 pts for win, 1 pt for shootout/OT loss

TUESDAY'S RESULTS

Buffalo 3, Detroit 2
N.Y. Islanders 5, Philadelphia 3
Florida 5, New Jersey 3
Tampa Bay 2, Pittsburgh 1 (OT)
Toronto 3, Arizona 2 (OT)
Minnesota 4, Vegas 0
N.Y. Rangers 4, Winnipeg 1
Dallas 4, Carolina 1
Edmonton 5, Chicago 3
Colorado 3, Ottawa 0
St. Louis 1, Anaheim 1, ppd.
WEDNESDAY'S GAMES
Montreal at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
Calgary at Los Angeles, 9 p.m.
Chicago at Vancouver, 9:30 p.m.

OILERS 5, BLACKHAWKS 3

Chicago	2	1	0	—3
Edmonton	2	2	1	—5

FIRST PERIOD: 1, Edmonton, Sheahan (Archibald, Kassian), 1:13, 2, Chicago, Saad 17 (Murphy, Kane), 5:56, 3, Chicago, Toews 19 (Maatta, Carpenter), 14:19 (sh). **4,** Edmonton, Yamamoto 6 (Draisaitl, Chiasson), 17:09 (pp). **Penalties:** Chicago bench, served by DeBriencat (Too Many Men on the Ice), 13:13; Toews, Chi (Tripping), 16:19.
SECOND PERIOD: 5, Chicago, Boqvist 4 (Kane, Saad), 1:45, 6, Edmonton, Yamamoto 7 (Nugent-Hopkins, Draisaitl), 3:38, 7, Edmonton, Nugent-Hopkins 15 (Smith, Draisaitl), 4:50 (pp). **Penalties:** Smith, Chi (Slashing), 3:58; Sheahan, Edm (Holding), 9:07; Kiefbom, Edm (Hooking), 12:12.
THIRD PERIOD: 8, Edmonton, Draisaitl 32, 19:57 (en). **Penalty:** Sheahan, Edm (Slashing), 4:12.
SHOTS ON GOAL: Chicago 12-11-18-41. Edmonton 13-13-5-31.
POWER PLAYS: Chi 0 of 3; Edm 2 of 3.
GOALIES: Chicago, Lehner 15-9-5 (30 shots-26 saves). Edmonton, Smith 15-9-4 (41-38). **A:** 17,066 (18,641). **T:** 2:28.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

HOW MEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED

1. Baylor (21-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 14 West Virginia, Saturday.
2. Gonzaga (25-1) did not play. Next: at Pepperdine, Saturday.
3. Kansas (20-3) did not play. Next: at No. 14 West Virginia, Wednesday.
4. San Diego State (25-0) beat New Mexico 82-59. Next: at Boise St., Sun.
5. Louisville (21-3) did not play. Next: at Georgia Tech, Wednesday.
6. Dayton (22-2) beat Rhode Island 81-67. Next: at UMass, Saturday.
7. Duke (20-3) did not play. Next: vs. Notre Dame, Saturday.
8. Florida State (20-3) did not play. Next: vs. Syracuse, Saturday.
9. Maryland (20-4) beat Nebraska 72-70. Next: at Michigan State, Sat.
10. Seton Hall (18-5) did not play. Next: vs. No. 23 Creighton, Wednesday.
11. Auburn (21-2) did not play. Next: vs. Alabama, Wednesday.
12. Kentucky (19-5) beat Vanderbilt 78-64. Next: vs. Mississippi, Saturday.
13. Penn State (19-5) beat Purdue 88-76. Next: vs. Northwestern, Sat.
14. West Virginia (18-5) did not play. Next: vs. No. 3 Kansas, Wednesday.
15. Villanova (17-6) did not play. Next: vs. No. 18 Marquette, Wednesday.
16. Colorado (19-5) did not play. Next: at No. 17 Oregon, Thursday.
17. Oregon (18-6) did not play. Next: vs. No. 16 Colorado, Thursday.
18. Marquette (17-6) did not play. Next: at No. 15 Villanova, Wednesday.
19. Butler (18-6) did not play. Next: vs. Xavier, Wednesday.
20. Houston (19-5) did not play. Next: at South Florida, Wednesday.
21. Iowa (17-7) did not play. Next: at Indiana, Thursday.
22. Illinois (16-8) lost to Michigan St. 70-69. Next: at Rutgers, Saturday.
23. Creighton (18-6) did not play. Next: at No. 10 Seton Hall, Wednesday.
24. Texas Tech (15-8) did not play. Next: at Oklahoma State, Saturday.
25. LSU (18-6) beat Missouri 82-78. Next: at Alabama, Saturday.

TUESDAY'S SCORES

EAST
Adelphi 107, Le Moyne 99
Assumption 93, St. Michael's 57
Brookport 104, Fredonia 274
Colby 72, Bates 61
Farmingdale St. 88, OldWestbury 70
Geneseo 78, Buffalo St. 62
Gordon 83, Roger Williams 74
Manhattanville 72, Mer. Marine 68, OT
Maryland 72, Nebraska 70
New England 98, Curry 79
Nichols 92, W. New England 87
Oneonta 92, Cortland 71
S. Connecticut 98, Pace 94, OT
SUNY Maritime 73, Mount St. Mary 71
Salve Regina 98, Endicott 89
Sarah Lawrence 89, Purchase 80
St. Anselm 72, S. New Hampshire 61
St. Bonaventure 74, Saint Joseph's 56
Vall. Forge 110, Penn St.-Brandywine 93
Yeshiva 94, St. Joseph's (NY) 62

SOUTH
Barton 72, Chowan 68
Belmont Abbey 93, Erskine 57
Davidson 79, Fordham 49
J. C. Smith 70, St. Augustines 51
Mississippi 83, Mississippi St. 58
North Greenville 87, Bob Jones 76
Piedmont 80, Lagrange 75
Virginia 50, Notre Dame 49, OT
Wake Forest 74, North Carolina 57
MIDWEST
Akron 74, Bowling Green 59
Ball St. 63, N. Illinois 59
E. Michigan 73, Cent. Michigan 70
Maranatha Baptist 80, MOOD 70
Ohio 73, W. Michigan 61
Oklahoma St. 64, Kansas St. 59
Principia 95, Spalding 91
Toledo 65, Miami (Ohio) 57

WOMEN'S AP TOP 25 SCHEDULE

1. South Carolina (22-1) did not play. Next: vs. Auburn, Thursday.
2. Baylor (21-1) did not play. Next: vs. TCU, Wednesday.
3. Oregon (22-2) did not play. Next: at No. 7 UCLA, Friday.
4. N.C. State (22-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 9 Louisville, Thursday.
5. UConn (20-2) did not play. Next: at South Florida, Sunday.
6. Mississippi State (22-3) did not play. Next: at No. 18 Kentucky, Sunday.
7. UCLA (22-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 3 Oregon, Friday.
8. Stanford (21-3) did not play. Next: at Utah, Friday.
9. Louisville (21-3) did not play. Next: at No. 4 N.C. State, Thursday.
10. Maryland (20-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 17 Iowa, Thursday.
11. Oregon State (19-5) did not play. Next: at Southern Cal, Friday.
12. Arizona (19-4) did not play. Next: vs. Washington, Friday.
13. DePaul (22-3) did not play. Next: vs. Butler, Friday.
14. Florida State (20-4) did not play. Next: at Duke, Sunday.
15. Gonzaga (23-2) did not play. Next: vs. San Francisco, Thursday.
16. Texas A&M (18-5) did not play. Next: vs. Vanderbilt, Thursday.
17. Iowa (20-4) did not play. Next: at No. 10 Maryland, Thursday.
18. Kentucky (18-5) did not play. Next: vs. No. 6 Mississippi State, Sunday.
19. Northwestern (19-3) did not play. Next: at Michigan, Thursday.
20. Indiana (19-6) did not play. Next: at Illinois, Thursday.
21. South Dakota (22-2) did not play. Next: vs. Western Illinois, Thursday.
22. Arizona State (16-8) did not play. Next: vs. Washington State, Friday.
23. Arkansas (19-5) did not play. Next: at Mississippi, Sunday.
24. Missouri State (20-3) did not play. Next: vs. Southern Illinois, Saturday.
25. Tennessee (17-6) did not play. Next: at LSU, Thursday.

TUESDAY'S SCORES

EAST
Kansas St. 56, W. Virginia 55
Marist 63, Rider 58
Monmouth (NJ) 56, Iona 50
SOUTH
Campbell 68, High Point 66
Gardner-Webb 73, Longwood 70
Hampton 62, Winthrop 48
Kennesaw St. 94, Shorter 55
5. Dustin Johnson U.S. 6.91
6. Patrick Cantlay U.S. 6.13
7. Webb Simpson U.S. 6.07
8. Tiger Woods U.S. 6.05
9. Xander Schauffele U.S. 5.73
10. Justin Rose England 5.66
11. Tommy Fleetwood England 5.61
12. Tony Finau U.S. 5.04
13. Patrick Reed U.S. 4.79
14. Adam Scott Australia 4.51
15. Louis Oosthuizen S Africa 4.45
16. Gary Woodland U.S. 4.37
17. Shane Lowry Ireland 4.32
18. Bryson DeChambeau U.S. 4.26
19. Marc Leishman Australia 4.20
20. Matt Kuchar U.S. 4.12

USA WOMEN'S COACHES POLL

RK.	TEAM	W-L	PTS	LW
1.	South Carolina (17)	23-1	782	2
2.	Baylor (12)	21-1	774	1
3.	Oregon (3)	22-2	748	3
4.	N.C. State	22-1	668	7
5.	Mississippi State	22-3	643	8
6.	Connecticut	20-3	620	6
7.	Stanford	21-3	610	5
8.	UCLA	21-2	604	10
9.	Louisville	21-3	538	4
10.	Maryland	20-4	490	12
11.	Oregon State	19-5	471	9
12.	Arizona	19-4	435	12
13.	DePaul	22-3	414	14
14.	Florida State	20-4	344	18
15.	Gonzaga	23-2	334	11
16.	South Dakota	22-2	297	17
17.	Missouri State	20-3	242	19
18.	Texas A&M	18-5	239	16
19.	Kentucky	18-5	212	15
20.	Iowa	20-4	210	20
21.	Northwestern	20-3	179	23
22.	Fila Gulf Coast	24-2	120	24
23.	Indiana	19-6	100	22
24.	Arizona State	16-8	88	21
25.	Princeton	17-1	86	NR

Others: Arkansas 73, Tennessee 36, TCU 19, LSU 10, Stony Brook 7, Central Michigan 4, Troy 2, Fresno State 1.

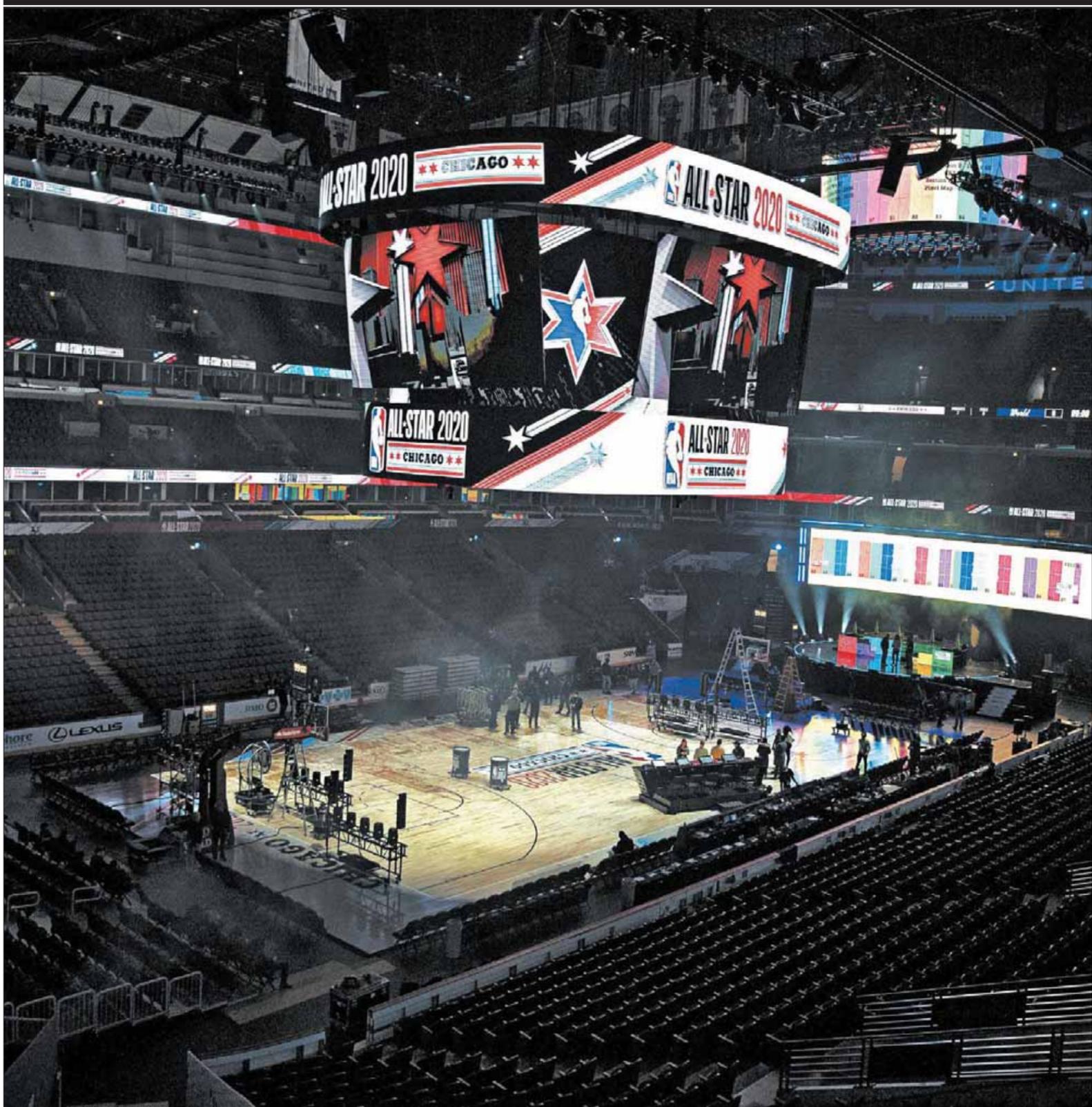
TENNIS

ATP NEW YORK OPEN

R1 at NYBC Live; New York City; Indoors-hard
#7 Cameron Norrie d. Brian Shi, 7-5, 6-3
#8 Kyle Edmund d. Yasutaka Uchiyama, 7-5, 6-4.
Paolo Lorenzi d. Danilo Petrovic, 4-6, 6-4, 6-0.
Dominik Koepfer d. Brayden Schnur, 6-4, 6-3.
Jordan Thompson d. Ivo Karlovic, 6-3, 7-6 (2).
Kwon Soon Woo d. Go Soeda, 6-2, 6-7 (2), 6-3.
Yoshihito Nishioka d. Henri Laaksonen, 6-3, 0-6, 6-2
Jason Jung d. Kevin Anderson, 7-6 (6), 6-4

ATP ARGENTINA OPEN

R1 at Buenos Aires Lawn Tennis Club; Buenos Aires; outdoor-Red clay
#6 Laslo Djere d. Francisco Cerundolo, 6-2, 2-6, 6-4
#7 Albert Ramos-Vinolas d. Leonardo Mayer, 4-6, 6-3, 7-5.
Facundo Bagnis d. Andrej Martin, 6-4, 6-1.
Roberto Carballes Baena d. Marco Cecchinato, 6-4, 7-6 (3).
Jozef Kovalik d. Corentin Moutet, 6-3, 7-6 (4).
Pedro Sousa d. Facundo Diaz Acosta, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3.
Pedro Martinez d. Joao Domingues, 7-6 (0), 7-5.
Juan Ignacio Londero d. Filip Horansky



THE HOST WITH THE MOST

Preparations underway for Sunday's All-Star Game at the United Center



The United Center will host the NBA All-Star Game for the first time when the annual extravaganza's 69th edition tips off at 7 p.m. Sunday at 1901 W. Madison Street.

Chicago Stadium was the host the last time the game came to Chicago in 1988. Wintrust Arena also will host some events this weekend.

The program begins Friday with the All-Star Celebrity Game at 6 p.m. Friday at Wintrust Arena. The contest features celebrities such as comedian Hannibal Burress and singer Bad Bunny, WNBA players Chelsea Gray and A'ja Wilson and former NBA players Quentin Richardson and Darius Miles.

The Rising Stars game is at 8 p.m. Friday at the United Center. Saturday's action at the United Center includes the Skills Challenge, 3-Point Contest and Slam Dunk Contest beginning at 7 p.m.

The All-Star Game takes center stage at the United Center at 7 p.m. Sunday when teams picked and captained by the Bucks' Giannis Antetokounmpo and the Lakers' LeBron James face each other.

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eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE



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In this June 26, 2019, file photo, Vanderbilt players celebrate after defeating Michigan to win Game 3 of the College World Series in Omaha, Neb.

Pitching leads powerhouses

Arms make Louisville, defending champ Vanderbilt college baseball favorites

By ERIC OLSON
Associated Press

With almost all of its pitching staff back from the team that made the program's deepest post-season run, Louisville begins the season Friday ranked No. 1 in three of the six major polls.

Defending national champion Vanderbilt lost six everyday players but is atop the other polls largely because it returns possible No. 1 draft pick Austin Martin and postseason pitching sensation Kumar Rocker.

Louisville coach Dan McDonnell embraces the high expectations.

"When six of your top eight arms come back and you finish third in the country, and with good position players, you feel like, OK, we're probably going to be ranked pretty high this year," McDonnell said. "We tried to prepare for the kids before Christmas as to what the rest of the country will think about us. You have to be mature in how you handle that."

Reid Detmers, the 2019 Atlantic Coast Conference pitcher of the year, Bobby Miller and Luke Smith make up the weekend rotation. Each started games in the College World Series. The Cardinals also have a proven closer in Michael Kirian.

Third baseman Alex Binelas, a freshman All-American last year, is among five position players who are back from a 51-18 team.

The Cardinals lost all three of their games with Vanderbilt last year, including two in the CWS. The last was in a bracket final, with the Commodores scoring twice in the ninth inning for a 3-2 win.

The teams have a regular-season game scheduled May 5 in Nashville, Tennessee.

Vanderbilt has two of the college game's biggest names in Martin and Rocker.

Martin played mostly third base last year but is able to play shortstop or even in the outfield. He flirted with 400 last year, finishing at .392, and is in line to join Atlanta Braves shortstop and ex-Vandy star Dansby Swanson as a No. 1 draft pick.

The 6-foot-4, 255-pound Rocker won 12 games as a freshman, struck out 19 while throwing the first no-hitter in the NCAA super regionals and was the CWS Most Outstanding Player. Rocker probably will remain the No. 2



CHRIS MACHIAN/AP

In this June 20, 2019, file photo, Louisville's Reid Detmers pitches against Mississippi State during the ninth inning of a game in Omaha, Neb. The Louisville ace with a devastating curveball made a huge jump from his freshman season. He was 2019 ACC pitcher of the year after going 13-4 with a 2.78 ERA and 167 strikeouts in 113 1/3 innings. He set the school record for strikeouts and tied the mark for wins.

starter, with Mason Hickman (9-0, 2.05 ERA) moving from Sunday to the Friday spot.

Vanderbilt went 59-12, setting a Southeastern Conference record for wins, and tied the league record with 13 players taken in the draft. Even with a revamped outfield and new starters at first base and shortstop, the Commodores remain the team to beat. They open Friday with a rematch against CWS finals opponent Michigan in Scottsdale, Arizona.

"You put this 'V' star on your chest," Martin said, "you're going to have a target on your back. That's a given. Everybody wants to beat Vanderbilt regardless of what happened last year. That's just the mentality everybody has."

Arizona State (38-19)

No drop-off is expected by one of the top offensive teams in the nation. The Sun Devils batted .310, hit 94 homers and averaged better than eight runs a game. Spencer Torkelson has gone deep 48 times the past two years and has a strong supporting cast. The Pac-12 favorites brought in a top-10 recruiting class.

Cal State Fullerton (27-26)

The Titans locked up coach Rick Vanderhook through 2024 before last season and then missed the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 1992 and failed to win 30 games for the first time in the program's 45-year history. Vanderhook has reconfigured his coaching staff to lead what will be a young team. The Titans are the the preseason Big West favorites.

Florida State (42-23)

Mike Martin Jr. takes over for his father, the all-time wins leader in college baseball, and will field a team that brings back five position players, two starting pitchers and three relievers who appeared in the CWS. Reese Albert, who hit nine homers despite missing 18 games because of injury, will be counted on to bolster the offense. Ten-game winner CJ Van Eyk is the ace of a strong pitching staff.

Florida (34-26)

The Gators won their fewest games since 2013 and didn't make

the CWS for the first time since 2014. SEC coaches nonetheless picked the Gators to finish second in the conference. The spotlight will be on starters Tommy Mace and Jack Leftwich — poster boys for Florida's struggles on the mound (5.37 ERA) — and prized freshman left-hander Hunter Barco. Six everyday players are back from an offense that has pop.

Georgia (46-17)

The Bulldogs will go as far as their starting pitchers take them. Emerson Hancock's 1.99 ERA was the best by a Georgia starter since 1977. Cole Wilcox got better as his freshman season progressed. In SEC play, he went 3-1 with a 2.57 ERA and .188 opponent batting average. With the top three hitters gone, offense is the biggest question.

Miami (41-20)

The Hurricanes made an NCAA regional for the first time since 2016 and are looking to go farther in Gino DiMare's second year. The main contributors from a potent offense are back. Alex

Toral hit 24 of Miami's 85 homers. Fifth-year senior Brian Van Belle won 10 games and anchors the pitching staff. The Canes also are excited about No. 2 starter Chris McMahan.

Michigan (50-22)

The Wolverines were the feel-good story of 2019. They made it to the CWS finals in their first trip to Omaha since 1984 and their runner-up finish was their best since the 1962 team won the national title. Erik Bakich's club lost a couple big bats, but much is expected from Jordan Nwogu and Jack Blomgren, among others. Jeff Criswell will be the No. 1 starter, and Willie Weiss is back as the closer.

Oklahoma State (40-21)

The buzz around the Cowboys is about the newcomers. The recruiting class was ranked as high as No. 3. Kaden Polcovich is Big 12 preseason newcomer of the year and Bryce Osmond is preseason freshman of the year. The switch-hitting Polcovich hit 12 homers at Northwest Florida State and is projected to start at second base. Osmond is in line to be the Cowboys' No. 2 starter.

Texas Tech (46-20)

Tim Tadlock has coached four of his past six teams to the College World Series, with the 2019 Red Raiders making it to the final four. Tech is ranked as high as No. 3 and favored to win the Big 12. Dylan Neuse, Brian Klein and Braxton Fulford are the core of an everyday lineup that should be potent again despite losing a couple sluggers. John McMillon, Micah Dallas and Clayton Beeter headline the pitching staff.

UCLA (52-11)

The defending Pac-12 champion Bruins set school records with 52 wins overall and 24 conference wins. They also were the No. 1 national seed in the NCAA Tournament, losing a thrilling super regional at home to CWS runner-up Michigan. There's plenty of returning talent, led by All-American Garrett Mitchell and the nation's top closer in Holden Powell, and a recruiting class ranked among the top five.

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'Just warming up'



Oskar Rozenberg skates at the Bryggeriet Malmo Skatepark in Malmo, Sweden. Skateboarding is coming to the Olympics for the first time at this year's Tokyo Games and a Swedish star known for his creativity and spontaneous routines might be the breakout star. Rozenberg is the reigning two-time skateboarding world champion from the Vans Park Series Pro Tour.

Swedish star fronts skateboarding's move to mainstream

By STEVE DOUGLAS
Associated Press

MALMO, Sweden — Oskar Rozenberg nonchalantly drifts around the skate park before unleashing a series of high-energy tricks — mounting a wall, sliding down a railing with his arms outstretched, vaulting a stairwell, accelerating into a ramp and giving it some air.

"I'm just warming up," the two-time skateboarding world champion and Olympic hopeful says over his shoulder as he floats away.

His long, dark hair flowing beneath his black cap and over his hoodie, the 23-year-old Rozenberg is in his element — and in his own world — as he seeks out every line, every dip and every hollow of the indoor park to satisfy his creative needs.

He gets particularly excited talking about his current favorite trick, the backside nose blunt.

"You go up on the edge of the quarter pipe, you do a backside 180 turn and you land on the nose. Then you pop in, back into the transition," Rozenberg said. "It's such a flowy trick. It's just vibey."

If that's akin to a foreign language, it might not be six months from now.

Skateboarding is coming to the Olympics for the first time at this year's Tokyo Games and Rozenberg, a stand-out Swede in a field mostly dominated by Americans and Brazilians, might be its breakout star.

"Oski," as he is fondly referred to, is a skateboarder best known for his outrageous creativity and for thinking on his feet — or, in his case, his wheels. He will arrive in Tokyo as the world champion of the Vans Park Series Pro Tour after his win in Salt Lake City in September.

"He is spontaneous," said John Magnusson, who works for the Swedish Skateboard Association and will be Rozenberg's coach in the run-up to the Tokyo Games. "He maybe has the first two tricks planned and then he goes for whatever. When Oski flows it all together, he is unbeatable because he is that good."

Rozenberg's strength may yet prove to be his weakness when it comes to the Olympics.

The edgy, rebellious, somewhat underworld pursuit of skateboarding is about to enter the mainstream, joining the more structured world of traditional sports.

It will freshen up the Olympics, for sure, and appeal more to younger viewers, but will the popularization of skateboarding mean it loses its counter-cultural status? There are also concerns that judging in the Olympics will be more about box-ticking rather than a desire for expression and creativity, potentially dampening its appeal — and the medal chances of Rozenberg, with his off-the-cuff style.

He thinks, however, that skateboarding being added to the Olympic program has "more positives than negatives."

"It pushes the sport into a different direction it hasn't really been in before," Rozenberg said. "It's kind of new territory."

"A lot of other sports are about jumping a centimeter longer or a centimeter higher than what you did last year. But skateboarding is the opposite of that. There is so much you can do. I think it will actually bring a new aspect to sports."

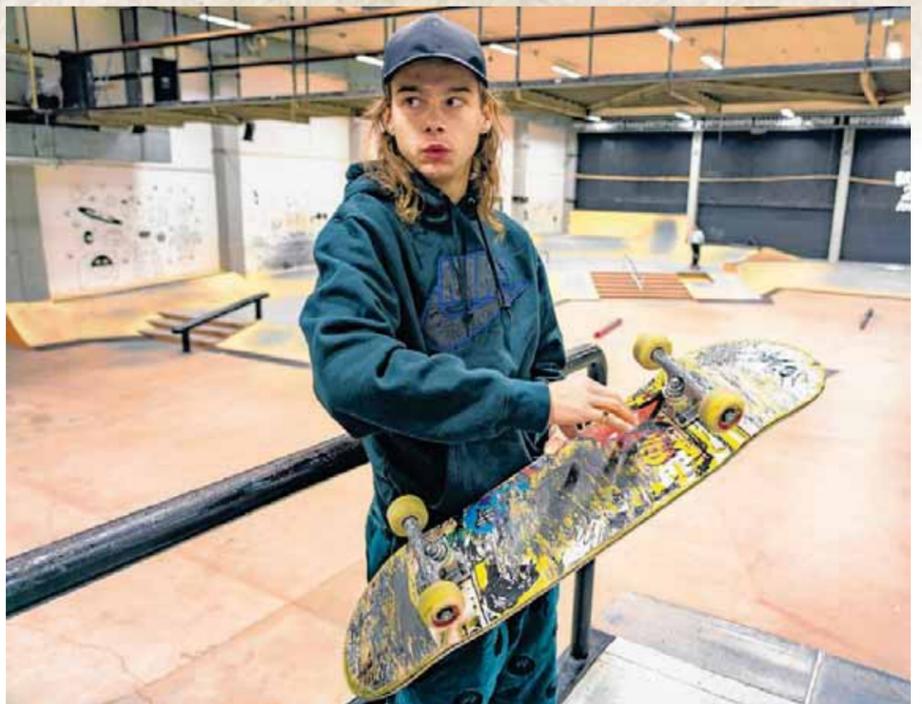
Rozenberg first came across skateboarding at the age of 9, when he was on a bike ride with his father and bumped into friends at the newly built skate park in Malmo — Stapelbaddsparken.

He tried it out, went back the next day, and "was there every day for four years."

"I think what attracted me the most was the group of people and how everyone took care of each other, and how all of a sudden I was able to hang out with people five or 10 years older than me," Rozenberg said. "There wasn't an age barrier. Everyone was just hanging out."

He liked the easy-going nature of skateboarding.

"When I was playing football, I remember being a bit sick of it, always having to come to practice on time and do this or that in



Rozenberg checks his board at Bryggeriet Malmo Skatepark in Malmo, Sweden.

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— Swedish skateboarder Oskar Rozenberg

practice," he said. "Skateboarding was the complete opposite ... It's like everything was on your own conditions."

Rozenberg attended a one-of-a-kind high school — Bryggeriets Gymnasium — that had skateboarding on the curriculum and was located inside one of the top skate parks in Malmo. Rozenberg said this background means he has a "different story" to the big skaters from America who grew up in California and had "all the best skate spots, all the best parks, all the contacts that you need in terms of sponsors."

"I think a lot of skaters who are coming up right now who are from Europe are adding a new dimension to skateboarding," he said. "The skate spots here are so different to the skate spots in America, so that naturally forms a different environment, a different type of skater."

Rozenberg's idols include Tony Hawk, a skateboarding pioneer from the 1980s who had

a series of computer games — one of which Rozenberg remembers completing on one New Year's Eve. Another is modern-day American skater Grant Taylor.

"He was the coolest guy in my eyes," Rozenberg said of Taylor. "Some skaters only specify in one skating but he did it all. His style is unexplainable."

Up-and-coming skaters might be saying similar things about Rozenberg, whose imaginative routines put him among the world's most popular competitors and likely attracted him to Nike, one of his many sponsors.

"I try to put together a line in my head," he explains as he goes through his typical routine. "It might be a line I have been thinking about as I was standing on the platform, like 'Oh, that could be cool to do that there.' Or it might be a line I actually did, a line I stumbled upon and I was like, 'Oh, that was a really good line.'"

"A lot of times, especially when I pull off a good contest run, I figure it out literally at the last moment. On certain occasions, I figured it out while I have been doing the run, like spontaneously, and it just works out."

With qualification events to come in Peru, China and the United States, Rozenberg is on course to qualify for the Olympics and compete in the park tournament that will feature 20 skaters.

He will be one of Sweden's biggest gold-medal hopes in Tokyo.

"Skateboarding is at its best when you get that 'no one expected that' feeling. That's what Oski is good at. He can bring that something that no one thought about," Magnusson said. "Some people, you already know what they are going to do when they drop in. But Oski doesn't even know himself what he is going to do. And that's his strength."



PHILLIP CARUSO/HULU
 Zoe Kravitz as Rob in "High Fidelity." The Hulu series is based on a book and a 2000 film that featured Kravitz's mother, Lisa Bonet.

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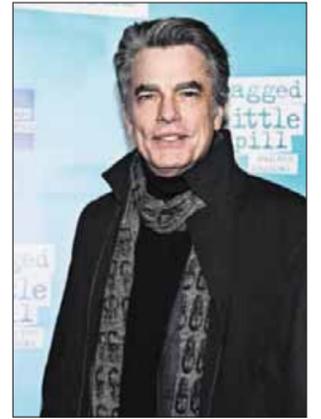
Refreshing a cult classic

'High Fidelity' series in many ways is superior to the 2000 film version

BY MICHAEL PHILLIPS

As an actor, working the camera — addressing us directly, in a confidential key — only looks easy. Phoebe Waller-Bridge in "Fleabag": a genius, deadpan one second, fantastically expressive the next. John Cusack in the 2000 film version of the Nick Hornby novel "High Fidelity": also a direct-address genius. Cusack had it tougher, in fact. The character he played, the Chicago record shop owner lugging around a gargantuan load of crippling, defensive cool was less of a self-destructive jester than the "Fleabag" antiheroine. Cusack, who worked on the adaptation of Hornby's

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Peter Gallagher attends the opening night of the Broadway show "Jagged Little Pill" that stars his daughter Kathryn Gallagher.

MY WORST MOMENT

Gallagher recalls time when feet did fail him

Though not a dancer, actor auditioned when Bob Fosse asked him

BY NINA METZ

On NBC's new series "Zoey's Extraordinary Playlist," the lead character finds she has recently acquired the ability to hear the thoughts of others, but only when expressed through song.

Take her father, for example: He has a degenerative neurological disease that impedes his ability to move or communicate — except, of course, when he (like nearly everyone else in her life) occasionally breaks into song, which only Zoey can see.

He's played by Peter Gallagher, and his character is based on that of the show creator's own father.

"The big reason I wanted to do it," Gallagher said, "was that I found the story Austin Winsberg created and lived so compelling. And it's such a good story to be telling right now."

"When we're so divided as a nation and amongst each other, this show reminds us that everybody has a story and what connects us is so much greater and more interesting and more powerful than what we're led to believe might divide us."

Gallagher gained wide notice in Steven Soderbergh's "Sex, Lies, and Videotape" in 1989, and his notable roles on TV include "The O.C." and more recently "Grace and Frankie." He's also had a major career on stage, both in plays and musicals, which makes his current series on NBC such a clever use of his musical talents.

"It's like a little secret that I've spent all these years working on Broadway," he said. "I never really knew if I'd get an opportunity to do those things for a broader audience on camera."

When asked to share a worst moment in his career, he said, "I've been embarrassed so many times, but this is story I keep thinking of. You be the judge."

Here's an edited transcript of our conversation.

My worst moment ...

"This was the end of 1986. I had just done 'Long Day's Journey Into Night' on Broadway — in fact, it was in the same theater that my daughter (Kathryn Gallagher) is doing 'Jagged Little Pill' in right now — and I got a call:

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How Netflix 'Cheer' star Jerry Harris went from Bolingbrook to red carpet

5 things to know about Waubonsie Valley grad and his rise to stardom

BY TRACY SWARTZ

Three years ago, Jerry Harris was a student at Waubonsie Valley High School in suburban Aurora, and now the Netflix "Cheer" star is everywhere. He's hugging Jenna Bush Hager and Hoda Kotb on the "Today" show. He's interviewing Laura Dern, Lin-Manuel Miranda and Greta Gerwig on the Oscars red carpet as a correspondent for Ellen DeGeneres' talk show. He's enthusiastically motivating a woman to get out of bed in a sketch on "The Late Show with Stephen Colbert."

Harris, 20, talked with the Tribune by phone about his Bolingbrook upbringing, his quick rise to fame since the "Cheer" docuseries about his Navarro College cheer team premiered last month, and his plans for the future. Here are five



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Jerry Harris, a Waubonsie Valley High School graduate who hails from suburban Bolingbrook, stars on the Netflix series "Cheer." The docuseries premiered Jan. 8.

things to know.

1. Harris said he was born in Hinsdale and raised in Bolingbrook. Long before he was "mat talking" — pumping up his fellow cheerleaders while they perform stunts — he was a stand-out student at Waubonsie Valley. Principal Jason Stipp said Harris

was recognized at a breakfast the school held to celebrate values such as respect, integrity, accountability and perseverance. "His smile lit up our building," Stipp told the Tribune.

2. Harris has had some tough times too. He said his mother, Lizzie Bowman, died of lung

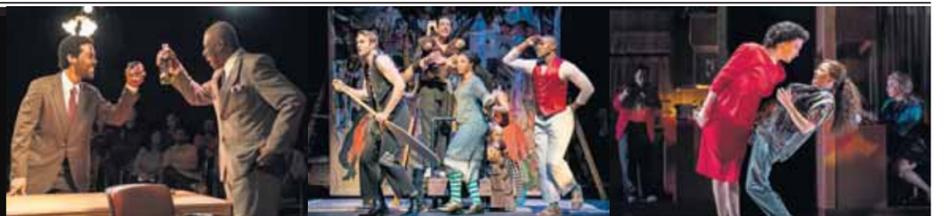
cancer in 2016, and he doesn't have a good relationship with his father. A GoFundMe campaign started on behalf of Harris after his mother's death has raised \$59,000, as of Tuesday morning.

3. Harris said he plans to graduate from his Texas-based community college in May and he would like to finish his education at a four-year university, but he's also interested in pursuing some of the opportunities that have come up since "Cheer" premiered Jan. 8. "I'm just going with the flow right now," Harris said. Whether he will live in the Chicago area after graduation is still up in the air, though he said he returns for major holidays and school breaks. Harris likes to ice skate downtown and eat at Portillo's and Harold's Chicken when he's here.

4. Harris enjoyed celebrities

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Elton John, left, and Bernie Taupin celebrate Sunday after their Oscar win for best original song.

'Rocketman' subject prefers 'the truth'

It's a logical comparison: "Rocketman" and "Bohemian Rhapsody" are both biopics about British rock stars whose careers launched in the 1970s — Elton John and late Queen frontman Freddie Mercury, respectively — and both were directed by Dexter Fletcher. So we had to ask the latest Academy Award winner for his thoughts.

"Ours tells the truth — even though it's a fantasy," John said hours after picking up his second Oscar (for best original song, with longtime co-writer Bernie Taupin). "My life can't be sugarcoated, and I didn't want it to be."

Irony registered: John's fantastical approach to the biopic format proved truer to life than 2018's best picture nominee about Mercury's rise and untimely death from AIDS.

"Many critics have called into question the way 'Bohemian Rhapsody' dramatized the real events of its story — and, in many cases throughout the film, completely made things up entirely to fit the story that Queen's Brian May and Roger Taylor wanted to tell," wrote Esquire. IndieWire reported that the film was "called out for factual inaccuracies including (the) 'cruel' handling of Freddie Mercury's HIV diagnosis."

Still John, a noted AIDS activist, won't slam the movie. "Rami Malek's performance won him an Oscar; Taron's (Egerton, who played John) didn't get nominated, but they were both great performances," he said. "Bohemian Rhapsody" was a film for everyone, and it worked brilliantly. It brought the great music of Freddie Mercury to a whole bunch of people who would have never heard of him. I'm thrilled for the guys (in Queen)."

And even though Egerton won a Golden Globe for his performance, John still feels stung by the Academy for snubbing him: "(He) was so amazing through this whole film — and he will win an Oscar someday."

— Variety



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Like mother, like daughter: Kaia Gerber walked the runway during New York's fashion week at Longchamp's celebrity filled show, which featured bomber jackets with pronounced shearing collars and chunky knits over flowing, gauzy printed dresses. Gerber, daughter of supermodel Cindy Crawford, walked in an olive green suede military style suit and cropped jacket with silver boots. "It's amazing. It's so pretty," Gerber said of the collection.

To 'The Hunt': Universal Pictures will release the social satire "The Hunt," a film it canceled in the wake of criticism about its premise of "elites" hunting people for sport in red states. A trailer announcing the film's March 13 release date presents the "elites" hunting regular people as a conspiracy theory. Star Hilary Swank says at one point that "it wasn't real" amid images of shootings, explosions and other violence. The trailer includes the line, "The most talked about movie of the year is one nobody's seen yet." In August, Universal Pictures canceled a September release for "The Hunt" after criticism, including from President Donald Trump, who said the film was intended "to inflame and cause chaos."

Feb. 12 birthdays: Actor Joe Don Baker is 84. Actress Maud Adams is 75. Singer Michael McDonald is 68. Actress Joanna Kerns is 67. Actor Zach Grenier is 66. Talk show host Arsenio Hall is 64. Actor John Michael Higgins is 57. Actor Josh Brolin 52. Actor Jesse Spencer is 41. Rapper Gucci Mane is 40. Actress Christina Ricci is 40.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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DNA match creates cousin confusion

Dear Amy: A relative contacted me on an ancestry site after learning that we were cousins (most likely first cousins, once removed).

We had no knowledge of each other and excitedly exchanged information about ourselves and our families. Eventually, though, she wanted specific names of male relatives who, presumably, might be her birth father.

She was not adopted and was raised by two parents (presumably, the father who raised her didn't know he was not her biological father).

At that point, I explained that I did not feel comfortable giving names and asked if she could speak with her mother about this, however uncomfortable that might be.

I felt I'd gone as far as I could, ethically speaking. My cousins (one of who might be her biological father) are married, and I had their lives to consider.

After declining to provide names, I never heard from her again, which grieves me.

Now I'm left wondering: In this age of DNA discoveries, what are our obligations to family members, whether they be known or hidden? What is ethical here?

— Curious Cousin

Dear Curious: This is a great question, and it — and others like it — are emerging as DNA discoveries unearth family secrets.

I agree with how you've handled this. You chose to register on this site and communicate with this long-lost cousin. Your other relatives have not made the same choice, and

you don't have the right to reveal their identities without permission.

You could force this issue into the open by saying to your relatives: "I have been contacted by a previously unknown cousin through a DNA site. She is eager to reach out to other family members. If you are interested in communicating with her, let me know, and I will give you her contact information."

I'm not advocating for this approach, but it is an option that offers your relatives the same choice you have faced.

You could reach out to your cousin again in order to stay in touch, without changing your own choice about disclosure.

Dear Amy: My co-workers all have children or grandchildren. My husband and I never had children (medical issues).

Most of my friends were determined to get out of school, get married and have a baby! Me? I wanted to travel and do things I wanted to do before I got married. And I did!

I'm the type of person where I see dogs that are around me before I see the cute baby. And, please, don't show me a video of your kid learning to run or dancing. No thanks!

My problem is that when my friends talk about babysitting their grandchildren my eyes tend to glaze over, and I zone out.

When co-workers start talking about their kids or grandkids, I have the same reaction. Usually I just go back to my office.

What is wrong with me? Why don't I like kids? — M

Dear M: I don't know why you don't like kids. I don't assume that you actually dislike human children, but that you are bored by a topic that you don't see as relatable. Perhaps if you pretended that children were dogs, you could at least feign an interest in them. Maybe not.

There is a high likelihood that I wouldn't be overly interested in your photos from your most recent travel adventure. But if you showed these photos to me, I would politely engage with you, because your travels are important to you.

Friendship and collegiality confer a certain amount of benign politeness. You might not be overly interested in a friend or colleague's golf game or her grandbaby's first steps, but a nod and a smile are all that is required; then you can go back to your office.

Dear Amy: Thank you, thank you for your response to "Tightrope Walker," whose co-worker had survived a suicide attempt. Yes, after a crisis, it is such a relief to interact with people in a "normal" capacity. Not directly addressing the crisis isn't being in denial. It is demonstrating that you see the survivor as more than their illness.

— Been There

Dear Been There: Reentry is so hard after a personal crisis. Thank you for your wisdom.

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'Peter, Bob Fosse wants to see you tomorrow.'

"And I said, 'Oh my God! Are you kidding? This is awesome!' And the person on the phone was like, 'Yeah, he wants you to sing and tap dance.' And I said, 'What — at the same time?' I'm thinking, *are you crazy? You can't go in there! Him seeing you try to tap dance could scar him for life!*

"I'm not a triple threat, not even close. If I work my butt off, I can maybe be a 2 1/2 threat. I mean, I've danced on Broadway in 'Guys and Dolls' and 'Grease' — but that was after four weeks of rehearsal, where every day I was just trying not to be terrible.

"I mean, I can move, but I'm not really a dancer. My mother-in-law, who just died in August, she was a dancer. She taught dance for 60 years and she was a



SERGEI BACHLAKOV/NBC

Peter Gallagher and Jane Levy appear in a scene from "Zoey's Extraordinary Playlist" on NBC.

dancer at (New York nightclubs) Billy Rose's Diamond Horseshoe and the Latin Quarter. She was amazing. And in fact she's part of this story.

"So I get the call: 'Bob Fosse wants to see you tomorrow; he's working on a new show.' I blanked out half of this experience in a

flop-sweaty fog, so I don't remember what show it was for.

"And I thought to myself, I should not do this, but I want to meet Bob Fosse. I just want to be in his presence. What's the worst that can happen — I'm going to haul off and die?"

"Fortunately my mother-

in-law was staying with us. I had less than 24 hours to do this, so when I got home I picked a song — I think I sang "They Can't Take That Away From Me" — and said, 'OK, help me.' And she said, 'Well, sure. We can do a step-step and a hop and a ball change here,' and I'm thinking: *Oh my God, why am I doing this?*

"So the next day I go to the theater and they call me up and someone says, 'All right, let's see what you've got,' and I just give it my all. I don't leave anything back. I'm singing and dancing — and I should be doing them together a lot better, but I could tell the singing was getting away from the dancing or maybe it was vice versa. (Laughs)

"But I was staring into an abyss and flapping my arms and tapping my feet as fast as I could. And then miraculously the piano player stopped playing and I guess it was over.

"There was a deafening silence in the theater. It felt

like an hour of silence. And then a very calm, 'Thank you.' And I go off stage thinking, *oh Christ, this is a crazy thing I do for a living.* This is just mortifying. It was an ill-fated voyage.

"So I'm shaking that off, and I'm in the theater district, so I walk over to the unemployment office and I get on the elevator and it stops on a floor and Bob Fosse gets on! And I'm thinking, *holy (crap)!* It's just the two of us, so I tried to disappear into the corner, like, trying to become invisible. Maybe he won't see me; maybe he wasn't even there when I was auditioning; maybe he was in the men's room. The lights were up on stage, but it was pitch black out in the audience and I could not see a soul, so maybe he wasn't even there.

"And then I hear (*gruffly*): 'Gallagher?' And I go, 'Yes, Mr. Fosse?' And I look at him, and he's looking at me. And he goes, 'Very interesting sense of

rhythm.' And I said, 'Why thank you, Mr. Fosse.' And the door opens, God knows where, and I was out of that elevator (laughs).

"The point is, I obviously really stunk, but I got to meet Bob Fosse. And you know what? He remembered me (laughs)!"

The takeaway ...

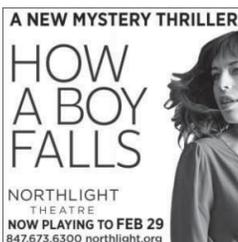
"Tap dancing is a skill. And especially for someone like me — who has a 'very interesting sense of rhythm' — it's really hard (laughs)!"

"Early on in your career, you try to minimize the opportunity for sheer humiliation, and after you've been doing it for 10 minutes you realize that's just part of the job. What's the big deal? And now I have a funny story.

"So my takeaway is, never let your ego deter you from an experience that you might in some way value and cherish."

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Greta Gerwig, right, talks to Jerry Harris on the red carpet at the Oscars on Sunday at the Dolby Theatre in Los Angeles.

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recognizing him while he worked the Oscars red carpet Sunday. "I got to interview Billie Eilish and Brad Pitt. Those were the two that I was most excited about," he said. Harris gushed over Pitt

and called him "the coolest man in the world." "You are awesome," Harris told Pitt. "Yeah, I'm pretty good from afar," Pitt said.

5. Harris is on the Cameo paid shoutout service (though he was "temporarily unavailable" for bookings as of Tuesday morning). His craziest request from

fans? "I didn't say it in the video, but they wanted to tell me that they wanted to adopt me, so that was pretty crazy. I also got one (request for me to give) the best of luck to someone getting pregnant," Harris said with a big laugh. "They crazy."

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Birth of a symphonic pop band

Family Crest brings a unique musical project to Chicago

BY CHRISSE DICKINSON

Liam McCormick was a jaded 20-something when he decided to quit the music business in 2008. But before moving on with his life, the singer-guitarist put out a call for participants in one final music project. He advertised on Craigslist and hung up flyers, expecting a handful of folks to respond.

What he got were nearly 100 musicians and a new lease on his musical life.

"Some literally only sang in the shower, while others were career musicians," McCormick says, calling from his home in San Francisco.

That was the beginning of the Family Crest, the unique musical project McCormick co-founded with bassist John Seeterlin. The indie orchestral pop group has had varying lineups and scads of collaborators over the years. Today, the core group of the band consists of McCormick, Seeterlin, Laura Bergmann (flute, piano, vocals, percussion), Owen Sutter (violin), Christian Miceli (drums), Lawrence Pi (saxophone) and Jerry Liu (cello).

The Family Crest performs at Schubas on Wednesday.

The band has released a string of EPs and albums. An ongoing project is an ambitious multi-album "The War" concept series about conflict and human nature that began with 2017's "Prelude to War" and continues with 2018's "The War: Act I." The third installment of the series, "The War: Act II," is set for a spring 2020 release.

Like Jeff Lynne's orchestral rock band ELO and the gypsy-folk-rock ensemble DeVotchka, Family Crest mixes the grand sweeping gestures of classical music with indelible pop melody.



KEITH STEIN

Fronted by singer and guitarist Liam McCormick (third from right), the orchestral pop group the Family Crest performs at Schubas on Wednesday.

The songs feature elegant arrangements and McCormick's ethereal and emotive vocals. Many of the players are symphony-level musicians who perform with ecstatic rock energy. For a number of the collaborators, performing and recording with the Family Crest allows them to contribute to a band without the full-time commitment.

"The pop music industry is difficult, but the classical music industry is just as hard in different ways," McCormick said. "We started to find people who had left classical music, kids who had gone to conservatory who were brilliant musicians but had gotten tired of the grind and decided to do something more stable. They wanted a family. They wanted normality. So for us,

it's really cool to give these musicians the opportunity of getting on stage for a performance without having to make it their career path."

The band maintains unusually close ties to its fans.

"We call them 'frans,' " McCormick says with a laugh, using the mash-up of "friends" and "fans" to describe the relationship. "We meet up with them. We get coffee with them before shows. There's not a wall there."

On the group's website (thefamilycrest.net), the link "The Extended Family" is an exhaustive roll call of all the folks who've joined the band onstage and in the studio. The "Fam" link is an outreach section that helps followers stay in touch with one

another and up-to-date on the band's latest news.

The Family Crest also maintains a presence on Discord, a website and app where users can chat and share text, images, video and audio.

"Discord is primarily used in the video game community," McCormick said. "It's a place where people can chat and share memes. Video gamers can connect and play games together. We started using Discord a couple years ago, and it has become a really cool thing for us. We create 'rooms' for our tours and our albums. We get an exceptional perspective from our fans — we get to hear what music they're listening to and inspired by."

The Family Crest hosts its own podcast, "Band,

Together," that features various band members riffing on their current favorite tunes, sharing anecdotes about the touring life and discussing aspects of the music business. With two seasons currently available, the bi-monthly podcast is alternately funny, informative and heartfelt.

For the upcoming album, the band went on the road for six weeks in 2015 and recorded musicians in different cities across the country. During all the sessions, McCormick got to know the different players and became close with them.

"Later on when I was editing one of the tracks, I hit play and every memory hit me at one time," he said. "Very rarely do we get to have all the people we care

When: 9 p.m. Wednesday

Where: Schubas, 3159 N. Southport Ave.

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about in one place. Usually in your life, you'll probably only have your wedding and your funeral. But I realized I had this rare experience that most people don't get. I can turn a song on and all of my closest people — my family, my friends and supporters — are right there in one place."

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Chicago attorney Kelley Flanagan competes for pilot Peter Weber on Season 24 of "The Bachelor." Flanagan was confident she would get a rose on Monday's episode.

Kelley Flanagan calls fellow 'Bachelor' contestants 'babies'

BY TRACY SWARTZ

Warning: Spoilers ahead

Chicago attorney Kelley Flanagan failed to make a case that pilot Peter Weber should pick her to be his wife on "The Bachelor."

She was confident she would get a rose on Monday's episode because she's "on a different, like, emotional level." She's the only one "mature enough" to be in a relationship with Weber. The other contestants? One is a "hot mess." Another is 23 and "not in the right phase" of life.

But to Flanagan's surprise, Weber chose four other women to advance in the ABC network competition instead of her. Weber said he and Flanagan had a good friendship, but "I didn't see us at the point that I felt like we needed to be at." Flanagan was sent home from Peru on Monday's episode.

"I have no idea, like, why I'm in this car. But Peter made his decision, and

that's that. Does it suck? Yeah. Do I agree with it? No. I question his intentions because I just don't really know like what phase he is in life. The four that are left are like little babies. They don't really know who they are. Like, are you a child, or are you an adult? But, clearly, he doesn't agree," Flanagan said after Weber cut her from the show. "He's not able to sit there and make decisive decisions and stuff like that. Then that's on him. I don't really want him to waste my time either. You know, thank you for not coming and meeting my family."

Weber visits the hometowns of the four remaining contestants — Tennessee model Hannah Ann Sluss; Iowa professional clothier Kelsey Weier; Alabama foster parent recruiter Madison Prewett; and Virginia medical sales representative Victoria Fuller on next week's episode. New York event planner Natasha Parker

also went home on Monday's episode.

Flanagan — who works for her dad's property tax law firm, Flanagan, Bilton, in the Loop — ended her "Bachelor" stint the way she started it: By being painted as a villain. Flanagan had met Weber by chance at a California hotel before taping of this season of "The Bachelor" began — news that irked her fellow contestants — and she was accused of cheating in a group date obstacle course to score solo time with him on the premiere.

She spent much of her time on "The Bachelor" either being uncomfortable or annoyed by the way the show works. Weber worried that Flanagan was there to have fun, not to be in a serious relationship with him. She was the fifth and final contestant from the Chicago area to be dumped this season.

Season 24 of "The Bachelor" airs at 7 p.m. Mondays on WLS-Ch. 7. tswartz@tribpub.com

IN PERFORMANCE 'Roan @ the Gates' ★★ 1/2

Dependence on Snowden story proves a distraction

BY CHRIS JONES

In "Roan @ the Gates," the latest show from American Blues Theater, we meet two women, a longtime couple. Nat (Jasmine Bracey) is a civil rights attorney; Roan (Brenda Barrie) is a very savvy analyst for the very secretive National Security Agency.

When I tell you that Roan at one point finds herself stuck in a Russian airport, roaming around the gates in an otherworldly limbo, you won't be surprised to learn that the inspiration for this play was Edward Snowden, the famous whistleblower whose NSA disclosures revealed all kinds of terrifying information about governmental data gathering and surveillance.

Depending on your point of view, Snowden is either a free-speech hero or hubristic traitor, or, for more nuanced thinkers, potentially both of those things at once in a clearly imperfect package, being as he was so demonstrably in love with the grand gesture. But the playwright here, Christina Telesca Gorman, is more interested in a personal kind of betrayal: Most of "Roan @ the Gates," is centered on the impact of the title character's actions on the woman with whom she shares her life, but not her secrets.

The play, which lasts just 75 minutes in director Lexi Saunders' production, is an interesting if not especially complex piece of writing, but I think its dependence on the Snowden story is too close to allow this narrative fully to forge its own path.

Certainly, the gender has been switched and Roan is an NSA employee, not a contractor like Snowden, but the parallels pop



MICHAEL BROSILOW PHOTO

Jasmine Bracey, left, and Brenda Barrie perform in "Roan @ the Gates" by American Blues Theater.

When: Through Feb. 29

Where: Stage 773, 1225 W. Belmont Ave.

Running time: 1 hour, 15 minutes

Tickets: \$19-\$39 at 773-654-3103 or americanbluestheater.com

so much into your mind as you watch that you start to wonder why the play is not explicitly about Snowden. Better, I think, to let these characters unspool their own story, even if the underlying issues are very much the same.

The other problem here is technology. Especially in the last part of the play, the characters are in different locations, communicating by computer, which means that the energy of the scenes keep dissipating into electronic devices.

That's a tough challenge for this kind of story, especially when you are only using two characters. But

it's a reminder that, despite the skill behind this writing, the play has not yet homed in on what actually works in the theater, which usually means person-to-person communication.

Barrie and Bracey, though, both are excellent actors and they throw their considerable talents into this show, creating a rich inner life for characters trying to reconcile their mutual love with their individualized moral determination to do the right political thing.

When "Roan @ the Gates" gets away from Snowden and into this territory, when both of its characters are face to face and these performers allowed to unlock their feelings, this short theatrical experience is at its richest.

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What's filming in Chicago in 2020

BY TRACY SWARTZ

It's one and done for the musical drama "Soundtrack."

The Jenna Dewan series dropped Dec. 18 on Netflix. The show — which was set in Los Angeles but filmed in Chicago — was officially canceled just weeks later.

"Soundtrack" is out, but there are other TV series shooting in Chicago. Here's a look at the projects filming now, filming soon or that have recently wrapped filming here.

Shooting now

"Chicago Fire," "Chicago P.D.," "Chicago Med"

Dick Wolf's NBC franchise of first-responder shows set and filmed in Chicago are slated to shoot their current seasons here into the spring. If these shows are renewed for another season, cast members will likely return in the summer. The "Med" cast and crew recently celebrated filming their 100th episode, which is scheduled to air March 18.

"Empire"

This is the sixth and final season of "Empire," Fox's hip-hop drama set in New York but filmed in Chicago. Filming of past seasons has wrapped in March. Long-time cast member Jussie Smollett is not expected to return before the series finale after being accused of faking a hate crime against himself in Chicago last year.

The final 10 episodes of "Empire," which stars Terrence Howard and Taraji P. Henson, are set to start airing March 3.

"Fargo"

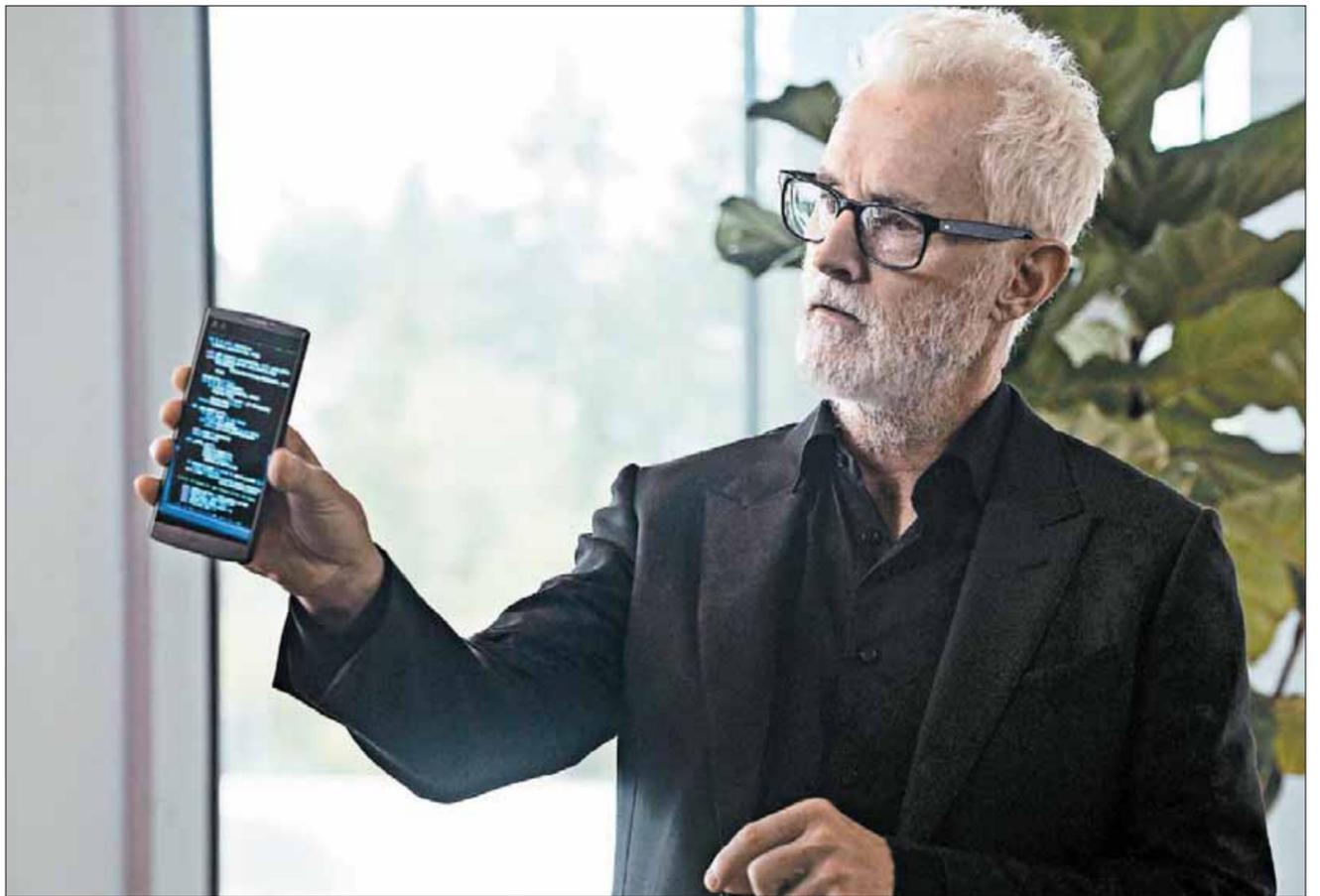
Chris Rock leads the fourth season of FX's "Fargo," which follows two rival crime bosses as they trade their youngest sons to try to strike peace in 1950s Kansas City. The new season, which is slated to premiere April 19, has been filming in the Chicago area since the fall.

"NeXt"

"Mad Men" actor John Slattery and "The First" alum Fernanda Andrade star on the Fox series about a group of people trying to track down a rogue Artificial Intelligence. "NeXt," a fixture around Chicago for months, is expected to premiere in the spring.

"Station Eleven"

HBO Max's "Station Eleven" is a 10-episode flu pandemic drama based on Emily St. John Mandel's novel of the same name. Mackenzie Davis ("Halt and Catch Fire") and Himesh Patel ("Yesterday") star on the series, which started filming in the Chicago area in January.



ED ARIQUEL/FOX

John Slattery stars in the Fox drama "NeXt," due out in 2020. The series is filming in Chicago.

Ready to roll

"61st Street"

"The People v. O.J. Simpson: American Crime Story" alum Courtney B. Vance stars in this AMC network courtroom drama about a black high school athlete entangled in the "infamously corrupt Chicago criminal justice system."

The first of two eight-episode seasons of "61st Street" is expected to premiere in 2021. Production is set to begin in Chicago in late spring. "Black Panther" star Michael B. Jordan is an executive producer.

"Batwoman"

The first season of the CW series "Batwoman" was mostly shot in Vancouver, but some cast members filmed exterior scenes in Chicago last year. "Batwoman" is slated to return in late February to film more of Season 1. A CW spokeswoman said there will be some stunts, but the main actors won't be here. Ruby Rose ("Orange Is the New Black") plays the titular character. The next new Season 1 episode is scheduled to air Feb. 16.

"Shameless"

The 11th and final season of "Shameless," helmed by William H. Macy, is slated to premiere this summer. The Showtime series, which follows a dysfunctional Chicago family as they get into high jinks around town, typically films

here two weeks each season and on the Warner Brothers backlot in the Los Angeles area the rest of the time.

The Season 10 finale aired Jan. 26.

"South Side"

Comedy Central in August ordered a 10-episode second season of "South Side," a workplace comedy set in Englewood. Per Comedy Central, production on Season 2 is expected to start in late spring or early summer in Chicago.

The series was created by Bashir Salahuddin ("Glow"), Sultan Salahuddin and Diallo Riddle ("Marlon"). The Salahuddins grew up on the South Side.

"Work in Progress"

The Showtime comedy follows a 45-year-old self-identified fat, queer, Chicago dyke (played by long-time Chicago improviser Abby McEnany in a semi-autobiographical role), whose misfortune leads her into a relationship with a younger, transgender man.

The Season 1 finale aired Jan. 26. Production on Season 2 is slated to start in Chicago in late summer.

Coming soon to the big and small screen

"Candyman"

The "spiritual sequel" to the 1992 Chicago horror flick "Candyman" is due in

theaters June 12. The film returns to the now-gentrified site of the Cabrini-Green housing project featured in the original movie. Filming took place in Chicago in August and September.

"Get Out" writer/director and Chicago improv alum Jordan Peele and Win Rosenfeld wrote the sequel's screenplay. Nia DaCosta ("Little Woods") directed, and Yahya Abdul-Mateen II ("Watchmen") and Teyonah Parris ("Chi-Raq") star.

"The Chi"

The third season of "The Chi" doesn't premiere until July 5, but the Showtime series has been making headlines for months. Jason Mitchell was cut from the South Side show amid allegations of misconduct, and Justin Hillian ("Snowfall") replaced Ayanna Floyd Davis as showrunner.

The new season is slated to feature series creator Lena Waithe playing a Chicago mayoral candidate. La La Anthony ("BH90210"), Chicago native Lil Rel Howery ("Rel") and "The Real Housewives of Atlanta" cast member Kandi Burruss are among the guest stars. Filming wrapped here in December.

"Come As You Are"

This dramedy follows as two love-starved, wheelchair-bound men (played by "Money Monster" actor Grant Rosenmeyer and

"Lodge 49" alum Hayden Szeto) and their blind buddy ("Grandfathered" alum Ravi Patel) road trip to a Canadian brothel. "Empire" star Gabourey Sidibe plays their driver. The movie — which filmed in the Chicago area in the summer of 2018 — is scheduled to be available via Apple TV and at the Gene Siskel Film Center starting Feb. 14.

"Run"

The HBO comedy thriller from "Fleabag" star Phoebe Waller-Bridge and her collaborator, Vicky Jones, is due out April 12. "Nurse Jackie" alum Merritt Wever plays Ruby, who leaves behind her hum-drum life when she receives a text from her college sweetheart (played by "Star Wars" fixture Domhnall Gleeson) inviting her to meet him in New York to fulfill a pact they made 17 years earlier. Waller-Bridge has a recurring role.

Cast and crew were spotted filming in Chicago in October.

"The Thing About Harry"

Two Chicago college students who were enemies in high school head to their Missouri hometown for an engagement party in this Freeform network movie. Things take a turn when Harry (Niko Terho of "Sweetbitter") reveals to out-and-proud Sam ("Grey's Anatomy" actor Jake Borelli) that he is pansexual. The movie, which filmed in

Chicago in November, is due out Feb. 15.

"The Trial of the Chicago 7"

Aaron Sorkin's historical drama about the trial of seven men accused of conspiring to incite a riot at the 1968 Democratic National Convention in Chicago is set to hit some theaters Sept. 25. The film was shot in Chicago and New Jersey.

Sacha Baron Cohen ("Borat"), Eddie Redmayne ("The Theory of Everything") and Jeremy Strong ("Succession") star.

Still awaiting word

Premiere dates haven't been announced for these Chicago-shot projects: Netflix's "Tiny Pretty Things" and "Thunder Force"; HBO's "Lovecraft Country"; the movie thriller "Broadcast Signal Intrusion"; and Amazon's "Utopia."

Gone, but not forgotten

Joining "Soundtrack" in the TV show graveyard are the Fox legal series "Proven Innocent" the Netflix anthology series "Easy," the CBS drama "The Red Line" and the "Suits" spinoff "Pearson," from USA Network. Those four Chicago-set shows had premieres last year and filmed at least some of their action here.

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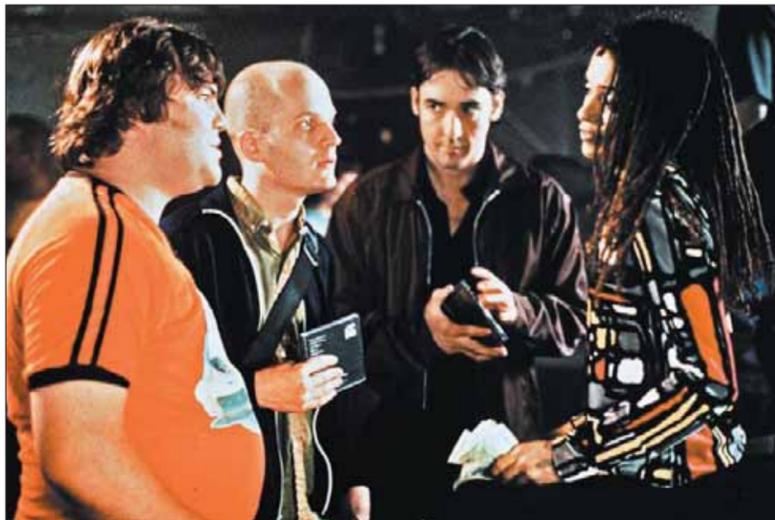
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1995 London-set novel, managed a tricky, bitter-sweet portrait of a misbegotten musical romantic, reassessing his past break-ups to take his mind off his latest one.

In Chicago, the movie enjoys an enormous fan base for obvious reasons, although at the time it was only a modest success. The character belonged on his own list: top five man-boy pop culture obsessives ennobled by learning to love, right behind Daniel Stern's tetchy amateur musicologist in the Barry Levinson film "Diner," set a generation earlier.

Now, a generation after the Cusack version, we have the streaming reboot of "High Fidelity" starring Zoë Kravitz, who also served as an executive producer of the 10-episode Hulu series that is premiering Feb. 14.

I've seen five of the 10 episodes, and they're really good. The series recasts the "High Fidelity" central character's gender and relocates the story from Chicago (and/or London) to a fresh, clean, light-filled vision of Brooklyn, New York, and Kravitz's mellow wizardry in the straight-to-



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Jack Black, Todd Louiso, John Cusack and Lisa Bonet appear in a scene from "High Fidelity" in 2000. The film was based on Nick Hornby's novel of the same name.

the-camera narration does the trick.

Improbably, the character of Rob (here short for Robin) feels like a fresh investigation of a cliché. The women in Hulu's "High Fidelity" don't feel like male fantasy figures. The women and men here constitute a droll array of sharp-witted personalities when it comes to what they love, yet foolish, hesitant or doxy on whom they love.

Rob's shop is still called "Championship Vinyl" ("NO CDs," a sign says). As

with the 2000 movie, this store has next-to-no customers, if only because the opinions expressed by the staff leave no breathing room for any other humans.

Hulu's "High Fidelity" costars the fabulous Da'Vine Joy Randolph, of "Dolemite Is My Name"; as aspiring musician Charise, she plays the corollary to the earlier version's Jack Black role. The other staffer is Simon (David H. Holmes, equally strong in deadpan mode), who works

at Championship full time for the hell of it. A friend of Rob's from his closeted days, Simon's now out and, like Rob, looking for love in various wrong and right places.

The general shape of this "High Fidelity" — created by Veronica West and Sarah Kucserka, who worked on "Chicago Fire" and "Ugly Betty" — remains pretty faithful to the movie and novel. As Rob despairs over what went wrong with the presumptive love of her life, played by Kingsley Ben-

Adir, she sets out to confront her key exes and learn more about why things went sour. Jake Lacy plays Clyde, a clean-cut Colorado arrival who pops in and out of Rob's affections.

It's easy to see why "High Fidelity" appeals, always, to music obsessives and fledgling critics.

At heart it's all about winding the strands of your thoughts, your tastes and your relationships together so they can actually support a whole life, not just a series of lists. Kravitz is precisely what this version needed. (Her mother, Lisa Bonet, appeared as the musician lover of Cusack's character in the 2000 film.) She's deceptively chill, with absolutely zero impulse to oversell the jokes.

The material's updates and byplay are often very funny (i.e., a staff debate about the ethics of selling Michael Jackson records). In Episode 4, Rob and Clyde pay a visit to a rich woman to buy her stunning record collection. Parker Posey is priceless as the soon-to-be-divorcee; when she and Kravitz share a scene, it's like peculiar comic timing heaven.

The series' depiction of sunny, affordable, vaguely enchanted Crown Point, Brooklyn, is roughly equivalent to the realism level of "Infinity War," and it's

familiar relationship territory in many ways. But in many other ways this new "High Fidelity" exceeds the previous version.

Kravitz provides both the anchor and the ballast. I like how Rob, as handled by Kravitz, finesses the heartbreak in between the lines of the top-five lists.

In short, reasons why the first few episodes work: 1. Kravitz, whose presence is both cutting edge and warmly analog. 2. Debbie Harry in for the Bruce Springsteen cameo role from the 2000 version. 3. Rethinking Rob from the ground up shakes that remake-just-because-we-could feeling. 4. Recognizing that nattering, emotionally guarded pop culture obsessives aren't confined to one place or one type. (One of Rob's exes is female.) And 5. Rob's line, after a painfully funny meeting with a patronizing vinyl freak at the Carlyle hotel bar: "That was like being a woman in a Michael Bay movie."

Season 1 of "High Fidelity" streams on Hulu starting Feb. 14.

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Emily Tosta

"Party of Five" (8 p.m., FREE): Lucia (Emily Tosta) finds a bold new voice for herself as she organizes a fundraiser at the restaurant in a new episode called "Speak for Yourself." Beto (Niko Guardado) goes behind Ella's (Audrey Gerthoffer) back, while Emilio (Brandon Larracunte) tries to navigate an unsettling identity crisis. Val (Elle Paris Legaspi) struggles to maintain her false identity, only to be outed to a member of the family.

"Survivor" (7 p.m., CBS): Executive producer Mark Burnett's granddaddy of reality competition shows made its CBS premiere on May 31, 2000, and this new 40th edition, dubbed "Winners at War," marks the upcoming 20th anniversary in memorable style: by reassembling 20 winners from past seasons to battle it out in Fiji for a \$2 million jackpot, the largest in the show's history. Sandra Diaz-Twine and Boston Rob Mariano, mentors in Season 39, return to compete, along with Ethan Zohn, Amber Mariano, Parvati Shallow, Yul Kwon, Tyson Apostol and Danni Boatwright, among others.

"Riverdale" (7 p.m., CW): Concerned about what his life after high school graduation might hold in store for him, Archie (KJ Apa) seeks advice from an unlikely mentor: Hiram Lodge (Mark Consuelos), in the new episode "Chapter Seventy: The Ides of March." Meanwhile, tragic news about someone close to her sends Veronica (Camila Mendes) into a spiral. Elsewhere, Jughead's (Cole Sprouse) future at Stonewall Prep is jeopardized by harsh accusations against him. Lili Reinhart, Casey Cott and Madelaine Petsch also star.

"Summer House" (8 p.m., 11:30 p.m., Bravo): While house parents Kyle and Amanda are out of town at a big family wedding, the kids find it all too easy to give into the temptation to run wild in the new episode "Mice Will Play." Lindsay's friend, Danielle, is ready and eager to join the party. Luke, meanwhile, pulls out all the stops to sweep Hannah off her feet. There's just one problem: Hannah's looking for a commitment from another guy.

"Good Trouble" (9 p.m., FREE): A pre-game "Palentine's Day" party at the Co-terie spontaneously turns into a group Valentine's Day bash where some secrets get spilled and personal dynamics are challenged. Mariana (Cierra Ramirez) confronts Callie (Maia Mitchell) over the real reason she decided to move in with Jamie (Beau Mirchoff), especially since the latter's growing plans for their future together are starting to give Callie cold feet. Mariana also searches for a special gift for Raj (Dhruv Uday Singh), who is trying desperately to forget his sexual fantasy about Isabella.

TALK SHOWS

"Conan" (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Comic Tom Papa.*

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): TV personality Ryan Seacrest; actress Zoë Kravitz.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actor Will Ferrell.*

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WJYS 62	Salem Baptist Church		Joyce Meyer	Robison	Coach's Cor.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	
Univ 66	Ringo (N)		Amor eterno		Rubí (N)		Noticias (N)	
CABLE	AE	PD Cam (N)	PD Cam (N)	America's Top Dog (N)		PD Cam	PD Cam	PD Cam 卐
	AMC	The Intern (PG-13,'15) 卐 卐		Robert De Niro, Anne Hathaway. © (SAP)		(9:45) Bride Wars 卐 卐		
	ANIM	The Secret Life of the Zoo: Supersized (N)						Life Zoo 卐
	BBCA	Saving Private Ryan (R,'98) 卐 卐 卐 卐		Tom Hanks, Edward Burns. © 卐				
	BET	卐 (4:30) Ray ('04) 卐 卐 卐 卐		Tyler Perry's Sistars (N)		Marshall (PG-13,'17) 卐 卐 卐 卐		
	BIGTEN	卐 College Basketball (N)		College Basketball: Michigan at Northwestern. (N) ©				Postgame
	BRAVO	Housewives/NJ (N)		Summer House (N) ©		Housewives/NJ		Watch (N)
	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)		CNN Tonight (N)		Tonight (N) 卐
	COM	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	Nora (N)		Daily (N) 卐
	DISC	Expedition Unknown: "America's Vanished Airliner." (N) ©						Expedition
	DISN	Zombies (NR,'18) Milo Manheim. ©		Gabby		Coop	Sydney-Max	Bunk'd ©
	E!	卐 (6:30) Couples Retreat (PG-13,'09) 卐 卐		Vince Vaughn.		The Soup	Nightly (N)	Superbad 卐
	ESPN	卐 NBA Basketball: Bucks at Pacers (N)				NBA Basketball: Lakers at Nuggets (N) 卐		
	ESPN2	卐 College Basketball (N)		College Basketball: Teams		TBA. (N) (Live)		SportCtr (N)
	FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News
	FOOD	Guy's Grocery Games		Guy's Grocery Games (N)		Guy's Grocery Games (N)		Grocery 卐
	FREE	卐 (5:30) The Other Woman		Party of Five (N) ©		Good Trouble (N) ©		700 Club 卐
	FX	Transformers: Age of Extinction (PG-13,'14) 卐 卐		Mark Wahlberg, Stanley Tucci. ©				
	HALL	Love, Romance & Chocolate (NR,'19) Lacey Chabert.				Matching Hearts (NR,'20) Taylor Cole. 卐		
	HGTV	Property Brothers		Property Brothers (N)		Hunt Int'l (N)	Hunters (N)	Caribbean
	HIST	Forged in Fire: Cutting Deeper: "Viking Edition." (N) ©						Forged 卐
	HLN	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic		Forensic	Forensic	Forensic
	IFC	卐 (5:30) Watchmen (R,'09) 卐 卐		Billy Crudup. ©		Old School (R,'03) 卐 卐		Luke Wilson. 卐
	LIFE	Married at First Sight: "New Wife, New Life." (N) ©				(9:03) Married at First Sight (N) © 卐		
	MSNBC	All In With (N)		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)
	MTV	Catfish: The TV Show (N)		True Life Crime (N) ©		Ridic. (N)	Ridic. (N)	Ridiculous.
	NATGEO	Locked Up Abroad ©		Locked Up Abroad (N) ©		To Catch a Smuggler (N)		Smuggler 卐
	NBCSCH	Notre Dame	All Access	SportsTalk Live		Pregame (N)	NHL Hockey (N) 卐	
	NICK	卐 Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2		Friends ©		Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends 卐
	OVATION	卐 (6) Overboard ('87) 卐 卐		To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything, Julie Newmar ('95) 卐 卐				
OWN	Cherish the Day (N)		Cherish the Day		Cherish the Day		Cherish 卐	
OXY	Snapped: "Jane Reth." ©		Snapped ©		Snapped: "Amy Bishop."		Witnesses 卐	
PARMT	卐 (6:30) Coming to America (R,'88) 卐 卐 卐 卐				68 Whiskey (N) ©		Coming 卐	
SYFY	卐 (5:30) Gods of Egypt 卐		The Magicians (N) ©				Magicians 卐	
TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Full (N)	Conan (N)	
TCM	To Be or Not to Be (NR,'42) 卐 卐 卐 卐		Carole Lombard. ©				My Man Godfrey (NR,'36) 卐 卐 卐 卐	
TLC	My 600-Lb. Life: "Joyces Story." (N)				My Feet Are Killing Me		Hoarding 卐	
TLN	Baptist	King	Faithwire	The Three	Life Today	Exalted	Humanit 卐	
TNT	All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite (N) (Live) ©				Godzilla (PG-13,'14) 卐 卐 卐 卐			
TOON	Home Movie	Burgers	Burgers	Rick, Morty	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Family Guy	
TRAV	Paranormal Ca. (N)		Paranormal Ca. (N)		Paranormal Ca. (N)		Paranorm. 卐	
TVL	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	King	
USA	WWE NXT (N) (Live) ©				Miz & Mrs	Miz & Mrs	Mod Fam 卐	
VH1	Black Ink: Chicago (N)		Potluck (N)	Love & Hip Hop ©		Black Ink Crew: Chicago		
WE	Law & Order ©		Law & Order ©		Law & Order ©		Law 卐	
WGN America	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	
PREMIUM	HBO	The Outsider ©		Ma (R,'19) 卐 卐		Octavia Spencer.		The Shop Avenue 5 卐
	HBO2	Ali & Cavett: The Tale of the Tapes		(8:40) The New Pope				Us (R,'19) 卐 卐 卐 卐
	MAX	The Change-Up (R,'11) 卐 卐		Ryan Reynolds. ©		(8:55) Deadpool 2 (R,'18) 卐 卐 卐 卐		
	SHO	The Hunt for Red October		Homeland ©		The Upside (PG-13,'17) 卐 卐 卐 卐		Kevin Hart. 卐
	STARZ	卐 (6:20) 13 Going on 30		America's Sweethearts (PG-13,'01) 卐 卐		Julia Roberts.		Unfinished 卐
STZNC	Outlander: "Wilmington." (7:56) Outlander ©				(8:57) Outlander ©		Jackie 卐	

Savages' Jehnny Beth enters ring

Solo debut is soon for frontwoman of punch-in-face band

BY PHOEBE REILLY
The New York Times

LOS ANGELES — For the past nine years, Jehnny Beth has been known as the frontwoman of the ferocious post-punk band Savages. She's a live wire with a slick pixie cut and arresting onstage persona.

And when she made the decision to make a solo album in 2016, she was warned it was "a big mistake." It proved to be exactly the encouragement she needed.

"When people are telling you that you're making a mistake, it's usually because you're seeing something that they haven't seen yet," she said over coffee on a crisp December afternoon, following her workout at a boxing club in West Hollywood, California. Minutes earlier, sweat poured from her short, black hair as she cursed a final set of burpees. Although she's based in her native France, Jehnny Beth discovered boxing in 2018 while working in Los Angeles on what turned into her solo debut, "To Love Is to Live," due May 8, and toying with a role in an action movie, which she eventually turned down.

"Boxing is the closest thing I have to the stage," she said as she slid a collection of spiky silver rings back on her fingers. "It's the closest I am to the physical intensity, the adrenaline, the fear."

Jehnny Beth (real name: Camille Berthomier), 35, has performed live only twice since July 2017, when Savages concluded a world tour in support of their second album, "Adore Life." As the band's lead singer, she was as tender and angry as a bruise, delivering songs with an alluring intensity that earned comparisons to Ian Curtis and



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Jehnny Beth, right, and guitarist Gemma Thompson of the band Savages perform at Metro in Chicago in 2016.

P.J. Harvey.

She called Savages, which features guitarist Gemma Thompson, bassist Ayse Hassan and drummer Fay Milton, "a gang against the world."

A close friend, Romy Madley Croft of the English indie-pop trio the xx, recalled the power of seeing Savages for the first time at Coachella in 2013. "Jehnny transported me," Madley Croft said in a phone interview. "I was in the desert in the middle of the afternoon, but I felt like I was in a dark club."

Jehnny Beth said: "I never really wanted to give a statement about Savages and if we're coming back. If I feel like I want to do a punk record again, I'll probably do it with Savages. It's a great band with a soul, and that's quite rare."

Jehnny Beth hadn't planned to branch out on her own. She was startled into action in January 2016, when she woke up in the middle of the night and learned that David Bowie had died. She stirred her longtime partner and producer, Johnny Hostile, and the two stayed up until morning listening to Bow-

ie's final studio album, "Blackstar."

"Blackstar" had a huge influence in terms of reminding me how an album can be a testament, an imprint of your vision of the world, and it will last longer than you will," she said. It inspired her to work on the solo album "as if I was going to die."

"To Love Is to Live" is an eerie, almost cinematic experience, partially inspired by Spike Lee's "25th Hour" and French noir films, and helped along by Johnny Hostile, who projected scenes from movies, including "Dunkirk," on the walls of the studio as they wrote, a technique he employed while helming both Savages albums.

Jehnny Beth also tapped producer Flood (U2, New Order) and Nine Inch Nails' Atticus Ross to give the album an intriguing sonic dissonance.

Its first single, "I'm the Man," opens with a gentle recitation of Jehnny Beth's poem "A Place Above" by "Peaky Blinders" star Cillian Murphy ("See the most powerful man raise his hand to tell us a lie/ No, no, not another lie") before

exploding into a full-blown electronic assault.

Madley Croft, who helped write two of the album's songs and served as a sounding board, praised Jehnny Beth's genre experiments, which include android vocal stylings, melancholic saxophones and a piano ballad. "You get to know her a lot more on this album," Madley Croft said. "I'm really glad she's harnessed that energy from Savages, but I could see that there was so much stuff in her mind that she wanted to get out."

The night after her boxing workout, Jehnny Beth drove us in her rented black Mustang to join her friend and sometimes-collaborator Nick Zinner, of the Yeah Yeah Yeahs, at their favorite haunt, Jumbo's Clown Room, a no-nudity bikini bar in Hollywood where a pre-stardom Courtney Love used to pole dance.

The two musicians frowned at a group of guys flicking balled-up dollar bills at one of the women, and over a glass of seltzer (she no longer drinks alcohol), Jehnny Beth explained that the album's centerpiece "Flower" was

written for one of the bar's regular performers. The track's lyrical agony is worthy of Anne Sexton, and the sultry thrum of the chorus — "She loves me and I love her/ I'm not sure how to please her" — recalls Portishead's 1994 masterpiece "Dummy."

"I really wanted to do a love song for a woman," said Jehnny Beth, who is bisexual and said she had difficulty expressing her desires when she was younger. "To me, women were in the distance," she added, "so it's been liberating to write about them."

Growing up in Poitiers, a city in western France, Jehnny Beth learned English by singing jazz standards performed by Billie Holiday and Jane Baker. At 10, she introduced more contemporary music into the household, becoming an ardent fan of the band Placebo. Once, at a concert, she threw a treasured copy of "The Picture of Dorian Gray" at its frontman, Brian Molko, accidentally hitting his guitar. He chastised her from the stage, a detail that made it into several newspaper articles, all of which she saved.

Jehnny Beth met Johnny Hostile in her early 20s, through mutual friends. The unorthodox "h" in Jehnny is intended as a mirror reflection of Johnny (real name: Nicolas Congé). She moved to London with him, despite her parents' warning that she was making a mistake, and the pair have been writing music together ever since, beginning in 2006 with their lo-fi indie collaboration John & Jehnny.

"It's not easy," she said of their fertile creative partnership, "but that doesn't mean it's hard." While at Jumbo's, she got a text from him saying he thought she would dig one of the evening's dancers, who mesmerized the crowd by gyrating while using sign language for the chorus to Aerosmith's "Dream On."

Jehnny Beth even came to Savages via Johnny Hostile, who had been invited to start a band by Gemma Thompson. With the group on an unspecified hiatus, she has continued to evolve into a multihyphenate talent. "I was Jehnny Beth before Savages," she added. "I always knew I was going to do other things."

In February, she will host a TV talk show called "Echoes With Jehnny Beth" for a European channel that will expand the idea of her Beats 1 radio program, "Start Making Sense," by prompting conversations between musical guests. In June, she will release a book of erotic short stories that began as a poetry collection before she made the rare decision to heed a critic. "Polly Jean Harvey told me my poetry was awful," she said and laughed.

"I like doing things that are scary," she added, and credited boxing for helping her make brave career choices. "Once you take a step, in spite of your fear, you realize: This is not how I imagined it would be, but it's exactly how I want it to be."

Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Feb. 12): Connect with friends to grow together this year. Contribute steady strategizing for long-term growth. Winter revisions support your team over a hurdle and into a performance surge. Winter offers new romantic directions, before a shared victory rewards you. All for one and one for all.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is a 7. Make sure that your partner is on board with your ideas before launching. Discover a structural problem. Take the time needed to work things out. **Taurus** (April 20-May 20): 7. Discover a stumbling block with your physical performance. Something you try doesn't work. Nurture your health and fitness with careful nutrition and rest. **Gemini** (May 21-June 20): 8. Family comes first. Reaffirm commitments. Handle basic priorities and responsibilities. Avoid distraction or confusion. Keep your word, especially with the ones you love.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. It could get busy at home. Weigh the pros and cons of potential changes. Don't overextend energy or money. Strategize for priorities and postpone. **Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): 7. Clarify the story. Listen to multiple points of view. Edit and distill. Wait for developments. Reinforce foundational elements. Polish the presentation before sharing.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 7. Focus on practical financial priorities. Manage invoices, statements and files. Handle fundamental elements. Pay and get paid. Monitor to maintain a positive balance. **Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. You're growing stronger. Focus on practical priorities and reschedule what you can. Wait for developments with a puzzle. Old assumptions can get challenged.

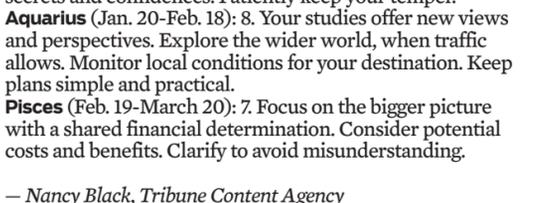
Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 7. Settle into your favorite thinking place. Resist impulsive moves and consider the bigger picture. Take a higher road. Strengthen foundations. Rest and recharge. **Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 7. Group participation provides greater impact. Clarify the shared vision and mission. Listen to all stakeholder views. Link arms for a common cause.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Professional opportunities have your attention. Focus to overcome a challenge. Keep secrets and confidences. Patiently keep your temper. **Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Your studies offer new views and perspectives. Explore the wider world, when traffic allows. Monitor local conditions for your destination. Keep plans simple and practical.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 7. Focus on the bigger picture with a shared financial determination. Consider potential costs and benefits. Clarify to avoid misunderstanding.

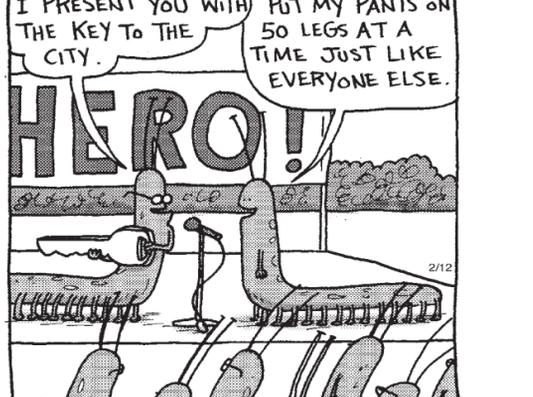
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Bridge

Neither vulnerable, East deals

North
 ♠ A J 9
 ♥ Q 7 6
 ♦ A 8 6
 ♣ 10 8 4 2

West
 ♠ 7 6 5 4 2
 ♥ K J 4
 ♦ J 4
 ♣ 9 6 3

East
 ♠ K
 ♥ 9 8 5
 ♦ K Q 10 7 3
 ♣ A Q J 7

South
 ♠ Q 10 8 3
 ♥ A 10 3 2
 ♦ 9 5 2
 ♣ K 5

South found himself in a terrible contract which was caused primarily by North's balancing double. A bid of one no trump in the balancing seat, sometimes called the pass out seat, shows a balanced hand with 11-14 points and usually a stopper in the enemy suit. It is an adjustment to normal bidding that allows you to compete on deals like this one. The alternative, which is to let the opponents play at the one level, is not appealing. One no trump would have been a better choice for North than double.

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
1♦	Pass	Pass	Dbl
2♣	2♦	Pass	2NT
Pass	3♥	All pass	

Opening lead: Jack of ♦

South was an experienced player who went by the expert's creed: "The fact that your contract is hopeless is no excuse for going down in it". South ducked the opening diamond lead but won the diamond continuation with dummy's ace. He led a club from the board, and East stepped up with his ace, cashed a diamond, and led a low club to South's king. South led a low heart to dummy's queen as West ducked his king. A heart to the ace and another heart cleared the trumps. West won and shifted to a low spade. South called for dummy's ace, and when that felled the king from East, South claimed the balance and made his contract. Well done!

How did South know to rise with dummy's ace of spades? West, who had passed his partner's opening bid, had shown up with the king and jack of hearts. He couldn't hold the king of spades as well, so playing the ace was the only hope.

— Bob Jones
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Dilbert By Scott Adams



Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott



Zits By Jerry Scott and Jim Borgman (Zits is on vacation until February 24. Please enjoy this strip from 2015.)



Mr. Boffo By Joe Martin



Frazz By Jef Mallett



Classic Peanuts By Charles Schulz



Pickles By Brian Crane



Dick Tracy By Joe Staton and Mike Curtis



Animal Crackers By Mike Osburn



Prickly City By Scott Stantis



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WEDNESDAY, FEB. 12

NORMAL HIGH: 34°

NORMAL LOW: 19°

RECORD HIGH: 62° (1984)

RECORD LOW: -17° (1899)

Snow then cold followed by quick warmup

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 36 **LOW** 23

■ Winter weather advisory in effect for far south and southwest suburbs and NW Indiana from Wednesday afternoon through Thursday afternoon. Total snow accumulation of 2-6" possible.

■ Clouds lower and thicken. Snow develops from the south, reaching the city by mid to late afternoon, impacting the evening rush hour.

■ South winds 8-18 mph.

■ Accumulating snow continues overnight. Nighttime winds turn NW and increase to 15-25 mph by sunrise.

NATIONAL FORECAST



Snow develops from the south today and moves northward with snow reaching Chicago by mid to late afternoon. The heaviest snow period will be Wednesday evening through sunrise Thursday. Highest accumulations should be south of I-80 and in northwest Indiana where heavy lake effect snow may develop Thursday. Total accumulation of 2-6" for northeast Illinois. Strong northwest winds forecast for Thursday have led to a Lakeshore Flood Advisory to be issued for Lake County, Indiana to Berrien County, Michigan from Thursday morning through Thursday evening. The high winds combined with high Lake Michigan water levels will bring a potential for waves exceeding 15 feet. Friday morning's low may be the coldest of the season but temperatures quickly rebound to a the mid-30s on Saturday.

THURSDAY, FEB. 13

HIGH 26 **LOW** -1

Snow diminishes to flurries in the afternoon. Heavy lake effect snow possible in NW Indiana. Windy, much colder. High in the mid 20s but falling in the afternoon. NW winds gust to 30 mph. Nighttime wind chill 5 to 15 below.

FRIDAY, FEB. 14

HIGH 15 **LOW** 11

Mostly sunny but very cold. One of the coldest daytime highs so far this winter. High in the mid teens. Light daytime winds turn south at night and increase to 10 to 20 mph. Low near 10 but temps slowly rise overnight.

SATURDAY, FEB. 15

HIGH 35 **LOW** 27

Becoming cloudy, windy and much warmer. High in the mid 30s. SSW winds 15-20 mph with gusts to 30 mph. Snow or a wintry mix develops in the afternoon and continues into the nighttime. Winds diminish.

SUNDAY, FEB. 16

HIGH 39 **LOW** 32

Mostly cloudy and milder. An above normal high near 40. Light west winds. Slight chance for overnight flurries. Nighttime winds turn south and increase to 5-10 mph. Low in the low 30s.

MONDAY, FEB. 17

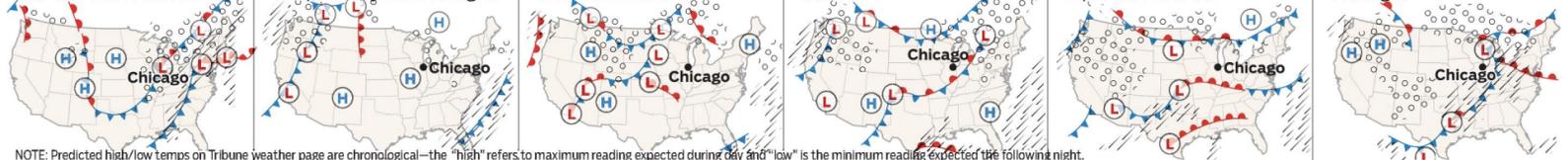
HIGH 43 **LOW** 30

Cloudy and breezy with an increasing chance for rain as the day progresses. Warmer with a high in the low 40s. Chance of rain continues overnight with a snow mix possible. South winds 8-12 mph. Low near 30.

TUESDAY, FEB. 18

HIGH 37 **LOW** 23

Blustery and a little cooler with a seasonable high in the mid 30s. Occasional rain or snow showers. Northwest winds 10-18 mph. Light snow showers or flurries possible overnight.



NOTE: Predicted high/low temps on Tribune weather page are chronological—the "high" refers to maximum reading expected during day and "low" is the minimum reading expected the following night.

ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
Wladimir Köppen developed a climate classification system in which Chicago's climate is called "continental warm summer." Where else, worldwide, are places with similar climates?
Will Warrenburger, Atlanta, Georgia

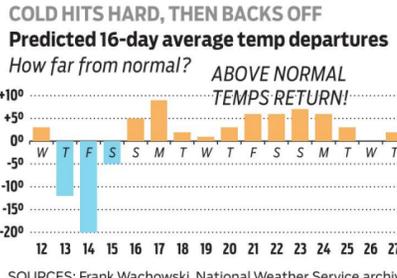
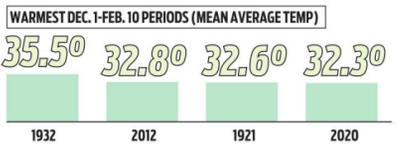
Dear Will,
The Köppen climate classification system was first published in 1918 by climatologist Wladimir Köppen, but has been updated several times, including by American climatologist Glenn T. Trewartha. Faced with a lack of adequate observing stations, Köppen used vegetation to approximate conditions in data-sparse areas of the world. The system defines five major climatic zones. The Köppen system suggests Chicago, the central Great Plains and New England share climatic similarities with parts of Bulgaria, North and South Korea and northern China.

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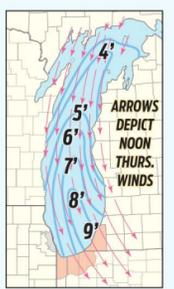
Below normal temps ahead, but temps rebound next week

METEOROLOGICAL WINTER 2019-20
Running 4th-warmest in Chicago since 1920
Meteorological winter began on Dec. 1, 2019. Since 1920, the Dec. 1 through Feb. 10 period ranks 4th-warmest

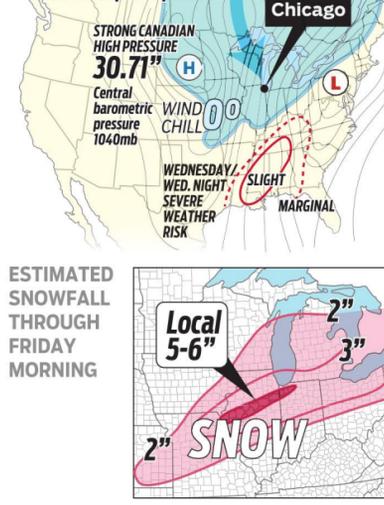


SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

SOUTH END OF LAKE MICHIGAN IN FOR ANOTHER POUNDING
Thursday 3 p.m. wave height forecast
Lakeshore Flood Watch Thursday



THURSDAY DAYBREAK FORECAST



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MIDWEST CITIES

WED./THURS.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois	rn	39	29	pc	32	9
Carbondale	sn	35	22	sh	27	-7
Champaign	sn	35	19	sh	23	-7
Decatur	sn	35	19	sh	23	-7
Moline	sn	39	13	pc	16	-6
Peoria	sn	36	18	sh	19	-6
Quincy	sn	36	8	pc	12	-9
Rockford	ss	38	13	cl	16	-9
Springfield	sn	35	16	pc	20	-8
Stirling	sn	38	14	sh	18	-7
Indiana	rn	37	31	ss	34	8
Bloomington	rn	40	33	cl	35	12
Evansville	rn	37	29	ss	31	9
Fort Wayne	sn	36	30	ss	32	3
Indianapolis	sn	37	28	ss	31	-3
Lafayette	sn	37	28	ss	31	-3
South Bend	sn	37	28	ss	31	-3
Wisconsin	rn	37	31	ss	34	8
Green Bay	ss	35	6	pc	11	-11
Kenosha	ss	38	15	ss	19	-3
La Crosse	ss	36	0	pc	6	-16
Madison	cl	37	7	cl	11	-11
Milwaukee	sn	38	11	ss	14	-6
Wausau	ss	35	-1	pc	7	-15
Michigan	rn	35	29	ss	32	4
Detroit	sh	35	29	ss	32	4
Grand Rapids	sh	35	26	ss	29	9
Marquette	ss	32	7	ss	9	2
St. Ste. Marie	ss	34	0	pc	6	-7
Traverse City	cl	37	13	pc	17	9
Iowa	rn	37	-8	pc	3	-10
Ames	ss	37	-8	pc	3	-10
Cedar Rapids	ss	36	0	pc	4	-13
Des Moines	ss	39	-5	su	5	-6
Dubuque	ss	37	9	pc	11	-7

OTHER U.S. CITIES

WED./THURS.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Albany	cl	42	34	rs	40	20
Albuquerque	sh	56	31	su	49	27
Albany	cl	42	34	rs	40	20
Amarillo	pc	44	22	su	45	24
Anchorage	ss	27	12	su	16	4
Asheville	sh	65	5	su	31	11
Aspen	sh	67	59	rn	63	31
Atlanta	cl	44	40	rn	58	34
Atlantic City	sh	64	43	pc	58	34
Austin	sh	46	41	sh	59	31
Baltimore	sh	25	12	pc	33	25
Birmingham	sh	75	52	sh	56	29
Bismarck	pc	11	-14	su	8	-1
Burlington	pc	47	28	su	50	31
Boston	pc	45	34	rn	43	27
Brownsville	sh	67	57	pc	71	53
Buffalo	sh	35	30	ss	33	8
Burlington	pc	37	30	sn	33	2
Charlottesville	sh	55	52	rn	64	37
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Food therapist Karen Dilfer, left, talks with with Kate Schonwald and her dad, Josh Schonwald, in their Evanston home.

COMMENTARY

Therapy for picky eaters

Telling kids to 'clean your plate' is wrong approach

BY JOSH SCHONWALD

The breakthrough bite took place about 30 minutes into treatment. My daughter Kate bravely raised a cracker to her mouth and, with little hesitation, took a bite. That cracker had cinnamon in it, a spice she hadn't tried in years.

Most parents have struggled with picky eating children. But Kate, my funny, ordinarily easygoing 12-year-old daughter, is an extremely picky eater.

She has never met a fruit she likes. She won't sit next to someone eating bananas, blueberries or yogurt. And she's so choosy about breakfast and lunch foods that for the past four years, she's been drinking Ensure, a nutritional supplement, for those meals.

That's what led us to seek the aid of Karen Dilfer, a Chicago-based occupational therapist who specializes in food therapy. There are many pediatric food therapists in the area who cover a wide range of issues — from infants struggling to swallow food, to preschoolers with sensory processing challenges, to teens with food-related anxieties — but Dilfer was one of a smaller subgroup of therapists who worked with kids similar to Kate: 7 to 18, often bright, well-adjusted, with no other special needs or medical issues.

Also, Dilfer comes directly to your home. Jennifer Dean, a Northbrook mom of an extremely selective eater, told me therapy with Dilfer has been transformative. Her son, Quinn, started with



Dilfer holds a mirror to Kate, 12, as she tastes various foods. "Mirrors are a great way for kids to see what is going on with foods and their mouth," Dilfer says.

only 10 foods on his list, now has 20, and recently had a breakthrough. "He ate a ham and cheese sandwich at Subway," she said. "I was like, thank you, Lord."

I, too, longed to hear Kate call me from Subway rapturous about

trying a new sub. Last month, we tried food therapy: an evaluation and in-home treatment.

Kate isn't eating mango quinoa salads just yet, but food therapy, even two sessions, was a great step for our family — and for

reasons we never expected. Here are our most valuable takeaways:

Changes attitudes about picky eating

Instead of focusing on what Kate didn't eat, Dilfer sought to understand why Kate has certain taste preferences, and then go from there. It was a glass-half-full view of picky eating.

Dilfer started with lots of questions — about goals, challenges, Kate's likes, dislikes, former likes, turning points, hardships, even our family food history. Another Chicago food therapist, Lindsey Lieberman, described this part of her role as "food detective."

Dilfer's questioning helped develop her treatment strategy, but it also gave us more insight into Kate's pickiness. After sharing some details from Kate's history with fruit, Dilfer observed that she likely has a hypersensitive

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The power and pull of middle school friendships

HEIDI STEVENS
Balancing Act

"Middle school is about lunch." That line, in an essay full of thought-provoking lines, jumped out at me. I was reading "The outsize influence of your middle-school friends," in the Atlantic, adapted from Lydia Denworth's

new book, "Friendship: The Evolution, Biology, and Extraordinary Power of Life's Fundamental Bond."

My kids are in fifth and eighth grades — both grades considered middle school in Chicago Public Schools — and the article jumped out at me as both parenting guidance and, maybe, insight into why our own middle school relationships can loom large, even decades later.

I remember attending a workshop for moms and middle school daughters two years ago, organized by author and educator

Michelle Icard, which led attendees through various exercises aimed at keeping us connected during the complicated years ahead.

At one point, Icard asked the moms to whisper in our daughters' ears the name of someone who made our lives miserable during middle school. None of us hesitated. Then she asked us to whisper the names of someone who made our lives wonderful during middle school. Again, no hesitation.

Her point was to remind us what a lasting impact middle

school can have and, just as important, to show our daughters that they hold an incredible amount of power during those middle school years — power to lift someone up or tear someone down, in ways that person will remember for years. Maybe a lifetime.

Denworth's work explores some of the science behind that power. It's a fascinating read for anyone with middle schoolers, and may help guide some of the parenting questions that pop up during this age: Should I let her skip her brother's game to hang

out with friends? Should we invite his friend on vacation or insist on family-only time? How big of a deal is it that she hasn't found a friend group?

"Middle school brings the beginnings of puberty for some, first crushes for many, and a shift from child to teenager for all," Denworth writes. "It brings higher levels of academics. But if you want to know whether your child is going to be happy or miserable, confident or anxious, being a fly on the wall at lunch

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Aging population finds needs aren't being met

There's a rising demand for geriatricians, but few doctors are attracted to specialty

By PAULA SPAN
The New York Times

Linda Poskanzer was having a tough time in her late 60s.

"I was not doing well emotionally," she recalled. "Physically, I didn't have any stamina. I was sleeping a lot. I wasn't getting to work."

A therapist in Hackensack, New Jersey, Poskanzer was severely overweight and grew short of breath after walking even short distances. Her house had become disorganized, buried in unsorted paperwork. The antidepressant she was taking didn't seem to help.

Her son, visiting from Florida, called his sisters and said, "Mommy needs an intervention."

One of her daughters made an appointment with a geriatrician — a physician who specializes in the care of older adults. Dr. Manisha Parulekar, now chief of geriatrics at Hackensack University Medical Center, suggested her new patient take action on several fronts. She arranged for a sleep study, which found that Poskanzer suffered from apnea. She prescribed a different antidepressant and physical therapy in a pool to help rebuild her stamina.

And weight loss. Eventually, the geriatrician agreed that bariatric surgery made sense. Over nine months, Poskanzer lost 75 pounds; she has shed another 15 since.

Now about to turn 80, Poskanzer is still receiving therapy, 30 hours each week, feels "full of spirit" and continues to see her geriatrician every four months. "She sits and talks, which a lot of doctors don't do anymore," Poskanzer said. "And she knows me. I feel very well taken care of."

Testimonials like this spotlight the rising need for geriatricians. These doctors not only monitor and coordinate



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Linda Poskanzer, of Hackensack, New Jersey, was struggling with her physical and mental health when one of her daughters made her an appointment with a geriatrician, a physician who specializes in older adults.

treatments for the many ailments, disabilities and medications their patients contend with, but also help them determine what's most important for their well-being and quality of life.

Patients like Poskanzer often can't easily find geriatricians like Parulekar, however. As the nation's older population surges, the gap between need and supply has steadily widened, and a persistent shortage of geriatricians has troubled the medical profession for years.

Geriatrics became a board-certified medical specialty only in 1988. An analysis published in 2018 showed that over 16 years, through the academic year

2017-18, the number of graduate fellowship programs that train geriatricians, underwritten by Medicare, increased to 210 from 182. That represents virtually no growth when adjusted for the rising U.S. population. "It's basically stagnation," said Aldis Petriceks, the study's lead author, now a medical student at Harvard.

Moreover, geriatrics fails to attract enough young doctors to the graduate fellowships it does offer. Leaving aside geriatric psychiatry, more than a third of 384 slots went unfilled last year, the American Geriatrics Society reports.

If one geriatrician can care for 700 patients with

complex medical needs, as a federal model estimates, the nation will need 33,200 such doctors in 2025. It has about 7,000, only half of them practicing full time.

Why do so few residents choose to specialize in geriatrics? Though salaries are rising, total compensation (wages along with certain benefits) for geriatricians in 2018 averaged \$233,564, according to the Medical Group Management Association. Anesthesiologists earned twice as much; radiologists and cardiologists topped \$500,000.

"These are smart people looking at economic reality," said Dr. Mark Supiano, a geriatrician and researcher at VA Salt Lake



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Dr. Manisha Parulekar suggested that Linda Poskanzer take action on several fronts.

City Health Care System. Treating patients covered by Medicare, which pays less than commercial insurance, is a slow way to repay medical school loans.

Nor does the field offer much glamour or the prospect of medical heroics. "Having patience, having good communication skills, it's a different personality than being a surgeon," Supiano acknowledged. Yet a much-cited 2009 survey of 42 medical specialties found that geriatricians reported higher career satisfaction than most.

Not every older person needs a geriatrician, but the federal model estimates that 30% of the over-65 population does. This is especially true "when someone has three or more chronic conditions and is over 85," said Nancy Lundebjerg, chief executive of the American Geriatrics Society.

That describes Dorothy Lakin, 93, whose recent medical history includes heart failure, macular degeneration, falls, colon cancer and heart valve surgeries, and a stroke.

"She's had a zillion trips to the ER, one after another," said her daughter Mary Ellen Lakin, 70, who lives in Newton, Massachusetts. "I thought, 'Let's see if there's a way to make her life easier.'"

Mary Ellen Lakin found her way to Dr. Laura Nelson

Frain, a geriatrician at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, who has gently steered mother and daughter through the past year. She reduced the number of medications Dorothy Lakin took and the specialists she saw, stayed in touch with Mary Ellen and sent a geriatric nurse-practitioner to make house calls.

"It's less of 'Let's order this med, let's order that procedure,' more of a holistic approach," Mary Ellen Lakin said. Her mother recently entered hospice care.

Still, given the numbers, "we're not going to address this growing older population through some miraculous influx of specialized geriatricians," Petriceks said.

Leaders in geriatrics agree, and while they continue working to bolster their numbers, they're also adopting other strategies. Dr. Mary Tinetti, chief of geriatrics at the Yale School of Medicine, has called for geriatricians to serve as "a small, elite workforce" who help train whole institutions in the specifics of care for older adults.

"The most important thing geriatricians can do is make sure all their other colleagues" understand these patients' needs, she said, including nurse-practitioners, physician assistants and pharmacists.



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Lydia Denworth's book, "Friendship: The Evolution, Biology, and Extraordinary Power of Life's Fundamental Bond," explores why middle schoolers need friends.

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would probably tell you a lot."

Children, she writes, are entering a period of maximum concern over acceptance, rejection and how they're perceived. And friendships have real, measurable power to be a port in that storm.

Denworth interviewed Jaana Juvonen, a developmental psychologist at the University of California at Los Angeles, who researched thousands of middle school students over three years. Juvonen compared middle school friendships to the attachment relationship children initially have with their parents.

"Too often educators and parents fail to appreciate the potential upside of these strong ties," Denworth writes. "Teachers often separate friends, whose banter can be disruptive in the classroom. Yet when researchers record student conversations during class, there is evidence that while kids are problem solving or working together, students collaborate more effectively with their friends."

In that vein, "it's really interesting that we as adults in the society often regard friendships more as a nuisance and a distraction rather than give them the value that they really

deserve," Juvonen told Denworth.

Kids who identified themselves as friendless — boys outnumbered girls in this category 2 to 1 — were at a higher risk for anxiety, depression and low self-esteem.

"It wasn't friendlessness alone that created problems," Denworth writes, "it was the resulting sense of threat."

Those children know that if bullying or other social problems come their way, they'll have no one to serve as a buffer and help them through. Friends are a life jacket of sorts.

For younger children, parents can serve that role. Denworth cited a University of Wisconsin study that subjected girls ages 7 to 12 to a series of stress-inducing tests and then measured the girls' levels of stress hormones such as cortisol, and oxytocin, which plays a role in social bonding. Then they split the girls into three groups: one group who received hugs and support from their moms after the testing, one group who got to talk to their moms on the phone after the testing, and one group who had no contact with their moms immediately afterward.

"All three groups experienced a rise in cortisol after taking the tests, but those who interacted with their mothers afterward saw a reduction in those levels — physical touch sped up the process, but

voice was enough to have an effect," Denworth writes. "Those who had no contact with their mothers still showed higher levels of cortisol one hour after the stress test."

But studies that analyze brains of kids ages 11 to 17, Denworth reports, show the power of a parent's presence starts to fade. Kids need their peers to help them feel calm and safe.

"It seems logical that when parents no longer serve as social buffers, friends might take over, given how important friends are to teenagers," she writes. "A 2011 study found evidence for exactly that in 11- and 12-year-olds. The children regularly recorded how they felt about themselves and their experiences throughout their days, and they recorded who was with them. Their cortisol levels were measured as well. Having a best friend present during an experience significantly buffered any negative feelings, lowering cortisol levels and boosting a sense of self-worth."

Fascinating stuff. And maybe a dose of comfort when your kid, who used to want nothing more than your undivided attention, suddenly isn't all that interested in squeezing you onto the social calendar. It's not just normal; it's science.

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sense of smell, which could be a reason for some of her aversions. Her dislike of fruits is also consistent with her taste profile: She favors "savory over sweet." Most liberating, though, was Dilfer's message on fruit. In a culture focused on healthy eating, a diet without fruit has been a source of pressure and shame for Kate and us. "You don't have to eat fruit," she said, noting that Kate can get essential vitamins in other foods.

When I confessed, almost shamefully, the details of my kid's diet — pasta with cheese, pizza, hamburgers, Cheez-Its — Dilfer put a positive spin on it. Kate liked savory, had a protein-heavy diet, and was comfortable eating at restaurants. Even Kate's ramen habit had an upside: "Noodles are a food group."

The value of this positive attitude readjustment soon became clear. Our goal was to start in Kate's food comfort zone, and then use a technique called "stretches," so she could have positive experiences with new foods. By the end of our session, she had my wife and me excitedly brainstorming stretches with her: Ramen could be a gateway to udon or soba noodles; Kate's love of cheese could be a motivator for exploration. Dilfer also injected a level of mind-expanding flexibility. "Ramen and salami for breakfast?" I asked. "Absolutely," Dilfer said.

Empowers a picky eater

Of all of her experiences with food, Kate says the worst happened at camp. Extra-anxious, away from home, surrounded by cabin mates at breakfast, her counselor pushed her to clean her plate and eat "more than bread." She was shamed and embar-

rassed.

Dilfer made it clear that "clean your plate" should never happen in our house. And after meeting one-on-one with Kate, she presented us with a six-point list titled "Food Guidelines" and posted it on our refrigerator.

Kate, who created the "Food Guidelines" with Dilfer, pointed to No. 2 on the list: "No one can make you eat a new/different food." The new guidelines gave Kate precisely what she wanted — she could refuse food and never had to eat more than she wanted.

Decades of research on children and feeding has found that pressuring children to "clean the plate" is bad for kids. Dilfer, who trained with Marsha Dunn Klein, a renowned food therapist and author of "Anxious Eaters, Anxious Mealtimes," uses an approach that focuses on reducing anxiety around mealtimes by building trusting relationships and making mealtime a "safe place."

Kate's newfound power also came with new roles. Under the new order, she would play a bigger role in shopping, preparing and serving food. Even if she didn't like a food, Dilfer encouraged us to give her a role, such as serving the salad. "Seeing other people enjoy the salad, even if she doesn't like it," Dilfer said, "that is a positive model for her."

At the end of her first treatment, Kate got a chance to cook whatever she wanted. She made pizza and mushrooms in a toaster oven.

Provides toolkit, treatment plan

Dilfer demonstrated a method she called "redefine try it" on one of Kate's biggest needs: breakfast foods. The method looked, at first, like a lab examination of a cracker. Dilfer guided Kate through several steps — she looked,

touched, smelled and listened to the sound of the cracker. After each step, Kate was asked to describe what she thought the cracker would taste like.

It wasn't until going through the pretasting process, gaining comfort and confidence at each step, that Kate actually tasted a cracker crumb. Although tasting just a crumb struck Kate as comical, that method has extraordinary success in palate changing, according to research.

After the crumb, Kate took a "mousebite" and decided she didn't like the cinnamon cracker. "If she says no to a food," Dilfer said, "that's fine. That's her right. That cannot be the end of the story. You have to say, it's OK, and keep presenting her with new options. That's the art."

The therapist recommends trying a combination method too. It's pairing a new food with a liked, familiar flavor, using dips and spreads. When Kate found a chocolate cracker that she was just OK with, Dilfer encouraged her to try spreads. Hazelnut? Butter? Peanut butter? She kept saying "no." Dilfer kept brainstorming. Finally, they stumbled on an approved option: chocolate and peanut butter on saltine crackers.

Dilfer's final report gave us exactly what we wanted: ideas for foods that appealed to Kate's tastes and responded to our worries about breakfast and lunch. It felt like the days of bulk shipments of chocolate Ensure were numbered.

Her diet won't completely change overnight, and it will require energy and patience, but Dilfer's visit affected us more than expected. Learning more about Kate's perspective, and thinking differently about our role in feeding her has already made us more thoughtful, creative and relaxed about food.

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Pushing rather than lifting is recommended when it comes to snow removal.

Tips to help prevent injuries when shoveling snow and walking on ice

BY DARCEL ROCKETT

Is a bit of rigorous snow shoveling on your to-do list? How do you feel about walking on black ice? Is it spring yet?

Dr. Sandra Hunter, a professor of exercise science and director of the Athletic and Human Performance Research Center at Marquette University in Milwaukee, offered us tips on how to reduce the possibility of hurting yourself when interacting with Mother Nature.

"The more rushed we get, the more we sort of ignore things like a tweaked back when shoveling," she said. "And it's just silly. You don't need to do this. You just need to get the car out of the driveway, and that's what I need to do now (for shoveling). And then I can do the rest when I get home later. It's just common sense."

Hunter, who has been looking at exercise injuries for 20 years, says a back injury is one of the biggest problems that can occur with shoveling — that and a concussion. The former, she says, can be insidious because it's usually not until the next day that you realize you've strained your back or irritated one of your vertebrae. Hunter has these tips for shoveling:

■ Prepare. It's no secret

that inclement weather is coming. Salt your driveway before the snow arrives so you don't have to shovel as much.

■ Wear the proper clothing. Dress as you would for exercising and for the cold: Think layers.

■ Warm up first. Hunter says shoveling is exercise, and you should warm up for it just as you should before exercising. "It doesn't have to take long," she said. "Warming up in some way, shape or form — even just doing some star jumps (jumping jacks) or even just going up and down some stairs to get warmed up" will help.

■ Ergonomic shovels can make a big difference. Hunter says they are much lighter, and they have contoured handles, which reduce the bending you have to do.

■ Push, don't lift. "Once you are shoveling, push the snow rather than trying to lift it," Hunter said. "If, however, you do have to lift, make sure that you are bending your knees and lifting the snow with your legs and not your back." She said it's twisting, throwing the snow and using your back rather than your legs that are really going to do damage. "So tighten your abdominal muscles before you lift. If you do that, it's really hard to twist, and you really

protect your vertebrae." ■ Take breaks and keep hydrated. "It's amazing how quickly you overheat and become dehydrated," Hunter added.

"Some people have had heart attacks while shoveling; it's not uncommon," Hunter said. "Pay attention to signs and pains. One just has to listen to their body. If you got shortness of breath, chest discomfort or discomfort down your left arm, definitely do something about that." She said not to just endure pain and say, "I'll just finish this."

When it comes to navigating icy conditions, Hunter says concussions are probably the biggest injuries she's seen. Black ice is especially tricky, she said.

"To negotiate ice, you've got to keep flat feet, take small steps, and you've got to keep your feet wide apart, so you have a big base of support," Hunter said. "And footwear is huge in terms of having some sort of grip. Any type of movement on ice is going to predispose people to injury."

The bottom line: The right footwear, prep and shoveling techniques are really important for the winter season. As Hunter says, "Just do it."

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PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

EpiPens left out in cold might not be effective

BY JOE GRAEDON AND TERESA GRAEDON
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Q: In early 2015, the Veterans Affairs hospital sent my EpiPens via the U.S. Postal Service. They landed in my mailbox on a day when it was 34 degrees F outside. I was not at home when they arrived, and I got home about four hours after the mail is usually delivered.

I called the VA pharmacy to ask whether this drug would be less effective after spending hours way below the temperature threshold. He said, "I think that they should still be OK." My response (minus any profanities I may have used) was that if I ever need to use those EpiPens, they must work. I don't need a pharmacist to say that he "thinks" they should still be OK.

The next day, I drove 56 miles to the VA and turned in the ones it had sent. In exchange, it gave me new ones.

A: You were right to be concerned. The official prescribing information from the company states: "Store at 20 to 25 C (68 to 77 F); excursions permitted to 15 to 30 C (59 to 86 F). Do not refrigerate."

Most home refrigerators maintain a temperature of 36 to 37 degrees Fahrenheit. Consequently, the mail-order service from the VA did not treat your injectable epinephrine appropriately. We fear that many other mail-order medicines may also be exposed to temperatures outside the FDA-mandated range.

Q: I had been on atorvastatin for only a few days when I was taken to the emergency room



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Concerns about EpiPens exposed to low temperatures are justified.

after a 12-hour episode of transient global amnesia. I had a battery of tests, but all were negative.

My doctors denied that atorvastatin could have had anything to do with this complete blank of my memory. The doctor said I will probably never have any recall of the day I missed, and I still don't know what happened then. It's a very strange feeling. Is there any more recognition of the role of statins in transient global amnesia?

A: We first heard about transient global amnesia in connection with statin-type cholesterol-lowering drugs from Dr. Duane Graveline. This astronaut/physician shared his story with us nearly two decades ago. He reported a six-hour episode in which he lost his memory and couldn't recognize his wife. A year later, he was put back on Lipitor and once again suffered TGA.

Since then, we have heard from many other readers who, like you, have experienced this scary reaction. The prescribing information lists "memory loss, forgetfulness, amnesia, memory impairment and confusion" linked to

statin use.

Q: I read a news story on your website about pyrethroid insecticides harming the heart. I use permethrin-treated clothing to keep ticks off when I work outside.

Do you know if such chemicals are absorbed through the skin? It works great to keep ticks off, but my heart is important too!

A: The research you refer to was published in JAMA Internal Medicine (Dec. 30, 2019). People exposed to such insecticides were at greater risk of dying of heart disease.

There is not much research on whether permethrin-treated clothing poses a problem. Some studies show marginal absorption. A study of the German military, however, showed that soldiers wearing permethrin-impregnated uniforms had high levels of permethrin metabolites in their urine (Occupational and Environmental Medicine, February 2014).

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Look for unsweetened shredded coconut for these little chocolate-covered bars that echo the flavors of Mounds.

CRAVING Spicy food

Sweet and spicy

Homemade Valentine's candies add a little heat to convey the warmth of your affections

BY ROBIN MATHER

As Valentine's Day nears, a gift of homemade candy can act as a heartfelt expression of your affections. But why settle for sweet alone when your ardor is warm and you want to show that too?

We've adapted some classic homemade candy recipes to include a little spicy warmth. The goal isn't to blast the eater out of the chair and torture their palates. Instead, a bit of sweet heat elevates your handiwork to a new level.

None of these is difficult to make, and none requires cooking beyond bringing a mixture to the boil and melting chocolate. That means any of these recipes could be good choices to make with children, especially teens.

We've specified chocolate chips, but you can substitute chocolate melts if you prefer — they're already tempered. Choose high-quality dark or semisweet chocolate when possible.

Robin Mather is a longtime food journalist who is working on her third book, "The Feast of the Dove."

Chocolate-covered coconut bars and other sweet recipes. **Page 2**
 JeanMarie Brownson helps you cook a romantic dinner for two. **Page 4**

Cupid Candies prepares for Valentine's Day rush

BY LOUISA CHU

On Valentine's Day, soon after sunrise, you'll find die-hard romantics lining up on the South Side of Chicago. Despite decades of change, one constant remains. They come, not in search of love, but chocolate, from hand-dipped strawberries, meltaways and the pecan caramel clusters formerly known as Turtles.

"Hundreds of people come," said John Stefanos, 73, president of Cupid Candies, founded in 1936 by his late father, Polyhronis Stefanos.

Stefanos spoke at his kitchen storefront in the Gresham neighborhood. "They start at 7 a.m. and we go until whenever the last customer comes, usually 6 or 7 p.m."

Cupid Candies is one of the last of the old-line, family-owned candy makers in Chicago, like Margie's Candies on the North Side. Greek immigrants once made the city the candy capital of

the country. Now Cupid is one of the first to forge into the future by making CBD chocolate. Although Stefanos' health is challenged, he gets help from loyal, longtime employees, most of whom are Mexican immigrants carrying on the tradition.

Feb. 12, 13 and 14 are the three busiest days of the year for boxed chocolate makers like Cupid. "The best day of the week for Valentine's to fall on is actually Friday," said Stefanos. It does this year. "Then Saturdays and Sundays are for those who forgot and want to get out of the doghouse."

Hazel Harris will be there to help you. "I've been working for Cupid for 31 years," said Harris. "I run a little bit of everything around here. It's pretty fun to have chocolate every day so that's a good thing in life."

She'll recommend Turks, crisp pecan and soft caramel clusters dipped in milk chocolate, their most popular candy.

"We can't call them Turtles



LOUISA CHU/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Workers will hand-dip 500 pounds of fresh strawberries for Valentine's Day customers.

because that's the trademarked name of DeMet's," said Stefanos of the company founded in Chicago in 1898. "We make our caramel with real butter and real

cream, rather than anything artificial."

Two other Cupid Candies shops in the suburbs may be better known, though, as old-

fashioned, ice-cream soda fountains. Oak Lawn opened in 1956, and Orland Park in 1993.

"Hot fudge sundaes or chocolate shakes and malts are the thing people go for," said Monica Biliskov, who started at Oak Lawn, is now manager at Orland Park and has been with Cupid for 29 years.

"They're good people to work for," said Biliskov, who knew Stefanos' parents too. "It's nice to work for a family business."

What you won't find at Cupid stores are the CBD chocolates they make for the Elope brand based in Evanston. CBD, short for cannabidiol, is a cannabis compound that does not get you high, but is instead consumed for anxiety or chronic pain. After years of resisting requests, Stefanos relented because of his relationship with the owner of Elope, he said.

"John is still talking about carrying them (at Cupid), but it

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would be highly monitored," said Biliskov. The CBD double chocolate meltaways, three layered mints that look just like your grandmother's favorite candy, are available online and at local retailers including Fresh Thyme. When Stefanos took over Cupid, he concentrated on wholesale candymaking over their own retail stores.

Speaking of iconic vintage candies, Cupid made Frango mints for Chicago area Macy's stores, but just briefly. "We did them for about two years but we couldn't be competitive with their price so they ended up doing everything out of Philadelphia," said Stefanos. Cupid's French mints are similar to Frangos, but better, he likes to say. He's not wrong. Their distinctive cool herbal chocolate-enrobed bonbons are absolutely better. After tasting every Frango flavor available at the Macy's State Street store, I discovered the Cupid French mints took me back to the chocolate I remembered made at Marshall Field's.

Cupid also used to make dark chocolate mint melts and white chocolate pretzels for Crate & Barrel during the Christmas holiday season. "We used to sell 25,000 pounds for 25 years," said Stefanos. "Then they changed buyers and you younger generation decided it was long enough." About 100 customers still order those favorites directly from Cupid.

Guadalupe Barranco, originally from Mexico City, has been working at Cupid for 26 years. "I started packing up candy on the line," said Barranco at the kitchen storefront. "A long time ago, John taught me everything I know here."

Now she works in the store and makes candy, while translating for the predominantly Mexican women who are her kitchen coworkers. "I love my job," said Barranco. "I love what I do. I love learning every day more and more."

For Valentine's the ladies will hand-dip 500 pounds of sweet, red strawberries in tempered milk chocolate. The holiday-only berries have to be done the same day they're sold. That's in addition to keeping up production on all the other chocolates and wrapping them in heart-shaped boxes. A regular buys three of the biggest six-pound hearts every year.

If that triggers your "I Love Lucy" candy factory



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Cupid Candies, based in Chicago's Gresham neighborhood, was founded in 1936 by Polyhronis Stefanos.



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Candymakers Lorena Pacheco, from left, Alma Rosa Herrera, Ana Maria Dueñas, Sandra Garcia, Guillermina Gonzalez and Guadalupe Barranco at Cupid Candies.

anxiety, the pros feel differently. "It's so fun!" said Barranco. "Right now, we wait for the day. We're so excited."

Cupid makes ice cream too with a famous frozen family connection. "My dad's brother Leo owned Dove Candies," said Stefanos. "My dad and Leo originally started with the ice cream bar in the mid-1930s," he said. Dove Chocolate history states Leo created the Dove ice cream bar in 1956. Leo's son Michael took over that family candy business in 1977. Mars bought Dove in 1986. "Our bar is still the same size as the original one," said Stefanos. There are eight bars to a quart so they're a pretty good size."

Dan Coleman, firefighter with the Chicago Fire Department, picked up a dozen Cupid bars one recent freezing winter



LOUISA CHU/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Chocolate dipped apples are featured at Cupid Candies.

morning. "Mint chocolate chip and chocolate chip," said Coleman.

"The guys who cooked long before me have always come here," he said about former firehouse cooks. "I'm just carrying on the tradition."

"We love coming here and we love keeping this

place alive," he said.

During the historically busiest week of the year, Stefanos will be planning for the future with a cousin from Las Vegas. "We'll be splitting up the business so the family traditions can stay on," said Stefanos.

He was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis 23 years



TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Buttercream chocolates at the Cupid Candies factory.



LOUISA CHU/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Mint chocolate chip ice cream bars are among Cupid Candies' specialties.

ago, on his 50th birthday. "I was a guinea pig down at Northwestern hospital where I was on chemo to slow down the progression, but became diabetic. I still cheat every once in a while, but watch my sugar intake."

Stefanos and his wife, a retired schoolteacher, do not have children. "We haven't decided on new roles for the business or titles yet. I'll be here for at least three or four more years."

"There won't be any changes in the recipes, the candy or the way it's made," he said. "It'll all be the same."

On Valentine's night, every Cupid employee, about 20 total in the kitchen and shops, men and women, can take home candy on the house, but most importantly, each receives flowers before leaving.

"Everybody gets a dozen roses," said Stefanos, a die-hard romantic with love and chocolate, "to show my appreciation." 7637 S. Western Ave., 773-925-8191; 4709 95th St., Oak Lawn, 708-423-2729; 9420 W. 143rd St., Orland Park, 708-403-3636

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Saltine toffee squares

Prep: 20 minutes

Cook: 15 minutes

Makes: about 35 squares

Pecans are the classic nut used in this easy confection, but chopped spicy almonds, such as Blue Diamond Sriracha or Sweet Thai Chili, can up the ante even further. The smoky chipotle powder contributes another flavor dimension.

4 ounces (1 sleeve) saltine crackers

1 cup butter

1 cup dark brown sugar

1 tablespoon chipotle powder

2 cups dark chocolate chips (a 12-ounce bag)

¾ cup chopped spicy nuts

1. Heat the oven to 400 degrees. Meanwhile, lay out the saltines in a single layer on a rimmed baking sheet.

2. In a medium saucepan over medium heat, combine the butter, sugar and chipotle powder. Bring to a boil and cook the mixture, 3 minutes. Pour mixture over the saltines, spreading it out to cover all the crackers.

3. Bake the crackers, 5 to 6 minutes. Remove from oven; scatter chocolate chips over the top. Allow to stand, about 5 minutes. As the chocolate melts, spread it evenly over the crackers. Scatter chopped nuts over the top. Refrigerate until completely cool before breaking into pieces.

Nutrition information per piece:

153 calories, 10 g fat, 5 g saturated fat, 14 mg cholesterol, 15 g carbohydrates, 8 g sugar, 1 g protein, 40 mg sodium, 0 g fiber



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The truffles, front, skip the usual heavy cream, instead relying on sweetened condensed milk. The toffee squares, back, turn humble saltine crackers into a base for a fantastic toffee, chocolate and nut treat.

Sweet heat chocolate truffles

Prep: 45 minutes, plus chilling time

Cook: 2 ½ to 3 minutes **Makes:** about 60 truffles

This recipe makes about 5 dozen truffles, so you can show your affection to a lot of people with not much work. I like to make up mixed collections with several of each type of coating. If some of your recipients have adventurous palates, try rolling some of the truffles in chipotle or other powdered chiles.

3 cups (18 ounces) dark chocolate chips

1 can (14 ounces) sweetened condensed milk

1 tablespoon each: vanilla extract, hot sauce such as Cholula, Tabasco or Frank's Red Hot

Coatings: Espresso powder, shredded coconut, chocolate nibs or finely chopped nuts

1. In a microwave-safe bowl, combine the chocolate chips and sweetened condensed milk. Using medium power, microwave in 30-second bursts, stirring after each burst. When the chocolate is fully melted, stir in the vanilla extract and hot sauce. Allow the mixture to rest until cool enough to form with your hands.

2. Line a rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper. Using a small scoop or a teaspoon, shape into 1-inch diameter balls. Roll each ball in your choice of coverings and place on the parchment-lined baking sheet. Refrigerate until firm; store in a covered container.

Nutrition information per truffle: 67 calories, 3 g fat, 2 g saturated fat, 2 mg cholesterol, 9 g carbohydrates, 5 g sugar, 1 g protein, 15 mg sodium, 0 g fiber

Chocolate-covered coconut bars

Prep: 40 minutes **Chill:** 15 to 20 minutes

Makes: 32 bars

Look for unsweetened shredded coconut for these little bars that echo the flavors of Mounds. If you can't find it, sweetened shredded coconut will work but makes the candies almost too sweet. Adding an almond to each piece changes these candies into a replica of the classic Almond Joy bar. Cautious about the heat? Cut the cayenne to 1 or 2 teaspoons.

1 pound shredded coconut (about 6 cups)

1 can (14 ounces) sweetened condensed milk

2 cups powdered sugar

1 tablespoon cayenne pepper

24 ounces dark or semi-sweet chocolate chips, melted

32 blanched or marcona almonds, optional

1. Line a 9-by-13-inch pan with parchment paper, leaving several inches overhang so that you can lift the finished bars from the pan. Set aside about ¼ cup coconut for sprinkling. In a large bowl, combine remaining coconut, the condensed milk and powdered sugar. Stir to blend well; press the mixture into the pan, from end to end, keeping it level. Place the pan in the freezer until firm enough to cut, 15 to 20 minutes. Cut into small squares; return to freezer.

2. Cover a rimmed baking sheet with parchment paper; set aside. Stir the pepper into the melted chocolate. Working with a few squares at a time and keeping the remainder chilled while you work, dip each square into the melted chocolate; using two forks helps you roll the bars in the chocolate. Set squares on the parchment-lined baking sheet. Press an almond atop each, if you're using them. Immediately scatter a bit of the remaining coconut over each piece as you finish it. Store in a covered container, separated by waxed paper, in the refrigerator.

Nutrition information per bar: 288 calories, 19 g fat, 14 g saturated fat, 5 mg cholesterol, 29 g carbohydrates, 23 g sugar, 3 g protein, 23 mg sodium, 4 g fiber

A variety of 20 wines that cost less than \$20. The wine world is anxious as tariffs have been threatened against all wines from the European Union — so these prices may not last for long.

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20 reds under \$20: Good value, for now

By ERIC ASIMOV
The New York Times

The wine world looks a little different now than it did in September, when the last 20 Under \$20 column was published, and further radical changes may be on the way. That's why this winter edition of 20 great values in red wine, all under \$20 a bottle, may be a mural in watercolors, fated to fade quickly should an ill rain blow in. The source of the volatility is tariffs placed by the United States on certain European wines. As of Oct. 18, the Trump administration put a 25% tax on wines under 14% alcohol from France, Spain and Germany, excluding sparkling wine. The tariff is a result of a dispute with the European Union over subsidies it gives to Airbus, its largest airplane manufacturer. The administration has further threatened a 100% tariff on all wines from the European Union, as well as certain cheeses, spirits and other consumer goods, if the

Airbus dispute is not resolved. Because of a French tax on big technology companies, a similar tariff has been threatened solely on Champagne. Though that one has been set aside, the wider tariff threat still looms. The effects of the 25% tariff are already apparent, particularly on French wines. The value of wine imported from France dropped steeply after the tariff took effect, to roughly \$57 million in November from about \$130 million in October, according to the American Association of Wine Economists. Producers, importers, distributors and retailers absorbed much of the price difference at first, and consumers did not see prices rise noticeably in the last quarter of 2019, the busiest time of the year for the wine trade. In January, however, prices began to increase. What's more, some importers have held off on new orders of wines, both in hopes that the first tariff would be resolved and out of fear that the next round might come mid-shipment.

I have long argued that the best values are found in the historic wine cultures of Europe. The astounding diversity of choices far exceeds what's available in the United States, where a handful of grapes dominate. But this list includes only two wines from France, ordinarily a prime source for distinctive wine values. Italy is still in the game with six bottles; that will change if the new tariff comes to pass. It will also affect selections from Spain, Portugal, Austria and Greece, which account for another six wines on the list. Luckily, I found good bottles from Chile, Argentina and South Africa, all of which consumers may soon be exploring in greater depth. And I found three terrific wines from the United States. The potential reduction in choices is a serious concern for consumers, but it pales next to the grievous harm such a tariff would do to jobs and businesses, including importers, distributors, retailers and restaurants, along with affiliated support workers,

not to mention the wine producers themselves. If these companies that do so much to provide choices were to disappear, I'm not sure we would ever again see the wines they once procured. Right now, however, the market is still full of options. These 20 bottles represent just a snapshot of what's out there. If you don't see these precise bottles, ask your merchant for similar choices, or you can consult previous 20 Under \$20 columns. You might see that prices for previous selections have risen. Nonetheless, they all remain pretty good values. ■ Matthiasson Tendu California Red Wine 2018, \$19.99 ■ Luyt Pipeño Carrizal Chile País Familia Ernesto Soto 2019, \$18.99/1 liter ■ TerraQuilia Falconero Zero IGP Emilia-Romagna Sparkling Red Wine 2017, \$18.99 ■ Poderi Colla Dolcetto d'Alba Pian Balbo 2017, \$18.99 ■ Domaine Alary Cairanne La Brunote 2016, \$19.99 ■ Marietta Cellars North Coast Román Zinfandel 2016, \$19.96

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Lamb chops, polenta and a side of broccolini make an ideal Valentine's Day dinner for two.

A romantic dinner for 2

Buy your love a skillet for Valentine's Day, then have them cook these lamb chops for you



JEANMARIE BROWNSON
Dinner at Home

When you love someone who truly loves to cook, Valentine's Day gifts prove stress-free. There's no end to all the kitchen paraphernalia we crave — from newfangled gadgets to one-of-a-kind serving dishes.

Might I suggest giving your loved one a cook's most versatile piece of kitchen equipment: a large skillet made of cast-iron or a heavy-duty nonstick version. Not very romantic — that is, until golden, juicy lamb chops and perfectly bronzed vegetables emerge as dinner for two.

A great skillet transforms even a modest stove into a chef's playground. I've been known to travel with my Lodge 10-inch cast-iron and an All-Clad 12-inch nonstick skillet for vacation cooking. The awesome heat conductivity of cast-iron nearly guarantees good sears on meat, poultry and vegetables. A heavy skillet with a nonstick feature ensures omelets, fish fillets and cutlets release from the pan for beautiful presentations.

A dinner for two from the skillet starts with elegant loin lamb chops. These meaty, rich-tasting tender chops can be pricey. I purchase them on sale, then individually wrap and freeze until a special occasion. Thaw the chops in the refrigerator overnight. Then, season them a few hours or up to two days in advance of cooking. Seared to golden goodness, a drizzle of fruity olive oil finishes them beautifully. No complicated sauces required.

Refrigerated, fully cooked polenta, sold in tubes, makes a quick side dish. Sliced and crisped in oil in a hot skillet or mashed, polenta takes the chill out of a cold winter's night. To serve with the lamb chops, I scoop the polenta out of its package into a saucepan and mash it with water, tomato sauce and shredded cheese. A garnish of herbs finishes the dish.

All the richness of lamb and polenta begs for a bold, green vegetable. Broccoli rabe, aka rapini, proves just the vegetable. It cooks quickly in a heated skillet with a bit of oil. Since rapini can be bitter, tame the cooked greens with fruity olive oil, sharp cheese and a little red chile.

Of course, we're having dessert — special occasion and all. A combination of premium, store-bought sorbets and gelato makes an indulgent, but not too heavy, dessert. Top the scoops with a splash of chilled sparkling wine and fresh raspberries. A crisp pizzelle cookie adds crunch and pizzazz.

The best Valentine's Day gift for any cook: a great skillet. Oh, and a clean kitchen.

Charred broccolini rabe with pecorino and chile

Prep: 10 minutes

Cook: 7 minutes

Makes: 2 servings

Be sure to pat the broccolini rabe dry so the splatters are kept to a minimum; use a splatter guard if you have one.

1 bunch (about 12 ounces) broccolini rabe, aka rapini

2 tablespoons fine dried breadcrumbs

2 tablespoons grated pecorino, Romano or Parmesan cheese

¼ to **½** teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes, to taste

Safflower or sunflower oil for high-heat cooking

Salt to taste

Extra-virgin olive oil for serving

½ lemon, cut into thick wedges

Toasted pine nuts, optional



Broccolini rabe is the right match for rich lamb chops and polenta.

1. Trim and discard the ends of the broccolini rabe. Rinse well and let dry on clean towels. Pat dry before cooking. Mix breadcrumbs, cheese and chile flakes in small dish.

2. Turn on the exhaust fan. Heat a large (10- or 12-inch) well-seasoned or nonstick skillet over medium heat until a drop of water sizzles on contact. Add a light coating of safflower oil and then the broccolini rabe in a single, uncrowded layer (you may need to work in 2 batches). Cook, turning the broccolini rabe every few minutes, until stalks are tender when pierced with a knife and leaves and heads are lightly charred, 6 or 7 minutes. Remove to a platter. Repeat to cook all broccolini rabe.

3. Return all the broccolini rabe to the skillet. Sprinkle with salt, olive oil and lemon juice. Then sprinkle with cheese mixture. Garnish with pine nuts if you're using them. Serve.

Nutrition information per serving: 124 calories, 7 g fat, 2 g saturated fat, 4 mg cholesterol, 10 g carbohydrates, 1 g sugar, 8 g protein, 152 mg sodium, 5 g fiber

Seared lamb chops with cheesy polenta

Prep: 1 hour

Cook: 15 minutes

Makes: 2 servings

Lamb chops also can be grilled over direct heat or broiled 6 inches from heat source for 4 minutes, then flipped and broiled 2 minutes more for medium-rare. I like Melissa's prepared organic polenta, found in the refrigerated section of the grocery store.

4 to 6 lamb loin chops, each 1 inch thick (about 1½ pounds total)

½ teaspoon each: salt, dried thyme, oregano

¼ teaspoon freshly ground peppercorn medley (or black pepper)

1 tube (16 ounces) prepared polenta, original or sun-dried tomato flavor

½ cup tomato sauce or marinara sauce

½ cup shredded mozzarella cheese

Safflower oil or expeller-pressed canola oil, for high-heat cooking

Extra-virgin olive oil, for serving

Chopped fresh herbs, such as parsley or basil, for garnish

1. Pat lamb dry. Mix salt, thyme, oregano and pepper in small dish. Sprinkle over all sides of lamb chops. Let stand up to 1 hour, or refrigerate, loosely covered, up to 2 days. Remove meat from refrigerator 30 minutes before cooking.

2. Remove polenta from wrapper and put into a small saucepan. Add 1 cup water. Use a potato masher or large fork to mash the polenta smooth. Cook over low heat, adding a little more water as needed, until polenta is a smooth, thick mixture and bubbly hot. Stir in sauce and cheese. Taste and season with salt and pepper. Cover pan and keep warm.

3. Turn on the exhaust fan. Heat a large, well-seasoned, cast-iron skillet over medium-high heat until a drop of water evaporates on contact. Lightly film the bottom of the pan with safflower oil. Immediately add lamb chops in single, uncrowded layer. Cook, without turning, until nicely browned, about 2 minutes. Lamb will release easily from pan. Flip chops and cook second side until medium-rare, 2 to 3 minutes more.

4. To serve, place a generous spoonful of the polenta onto plates. (You will have polenta left over for another meal.) Arrange lamb chops on plate. Garnish with a drizzle of olive oil and generous sprinkle of herbs.

Nutrition information per serving: 739 calories, 39 g fat, 10 g saturated fat, 229 mg cholesterol, 18 g carbohydrates, 3 g sugar, 75 g protein, 1,325 mg sodium, 2 g fiber



Sparkling sorbet sundaes featuring prosecco and berries are the perfect dessert for Valentine's Day.

Sparkling sorbet sundaes

Prep: 10 minutes **Makes:** 2 servings

For a dairy-free dessert, skip the gelato or ice cream and instead use extra scoops of sorbet. Pizzelle cookies are thin, griddle-baked wafers found packaged in the imported section of specialty stores, large supermarkets and online.

2 small scoops lemon sorbet or limoncello gelato

2 small scoops raspberry or strawberry sorbet

2 small scoops vanilla gelato or premium ice cream

About ⅔ cup very cold sparkling white wine, such as prosecco

Fresh raspberries

Pizzelle cookies, or biscotti

1. Arrange 1 scoop of each sorbet and gelato in 2 dessert bowls or large stemmed wineglasses. Cover and freeze until serving time. Chill the sparkling wine.

2. To serve, remove the bowls from the freezer. Top each with about ⅓ cup sparkling wine and a generous sprinkle of fresh raspberries. Pass the cookies.

Nutrition information per serving: 546 calories, 9 g fat, 6 g saturated fat, 40 mg cholesterol, 82 g carbohydrates, 70 g sugar, 5 g protein, 54 mg sodium, 3 g fiber



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Old Bay Hot Sauce tastes as idiosyncratic as its Baltimore home, with vinegar at the front, and a touch more bite than the original seasoning mix.

CRAVING Spicy food

Versatility helps Old Bay Hot Sauce live up to the hype

BY CHRISTOPHER BORRELLI

I have a bottle of Old Bay Hot Sauce. Here, on my desk. You can't have it. Soon, according to McCormick & Co. of Maryland, the owners of Old Bay, small bottles of the stuff will reach grocery stores, sometime this month. Then you can have it. But at the moment, unless you want to spend \$30 on eBay for 10 ounces of what will retail for \$3.49, you have to wait. Last week, when Old Bay made a surprise announcement about the new hot sauce, many could not wait; perhaps you heard, when a first batch of the hot sauce went on sale through the Old Bay website, it sold out in less than an hour.

Perhaps, during a week defined by probable pandemics, certain Brexits and foundational fears about the sturdiness of democracy, we need a manufactured crisis.

If so, your ridiculousness was not in vain.

Having spent a weekend with Old Bay Hot Sauce, I can assure you: It's a wonderful thing, a blessing, a milestone in our cultural record that must not go unremarked upon.

In other words, really good.

I asked several people here at the Tribune, fans of hot sauces, to take a taste, and in a moment, share their thoughts. But first, my own: You're struck immediately by how tangy it is, the distilled vinegar in its recipe waving at the front of your tongue. (My wife thought it makes everything taste vaguely like a bloody mary.) Next, you notice it's not super hot, that it probably won't win over fans of extreme sauces. However, as a fan of hot sauce that doesn't obscure the food beneath it, this was appreciated. (Old Bay Hot Sauce should not be mistaken for a novelty condiment trotted out to test your steel taste buds.)

Instead, it offers just a touch more bite (probably thanks to aged cayenne pepper) than the distinctive, 81-year-old seasoning itself, which is a proprietary mix of several spices, including mustard, paprika, pimento, celery salt and cardamom. Old Bay recommends it for soups and chili, but I found it worked like a dream on chips, crackers or leftover fried chicken eaten while standing in your kitchen at 2 in the morning. You get the heat and a pungent whiff of vinegar in tandem, then a second crack of heat, and then your food.

It tastes, I suppose, like a hot sauce for people who want to be thought of as hot-sauce people — but less glibly than that sounds — a little too unique to satisfy everyone.

Meaning, it's as idiosyncratic as its Baltimore home, which, for decades, held Old Bay close to its chest. Gustav Brunn, the creator of Old Bay, was a

German Jew who fled Germany with his family in the late 1930s; as legend has it, he carried only a spice grinder. He saw the need for a ready-made seasoning for local crab boils and made his name. Ever since, the Chesapeake Bay region has been synonymous with heaps of blue crabs covered in the fine red crust of Old Bay. But slowly, yellow and blue metal Old Bay canisters found their way into Southern seafood recipes and pockets of New England. (No less than Red Sox great Ted Williams tossed Old Bay into his chowder.)

Today, across the country, it's not unusual to find Old Bay on french fries, in bloody marys and potato salads, and sprinkled into buckets of popcorn; no less than Alinea has coated the oyster crackers that it makes for its own chowder with a dusting of Old Bay.

Can Old Bay Hot Sauce expand the cult? During a newsroom tasting, I heard:

Joe Gray, Tribune food editor: "If you sprinkle the dry (Old Bay) blend on a chicken sandwich, you're eating *those* spices. This is more of a medium to carry a flavor along."

Carmel Carrillo, entertainment editor (former Baltimore resident): "Oh, there's an unexpected sweetness — it's not a hot sauce really, but it does have a certain kick."

Ariel Cheung, real estate editor (and former food writer): "Reminds me of the vinegarness of a New Orleans hot sauce — a good amount of spice, but not too much."

Adam Lukach, food writer: "Doesn't quite feel like a hot sauce, but very vinegary."

Kevin Williams, entertainment editor: "More tomatoey than peppery?"

Ben Meyerson, content editor (and University of Maryland graduate): "Huge Old Bay notes. But more Old Bay than hot sauce. If I had a raw bar, I'd put it on all day long."

Kasandra Van Treeck, photo editor: "There are so many seasonings in there I would have to think about what I am putting this on — it's more than just another hot sauce."

Nick Kindelsperger, food writer: "I find it hilarious the first ingredient (listed) is 'hot sauce.' It is a very distinctive mix, one that I can see fans of Old Bay latching on to. But I don't see this converting many people. It has a strong celery-seed profile, which I think would clash with a number of foods. However, I can imagine it being a fine bloody mary mixer."

According to Old Bay, its next batch of hot sauce will go on sale online soon.

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REVIEW Kostali ★★

Echos of Naha reverberate at The Gwen

Nahabedians' restaurant a big boost for hotel

BY PHIL VETTEL

Carrie Nahabedian can keep insisting that Kostali "is not the new Naha," but I bet the people behind The Gwen hotel restaurant would prefer that she keep mum on that subject.

Imagine how much buzz Kostali, which opened quietly around Thanksgiving, would generate if indeed it were Naha 2.0, referencing the restaurant that ran for 18 years in River North. Fans of chef Carrie, and her cousin and wine guru, Michael Nahabedian, have been awaiting the duo's next act since Naha closed in 2018. (Brindille, the French restaurant the Nahabedians opened in 2013, is their main restaurant now.)

But no. "We had this opportunity to create Kostali for The Gwen, and that put the new Naha on the back burner," Carrie Nahabedian said. "The biggest thing about Kostali is that I love the menu. We started with 100 items, and kept paring it down."

What remains at Kostali is a menu that has enough echoes of Naha that longtime fans will embrace it. There is, first of all, complimentary bread service, which Nahabedian has long espoused as the essence of hospitality. A basket of seeded fattoush and spiral tahini rolls, both house-made, arrive along with rustic bread sourced from Publican Quality Bread. Along for the ride is house-made butter, plus optional spreads of taramasalata, whipped feta or lentil with eggplant and labneh (\$4 each).

The rest of the menu, executed by chef de cuisine Jose Valdez, takes its inspiration from the Mediterranean coast, a healthy amount of influence from the Nahabedians' Armenian and Greek heritage, and a few more Naha echoes. One appetizer, Our Mothers' Feta Cheese Turnovers, is a riff on a dish that once graced Naha's menu, now conceived as a mashup of Carrie's and Michael's respective mothers' recipes. The phyllo triangles are stuffed with kefalotyri, cottage and Mt. Vikos cheeses (the latter a Greek feta), dusted with zaatar spice mix and laid on a plate bearing smears of pumpkin puree and date molasses. It's a yummy little four-bites-and-gone snack.

Oysters, another Naha staple, appear as a quartet topped with arctic char roe, tarragon, slivers of marinated leeks and celery, and a refreshing arak (anisetto liqueur) sorbet. Hummus arrives light and velvety, alongside a sort of ragout of spiced ground lamb, raisins, currants and onion; the lamb adds fatty richness and a sweet undercurrent



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The Kostali design is by a Nahabedian cousin, Tom, whose work at Brindille received a James Beard Foundation design award.



Brioche-crusted black cod is served on a bed of flageolet beans, fennel and bursts of citrus.



The Basque cake sits on a bed of mascarpone, topped with halvah ice cream and sugar-cookie ribbons.

to the dish.

Lamb ribs are a popular, if inconsistent, dish. The first time I ordered them, the ribs were so fatty (though undeniably delicious) they overpowered the accompanying saffron- and aleppo-spiced yogurt. On a followup visit, the ribs were less rich, but more manageable.

Given the restaurant's coastal mission (Kostali is the Maltese word for "coast"), one naturally turns to the seafood side of menu. Beautifully bronzed skate wing, accompanied by in-house bacon and a tangle of frisee with sherry vinaigrette, might have been magically whisked directly from Provence, were it not

for the gently sweet Afghan raisins on the plate. A tranche of brioche-crusted black cod, above a mix of flageolet beans, fennel and bursts of citrus, offers great flavor and superb balance. Even the simple seafood pasta of garganelli, shrimp and clams, over a ratatouille-inspired mix of tomatoes, zucchini, eggplant and Swiss chard, sings.

On the meaty side is a Moroccan-style poussin with couscous, and a \$65 rib-eye (at 16 ounces, easily shared) topped with blue cheese, herbs de Provence butter and roasted baby onions. I suppose a steak is an absolute must in a hotel restaurant, but this is really



Our Mothers' Feta Cheese Turnovers are phyllo triangles stuffed with kefalotyri, cottage and Mt. Vikos cheeses.



Skate wing comes with house-made bacon and a tangle of frisee with sherry vinaigrette.

good.

Desserts are by Karen Gizowski, who worked previously at Naha and Brindille under the redoubtable Craig Harzewski, and again there are Naha echoes in such offerings as the cookie selection (which includes wonderful, date-filled ma-amoul cookies, among other regional treats).

She also manages such globe-trotting dishes as kazandibi (a caramelized milk custard) topped with limoncello ice cream and huckleberries; and a dark-chocolate cremeux, plated with kataifi-topped custard and cinnamon ice cream.

Best of all, however, is the Basque cake, elevated

with a magazine-cover presentation; the rustic cake sits on a pillowy bed of mascarpone, topped with halvah ice cream and sugar-cookie ribbons, and surrounded by Turkish apricots, pomegranate seeds and cake crumbs.

Michael Nahabedian's wine selections are pulled almost entirely from the Mediterranean coast. Spain, France, Italy and Greece dominate the offerings, though there are some bottles from Portugal, Croatia, Slovenia and Morocco as well. You're out of luck if you want a big Bordeaux, but gems, priced at \$65 and less for the most part, are abundant.

The design, by yet another

Kostali

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er Nahabedian cousin, Tom (whose work at Brindille received a James Beard Foundation design award), segues seamlessly from the hotel's lounge into an environment rife with coastal images, including a blue lava-stone topping the intimate, semicircular bar (with its own snacks menu, blue lighting accents and area rugs), and brass screens whose cutouts represent various coasts. Apart from one visit, when I was seated near a boisterous party of six (is there any other kind?), the noise level was gentle.

Service is well trained, and already shows good familiarity with the less-than-obvious wine list. Attentiveness was fine on my first visit, until about halfway through, when Michael Nahabedian spotted me in the dining room — at which point our yacking about the Cubs in 2020 threw our poor waiter's timing for a loop. How do you serve the entrees when the boss is chatting at the table?

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SERIOUSLY SIMPLE

Make Valentine's morning sweeter

BY DIANE ROSSEN WORTHINGTON
Tribune Content Agency

I can think of no other breakfast dish that is more romantic than this puffed-up colorful pancake, made just for two. This dish is much easier to prepare compared to standing by the stove making individual pancakes.

German pancakes, sometimes called "Dutch babies," are baked rather than cooked in a skillet. They are best made just before serving because they will deflate quickly.

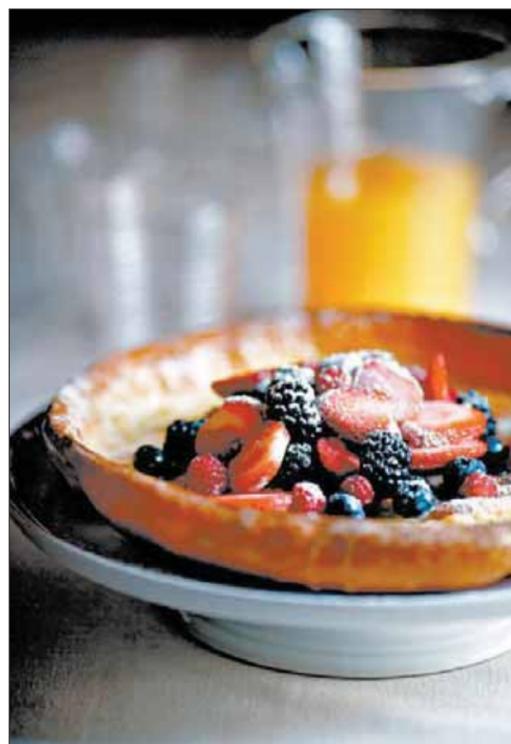
The pan is heated in the oven with some butter until it is just melted, then the batter is poured in. You can use an oven-proof glass pie plate or a nonstick skillet.

This mashup of a crepe, pancake and popover puffs

up into a light yet satisfying breakfast delight. It seems like a magic trip as you watch the pancake puff up around the edges, and the center looks like an inflated pillow.

Once out of the oven, the Italian mascarpone cheese melts into the pancake and powdered sugar dissolves into the creamy cheese, creating a light glaze. Colorful berries add a welcome sweet fruit flavor and brilliant red colors.

Some people ask me why I don't add the berries to the pancake batter. If you add any fruit to the batter, the pancake won't puff up as much because the fruit holds it down. So scatter a handful of mixed berries or a spoonful of sauteed apples or pears on top of the just-baked pancake and then serve immediately.



NOEL BARNHURST

German pancakes, sometimes called Dutch babies, are baked rather than cooked in a skillet.

Triple berry German pancakes

Makes: 2 servings

$\frac{3}{4}$ cup milk

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup all-purpose flour

2 large eggs

2 tablespoons sugar

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

1 teaspoon finely chopped lemon zest

1 teaspoon finely chopped orange zest

2 tablespoons unsalted butter

For garnish:

2 tablespoons softened mascarpone

Powdered sugar

2 cups fresh mixed berries (sliced strawberries, blueberries and raspberries)

1. Preheat the oven to 450 F. Combine the milk, flour, eggs, sugar, vanilla and citrus zests in a food processor fitted with the metal blade or in a blender and process until smooth. Alternatively, place the ingredients in a bowl and whisk until smooth.

2. Place the butter in a 10-inch pie plate or oven-proof skillet and put it in the oven to melt, about 3 minutes. Swirl the inside of the pan to coat it evenly with butter.

3. Pour the batter into the pan and bake for 15 minutes. Reduce the heat to 350 F and bake for about 15 minutes longer or until the pancake is nicely browned, cooked in the center and well puffed. Remove from the oven and slide onto a round platter, using a spatula. Spread the pancake with the mascarpone and sprinkle powdered sugar generously on top. Scatter with the berries and serve immediately.

CRAVING Spicy food

A guide to the vast array of hot sauces

By **NICK KINDELSPERGER**

I can't imagine my life without chiles. From breakfast, when I douse my avocado toast with hot sauce (I'm a millennial, after all) to a late-night snack of chips and salsa, chiles manage to find their way into most things I eat. Critics could claim that I'm simply covering up the taste of everything I devour, but I believe that chiles are nothing short of miracle drugs.

Sometimes chiles simply add a helpful counterpunch to overly starchy food. But when administered in the right dosage, chiles heighten my senses, allowing me to sit in the moment and worry about nothing else. Food tastes better, and textures sound louder. Wild sensations curl around my body. My nose runs. Sweat collects around my brow. Finally, a warm glow wraps around my body, like an electric blanket set to high.

How can chiles do this? According to Harold McGee in "On Food and Cooking," the heat we experience from eating chiles comes from capsaicin, which "appears to be a chemical repellent aimed specifically at mammals." Birds, which swallow chiles whole, feel no pain when snacking on chiles. But since most mammals chew their food, they disperse the capsaicin chemical around their mouths. As McGee writes, "it's a wonderfully perverse achievement for our mammal species to have fallen in love with this anti-mammalian weapon."

No doubt, chile heat is often described in masochistic terms, as if chiles only dish out pain. But that's not how I see it at all. Chiles have actual flavor, from the bright, tart notes of guajillos to the dark, chocolate aromas contained in pasillas. Chiles are fruits, after all.

But spice is also a personal journey. What I might find mild, others could consider lethal. That's where table hot sauces come to the rescue. Whether it's a bottle of hot sauce or a container of spoon-able salsa, they allow each guest to customize the heat experience. Many places treat these condiments as automatic and essential, either leaving them on the table or bringing them over after an order is placed. This makes eating an interactive dance of drizzling different sauces to see how they match with the food. Sometimes the hot sauce clashes, and you have to move on. But more often than not, the sauce opens up a whole new way



Tacos are ready for some salsa at La Chaparrita in Little Village.

NICK KINDELSPERGER/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS

to experience your meal.

Here's a condiment-by-condiment breakdown for what to find on the table at some of Chicago's spiciest restaurants, from Thai and Vietnamese to Peruvian and Mexican.

Few cuisines understand the importance of personal heat customization as Thai cuisine. Sit down at JJ Thai Street Food (1715 W. Chicago Ave.) and a waitress will bring over a green caddy containing five condiments, three of which are spicy. These are called khruang phrung. As chef and cookbook author Andy Ricker writes in "Pok Pok Noodles," this "isn't a foreign concept to Westerners — people put mustard and sauerkraut on hot dogs. ... Yet it often eludes people who are new to the food of Thailand." My advice? Sample a little bit of each sauce with some rice. While three of the condiments are spicy, each adds a different profile to the plate. For example, in the top left you'll see phrik naam som, a vinegar and chile mixture that adds a lively acidity and mild heat. On the bottom right, you'll find phrik pon khua, a toasted-chile powder that's smoky and dark.

You'll find a collection of sauces on the table at most Vietnamese restaurants, too, though one condiment stands supreme. Sriracha, which you can find at all kinds of restaurants these days, originated in the city of Si Racha, Vietnam. (The bottle on the table is almost always one from Huy Fong Foods, a company based in California.) The thick,



The condiment options at Pho Viet include a tall bottle of Sriracha.

bright red sauce has a moderate heat followed by a pleasing sweetness. It's on the table at Pho Viet (4941 N. Broadway), along with chile garlic sauce, pickled shallots, hoisin, fish sauce and soy sauce. By the way, while you could cover a bowl of pho with Sriracha, it's customary to squirt some on a small plate and then dip meat from the bowl in the sauce with your chopsticks. But you do you.

At some Chinese restaurants, you'll find a small container of chile oil on the table. Made by pouring hot oil over chile flakes and sometimes other seasonings, the sauce is usually blood red, and has a dark roasted chile presence. That's what you'll find on the table at Noodle Deli (2 Golf Center) in

suburban Hoffman Estates, an exciting new shop that serves complex bowls of beef noodle soup. Just know that you'll need to stir the contents of the oil, because the chile sediment collects on the bottom, and you'll want some of those crunchy bits.

Asian restaurants aren't the only place to look. At D'Candela (3449 W. Irving Park Road), a Peruvian restaurant in Irving Park, a server will bring out a tiny cup of aji verde made with the genuinely spicy aji amarillo chiles. But thanks to the addition of mayonnaise, it comes off as only moderately spicy. The sauce is especially great with the restaurant's pollo a la brasa.

Of course, it's not unusual to find a bottle of Tabasco on the table of every Ameri-

can diner, but often this feels like an afterthought, instead of an integral part of the eating process. That's certainly not the case at Heaven on Seven (111 N. Wabash Ave., floor 7) in the Loop, which cares about bottled hot sauce more than any other place in town. I counted 26 kinds of hot sauces on my table, from multiple varieties of Tabasco and Crystal to brands I'd never heard of before (Melinda's?). While it's a fun gimmick, the restaurant's Cajun and Creole food also benefits from a drizzle of at least one of these vinegar-heavy hot sauces.

Chile sauces of Mexico

But no cuisine puts as much effort into making

sure you can customize the spice level of your meal like the food at Mexican restaurants. That's because no cuisine uses chiles as extensively or as creatively. This makes sense considering the current theory is that chiles were domesticated in the area of current-day Mexico more than 9,000 years ago. The word "chile" even comes from Nahuatl, the language spoken in the Aztec empire (also called the Triple Alliance).

Essentially every Mexican restaurant in the Chicago region dishes out salsa when you sit down. But my favorite places don't just bring one salsa; they bring loads. Place your order at the tiny Guapo Taco (2430 W. 47th St.) in Brighton Park and the waiter will bring out a lovely red and green ceramic vessel with pickled jalapenos and three salsas, each of which brings the heat.

Restaurante y Taqueria Guerrero (1922 W. 47th St.) in Back of the Yards also serves three salsas, including a salsa roja so incendiary I had to chug a whole glass of water after sampling it.

All three salsas at La Chaparrita, one of my favorite places to eat in all of Chicago, mean business. An avocado and green chile salsa lends creaminess and a fair amount of fresh heat, while a complex salsa roja pulls your tongue in all directions. But my favorite is the hilariously spicy habanero salsa, which adds a rush of citrus notes before an all-encompassing heat floods your senses.

With its mix of wild fruity aromas and intense heat, it's hard to beat the habanero. I'm not the only person who feels this way. I share an affection for the chile with New York chef Alex Stupak, who called the habanero in his cookbook "Tacos: Recipes and Provocations" a "tricky little siren." He describes the initial aroma of a habanero as "all passion fruit, guava, and fresh-cut grass," before the heat "locks its jaws around your tongue." As he writes, "nothing in the world tastes so beautiful and is so ephemeral. ... To love the habanero is to be in constant pursuit of those opiate moments just before the capsaicin rolls in."

At La Chaparrita and plenty of other chile-friendly establishments around the city, this federally legal way to experience sensory overload is available to all who want it.

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