



As Chester Weger is freed after spending nearly 60 years behind bars for Illinois' 'Crime of the Century,' he maintains his innocence in 1960 deaths at Starved Rock



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Chester Weger answers questions on Friday after being released from the Pinckneyville Correctional Center in Pinckneyville.

## PRISON GATES SWING OPEN

BY CHRISTY GUTOWSKI

PINCKNEYVILLE —

**W**hen Chester Weger went to prison for the infamous 1960 Starved Rock State Park murders, he was a young, wiry backwoodsman with two small children and had accused detectives of framing him. On Friday morning, he emerged from the prison gates a balding grandfather with dentures and a list of ailments that include asthma and rheumatoid arthritis, still maintaining his innocence.

"They ruined my life," the 80-year-old Weger said from the front passenger seat of a family minivan. "(They) locked me up for 60 years for something I've never done."

Though navigating his freedom in today's world will likely be baffling, Weger said he is excited about what lies ahead.

"It's been a good day. I'm just glad to be out and to be able to walk around," he said.

By day's end, he was expected to be reunited with his children in the Chicago area and then check in at St. Leonard's Ministries on the Near

West Side.

Celeste Stack, one of Weger's attorneys, described the scene as he walked out of prison.

"It was very emotional and everybody had tears in their eyes. You can tell Chester is tired. He's been worried the last few days," said Stack, who worked on Weger's case with Andrew Hale. "Rumors had been floating around that things were going to be delayed. I don't think even Chester believed it until he stepped outside in this cold sunshine this morning."

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Chester Weger, right, explains how he killed three women at Starved Rock State Park in 1960.

## Trump shrugs at new threats

Briefed that Russia meddling in '20 polls, he attacks Democrats

BY AAMER MADHANI, DEB RIECHMANN AND MARY CLARE JALONICK  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump on Friday minimized new warnings from U.S. intelligence experts that Russia is interfering in this year's election campaign, and revived old grievances in claiming that Democrats are determined to undermine the legitimacy of his presidency.

As Trump pushed back against the reports that Russia is working to help reelect him, more departures from the U.S. Office of the Director of National Intelligence were announced.

Trump started the day on Twitter by claiming that Democrats were pushing a "misinformation campaign" in hopes of politically damaging him.

Then, making light of the intelligence findings at a campaign rally in Las Vegas, he suggested that Russia might actually prefer Sen. Bernie Sanders, one of the top Democratic presidential contenders, in the White House. Sanders and his wife, Jane, in 1988 spent their honeymoon in the then Soviet Union, Trump noted.

"Would you rather have, let's say, Bernie?" Trump said. "Wouldn't you rather that Bernie, who honeymooned in Moscow?"

Sanders said Friday he was briefed by U.S. officials "about a month ago" that Russia has been trying to help his campaign as part of Moscow's efforts to interfere in the 2020 presidential election.

"It was not clear what role they were going to play," Sanders said during a campaign stop in California. "We were told that Russia, maybe other countries, are going to get involved in this campaign."

The Vermont senator continued: "Here's the message to Russia: Stay out of American elections."

Intelligence officials told lawmakers in a classified briefing last week that Russia is meddling with the hope of

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## Judge: Stop enforcing free speech restrictions

Injunction granted in case against city over Millennium Park rules

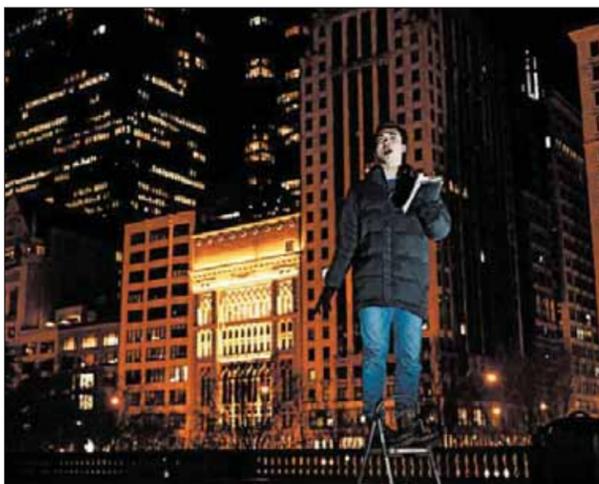
BY JAVONTE ANDERSON

People who want to pass out literature or evangelize in Millennium Park will now be able to do so after a federal judge has temporarily barred the city of Chicago from restricting free speech privileges there.

U.S. District Judge John Robert Blakey granted a preliminary injunction Thursday that allows people to evangelize and campaign in the park.

Blakey called the city's rules about visitors exercising their First Amendment rights in limited areas of the park "constitutionally flawed in several respects."

The ruling comes six months after a group of Wheaton College students filed a lawsuit against



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Wheaton College student Jeremy Chong preaches the Gospel at Millennium Park on Friday, the day after a judge granted an injunction.

the city, saying Millennium Park rules unconstitutionally restricted their freedom of speech and their free exercise of religion in a public space.

The city has argued that Millennium Park isn't a traditional public forum, but in his decision, Blakey shot down that argument, saying the plaintiffs have enough likelihood of succeeding in their lawsuit to warrant an injunction against the city's rules.

"The Supreme Court

expressly recognizes streets, sidewalks, and parks as traditional public forums," Blakey said in his decision. "Traditional public forums 'are defined by the objective characteristics of the property,' and thus remain 'open for expressive activity regardless of the government's intent.'"

"Certainly, given the record here, the public fits the bill as a traditional public forum: it is free,

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## City, CPS tout expansion of anti-violence programs

In wake of children's shootings, initiative to target students at risk

BY HANNAH LEONE

When Malik Hicks hit "rock bottom," people around him helped him get back up. He graduated high school in 2018 — "a year late," he said, "but it was better that I did it, anyway."

The people who helped Hicks were part of Choose to Change, a program for Chicago Public Schools students that includes free weekly mentoring, trauma-informed therapy, community service projects, field trips and other activities.

Hicks said he entered the program, which he'd rather call "a family," with a rebellious attitude and trust issues after growing up without his parents in his life. Though he lost them both "to the system," and lacked guidance in his early years, he said his mentors helped him calm down and realize his potential.

Hicks spoke at a news conference Friday where city and school leaders announced a

multiyear expansion of Choose to Change, part of a renewed effort to reduce youth involvement in gun violence.

"If you need them at an event for physical support or emotional support, they're there," Hicks said, crediting the program with putting him on the path to employment.

Remarks from Mayor Lori Lightfoot, CPS CEO Janice Jackson and interim Chicago police Superintendent Charlie Beck stressed the importance of such efforts after 11 children and teenagers were shot in the city last weekend.

Ahead of the news conference, Lightfoot held a roundtable with students, and a group stood with officials for the announcement in the library of Wendell Phillips Academy High School in Bronzeville, the neighborhood where an 8-year-old boy and a 12-year-old girl were accidentally shot in the shoulder and arm Friday night by another male relative who officials said was playing with a gun inside a home.

The program expansion

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# Freed

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Several granddaughters of Weger's victims have spoken out against his release. But there were no protests or demonstrations outside the prison Friday. Only a few reporters waited to capture the moment.

The scene was far less chaotic than that described in old newspaper clippings the morning after his confession in November 1960 when he reenacted the crime inside the park before a gaggle of reporters and photographers.

Weger described how eight months earlier, he had bludgeoned three Riverside housewives with a frozen tree branch during a botched robbery attempt after attacking the women during a daytime hike.

Weger was charged with the fatal beatings of Lillian Oetting, 50; Mildred Lindquist, 50; and Frances Murphy, 47.

Prosecutors said each woman suffered more than 100 blows. Their brutalized remains were found in a canyon that remains a popular park attraction, framed by a scenic waterfall and 100-foot wall.

The murders made national headlines, and the case was considered Illinois' crime of the century.

Investigators had focused on Weger early on after lodge employees reported seeing scratches on his face, but he passed several lie-detector tests. Authorities believed twine used to bind the women came from the lodge kitchen, where Weger worked as a dishwasher.

Weger, who hiked Starved Rock's trails as a boy, also fit the description of a young man who bound and raped a teenage girl in a nearby park in 1959.

For months, police followed Weger. Investigators also interviewed him several times, including an all-night interrogation. He confessed early on Nov. 17, 1960.

Prosecutors said Weger knew things only the killer could have known, such as the fact that a red-and-white airplane flew over the can-



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Inmate Chester Weger is interviewed at Pinckneyville Correctional Center.



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Frances Murphy, from left, Mildred Lindquist and Lillian Oetting were killed at Starved Rock in March 1960.

yon the day of the murders. Detectives later confirmed that detail by checking the flight logs at a local airport.

But Weger has long maintained investigators fed him those details.

He recanted his confession by the time of his trial. On his 22nd birthday, a LaSalle County jury convicted him of Oetting's murder. He got a life sentence after jurors rejected prosecutors' request for the death penalty. Newspaper accounts quoted him saying "You'll never hold me" as he was led out of the courtroom.

Though Weger was charged with all the murders, prosecutors noted his life sentence and opted not to pursue trials for the other two.

Illinois abolished parole in the late 1970s, but because Weger was convicted nearly two decades earlier, he was eligible under the old system after about 20 years of incarceration.

The Illinois Prisoner Review Board denied his requests about two dozen times. But last fall, the panel granted his release in a

stunning 9-4 vote, noting Weger's age and family support.

Since then, experts evaluated Weger to see if he should be involuntarily civilly committed under the state's sexually violent persons act. Last week, the Illinois attorney general's office said that he did not qualify, clearing the way for Friday's release.

Weger was expected to be driven back to the Chicago area with his sister, Mary Pruett, along with her husband and two daughters. They said he will be reunited with his children at lunch. His wife remarried and died years ago. But his daughter, who still lives in the LaSalle County area, has remained in phone contact and regularly put \$100 a month on her dad's prison commissary account.

During a 2016 Tribune interview, Weger said he would rather die in prison than admit to something he said he did not do. Behind bars, he obtained his GED and has been described as an average inmate who did not cause trouble. To keep his mind occupied, Weger has

said he studied the Bible, played cards, read books about science and history, watched a little television and kept in touch with family and pen pals through letters and phone calls.

At St. Leonard's Ministries, Weger will receive housing and support services.

He also qualifies for Social Security benefits and medical coverage from Veterans Affairs because he served in the military, according to his attorneys.

Weger must follow standard rules under Illinois' former parole system for the rest of his life. The Prisoner Review Board added two other restrictions: Weger is barred from visiting a state park and cannot step foot in LaSalle County again, state officials said.

Weger's case has seen many twists and turns over the years. A request for DNA tests on hair found in the victims' fists and human blood found on his fringed leather coat was stymied in state court in 2004 after it was learned the items had not been properly preserved and no longer held evidentiary value.

His defense team has said it is researching other post-conviction possibilities, citing the improperly preserved evidence and other issues.

"We expect him to enjoy what's left of his time with his family," Stack said.

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Malik Hicks, left, speaks with Mayor Lori Lightfoot on Friday at Wendell Phillips Academy High School in Chicago.

## Students

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announced Friday focuses on youth in 15 "priority communities" and will offer year-round services to more than 2,000 students "at the highest risk of gun violence involvement," according to the mayor's office.

Asked how those students are identified, Jackson referenced CPS' partnership with the University of Chicago's Urban Labs, which she said has "published data around this." She also said the district looks at "a variety of metrics," such as students who have had contact with the justice system, have been victims of violence, are not on track to graduate on time or attend an alternative school.

Youth Advocate Programs and Children's Home and Aid jointly provide the programming, which is funded by a combination of public, private and philanthropic means, according to city officials. More than 600 students have participated in Choose to Change, according to the city, which is contributing \$1.1 million to

the summer model, Summer for Change.

CPS has already budgeted funds for the year, and while "the lion's share" is focused on social and emotional support for students, those who participate in the summer program also receive stipends, Jackson said.

A city announcement stated the program's expansion builds on Lightfoot's "data-informed, public health approach to violence reduction, which is focused on expanding community-based street outreach and integrating trauma-informed victim services for those who are at the highest risk of violence."

The city and CPS earlier this year expanded the Safe Passage program to 162 schools, with workers placed along walking routes to protect students going to and from school. Friday morning, Safe Passage workers in neon yellow jackets made sure students used crosswalks around Phillips Academy.

Lightfoot noted the city's violence reduction efforts include \$11.5 million in community-based public safety investments this year, "a sevenfold increase in fund-

ing compared to 2019 and the largest year-over-year increase in recent history."

Beck, serving in an interim capacity, said it's harder to be a youth than a cop in "difficult" parts of the city.

"You think it's tough to be a cop in that neighborhood, you ought to try being a young person, because the challenges that they face (go far) beyond what anybody that is not involved can imagine," Beck said. "That was really driven home to me today, by talking to these remarkable young people. ... I wanted to make sure in my comments that they know that I heard what they said."

Part of what he heard, he said, is students feel they'd benefit from a better, closer, more normalized relationship with the police who work their neighborhoods.

"Because of that, because this is also what I believe in, we are going to set Chicago on the path to having beat officers who are responsible to their community, beat officers who know their community and beat officers who are not chasing 911 calls but who are there to work with young people, there to work with the alderman, there to make communities

healthy?"

Beck said he and the mayor have also been working with Chicago Transit Authority on a stronger security plan, and that starting Friday, as an interim measure, additional police officers will be present on trains, including SWAT officers, though not in full tactical gear.

Speaking about the shootings last weekend, Lightfoot in part blamed "access to these deadly weapons," noting the case of six people wounded in an apartment shooting where "some adult let a bunch of kids into an empty apartment and chaos ensued. ... Adults failed them, full stop."

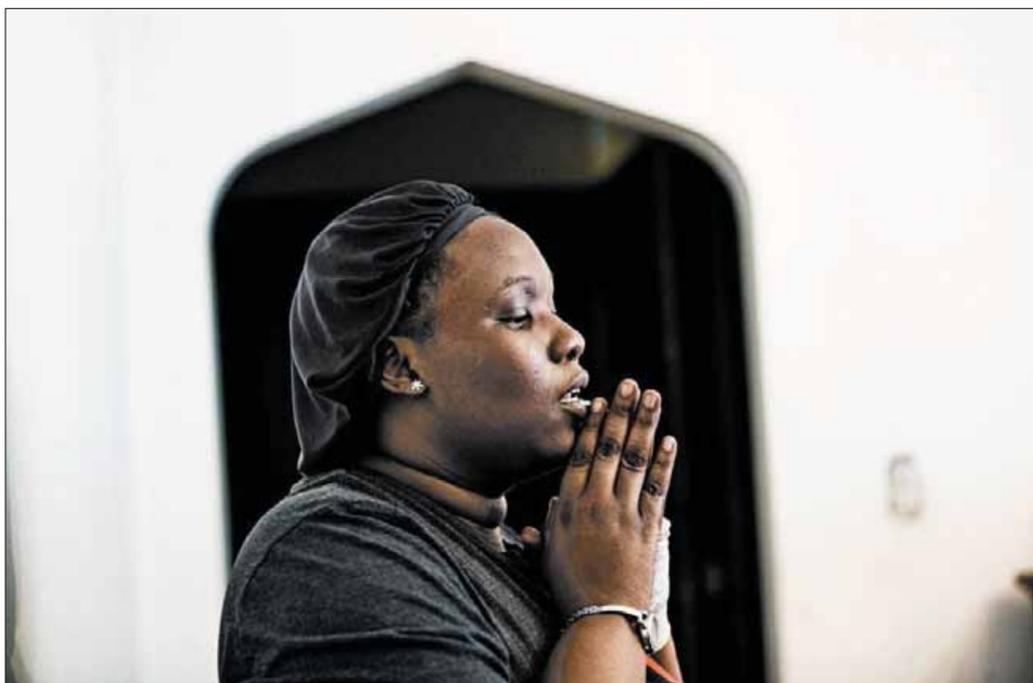
"Fundamentally I want to say to the young people, we will work hard, work our damndest to keep you safe. ... Please think before you pick up a gun," she Lightfoot said. "We cannot normalize gun violence. We cannot say that young people picking up guns is OK."

At least eight children were wounded in five separate shootings in less than 24 hours on Friday and Saturday, according to police.

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# CHICAGOLAND



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Tanisha Holmes and her family were the last to live in the shelter owned by a Chicago church before it was shut down.

## 'Just glad we are not over there'

### Chicago shutter homeless shelter for code violations

BY CECILIA REYES AND ELVIA MALAGÓN

A shelter run by a Chicago church with no oversight now sits empty as it continues to face building code violations.

Residents moved out before the city of Chicago enforced a court order to vacate the house, whose owner, the adjacent Advocate United Church of Christ, had opened its doors to people on the verge of homelessness.

The church's lawyers had previously argued before Cook County Judge Patrice Ball-Reed that contractors couldn't make repairs because a family still lived in the home. As proof, they provided a letter from a plumbing company that is not registered with the state or Cook County and had no business permits from the city. The company's letter did not list a phone number or address.

By Wednesday, the house sat empty, with two of the front windows broken and boarded up. Two orders from the city were taped to the front door along with a note from a nearby elementary school dated Jan. 28.

During an appearance in housing court Thursday, the city asked to extend the case at least until next month because inspectors weren't able to enter the home to verify conditions.

In November, the Tribune reported on the strained relationship between the shelter's residents and Advocate United. Just before last year's polar vortex, residents were left without electricity or gas service as temperatures plummeted to below minus 20 degrees.

And last summer, the Rev. Malcolm Griffith, who leads the congregation, had workers remove kitchen appliances and toilets, which the pastor said in court was done to make repairs. The residents argued the work had been overly aggressive and came just days after being given notice of an eviction filed against them.

The residents won that case in August.

Known as the Advocate House, the single-family house in the East Side neighborhood had operated as a shelter for years, housing as many as 18 people at a time, according to internal documents provided to the Tribune by previous residents. The former residents who spoke with the Tribune each paid a weekly "program fee" to live in the property.

"When I first got there, it was a means to an end," Tanisha Holmes, whose family was the last to leave the shelter, said by phone. "I'm just glad we are not over there anymore."

Holmes said she and her family left in January, days before the city first attempted to execute the vacate order. Her family had moved into the shelter in mid-2018 and now lives in separate apartments.

A second eviction filed by the church late last year made it difficult to find new housing, Holmes said at the time. She and the church agreed in court that follow-

ing Holmes' departure, the latest eviction case wouldn't show up on her record.

While the house is now empty, the church is still embroiled in a housing case that started more than a year ago over the lack of heat. The city updated its original complaint to include code violations.

This isn't the first time the church has been sued for housing too many people.

In 2016, the city took Advocate United to court for using the single-family home as a "rooming house" but tossed the case in 2018, according to records. Inspectors felt assured by the church that the building would return to its original state, said a city attorney.

Reached by phone, Griffith said the church no longer plans to use the structure as a shelter. As part of the city's vacate order, the church can't lease the property until the code violations are resolved.

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## Byrne closures over 4 nights start Saturday

BY MARY WISNIEWSKI

Overnight lane closures, along with 15-minute full expressway stops, are scheduled over four nights, beginning Saturday, to allow for the placement of new steel ramp beams on the Jane Byrne Interchange.

The inbound Kennedy Expressway (Interstate 90/94) will be reduced to one lane between Chicago Avenue and Harrison Street starting at 10 p.m. on both Saturday and Sunday, according to the Illinois Department of Transportation. Starting at 1 a.m., the inbound Kennedy will be fully closed for 15 minutes at a time near Van Buren Street. All lanes are scheduled to be fully reopened by 9 a.m. Sunday and 5 a.m. Monday.

The left lane of the inbound Dan Ryan Expressway also will be closed on both nights, between 18th and Van Buren streets.

Following the closures on the Kennedy, the inbound Dan Ryan will be

reduced to one lane between 18th and Van Buren overnight on Monday and Tuesday, with lane closures starting at 10 p.m., with 15-minute full inbound stops starting at 1 a.m. at Harrison, according to IDOT.

Drivers should expect "significant delays," IDOT said.

The beams are for the new outbound Eisenhower Expressway to outbound Dan Ryan ramp, as part of the ongoing Byrne reconstruction.

"Whenever you're placing beams, you can't have live traffic going underneath," said IDOT spokesman Guy Tridgell said.

The state started rebuilding the interchange, considered the biggest bottleneck for trucks in the nation, in late 2013. The costs of the project keep rising and are currently projected at \$796.5 million, with the work scheduled for completion in late 2022.

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## CPD resurrecting task force after carjackings spike

BY MADELINE BUCKLEY

After three Near North Side carjackings this week, Chicago police officials announced Friday they are bringing back a task force formed two years ago to combat a 75% spike in vehicle hijackings so far this year.

Since the start of the year, the city has experienced a 75% increase in reported carjackings over last year, police First Deputy Superintendent Anthony Riccio said at a news conference at the department's South Side headquarters. Police have been called to 117 attacks so far this year, compared with 67 in the same period last year, he said.

In response, the department met Friday afternoon with state, county and federal officials to restart a joint task force formed in 2018 in response to a similar spike in carjackings in late 2017 and early 2018, Riccio said. The task force reduced city carjackings to a "six-year low," he said.

"Today, we see that activity recurring," Riccio said.

When carjackings went down in 2019, the department sent those on the task force back to other work, he said.

The department's plan includes putting more officers on the street in areas seeing the most carjackings, as well as use of state and federal resources, Riccio said. In particular, he highlighted a spike in the Harrison Police District on the West Side, as well as high-profile incidents in the central business district.

Cmdr. Jill Stevens of the Near North District, where several recent attacks have occurred, asked people to give up their car or other possessions and try to give officers as detailed a description as possible.

"Your life is more important than anything you own," she said.

Thursday night, a would-be robber fired a handgun in the air after a man resisted giving up his BMW in the River North neighborhood, about an hour before another man had his SUV stolen at gunpoint a block away following a rear-end collision, police said.

Both attacks involved men wearing ski masks, but police didn't have detailed descriptions of the attackers in either case. Stevens said investigators don't believe the attacks were related.

In the first attack, a 28-year-old man returned to his parked white 2015 BMW M5 in the 700 block of North Hudson Street just before 9:45 p.m. Thursday and was confronted by a man who got out of a black Dodge Challenger holding a handgun, police said in a media notification. When the attacker demanded the car owner's keys and the car owner refused, the man shot once in the air and the owner gave up his keys.

The attacker got into the BMW, and the owner, who's from the southwest suburbs, ran off. But the attacker wasn't able to start the car, so he took off in the Challenger, possibly driven by a second person, police said. The BMW M5 is available as a manual transmission car.

In the later attack, a 42-year-old man driving a white 2014 Jeep SRT was stopped at a light in the 300 block of West Ontario Street just before 11 p.m. when a dark brown Volvo rear-ended him, police said in a media notification. When the man, who's from Chicago, got out and stood next to his car to look for damage, two men wearing ski masks got out of the Volvo.

One of the men held a handgun on the driver and got into the Jeep, then drove off, followed by the second man in the mask, who got back in the Volvo and drove off.

Wednesday around 9:10 p.m., two male suspects wearing dark clothes hijacked a Porsche from a man, 54, and a woman, 48, who were about to park the car in a garage in the 1500 block of North Dearborn Street in the Gold Coast neighborhood, police said. One of the suspects was armed and demanded the pair's property and keys.

They complied, and one suspect drove away in the Porsche, and his companion left in a maroon vehicle.

Chicago Tribune's Jeremy Gerner and Liam Ford contributed to this report.

## No bail for accused CTA shooter

BY ANNIE SWEENEY

A 23-year-old Chicago man was ordered held without bail Friday for what prosecutors described as a brazen, calculated shooting in a downtown CTA pedestrian tunnel that left one man dead and two others seriously wounded.

Torrez Cathery, of the 7300 block of South Perry Avenue, was ordered held by Circuit Judge Susana Ortiz. Cathery is charged with first-degree murder for the attack, which was allegedly captured on video and in front of several other commuters.

Cathery opened fire

about 2 a.m. Monday in the Pedway at 218 S. State St., between the Red and Blue lines. Prosecutors said he encountered a group of people he allegedly had threatened with a knife months earlier.

The victims and Cathery were riding the same Red Line train and exited at Jackson. Edward Charleston, 24, tried to stop Cathery to talk about the prior incident, prosecutors said.

Instead, Cathery continued walking, but then turned and opened fire, killing Charleston and wounding two others,



Cathery

prosecutors said.

"The defendant is standing right under a camera that captures him turn and fire this handgun repeatedly," Assistant State's Attorney James Murphy told the judge at the hearing.

After the initial burst of gunfire, Cathery allegedly opened fire on the victims two more times, including shooting a 21-year-old man directly in the head as he stood over him, prosecutors said. That man remains in critical condition

and is on life support, prosecutors said.

Also injured in the attack was a 19-year-old woman, authorities said.

Charges against Cathery were announced Thursday evening by interim Chicago Police Superintendent Charlie Beck, who said Cathery was arrested in Oak Park on a warrant. Cathery has 22 prior arrests.

When Cathery was arrested, he had a 9 mm handgun in his waistband, according to prosecutors. Testing on 13 shell casings recovered at the shooting scene determined they had been ejected from that weapon, prosecutors said.

## Another Lincoln Park staffer out after altercation

BY HANNAH LEONE

A staff member installed at Chicago's Lincoln Park High School as the school tries to move on from a series of recent scandals has been removed from the school after an altercation involving a student, according to an official letter obtained by the Tribune.

"Today, I'm writing to inform you that a staff member temporarily assigned to the school was removed after an altercation with a student," states a letter to families sent Thursday evening from Jerreylyn Jones, an administrator-in-charge appointed by Chicago Public Schools following the abrupt termination of Interim Principal John Thuet and Assistant Principal Michelle Brumfield.

Trouble at the school

since late December had already prompted at least five internal investigations into alleged misconduct — not including the local school council's own investigation of the investigators — and the suspension of the varsity boys basketball team.

Both the boys and girls varsity basketball coaches were suspended without pay, and a dean and another coach were reassigned. Another administrator brought in following the leadership shakeup decided to leave a few days later after "determining that she was not a good fit for LPHS," a letter to parents stated. A video captured at school later emerged that appeared to show her briefly holding a student's face while talking to the student in a hallway.

District officials have said

claims of misconduct under investigation involve both adults and students. Local school council members last week decided to hire an attorney to perform an independent probe into the misconduct allegations and subsequent investigations.

The local school council has been actively supporting Thuet and Brumfield, who have told the Tribune through their lawyer that they were given no clear idea why they were fired. Following their removals, students have staged walk-outs and sit-ins asking for their leaders back and accusing CPS of shutting out student voices.

In the letter, Jones reiterated that "creating a safe school culture and driving student outcomes remains our top priority."

"We continue to work very hard to ensure that

your child has an environment where they can feel emotionally and physically safe, and we are encouraged by the positive progress we are seeing," Jones wrote. She stated that parents of the student "impacted" by the altercation have been notified and supports made available.

At last week's local school council meeting, another new administrator-in-charge, Calvin Davis, said CPS was bringing in up to 10 more additional security officers at Lincoln Park, nearly doubling its existing staff. Security procedures for students entering the school building have also been revised and includes "random" security checks on students when they enter the school each morning.

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# Speech

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open to the public, and serves as a public thoroughfare," Blakey wrote.

"Although the city insists a curated design divests the park of its traditional public nature, this court cannot accept this characterization based upon the facts here," Blakey wrote. "Indeed, if a 'curated design' were enough to transform the nature of the forum, any park with a statue could lose its First Amendment protections."

Wheaton College's Chicago Evangelism Team had gone to Millennium Park every Friday to evangelize and distribute free religious literature. In December 2018, while the students were passing out pamphlets, park security told the students multiple times that they were not allowed to hand out the religious material and open-air preach because it violated a Chicago ordinance.

In April, the Department of Cultural Affairs and Special Events, which runs Millennium Park, updated the rules for the park. One new rule divided the park into 11 "rooms," or sections, and prohibited "the making of speeches and passing out of written communications" in 10 of the 11 sections, according to the city's website.



Wheaton College's Caeden Hood, from left, Gabriel Emerson, Matthew Swart, Daniel Allen and Jeremy Chong gather at Millennium Park on Sept. 18, 2019. All except Allen have sued the city over rules they believe infringe on their rights.

The new rules only authorized people to give speeches and hand out information in Wrigley Square and the Millennium Monument in the northwest corner of the park, as well as the park's open sidewalks.

The attorneys suing the city argued this was problematic because it excluded people from engaging with the public near the sculpture Cloud Gate, commonly known as The Bean, which is one of the nation's largest tourist attractions.

Throughout the court proceedings, the city's attorneys have disputed claims Millennium Park is a public forum.

City attorney Andrew Mine told the judge during a court hearing that allowing the students to pass out

literature could set a precedent that would "really change the character of the park."

"The real issue is if this is ... deemed a public forum and everything is up for grabs, you can imagine lots of people would want to hand out literature and make various sales pitches," Mine said, according to a transcript of the hearing.

A spokeswoman for the Department of Cultural Affairs did not respond to a request for comment, and the Tribune was directed to send all questions regarding the case to the Law Department. A city spokesman said, "The Law Department is reviewing the ruling."

But after the judge's ruling, the students said they are excited they'll be able to share the word of God at

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— Matt Swart, a plaintiff

one of the Midwest's largest tourist attractions.

"We're very excited to see what God has done and that we're able to share the gospel in the park," said Matt Swart, a plaintiff and sophomore at Wheaton College.

Friday evening, the students returned to Millennium Park for the first time in more than a year.

Jeremy Chong, a Wheaton College student and plaintiff in the lawsuit, stood on a step ladder facing The Bean and began preaching the Gospel. He spoke loudly and with authority as he belted out his statements. For a moment, his two-step ladder was his pulpit.

"The reason we are here preaching to you today is because God sent his only begotten son ... and he died on the cross for sinners," he said.

Gripping a Bible in his left hand, he preached for a few minutes, reciting Bible Scriptures to anyone within hearing distance of his voice.

Throughout the evening, Chong and 15 other Wheaton students approached people visiting The Bean and talked about the importance of having a relationship with God. They passed out pamphlets and even Bibles to people who didn't have one.

"I'm so thankful to be here," Chong said with a smile.

There will be a status hearing in the case March 4.

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President Donald Trump has dismissed intelligence agency conclusions that Russia interfered in the 2016 U.S. presidential election, which President Vladimir Putin denies.

## Trump

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getting Trump reelected, according to officials familiar with the briefing.

The fresh intelligence warnings about Russian interference came in what has been a tumultuous stretch for the intelligence community.

A day after the Feb. 13 briefing to the House Intelligence Committee, Trump berated acting Director of National Intelligence Joseph Maguire in a meeting at the White House. Then this week, Trump abruptly announced that Maguire would be replaced by Richard Grenell, a Trump loyalist who also will hold the job in an acting capacity.

In addition to Maguire, two other senior officials will soon leave the agency.

Andrew Hallman, one of Maguire's top deputies, announced Friday he would be leaving.

He is expected to return to the CIA, where he has spent more than 30 years, according to an official familiar with the move, who spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss the personnel move.

In addition, Jason Klitnic, the general counsel for the national intelligence director's office, is returning to private practice. Klitnic's departure is unrelated to the sudden shake-up by Trump, according to the official.

Former CIA Director John Brennan told MSNBC's "Morning Joe" on Friday that Trump's ouster of Maguire and Hallman was a "virtual decapitation of the intelligence community."

Trump tweeted Friday

that he was considering four candidates to serve as permanent intel director and expected to make a decision within the next few weeks.

The installation of Grenell, even in a temporary role, has raised questions among critics about whether Trump is more interested in having a loyalist instead of someone steeped in the complicated inner workings of international intelligence.

Grenell has a background that is primarily in politics and media affairs. Most recently, he's been serving as Trump's chief envoy to Germany.

From the start of his presidency three years ago, Trump has been dogged by insecurity over his loss of the popular vote in the general election and a persistent frustration that the legitimacy of his presidency is being challenged by Democrats and the media, aides and associates say. He's also aggressively played down U.S. findings that Russia interfered in the 2016 election.

In addition to those findings by the major intelligence agencies, a nearly two-year investigation led by special counsel Robert Mueller concluded there was a sophisticated, Kremlin-led operation to sow division in the U.S. and upend the 2016 election by using cyberattacks and social media as weapons.

Moscow has denied any meddling. Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said Friday that the newest allegations are "paranoid reports."

But in the U.S., House Speaker Nancy Pelosi tweeted that, "American voters should decide American elections — not Vladimir Putin."

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## NATION & WORLD

### Bright lights, big stakes for Dems

Nevada first primary contest with large minority electorate

BY STEVE PEOPLES, MICHELLE L. PRICE AND JONATHAN J. COOPER  
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Just past the roulette wheel and slot machines, the smoky bars and blinking lights, Nevada Democrats are preparing to weigh in on their party's presidential nomination fight.

Seven casino-resorts on the Las Vegas Strip stand among 200 caucus locations statewide that will host the presidential caucuses on Saturday, the third contest in a 2020 primary season that has so far been marred by chaos and uncertainty in overwhelmingly white, rural states. The exercise of democracy inside urban gambling halls is just one element that distinguishes the first presidential contest in the West, which will, more importantly, test the candidates' strength with black and brown voters for the first time in 2020.

Nevada's population, which aligns more with the U.S. as a whole than the opening elections in Iowa and New Hampshire, is 29% Latino, 10% black and 9% Asian American and Pacific Islander.

The vote comes at a critical moment for the Democratic Party as self-described democratic socialist Bernie Sanders emerges as the clear front-runner and a half dozen more moderate candidates savage one another for the chance to emerge as the preferred alternative to Sanders. The ultimate win-



People wait in line last week to vote early at the culinary workers union hall in Las Vegas.

JOHN LOCHER/AP

ner will represent Democrats on the ballot against President Donald Trump in November.

Sanders enters Saturday increasingly confident, backed by strong support from Latinos and rank-and-file union workers who have warmed to his fiery calls to transform the nation's economy and political system to help the working class.

The outlook was dire for virtually everyone else.

Long before voting began, there was skepticism about Pete Buttigieg's ability to win over a more diverse set of voters after strong finishes in overwhelmingly white Iowa and

New Hampshire. It was the opposite for Joe Biden, who struggled in Iowa and New Hampshire but looked to Nevada's voters of color to prove he still has a viable path to the nomination.

The two women left in the race, Elizabeth Warren and Amy Klobuchar, were fighting for momentum, hoping to benefit from a sudden surge of outside money from newly created super PACs. Billionaire Tom Steyer has invested more than \$12 million of his own money on television advertising in Nevada, according to data obtained by The Associated Press, which details the extent to

which several candidates have gone all-in ahead of Saturday's contest.

The pro-Warren Persist super PAC, created in recent days, is spending more money in Nevada this week than any other campaign or allied outside group. Persist, which hasn't yet disclosed any donors and cannot legally coordinate with Warren's campaign, has invested \$902,000 this week in Nevada television on her behalf, according to spending data obtained by The AP. That's more than Klobuchar's and Biden's campaigns have spent over the entire year.

New York billionaire Mike Bloomberg, who

dominated the political conversation this week after a poor debate-stage debut, is not on the ballot. He's betting everything on a series of delegate-rich states that begin voting next month.

Bloomberg, who was attacked repeatedly in Wednesday's debate for his enforcement of nondisclosure agreements arising from dozens of lawsuits that have been filed against his company over the years, said Friday he's willing to release at least three women from pacts that prevented them from speaking publicly about sexual harassment or discrimination suits.

Saturday's caucuses are the first since technical glitches and human errors plagued Iowa's kickoff caucuses. Nearly three weeks later, state Democratic officials have yet to post final results.

Nevada Democrats have projected confidence in their process, although Democratic National Committee Chairman Tom Perez this week refused to commit to releasing the full results on the day of the vote. He said a number of factors, including early voting and potentially high turnout, could affect the tabulation and timing of results. In addition, Nevada, like Iowa, reports three sets of data from the multistage caucus process.

"We're going to do our best to release results as soon as possible, but our North Star, again, is accuracy," Perez said.

One potential complication: Early voting.

The state party has added to its responsibilities by offering early voting — something Iowa did not attempt. Nevada voters have been eager to partake, given the alternative is to spend significantly more time at a chaotic caucus site.

The party said nearly 75,000 Democrats cast early ballots, and a majority were first-time caucusgoers. In 2016, a total of 84,000 Nevada voters participated in the Democratic caucuses.

A small but significant number of the ballots cast early were disqualified.

Of the more than 36,000 ballots that were cast through Monday, 1,124 ballots were voided largely because voters didn't sign them, according to the state party.

### Democrats' big-money pledges giving way to reality of 2020 race

BY BRIAN SLODYSKO  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Many Democratic presidential candidates launched their campaigns last year with bold pledges to reject help from super PACs and dark money groups. But as the realities of a tough primary fight sink in, those promises are fading away.

Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren, one of the fiercest critics of money in politics, was the latest White House hopeful this

week to accept help from a big money organization that can raise and spend unlimited amounts on behalf of political candidates. Former Vice President Joe Biden, Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar and Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders have done much the same.

The Democratic battle to take on President Donald Trump is entering a critical new phase as more than a dozen states vote within the next couple of weeks with about one third of the delegates needed to win the

nomination at stake. Campaign finance disclosures made to the Federal Election Commission on Thursday offered the clearest look yet at who will have the resources to forge on into the calendar and who will have to reckon with the sustainability of their candidacy.

The disclosures include campaign spending and fundraising details for the month of January and laid bare the stark financial choices ahead for those other than former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg

and Sanders.

Bloomberg, a billionaire, has plunged over \$400 million into his campaign, while Sanders is propelled by an army of contributors whose renewable stream of small online contributions helped him amass \$25 million in January alone.

In contrast, Warren raised \$10.4 million, held just \$2.2 million in reserve at the month's end and borrowed \$400,000 on a \$3 million line of credit. Her campaign said that since then, during the month of

February, she has raised \$17 million, a good chunk of which came after a spirited debate performance Wednesday night.

Biden raised \$8.8 million in January and had \$71 million in the bank. And Klobuchar had \$2.8 million on hand, though she has raised more than \$12 million since a breakout debate performance before the New Hampshire primary.

Even Pete Buttigieg, the former mayor of South Bend, Indiana, whose improbable rise to promi-

nence was fueled in part by his massive fundraising success earlier in the contest, reported taking in a lackluster \$6 million in January. He also had just \$6.6 million cash on hand after burning through \$14.1 million that month. His campaign says he has since taken in another \$11 million, but has not said how much of that he has spent.

Trump and the Republican National Committee have raised more than \$525 million for his reelection effort since the start of 2019.

### US-Taliban truce takes effect, setting stage for peace deal

BY KATHY GANNON AND MATTHEW LEE  
Associated Press

ISLAMABAD — A temporary truce between the United States and the Taliban took effect on Friday, setting the stage for the two sides to sign a peace deal next week aimed at ending 18 years of war in Afghanistan and bringing U.S. troops home.

If successfully implemented, the weeklong "reduction in violence" agreement, which came into force at midnight Friday local time, will be followed by the signing of the peace accord on Feb. 29, wrapping up America's longest-running conflict and fulfilling one of President Donald Trump's main campaign promises.

Friday's announcement of an agreement on terms for a peace deal follows months of negotiations between the two sides that have broken down before. Yet both parties have signaled a desire to halt the fighting that began with the U.S. invasion after the Sept. 11 attacks by Osama bin Laden's Afghanistan-based al-Qaida network.

Should the truce stand,

the U.S.-Taliban deal would be followed within 10 days by the start of all-Afghan peace talks that could result in the formation of a new government in Kabul, a pledge from the Taliban not to allow terrorist groups to operate in the country, and the phased withdrawal of U.S. and other foreign troops over 18 months.

The plan is a gamble for Trump, who retweeted several news accounts of the agreement. If it's successful, he will be able to claim to have taken a first step toward meeting his 2016 campaign pledge to bring American troops home. But if it fails, Trump could be painted by his Democratic adversaries in an election year as being naive and willing to sacrifice the security of U.S. soldiers and American interests for the sake of political expediency.

For the Taliban, the successful completion of the truce and Afghanistan peace talks would give the group a shot at international legitimacy, which it lacked at the time it ran the country and gave bin Laden and his associates safe haven.

The truce, to be monitored by American forces, will likely be fragile and U.S.

officials have noted the possibility that "spoilers" uninterested in peace talks could disrupt it.

Both sides were cautiously optimistic in announcing the agreement that had been previewed a week ago by a senior U.S. official at an international security conference in Munich, Germany.

The announcement had been expected shortly thereafter but was delayed in part because of Monday's release of the results of Afghanistan's disputed September 2019 elections that showed President Ashraf Ghani winning by an extremely narrow margin.

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said in a statement that the peace agreement, to be signed in Doha, Qatar, by U.S. special envoy for Afghanistan Zalmay Khalilzad and Taliban representatives, will eventually lead to a permanent cease-fire. The deal also envisions guarantees from the Taliban that Afghanistan will not be used to attack the U.S. or its allies.

The Taliban, meanwhile, said in a statement that the agreement is intended to achieve nationwide peace and end to the foreign troop



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Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said in a statement that the weeklong peace accord with the Taliban will eventually lead to a permanent cease-fire, bringing U.S. troops home.

presence in the country.

The statement said both sides "will now create a suitable security situation" ahead of the agreement signing date, invite international representatives to a signing ceremony, arrange for the release of prisoners, structure a path for peace talks, "and finally lay the groundwork for peace across the country with the withdrawal of all foreign forces."

The Taliban added that they will not allow "the land of Afghanistan to be used against security of others so that our people can live a peaceful and prosperous life under the shade of an Islamic system."

But the road ahead is fraught with difficulties, particularly as some Taliban elements and other groups have shown little interest in negotiations. An attack that killed two Americans last

September disrupted what at the time was an expected announcement of a peace deal.

And, it remained unclear who would represent Kabul at the intra-Afghan talks.

The Taliban have refused to talk to Ghani's government and also denounced the election results, saying they will talk to government representatives but only as ordinary Afghans, not as officials.

## NEWS BRIEFING

Staff and news services

### Former Ukraine diplomat Yovanovitch has book deal

NEW YORK — Former Ukraine ambassador Marie Yovanovitch, the career diplomat who during the impeachment hearings of President Donald Trump offered a chilling account of alleged threats from Trump and his allies, has a book deal.

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt confirmed Friday that it had acquired Yovanovitch's planned memoir. According to the publisher, the book will trace her long career, from

Mogadishu, Somalia, to Kyiv and "finally back to Washington, D.C. — where, to her dismay, she found a political system beset by many of the same challenges she had spent her career combating overseas."

Financial terms were not disclosed, but two people familiar with the deal said the agreement was worth seven figures, even though the book is not expected until spring 2021.

### FDA approves drug that lowers cholesterol in a new way

TRENTON, N.J. — U.S. regulators on Friday approved a new type of cholesterol-lowering drug aimed at people who can't tolerate or don't get enough help from widely used statin pills like Lipitor and Crestor.

The Food and Drug Administration approved Esperion Therapeutics Inc.'s Nexletol for people genetically predisposed to have sky-high cholesterol and people who have

heart disease and need to further lower their bad cholesterol. The daily pill is to be taken in conjunction with a healthy diet and the highest statin dose patients can handle, the FDA said.

Studies showed that Nexletol could lower LDL — or bad cholesterol, one of the top risks for heart attacks — by about 25% when taken alone and by an additional 18% when combined with a statin.

### UN chief calls for immediate cease-fire in Syria's northwest

UNITED NATIONS — The United Nations chief called Friday for an immediate cease-fire in Syria's war-torn Idlib province "to avoid an uncontrollable escalation" and urged donors to contribute an additional \$500 million to help hundreds of thousands of people fleeing the violence.

Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said "the unfolding crisis in north-west Syria and the terrible

human toll on civilians" is now advancing into areas with the highest concentrations of people — many of them displaced.

Guterres said in a statement that the U.N. estimates 2.8 million people in northwest Syria, the last rebel stronghold, require humanitarian assistance. This includes nearly 900,000 people — the vast majority women and children — who fled the latest Syrian offensive.



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Mourners gather at the Arena Bar + Cafe in Hanau, Germany, on Friday to commemorate the victims of a mass shooting that left nine people dead at two bars on Wednesday night. Police later found the suspected gunman and his mother dead in his apartment.

### Mom of 2 Idaho kids missing since fall arrested in Hawaii

HONOLULU — The disappearance of an Idaho brother and sister last year has led to the arrest of their mother in Hawaii, a major development in a case that spans multiple states.

Lori Vallow, 46, was arrested Thursday on an Idaho warrant and was being held on \$5 million bail, police on Kauai Island said. Vallow was charged with two felony counts of child abandonment.

Joshua "JJ" Vallow, 7, and Tylee Ryan, 17, have not been seen since September. Police in Rexburg, Idaho, have said they "strongly believe that Joshua and

Tylee's lives are in danger."

Newly released court documents in eastern Idaho paint a bleak picture, with police saying that JJ's winter clothes and other belongings have been found in an abandoned storage unit. Rexburg police wrote in a court filing that Vallow's bank account shows no sign that she is providing money to anyone to care for the kids.

Police also have said Vallow and her husband, Chad Daybell, have lied about the children's whereabouts and even their existence.

Vallow's estranged husband, Charles Vallow, was

fatally shot in Phoenix last July by her brother, Alex Cox. Cox, who claimed self-defense, died of unknown causes in December.

Lori Vallow moved her family to Idaho in August. In October, Chad Daybell's wife, Tammy Daybell, died of what her obituary said was natural causes. When Chad Daybell married Vallow roughly two weeks later, law enforcement became suspicious and had her remains exhumed.

Test results on Tammy Daybell's remains and toxicology results for Cox have not yet been released.

### Parent pleads guilty in college admissions scheme

BOSTON — A woman charged in the college admissions scandal pleaded guilty Friday to paying \$400,000 to a sham charity operated by admissions consultant William "Rick" Singer to get her son into the University of California, Los Angeles, as a fake soccer recruit.

Xiaoning Sui, 49, a Chinese citizen who lives in Surrey, British Columbia, pleaded guilty to a single count of federal programs bribery in Boston's federal court.

The charge is used in cases of bribery at organizations that received at least \$10,000 in federal

funding in a single year. In this case, Sui is accused of bribing an official at UCLA. Prosecutors are recommending no additional jail time for Sui, who was arrested in Spain in September and held there while authorities extradited her to the United States.

### Mexico braces after son of cartel leader is extradited

MEXICO CITY — Mexico's top security official said Friday that authorities are prepared for possible retaliation by crime syndicate figures after the extradition to the United States of the son of a major drug cartel leader.

Mexico did not issue a special alert about potential danger, but authorities were monitoring for criminal activity that might result from the extradition, said Alfonso Durazo, Mexico's federal secretary of public security.

His comments came a day after Mexico extradited Ruben Oseguera Gonzalez to the U.S. to face federal drug charges.

Oseguera, 30, is known as "Menchito," after his father, Nemesio "El Mencho" Oseguera Cervantes, 53, the fugitive leader of the Jalisco New Generation Cartel, considered one of Mexico's most violent and fastest-growing crime syndicates.

**In Iran:** Iranians voted for a new parliament Friday, with turnout seen as a key measure of support for Iran's leadership as sanctions weigh on the economy and U.S. pressure isolates the country diplomatically.

The disqualification of more than 7,000 potential candidates, most of them reformists and moderates, raised the possibility of lower-than-usual turnout. Among those disqualified were 90 sitting members of parliament who had wanted to run for reelection.

Initial results were expected to be announced Saturday.

The election comes at a time of growing economic hardship for many in Iran. U.S. sanctions have strangled Iran's ability to sell its oil abroad.

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# Chicago Tribune BUSINESS

## Cubs Marquee network launch delayed on Hulu

BY ROBERT CHANNICK

The Cubs first spring training game Saturday has been pushed back until 7:10 p.m. Chicago time due to inclement weather.

The launch of the Marquee Sports Network on streaming service Hulu + Live TV could be pushed back a lot further — perhaps until opening day on March 26.

The exclusive TV home of the Chicago Cubs, Marquee on Monday announced it had partnered with Hulu to broadcast the entire season on the streaming service. But on Friday, Hulu said subscribers would not be able to watch Marquee when the network debuts Saturday, promising that it would be live ahead of the regular season opener next month.

That news may come as a disappointment to customers who signed up for the \$54.99 monthly streaming package on Hulu in anticipation of seeing the Cubs' full 28-game spring training TV schedule, including the first game against the Oakland Athletics.

"The provider determines the launch date for the service," Cubs spokesman Julian Green said Friday.

A partnership between the

Cubs and Sinclair Broadcast Group, Marquee has lined up a number of cable and satellite providers to carry the fledgling regional sports network, including AT&T and RCN in the Chicago area. The network is still trying to reach an agreement with Comcast to secure a spot on the cable giant's Chicago-area channel lineup.

On Friday, the Cubs issued a news release clarifying which cable providers will carry Marquee when the network begins broadcasting at 1 p.m. Saturday.

"As soon as we learned that there are some services that would not broadcast the first spring training game, we wanted to be proactive with our fans to let them know, because we were sure there were fans making decisions today, trying to decide whether they should stay with their current service or switch to another one," Green said.

Marquee is scheduled to air at least 145 regular-season games. It also will feature expanded pregame and postgame coverage, classic broadcasts from the archives and other programming.

Saturday's programming lineup includes a documentary on Ernie Banks and contributions from



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Chicago Cubs players Kris Bryant, Anthony Rizzo, and Javier Baez get ready for batting practice Friday in Mesa, Ariz.

actor and comedian Bill Murray, the Wilmette native and Cubs superfan who was in Chicago last week filming segments for Marquee's inaugural broadcast.

RCN Chicago, which is available to about 380,000 homes in Chicago, Evanston, Lincolnwood and Skokie, is set to go live Saturday when Marquee flips the switch, with the network airing

on channels 377 and 679 (HD). AT&T will carry the network at its launch on U-verse and DirecTV.

Tom McKay, general manager of RCN Chicago, said the cable provider was looking to leverage its Marquee partnership to sign up Cubs fans who couldn't watch the games on Comcast or other platforms.

"We're expecting, once this

thing launches this weekend, that we should benefit," McKay said. "We service a lot of the North Side of Chicago, which is Cubs town. The Comcast customers that are going to be missing it will be coming this way."

A dozen Cubs regular-season games are reserved for national broadcasts, but Marquee became the exclusive local TV home this season after the team parted ways with NBC Sports Chicago, the regional sports network it formed in 2004 with the Bulls, Blackhawks and White Sox.

The Cubs also exited local over-the-air TV after 71 years, pulling the plug on WGN-9 and ABC-7 and moving a combined 70 games to Marquee this season.

Marquee and NBC Sports Chicago are battling it out for sports viewers and a share of carriage fees — the amount cable and satellite providers pay for programming. Those fees show up on many cable bills as a line item for sports programming.

For RCN Chicago customers who subscribe to the company's most popular programming package, the addition of Marquee will add \$2.75 per month to the sports fee, McKay said.

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## Deere looks good to Wall Street with plenty of Q1 green

BY MICHELLE CHAPMAN  
Associated Press

Deere & Co. had a surprisingly strong first quarter after an extended period in which the tractor and construction equipment maker was bruised by the ongoing trade war between the United States and China.

"Farmer confidence, though still subdued, has improved due in part to hopes for a relaxation of trade tensions and higher agricultural exports," CEO John May said in a prepared statement Friday.

China announced Friday that it suspended more punitive tariffs on imports of U.S. industrial goods in response to a truce in its trade war

with Washington. Under their "Phase 1" agreement signed in January, Washington agreed to cancel additional tariff hikes and Beijing committed to buy more American farm exports.

China's retaliatory tariffs have clobbered exports of soybeans and other commodities, hurting farmers, and in turn, farming equipment manufacturers.

The Trump administration has provided \$27 billion in aid to farmers to ease the pain of his trade war. And in a tweet Friday, he promised to expand the bailout if farmers need it as they await the economic benefits of his recent trade deals with Mexico, Canada and China. He said the aid would

be financed by revenue from his tariffs on foreign goods — taxes that are paid by American importers.

Deere, based in Moline, has posted three consecutive quarters of falling profits and slowing sales growth with trade tensions between the world's two largest economies ongoing.

And it stuck to a conservative outlook for the year.

Deere expects sales in its agriculture-and-turf business to fall between 5% and 10%, and a decline of between 10% to 15% for those of the construction-and-forestry segment to fall 10% to 15%.

Like almost all multinational operators, Deere is navigating the

virus outbreak in China that has spread elsewhere.

Caterpillar, based in Deerfield, has included a \$40 million cost increase to its supply lines, Chief Financial Officer Ryan Campbell said in a conference call Friday.

"When we think about kind of the impacts and potential impacts of the coronavirus, there's kind of two components that we've mentioned," Campbell said. "One is direct exposure, our sales into the China market. Relatively small for our Ag & Turf business and for our traditional C&F business. Road building, though, has a bigger exposure there, so road building in China will tend to be 10% to 15% of their overall sales. So more of an

impact there."

For the three months ended Feb. 2, Deere & Co. earned \$517 million, or \$1.63 per share. The per-share earnings easily beat the \$1.28 that industry analysts had expected, according to a survey by Zacks Investment Research, and it topped last year's quarterly profit of \$498 million, or \$1.54 per share.

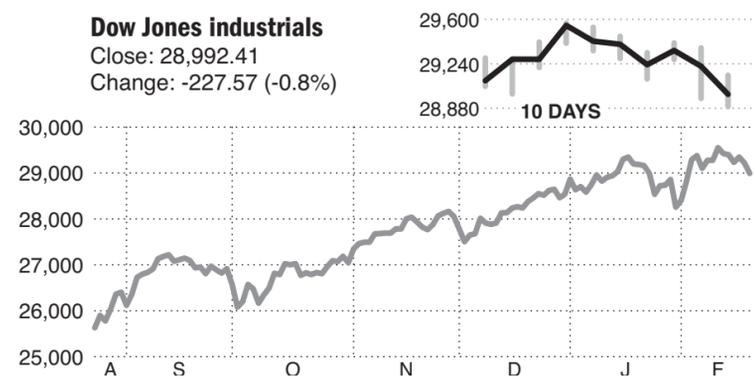
Adjusted revenue — which excludes financial services revenue — was \$6.53 billion, also beating Wall Street's estimate of \$6.2 billion.

Shares of Deere & Co. jumped 7% Friday.

Portions of this story were generated by Automated Insights using data from Zacks Investment Research.

### MARKET ROUNDUP

**Dow** High: 29,146.53 Low: 28,892.70 Previous: 29,219.98



<b>Nasdaq</b> -174.38 (-1.79%) Close: 9,576.59 High: 9,715.95 Low: 9,542.33 Previous: 9,750.97	<b>S&amp;P 500</b> -35.48 (-1.05%) Close: 3,337.75 High: 3,360.76 Low: 3,328.45 Previous: 3,373.23	<b>Russell 2000</b> -17.46 (-1.03%) Close: 1,678.61 High: 1,694.73 Low: 1,673.20 Previous: 1,696.07
<b>10-yr T-note</b> -0.05 to 1.47%	<b>Gold futures</b> +28.00 to \$1,644.60	<b>Yen</b> -0.44 to 111.62/\$1
<b>Euro</b> -0.0058 to .9210/\$1	<b>Crude Oil</b> -0.50 to \$53.38	

### 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
-1.38	-1.59	-1.25	+0.1	+2.81	+1.28	+11.37	+27.22	+19.52

FUTURES	COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum-	cents per bushel	Mar 20	559.75	569	550.50	551	-9
			May 20	559.25	568.25	551	552	-7.25
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum-	cents per bushel	Mar 20	378.25	380.50	376.25	377	-1.50
			May 20	382.25	384.25	380	380.75	-2
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum-	cents per bushel	Mar 20	892	902	887.50	890.50	-2.25
			May 20	900.25	910.25	896.25	899	-2
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs-	cents per lb	Mar 20	30.10	30.69	30.06	30.64	+5.2
			May 20	30.47	31.05	30.41	31.01	+5.4
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons-	dollars per ton	Mar 20	292.70	295.80	289.00	289.20	-3.70
			May 20	298.30	301.20	294.60	294.80	-3.50
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl-	dollars per bbl.	Apr 20	53.74	53.86	52.55	53.38	-0.50
			May 20	53.93	54.02	52.72	53.50	-0.56
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's,	\$ per mm btu	Mar 20	1.915	1.925	1.861	1.905	-0.15
			Apr 20	1.924	1.930	1.874	1.917	-0.014
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons-	dollars per gallon	Mar 20	1.6596	1.6596	1.6146	1.6506	-0.0191
			Apr 20	1.7725	1.7762	1.7352	1.7612	-0.0233

Source: The Associated Press

### LOCAL STOCKS

Stocks listed may change due to daily fluctuations in market capitalization. Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	87.45	-1.01	Envestnet Inc	N	78.99	-7.44
AbbVie Inc	N	94.96	+0.73	Equity Commonwlt	N	33.02	-0.05
Allstate Corp	N	123.62	+0.16	Equity Lifestyle Prop	N	77.02	-0.26
Arch Group Inc	N	111.98	-2.95	Equity Residential	N	87.01	+0.61
Arch Dan Mid	N	43.90	-0.33	Exelon Corp	O	49.72	-0.13
Baxter Intl	N	92.67	-0.39	First Indl RT	N	45.50	-0.37
Boeing Co	N	330.38	-5.90	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	71.03	-1.96
Brunswick Corp	N	63.71	-2.05	Gallagher AJ	N	107.83	-0.34
CBOE Global Markets	N	122.61	-0.22	Grainger WW	N	303.32	-6.97
CDK Global Inc	O	50.01	-1.48	GrubHub Inc	N	55.94	-2.35
CDW Corp	O	133.91	-4.33	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	106.26	-0.90
CF Industries	N	39.35	-0.13	IAA Inc	N	48.96	-1.15
CME Group	O	208.83	-0.17	IDEX Corp	N	173.35	-0.23
CNA Financial	O	47.29	-0.69	ITW	N	189.58	-0.42
Cabot Microelect	O	158.39	-5.32	Ingredion Inc	N	94.87	-0.07
Caterpillar Inc	N	137.21	+0.28	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	161.20	-4.65
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	29.59	-0.29	Kemper Corp	N	78.13	-0.47
Deere Co	N	177.43	+11.60	Kraft Heinz Co	O	27.26	-0.16
Discover Fin Svcs	N	75.32	-0.47	LKQ Corporation	O	33.04	-0.98
Dover Corp	N	119.44	+0.42	Littelfuse Inc	O	182.61	-5.53
				Zebra Tech	O	238.39	-4.33

### MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Sprint Corp	10.05	+5.7
Ford Motor	7.89	-1.4
Bank of America	34.36	-0.9
Virgin Galactic Hldg	33.87	-3.39
Chesapeake Engy	.45	-0.03
Gen Electric	12.25	-0.28
Vale SA	11.42	-0.43
Ambev S.A.	3.67	-0.02
Pfizer Inc	35.72	-0.13
Energy Transfer LP	12.14	-0.40
Morgan Stanley	52.42	-1.33
AT&T Inc	38.55	-0.06
Yamana Gold Inc	4.66	+2.3
Kinross Gold	5.96	+0.37
Petrobras	14.03	-0.37
Wells Fargo & Co	47.70	+0.36
Nokia Corp	4.16	+0.03
Uber Technologies	40.72	-2.0
Eldorado Gold Cp	9.93	+2.41
Exxon Mobil Corp	59.13	-0.73
Barrick Gold	21.44	+0.67
Transocean Ltd	4.16	-0.14
Marathon Oil	10.11	-0.14
Slack Technologies	28.44	+0.95

### LARGEST COMPANIES

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
AT&T Inc	38.55	-0.06
Alibaba Group Hldg	212.59	-5.45
Alphabet Inc C	1485.11	-33.04
Alphabet Inc A	1483.46	-33.53
Amazon.com Inc	2095.97	-57.13
Apple Inc	313.05	-7.25
Bank of America	34.36	-0.9
Berkshire Hath B	229.33	+1.16
Facebook Inc	210.18	-4.40
HSBC Holdings pRA	26.92	+0.3
JPMorgan Chase	135.81	-1.68
Johnson & Johnson	149.93	+1.56
MasterCard Inc	339.70	-4.75
Microsoft Corp	178.59	-5.83
Procter & Gamble	126.70	+1.2
Taiwan Semicon	55.59	-0.89
Unitedhealth Group	301.43	-0.70
Visa Inc	208.81	-2.64
WalMart Strs	118.58	+0.89

### LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	34.88	-0.38	+19.1
American Funds AMRCNB m	29.21	-0.13	+14.9
American Funds CptWldGrncA m	52.61	-0.36	+15.4
American Funds CptlncBldrA m	63.78	-0.06	+11.8
American Funds FdmIntInvSA m	63.77	-0.62	+18.8
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	54.27	-0.70	+22.4
American Funds IncAmrcA m	23.46	-0.04	+13.1
American Funds InvCmrcA m	40.29	-0.39	+17.3
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	49.25	-0.46	+22.3
American Funds WAMtInvSA m	48.96	-0.40	+17.0
Dodge & Cox Inc	14.33	+0.02	+10.2
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	42.37	-0.24	+8.8
Dodge & Cox Stk	196.16	-1.99	+13.7
Doubleline TIRetBdl	10.83	+0.02	+7.5
Fidelity 500IdxPrm	116.04	-1.23	+22.7
Fidelity Contrafund	14.56	-0.21	+24.8
Fidelity InvMGrdBd	11.82	+0.02	+11.0
Fidelity THMktIdxPrm	93.91	-1.01	+21.2
Fidelity USBDIdxPrm	12.17	+0.02	+10.2
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	2.34	...	+7.6
Metropolitan West TIRetBdl	11.17	+0.03	+10.5
PIMCO IncI2	12.10	...	+7.3
PIMCO IncIstl	12.10	...	+7.5
PIMCO TIRetIns	10.58	+0.02	+9.4
Schwab SP500Idx	51.16	-0.55	+22.6
T. Rowe Price BCGR	133.20	-2.44	+23.0
T. Rowe Price GrStk	78.83	-1.34	+24.6
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	308.82	-3.27	+22.7
Vanguard BalIdxAdmrl	40.53	-0.22	+17.0
Vanguard DivGrnd	31.61	-0.06	+23.6
Vanguard EtlcAdmrl	80.20	-0.25	+15.1
Vanguard GrdIdxAdmrl	101.45	-1.69	+32.1
Vanguard HCAmrl	90.79	+0.01	+17.1
Vanguard InTRTEAdmrl	14.71	+0.03	+7.7
Vanguard InslIdxIns	300.63	-3.18	+22.7
Vanguard InslIdxInsPlus	300.65	-3.19	+22.7
Vanguard InslTSMInPls	71.24	-0.75	+21.3
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl	106.21	-0.82	+22.8
Vanguard MDCpIdxAdmrl	228.11	-2.49	+18.0
Vanguard PmCpAdmrl	147.62	-1.60	+18.0
Vanguard STInvMGrdAdmrl	10.81	+0.01	+5.9
Vanguard SmCpIdxAdmrl	80.76	-0.90	+10.8
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	33.13	-0.11	NA
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	20.22	-0.09	+14.0
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	.01	-37.29	NA
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	22.92	-0.13	NA
Vanguard TBMIdxAdmrl	11.30	+0.03	+1

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## EDITORIALS

# Final choices for Illinois House

Editorial Board gives last set of endorsements for contested state House races in March 17 primary election



### 93rd District

This district encompasses a chunk of west-central Illinois, a part of the state once dubbed “Forgottonia” because locals long believed they’d been neglected by Springfield. “I live in one of the hardest hit districts for population loss,” says Bushnell teacher Emiliano Vera, 26. He’s one of two Democrats vying to challenge incumbent Norine Hammond, R-Macomb, in the general election. Like many peers, Vera says he could have settled elsewhere after college but chose to make his home here. His energy and commitment are commendable, but we’re not keen on his game plan, which has a spendour-way-out-of-trouble cast to it. That means more taxation — and more flight from Illinois. Vera’s opponent, **Scott Stoll**, 40, is a Rushville alderman and businessman who touts support for small business growth and incentives to keep college graduates from leaving the state. Stoll, the more sensible choice for taxpayers, is endorsed.



### 95th District

Only two Illinois House lawmakers voted against an ill-advised measure to create a 21-member elected school board for Chicago Public Schools. Incumbent **Avery Bourne**, R-Raymond, was one of them. We praised her for that vote, and in the past, we’ve lauded her for standing up to tax hike-happy lawmakers on the other side of the aisle who’ve played a big role in the state’s financial mess and population exodus. However, as chairman of the Legislative Ethics Commission, she needs to lead the push for transparency and release more information about founded allegations of lawmaker misconduct. It’s her job to hold colleagues accountable, and that’s one way to do it. Bourne’s opponent is Lawrence Oliver, a chemist from Dorsey. Bourne has proven that she deserves to continue her efforts to set Springfield straight. Bourne is endorsed.



### 105th District

A big reason why Illinois’ population continues to plummet is that college-age youth feel no compunction at all about heading out of state for college. Illinois’ state universities struggle to keep relevant and useful for a generation that seeks better value and specialized programs elsewhere. State Rep. **Dan Brady**, R-Bloomington, in 2017 pushed a measure that would empower the state Board of Higher Education to rank campuses’ academic programs and rate their economic efficiency. The goal: Strip duplication from the university system. Brady has been in office since 2001, but his ideas for revamping higher ed and his resistance to tax hike after tax hike continue to be welcome. Brady’s opponent, real estate agent David Paul Blumenshine, of Normal, failed to unseat Brady in the 2018 GOP primary. Back then, we endorsed Brady over Blumenshine, and we do so again.



### 109th District

This downstate GOP primary pits Richland County Sheriff Andrew Hires against **Adam Niernerg**, a claims adjuster from Dieterich. Niernerg struck a chord with us, saying its high time that Illinois enacts meaningful pension reform. That includes letting voters decide whether to amend the Illinois Constitution to preserve pension benefits state workers have earned, but to permit reducing benefits they earn going forward. He also says Gov. J.B. Pritzker’s push for a graduated income tax “is the last thing Illinois needs right now.” Amen to that. Niernerg also wants to chip away at taxpayer-funded duplication: Does Illinois really need nearly 7,000 units of local government? Niernerg, a smart choice for this district, is endorsed.



### 115th District

Five Republicans are vying to replace incumbent Terri Bryant, R-Murphysboro, who broke ranks with the GOP in 2017 and joined Democrats in voting to slap Illinoisans with a 32% increase in the income tax. **Paul Jacobs** is an optometrist and winemaker from Pomona who staunchly opposes raising Illinois’ tax burden, including Gov. J.B. Pritzker’s push for a graduated income tax. “Every state that has enacted the progressive income tax has ended up raising taxes on all tax brackets,” Jacobs says. “The progressive income tax is code for massive tax increase.” He also backs workers’ compensation reform, repealing the jump in the minimum wage, and consolidating local governments. Other candidates include Zachary Meyer, a 24-year-old small business owner from DuQuoin; Texico school bus driver John Howard; Jefferson County Board chairman Cliff Lindemann; and Johnnie Ray Smith II of Ashley. Jacobs is endorsed.



### 116th District

Two notable line items from the resume of **Kevin Schmidt**, a chiropractor from downstate Millstadt. He’s past president of the Millstadt Optimist Club. And he’s known in town as the \$19 chiropractor — that’s the flat fee he charges patients, regardless of the service performed. The 37-year-old Republican is also braced to hold the line against lawmakers who lean on tax-and-spend solutions to every problem. He opposes Gov. J.B. Pritzker’s proposal for a graduated income tax and supports giving voters a say on an amendment to the Illinois Constitution that would preserve pension benefits state workers have already earned, but permit reducing benefits earned in the future. He is running against David Friess, of Red Bud, and David M. Holder, of Baldwin. The winner faces incumbent Democrat Nathan Reitz this fall. We think Schmidt should be in that race. He is endorsed.



### 117th District

There was a reason why we endorsed Republican Dave Severin, of Benton, for this downstate seat in 2016. His opponent was incumbent Democrat John Bradley, of Marion, a reliable cog in House Speaker Michael Madigan’s machine. Severin won. Since then, however, Severin hasn’t done much to distinguish himself. A year after his election, we took him to task for voting in favor of the spending plan Democrats had crafted, but hypocritically not backing the increase in taxes needed to support the spending. “Vote for all of it — no fingers crossed behind your backs,” we wrote at the time. Severin’s opponent in the GOP primary is insurance agent **Timothy Arview**, of West Frankfort. Arview says he’s fed up with Springfield’s spending spree, and opposes Gov. Pritzker’s progressive income tax push. It’s time for a change. The Tribune endorses Arview.

### VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

#### Judge’s ivory tower ideas

“Behavioral therapy” (according to Cook County Chief Judge Timothy Evans) will help prevent crime?

Inmates when released will go home “where they can work, pursue education, and support their families.” Who has our chief judge been talking to? Ivory tower college professors? The average 8-year-old in the city is more streetwise than this. Releasing career criminals right back into the neighborhood to continue to prey upon their victims is heartless. Such ideas may give some people a warm, fuzzy feeling, but it makes life a living hell for those who are foolish enough to report crime. Affordable bail comes at a very high price for those who have to live and work in high-crime neighborhoods.

— Wayne Meyer, Chicago

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CSO bass clarinet J. Lawrie Bloom plays the world premiere of Nicolas Bacri's "Ophelia's Tears," with Riccardo Muti conducting the Chicago Symphony Orchestra in Orchestra Hall.

IN PERFORMANCE

# A world premiere, a poetic Beethoven

BY HOWARD REICH

The Chicago Symphony Orchestra made some music history Thursday night in Orchestra Hall, in more ways than one.

For starters, CSO bass clarinet J. Lawrie Bloom played the world premiere of "Ophelia's Tears: Concertante Elegy" by composer Nicolas Bacri, with music director Riccardo Muti conducting the orchestra.

As its title suggests, the work traced the downfall of a tragic figure in Shakespeare's "Hamlet." But it would be incorrect to assume that the soloist alone represented Ophelia and her descent into madness. For the orchestra played an equally significant role in bringing to life — and death — the doomed Ophelia.

Indeed, "Ophelia's Tears" — inspired by an earlier Bacri work addressing the same drama — intertwined solo and orchestral parts in profound ways. And the intrinsically dark colors of the bass clarinet, when cast alongside Bacri's large orchestral forces, meant that Ophelia's agonies were expressed equally in dolorous passages for bass clarinet, atmospheric tone painting from the orchestra and intensely lyrical writing for the two together.

Bacri has shaped the work in three movements played without interruption and aptly titled "Tragedy," "Madness" and "Death."

The piece opened dramatically, with thunder from the timpani, suggesting a great drama about to unfold. Orchestral dissonance underscored a sense of foreboding, and Bloom's opening line revealed in low pitches and long-held notes. The brooding character of these bass clarinet passages often stood in contrast to the orchestral commentary: fugal writing, brilliant brass choir utterances and grand, theatrical gestures. Yet the key thematic material flowed steadily back and forth between soloist and orchestra, neither force dominant.

The agitated character and gathering rhythmic momentum of the "Madness" movement was impressive in its restraint. For rather than resort to mere noise and hysteria, composer Bacri chose a measure of understatement. Plaintive phrases from Bloom's bass clarinet sang out radiantly in some moments and dug deeply into the orchestral texture in others. Once again, soloist and orchestra together made Ophelia's delirium come to life.

The imploring melodic lines and textural austerity of "Death" captured the desolation of Ophelia's demise, the music eventually fading away to nothing, like life itself.

Yes, Bacri's harmonic language could be considered "conservative" by 21st-century standards, certain sections evoking early 20th-century expressionism. And the openly emotional writing for bass clarinet

— for the most part more lyrical than virtuosic — surely defied musical fashions of our noisy age.

But considering the work's high craft, the insights it offered and the pervasive meticulousness of solo and orchestral writing, the specific musical language involved seemed of secondary importance. Bacri simply has written in a neoromantic idiom that suits him, and he has done so with remarkable control and precision, yielding a significant contribution to the bass clarinet repertoire.

Soloist Bloom consistently defied the presumed limitations of his instrument, drawing amber colors and legato lines that are far more difficult to produce on bass clarinet than this performance suggested.

This 15-minute work wasn't the evening's only noteworthy opus, for the concert also represented the next installment of the ongoing Muti/CSO Beethoven symphonies cycle, which is being recorded.

Muti opened the evening with Beethoven's Symphony No. 2 in D Major, which the conductor presented essentially as a pastoral poem. Though he kept the adagio introduction to the first movement pressing steadily forward, the strings' tonal depth and luxuriance set the stage for tenderness yet to come. The allegro con brio epitomized urgency without haste.

Muti and the orchestra made a song of

the larghetto, certain passages carrying an air of mystery and awe. The scherzo unfolded with a smile, thanks to an unhurried tempo and lilting rhythms. Even Beethoven's most strongly accented gestures sounded warmly rounded in the finale, which exuded joy.

Beethoven's Symphony No. 5 tells a very different story, of course, even if you don't buy the clichéd notion of those opening four notes representing fate knocking on the door. Muti took a surprisingly brisk tempo (in light of his usual preference for moderation), thereby avoiding the bombast to which this work is often subjected. Indeed, the conductor revealed in the first movement's lyrical moments, as if to say that, yes, the opening of Beethoven's Fifth can sing too.

There was nobility in the tempo and phrasing of the second movement; an air of wonder as the third movement progressed into the finale; and a series of exultant climaxes to end it all.

A significant night for all involved.

*The program will be repeated through Sunday in Orchestra Hall at Symphony Center, 220 S. Michigan Ave.; ticket prices vary; 312-294-3000 or www.cso.org.*

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## The Donald Trump Movie Club, featuring 'Parasite,' explained



MICHAEL PHILLIPS  
 Tribune movie critic

Welcome to the pop-up edition of "At the Movies," hosted by Donald Trump.

Our president and cultural commander-in-chief tried out a few riffs, working without a co-host Thursday night at one of his pep rallies, this one in Colorado Springs. With strategically situated African American and Asian American attendees in the audience behind him, on camera — the African American male to his left went sort of cold when "Gone With the Wind" came up — he lent the voice of federal authority to the opinion that, no, "Parasite," the staggeringly profitable hit from South Korea and a film not in English, shouldn't have won the Academy Award for best picture earlier this month.

And by the way, Trump said: Bring back "Gone With the Wind"! Just in time for Black History Month.

"What the hell was that all about?" Trump said, in his wearily angry stand-up cadence, regarding the recent Oscars-not-quite-so-white. "We've got enough problems with South Korea, with trade," he said. "On top of it, they give them the best movie of the year? Was it good? I don't know."

This was familiar, whiny territory for Trump, who goes public each year with his mockery of the Oscars ratings and the

Trump-bashing acceptance speeches. This year the speech that bugged him particularly came from Brad Pitt, who won the supporting actor Oscar for "Once Upon a Time ... in Hollywood" and who said he longed for a Quentin Tarantino version of the Trump impeachment, one with a different outcome.

"Never a fan," Trump countered Thursday, noting Pitt's "little wiseguy statement. He's a little wiseguy." If this administration has taught us anything, it's that it takes a wiseguy to know a wiseguy.

We can take Trump's cultural jingoism and adamant nationalist tastes as seriously as we like. When he pines for "Gone With the Wind," as he did Thursday, it's perhaps a heartfelt personal response to a movie he loves, either because or in spite of its evocation of gracious plantation living and genteel white supremacy and a deeply divided nation.

Thursday, Trump also name-checked "Sunset Boulevard," a very different sort of Oscar winner (though director Billy Wilder's black-hearted comedy of Old Hollywood gone psycho lost out that year to "All About Eve"). Our president does have his moments, tastewise. He has often listed Orson Welles' "Citizen Kane," a film about the limitations of wealth and the life of a media celebrity turned sham politician, as his favorite. In 2002, for an uncompleted video project, director Errol Morris interviewed Trump on what "Citizen Kane" means to him. It's fascinating.

In its own way the Orson Welles masterpiece, sentimental and unsettling in its sardonic vision, speaks to "Parasite." Bong Joon Ho's film is one that Trump probably wouldn't hate, even with those damn subti-



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Jo Yeon-jeong in "Parasite," singled out for disdain by Donald Trump even though he says he hasn't seen it.

les. It does, after all, end with a garish explosion of violence, after tightening its narrative screws in fiendishly clever ways.

Jimmy Kimmel put it this way, after Bong's social satire won four Oscars: "Parasite," he said, tells "the story of a family who cons their way into a house they have no business living in, and things go very wrong from there. The American version of it is called 'The Trumps.'"

Thursday night, following the president's anti-"Parasite" riff, the Democratic National Committee tweeted: "Parasite is a foreign movie about how oblivious the ultrarich are about the struggles of the working class, and it requires two hours of reading subtitles. Of course Trump hates it." Hasn't seen it, apparently, but hates it on principle. America first!

As with so much with this leader, you can laugh, or you can weep, or you can

ignore it. Trump's Oscars recap, however, serves as a desolate reminder that there was a time, not so many presidents ago (one, in fact), when the White House opened its doors and championed a global array of artists and artistry. The Obamas couldn't get enough music in their lives, and they brought it to millions; Audra McDonald sang a Frank Loesser song, and it was amazing. In 1961 Pablo Casals brought his cello to the JFK White House, and without a lot of fuss, the concert became more than a symbolic nicety. It was a moment of grace, and graciousness.

The power of film, too, is bigger than we tend to remember. It's a way of seeing the world through a specific lens, and letting us see the universal in the culturally specific. When "Parasite" became the first subtitled film as well as the first South Korean film to win the best picture Oscar, it said something. The film's international box office success says something else, something Trump allegedly understands and certainly admires: It cost \$11 million to make and has grossed more than \$200 million worldwide.

Is Trump just jealous of all the winning?

"Did this ever happen before?" Trump asked no one in particular at his ad hoc movie club Thursday. Though the rally crowd's response to Trump's mention of "Sunset Boulevard" was muted — you could almost hear the "was that the one about the dead guy in the pool?" mutterings — it was the "Gone With the Wind" reference that connected, and reminded us of whom we have running the show.

The theatrical trailer for "Gone With the Wind" contained the line: "Filled with all the fire and fury of the times in which it happened!" No wonder it's a movie club offering our president can get behind.

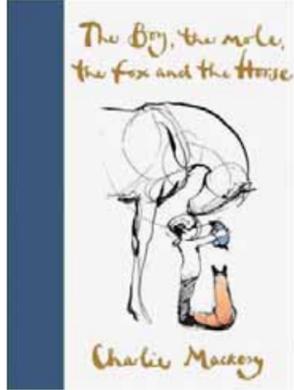
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## NATIONAL BESTSELLERS

### HARDCOVER FICTION

1. **"The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse"** by Charlie Mackesy (HarperOne) *Last week: 4*



2. **"American Dirt"** by Jeanine Cummins (Flatiron) *Last week: 2*

3. **"Golden in Death"** by J.D. Robb (St. Martin's) *Last week: 1*

4. **"Snug: A Collection of Comics about Dating Your Best Friend"** by Catana Chetwynd (Andrews McMeel) *Last week: 5*

5. **"Crooked River"** by Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child (Grand Central) *Last week: 3*

6. **"Lost"** by James Patterson and James O. Born (Little, Brown) *Last week: 6*

7. **"Strange Planet"** by Nathan W. Pyle (Morrow Gift) *Last week: 15*

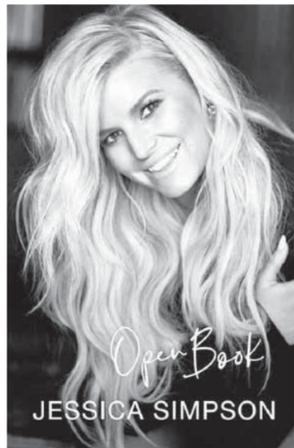
8. **"The Guardians"** by John Grisham (Doubleday) *Last week: 13*

9. **"The Dutch House"** by Ann Patchett (Harper) *Last week: 10*

10. **"When You See Me"** by Lisa Gardner (Dutton) *Last week: 8*

### HARDCOVER NONFICTION

1. **"Open Book"** by Jessica Simpson (Dey Street) *Last week: 1*



2. **"A Very Stable Genius: Donald J. Trump's Testing of America"** by Philip Rucker and Carol Leonnig (Penguin Press) *Last week: 2*

3. **"Profiles in Corruption: Abuse of Power by America's Progressive Elite"** by Peter Schweizer (Harper) *Last week: 3*

4. **"Get Out of Your Head: Stopping the Spiral of Toxic Thoughts"** by Jennie Allen (Waterbrook) *Last week: 6*

5. **"Built, Not Born: A Self-Made Billionaire's No-Nonsense Guide for Entrepreneurs"** by Tom Golisano (HarperCollins Leadership) *Last week: —*

6. **"Floret Farm's A Year in Flowers: Designing Gorgeous Arrangements for Every Season"** by Erin Benzakein (Chronicle) *Last week: —*

7. **"Talking to Strangers: What We Should Know About the People We Don't Know"** by Malcolm Gladwell (Little, Brown) *Last week: 8*

8. **"Dangerous Prayers: Because Following Jesus Was Never Meant to Be Safe"** by Craig Groeschel (Zondervan) *Last week: 7*

9. **"Why We're Polarized"** by Ezra Klein (Avid Reader) *Last week: 4*

10. **"Becoming: A Guided Journal for Discovering Your Voice"** by Michelle Obama (Clarkson Potter) *Last week: 24*

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## ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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### Wedding guests put off by cash grab

**Dear Amy:** The son of a friend is getting married in March. He and his fiancée have lived together for several years. Both are 30-ish and employed.

They are planning an expensive wedding, followed by an expensive honeymoon to Thailand and have established a registry asking for funding for their honeymoon or future home.

As we are not interested in contributing to these expenses, would it be appropriate to make a contribution to a charity in honor of their nuptials?

Under the circumstances, we plan to save our money by declining the invitation, afraid that a kitty jar might be passed to pay for the ceremony.

— Perplexed

**Dear Perplexed:** If this couple registered for a slow cooker from Crate and Barrel, would you decline to give it to them, believing that because they are employed and living together, they don't deserve to receive something specifically because they've asked for it?

My point is that the idea behind registries has always been to try to give the couple something that they actually want and will use.

Even though you balk at the idea of contributing money to a prosperous couple, in some cultures, after a wedding — regardless of the social status of the couple — people place money in an envelope and hand it directly to the bride, who places the envelope in a special purse.

Less-obvious requests for cash are honeymoon registries, which have become quite popular. My

favorite registries involve specific items you can purchase for the couple to enjoy while on their honeymoon trip.

Using one of these registries, I contributed for a honeymooning couple to have coffee and croissants at a café in Paris. They sent me a postcard, thanking me for the gift and completing the circle.

Just because a registry is set up, a guest is not obligated to use it. In fact, because you intend to skip this wedding, you are not obligated to give the couple anything at all.

However, you can pat yourself on the back, because contributing to a worthy nonprofit is always a good idea, even if your motivation to do so is more passive-aggressive than generous.

**Dear Amy:** My siblings found out through an email from their nephew (my son) that I am going to be a grandmother. I was away at the time, having just found out myself.

They all emailed their nephew to offer congratulations. It is now four days later and not one of them has contacted me to congratulate me about the fact that I am going to be a grandmother.

We otherwise have regular communication.

Am I being over-sensitive, or are they being insensitive?

— Soon-to-be Grandmother

**Dear Grandmother:** I think you are being over-sensitive. Your siblings might have believed that your son was going to share his news with you in a special way. Because you

were away at the time, they might not have wanted to hop onto this news, just in case you hadn't been told.

Or, they may have simply been focused on responding to the person who shared this news with them — your son.

Now that you are going to enter the special-status category of "grandparent," you should take stock of your own needs, sensitivities and relationships.

Being a grandparent is a grand opportunity to become more expansive and generous and, please, less sensitive.

If you are excited, say so! Contact your siblings, saying, "I think you've already heard the good news! I'm really excited. Our newest family member is due this summer." This will give them the opportunity to respond directly to you.

**Dear Amy:** In a recent column, you replied to a question from "Desperate," a medical student who was torn between her desire to live a small-town life, and her longtime boyfriend's need to live in a big city.

In your list of metropolitan areas that seem to offer the benefits of both, you mentioned my town of Portland, Oregon.

Sure, we appreciate the shoutout, but please don't send any more people here, Amy. We're all full-up.

— Happy in Portland

**Dear Happy:** And your response is ... full-on Portlandish.

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## Joe Henry went deep for his latest album, so, so deep

But don't you dare call it his 'cancer album'

By ALLISON STEWART

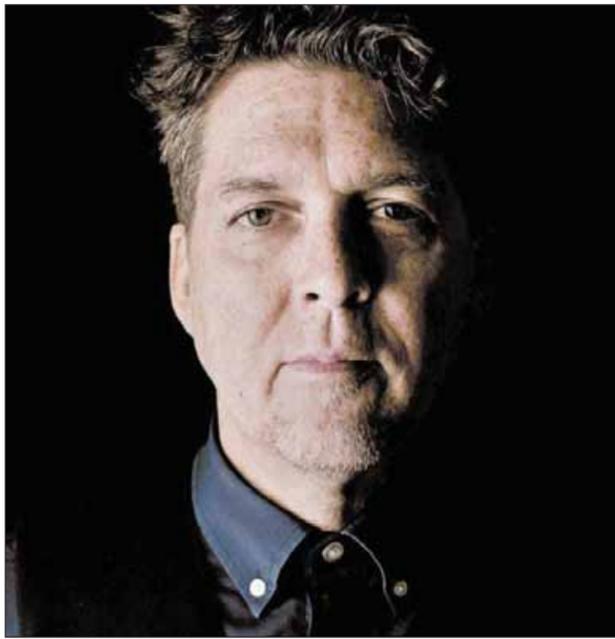
"The Gospel According to Water" is not Joe Henry's cancer album, even though he released it a year to the day after he was diagnosed with Stage 4 prostate cancer, and given months to live. "Cancer did not create the music," Henry, 59, says in a phone call, "and cancer is not the subject of any of the songs."

Henry is a perennially undervalued songwriter, singer and producer whose extensive catalog features excursions into everything from alt-country to jazz. "Water" is a stripped-down, bare-knuckled album he thought might be his last. "Those songs were pure light for me when they showed up," says Henry, who is now in remission and doing well. In advance of his sold-out show Saturday night at the Old Town School of Folk Music, Henry talked about reclaiming his life.

The following is an edited transcript of that conversation:

**Q: This album came out of a bad period, to put it mildly.**

A: It did, and I wrestled in the preamble of releasing the album how candid I wanted to be about the black earth out of which these songs grew. I realized that I had a responsibility to be candid in a different way than myself as a writer being true to the work. There's my job as a performer that needs to be true to an audience, and I realized the only rea-



JACOB BLICKENSTAFF

Fifteen months after a cancer diagnosis, Joe Henry endures.

son I wouldn't be sharing the context is out of fear, and I can't really abide that. Having said that, I blanch at people wanting to think of this as my cancer album. It's really no such thing. The songs have to speak for themselves, and I hope that they do.

**Q: You were putting an album together before you actually knew it.**

A: Oh, absolutely before I knew it. ... I recorded these songs over two days, with real abandon, and

did not really understand till I got home that I had something more than reference demos. Every musician in the room told me after the fact that they all knew there was something more happening, but it's like a pitcher with a no-hitter going, you don't say that out loud. We just pressed on.

**Q: Before you do this album, you play a show in Los Angeles, and you tell everybody.**

A: My friend Joey Ryan, who is one half of the Milk Carton Kids,

**When:** 8 p.m. Saturday

**Where:** Old Town School of Folk Music, 4544 N. Lincoln Ave.

**Tickets:** Sold out; oldtownschool.org

in the really early days of my diagnosis planted this idea that I had a responsibility to talk about it from stage. I remember saying to him, "There's not one chance that I stand on the stage and talk about my diagnosis." And as soon as I heard myself say this, I knew for a fact I was going to. I had made a pact with myself in the first hours of my diagnosis that the one thing I would not do is hide and become isolated, or ask people not to talk about it. ... I also knew for a fact that if I stand in front of a theater full of people and share what part of my journey that I could, that there would be many people in attendance who were either going through something similar or had someone dear to them going through something similar. And by making community, this is how we carry on.

**Q: People look at you differently once you announce something like that.**

A: For a little while there, you walk into a room, you get a certain sort of a look. But you hope that enough time passes, and that's not the news of the day any longer. My wellness is the news (now), not my most fearful, trembling moment.

**Q: It sounds like you're doing**

**amazingly better.**

A: I'm doing really well, I'm doing better in most ways than I have in years. I'm just reclaiming parts of my life that I set down for a moment while I took stock, and found out how I would respond to treatment. I'm fortunate that I was immediately responsive — not everybody is.

**Q: Once you go through something like that, do you think "I wish I could have my old life that I didn't appreciate back"?**

A: You're not wrong. Those thoughts do flash across my mind, but I also say that there's so many great things that have come out of this part of my journey, I can no longer say to you that I wish it never happened.

**Q: Really?**

A: Anytime something dramatic falls across our path, it's an invitation to take stock and think about priorities. I've made changes in my life that I needed and wanted to make. It really isn't a fantasy about going back and having the life I had before the shoe dropped. I might as well wish I was in junior high school. I like my life better now. Even though there are aspects of it that are difficult, I really feel blessed that I've been able to hold what I have, and come through to some kind of healing that allows me to build on my experiences. I think we're supposed to.

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**"Love in Store"** (8 p.m., Hallmark): Shopping network co-hosts Terrie and David (Alexandra Breckenridge, Robert Buckley) have different on-camera styles and both are jockeying for a promotion, but their rivalry is set aside during a show when David covers for Terrie after she gets a heartbreaking phone text while on camera. Fans instantly respond to their new chemistry, but while a romantic spark is generated between them, David keeps getting mixed signals about whether Terrie's old boyfriend is still in the picture in this 2020 romance.

**"XFL Football"** (1 p.m., ABC): Coach June Jones and his Houston Roughnecks visit the Tampa Bay Vipers as Week 3 of the XFL's inaugural season gets under way. Jones is one of the more experienced coaches in the upstart league, with NFL, college and CFL experience. His quarterback is Connor Cook, the former Michigan State standout who spent time with the Oakland Raiders in the NFL. The Vipers are coached by Marc Trestman who also has a long and varied resume.

**"Almost Family"** (7 p.m., FOX): Fox hasn't made any official announcement about the fate of this freshman drama, but it doesn't bode especially well for the show that the network is burning off the final two episodes of Season 1 in a Saturday night slot. First, in "Permanent AF," the trial against Dr. Bechley (Timothy Hutton) starts with the prosecution making an opening statement so powerful that it scares Leon.

**"Annabelle Comes Home"** (7:10 p.m., 12:05 a.m., HBO): Gary Dauberman co-wrote and made his directorial debut with this 2019 sequel to two previous "Annabelle" thrillers, which also is the seventh entry in the Conjuring Universe franchise. Patrick Wilson and Vera Farmiga reprise their roles as demonologists Ed and Lorraine Warren, who retrieve the cursed titular doll from its current owners after several violent incidents.

**"The Hidden Kingdoms of China"** (8 p.m., 10:03 p.m., NATGEO): Actress Michelle Yeoh hosts this visually stunning two-hour special that takes viewers to a country that not only is the most heavily populated in the world, but also is home to creatures seen nowhere else. Moving from the highest mountains and plateaus down to jungles and bamboo forests, this documentary introduces armchair travelers to the snub-nosed monkey, Tibetan fox, snow leopards and other creatures.

**"Whitmer Thomas: The Golden One"** (9 p.m., 11 p.m., 2:25 a.m., HBO): Appearing before a sold-out crowd last September in the fabled Flori-Bama Lounge on the Florida-Alabama state line, actor and comic Whitmer Thomas delivers a deeply personal and unconventional program of stand-up and original songs in this, his first one-hour special. It's a Gulf Coast homecoming for the performer, whose late mother and her twin sister used to perform in the same venue with their band.

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## SATURDAY EVENING, FEB. 22

	PM	MOVIES									
		7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00			
BROADCAST	<b>CBS</b> 2	NCIS: "No Vacancy." ©	48 Hours ©			48 Hours (N) ©		News (N) ▶			
	<b>NBC</b> 5	America's Got Talent: "The Champions Finals." ©				Dateline NBC ©		NBC 5 News at 10pm (N)			
	<b>ABC</b> 7	The Jump (N)	NBA Basketball: Philadelphia 76ers at Milwaukee Bucks. From Fiserv Forum in Milwaukee. (N) (Live) ©					News at 10pm (N) ▶			
	<b>WGN</b> 9	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	WGN Weekend News at Nine (N) (Live) ©		WGN News (N)			
	<b>Antenna</b> 9.2	Hazel ©	Hazel ©	Jeannie	Jeannie	Bewitched	Bewitched	That Girl ©			
	<b>Court</b> 9.3	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Crimes	Crimes	Crimes			
	<b>PBS</b> 11	Doc Martin: "All My Trials." ©	Father Brown: "The House of God." ©			Shakespeare and Hathaway -- Private		Death in Paradise ▶			
	<b>CW</b> 26.1	Burgers	Burgers	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Burgers	Burgers			
	<b>The U</b> 26.2	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cheaters ©		Forensic Factor ©		Cops ©			
	<b>MeTV</b> 26.3	Svengoolie: "The Mummy's Curse." ©				Star Trek: "Spock's Brain." ©		B. Rogers ▶			
	<b>H&amp;I</b> 26.4	Tour of Duty ©	Combat!			Rat Patrol	Rat Patrol	12:00 High ▶			
	<b>Bounce</b> 26.5	† (6) Most Wanted ('97) ★★	Swordfish (R,'01) ★★	John Travolta. ©				Jumper ★★			
	<b>FOX</b> 32	Almost Family: "Permanent AF; Expectant AF." (Season Finale) (N) ©				Fox 32 News (N)	Flannery Fired Up	Deputy ©			
	<b>Ion</b> 38	Law & Order: SVU	Law & Order: SVU			Law & Order: SVU		Law-SVU ▶			
	<b>TeleM</b> 44	† (6) Hotel Transylvania 2	The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift ('06) ★★					Noticiero			
	<b>MNT</b> 50	Dateline ©	Dateline: "Reckless." ©			Dateline: "Evil Intent." ©		Chicago ▶			
	<b>UniMas</b> 60	† (6) Next (PG-13,'07) ★★	Hansel and Gretel: Witch hunters (R,'13) ★★					Expend 3 ▶			
	<b>WJYS</b> 62	Paid Prog.	Moses	Bishop	Rejoice	Pol-News		Paid Prog.			
	<b>Univ</b> 66	† (6:55) Fútbol Mexicano	Primera División (N) (Live)			Nosotr.		María			
CABLE	<b>AE</b>	Live PD: Rewind (N) ©		Live PD: "Live PD -- 02.22.20." (N) (Live) ©							
	<b>AMC</b>	† (3:30) Titanic ('97) ★★	Seven Worlds, One Planet (N) ©			Titanic ('97) ★★ (SAP) ▶					
	<b>ANIM</b>	Pit Bulls & Parolees (N)		Pit Bulls and Parolees (N)		The Vet Life (N)		Coyote P ▶			
	<b>BBCA</b>	Planet Earth: Yellowstone		Seven Worlds, One Planet (N) ©				Planet Earth: Wild West			
	<b>BET</b>	51st NAACP Image Awards (N) (Live) ©				51st NAACP Image Awards ©					
	<b>BIGTEN</b>	† College Hockey (N)		BIG Show		Big Ten Elite ©		BIG Show			
	<b>BRAVO</b>	† (6:48) Couples Retreat (PG-13,'09) ★★	Vince Vaughn. ©					(9:24) Couples Retreat ▶			
	<b>CNN</b>	America's Choice 2020: Nevada Caucus (N) (Live) ©						Race for ▶			
	<b>COM</b>	To be announced				South Park	South Park	South Park			
	<b>DISC</b>	Naked and Afraid: "Stomping Grounds." ©				Naked and Afraid: Uncensored ©		Gabby ▶			
	<b>DISN</b>	Big City	Big City	Big City	Big City	Owl Hse.	Owl Hse.	Gabby ▶			
	<b>E!</b>	† (6:30) Friday After Next (R,'02) ★				Tyler Perry's Boo! A Madea Halloween ('16) ★★		† (6:30) Friday After Next (R,'02) ★			
	<b>ESPN</b>	Boxing (N)		College Basketball: Oregon at Arizona. (N) (Live)				SportCtr (N)			
	<b>ESPN2</b>	College Basketball: Virginia Tech at Duke. (N) (Live)				College Basketball (N) ▶					
	<b>FNC</b>	Watters' World (N) ©		Justice With Jeanine (N)		Greg Gutfeld (N)		Watters ▶			
	<b>FOOD</b>	Diners, Drive In, Drive Out	Diners, Drive In, Drive Out	Diners, Drive In, Drive Out	Diners, Drive In, Drive Out	Diners, Drive In, Drive Out	Diners, Drive In, Drive Out	Diners, Drive In, Drive Out			
	<b>FREE</b>	† (5:55) Big Hero 6 ★★		† (8:10) Up (PG,'09) ★★		Voices of Ed Asner. © (SAP)					
	<b>FX</b>	Despicable Me 3 (PG,'17) ★★	Voices of Steve Carell.			The Secret Life of Pets (PG,'16) ★★					
	<b>HALL</b>	† (6) The Secret Ingredient	Love in Store (NR,'20) Alexandra Breckenridge. ©					Valentine ▶			
	<b>HGTV</b>	Home Town ©	Home Town ©			Nate and Jeremiah: Save the Home		Nate and Jeremiah: Save the Home			
	<b>HIST</b>	Ancient Aliens: Secret Files (N) ©				Ancient Aliens (N)		Aliens ▶			
	<b>HLN</b>	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic			
	<b>IFC</b>	† (5:30) Predator ('87) ★★	Seven Worlds, One Planet (N) ©			Predator (R,'87) ★★					
	<b>LIFE</b>	The Wrong Stepmother (NR,'19) Cindy Busby. ©				(9:03) The Wrong Boy Next Door ▶					
	<b>MSNBC</b>	† (5) Nevada Caucus: Decision 2020 (N) ©						Nevada ▶			
	<b>MTV</b>	51st NAACP Image Awards (N) (Live) ©				Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.			
	<b>NATGEO</b>	America's National Parks	The Hidden Kingdoms of China (N) ©					China ▶			
	<b>NBCSCH</b>	NBA Basketball: Phoenix Suns at Chicago Bulls. (N) (Live)						Postgame Bulls (N)			
	<b>NICK</b>	Henry (N)	All That (N)	Substitute	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©			
	<b>OVATION</b>	Murdoch Mysteries (N)	Contact (PG,'97) ★★	Jodie Foster. Matthew McConaughey. ▶							
	<b>OWN</b>	Family or Fiancé	Family or Fiancé (N)			Iyanla, Fix My Life (N) ©		Family or ▶			
	<b>OXY</b>	Snapped: "Pandora Zan." ©		Snapped ©		Snapped: "Roxanne Buck." ©		Snapped ▶			
<b>PARMT</b>	† (6) Red 2 (PG-13,'13) ★★	Bruce Willis. ©			Bellator MMA Live ©						
<b>SYFY</b>	† (6) Edge of Tomorrow (PG-13,'14) ★★	Gods of Egypt (PG-13,'16) ★	Nikolaj Coster-Waldau. ▶								
<b>TBS</b>	† Guardians of the Galaxy	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Full Frontal				
<b>TCM</b>	How the West Was Won (G,'62) ★★	Carroll Baker, Lee J. Cobb. ©					Gunfighter ▶				
<b>TLC</b>	Say Yes to the Dress (N) ©				Say Yes to the Dress ©		Say Yes ▶				
<b>TLN</b>	Exalted	Pacific Garden Mission	In Grace	Humanitarian			Pure Pas				
<b>TNT</b>	The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies (PG-13,'14) ★★	Ian McKellen. ©					Wrath ▶				
<b>TOON</b>	My Hero	My Hero	Burgers	Burgers	Amer. Dad	Family Guy	Family Guy				
<b>TRAV</b>	Woo- Haunted		Woo- Haunted (N)		Haunted Hospitals (N) ©		Ghost ▶				
<b>TVL</b>	51st NAACP Image Awards (N) (Live) ©				Two Men	Two Men	Two Men				
<b>USA</b>	† King Arthur Twister (PG-13,'96) ★★	Helen Hunt, Bill Paxton. ©			Good Deeds (PG-13,'12) ★★		† (6) King Arthur Twister (PG-13,'96) ★★				
<b>VH1</b>	51st NAACP Image Awards (N) ©						The Sinner				
<b>WE</b>	Criminal Minds: "Bully." ©	Criminal Minds ©			Criminal Minds ©		Criminal ▶				
<b>WGN America</b>	Blue Bloods: "Legacy." ©	Blue Bloods ©			Blue Bloods ©		Blue Blood ▶				
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## IN PERFORMANCE 'Plano' ★★

## An unconventional sisterhood

BY CHRIS JONES

If, like me, you were not blessed with any sisters, a visit to "Plano" at Steppenwolf's 1700 Theatre will make your sense of loss only more acute.

Will Arbery's lively, quirky play, staged by the non-Equity First Floor Theater under Steppenwolf's LookOut visiting companies initiative, does not put sisterhood under some romantic gauze, nor does it emphasize similarity or togetherness. On the contrary, the three women around whom this play revolves could not be more different.

Anne (Elizabeth Birnkrant) is the leader, married to a man (Christopher Acevedo) with so many secrets we don't even know if his name is John or Juan, or if he is straight or gay; Genevieve (Ashley

Neal) is so smart and caustic, she splits her problematic man, Steve (Andrew Cutler) into two different parts, one of which she likes more than the other; and Isabel (Amanda Fink) is a Christian who moves to Chicago, where her lifelong faith is tested by a mysterious man in a mask, a Faceless Ghost, as played by Andrew Lund.

That is probably enough information for you to know that these sisters do not find the kindest or the gentlest group of men as they spiral through their lives, constantly unsure about whether they should be in small-town Texas or the big city, happy or sad, tolerant or furious, certain or wracked with doubt. But they do, the play consistently asserts, have each other. They know how to love.

In fact, these three sis-

ters are remarkably clear-eyed about their siblings' choices and mistakes, just not their own.

"Plano," which was staged off-Broadway in 2018, is not a conventional piece of writing. It's linguistically rich, existentially preoccupied and as at ease with symbolism and metaphor as realism. And it cleverly messes with time: "Let's do this later," a character might say, followed by, "It's now later. We didn't do it."

This technique, which often feels like catnip for your brain, is a good match for the direction of Audrey Francis, a no-nonsense acting teacher who favors quick-fire scenes moving at lightning speed and cutting to the core of a scene. At times, the writing reminds you of Noah Haide, another talented poet; at other moments, you think of Will



GRACIE MEIER PHOTO

Ashley Neal, Amanda Fink and Elizabeth Birnkrant in the substantial and unusual "Plano" by First Floor Theater.

Eno or Sarah Ruhl. But Francis and her cast, especially the three leads, have taken this unusual play and harnessed its depth like empathy miners. None of these sisters have it easy; all three of them, it feels

throughout, deserve so much more.

And so much better men. (If they need men at all.)

Not everything works here; parts of this show are hard to follow (always a danger with any play resid-

**When:** Through March 28

**Where:** Steppenwolf Theatre Company, 1700 N. Halsted St.

**Running time:** 1 hour, 35 minutes

**Tickets:** \$25-\$35 at 312-335-1650 or [www.steppenwolf.org](http://www.steppenwolf.org)

ing in part inside its characters' heads), not every scene comes with the thrilling sparkle of the best moments, and the last 10 minutes or so disappoint, at least when compared to the rush of specificity in what has gone before.

But you always feel like you are having a substantial kind of evening, alongside gifted Chicago actors, who value your time and understand ensemble, unease, sisterhood.

And maybe you, too.

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## 'BRAHMS: THE BOY II' ★ 1/2

## Return of a creepy killer doll

BY NOEL MURRAY

Los Angeles Times

The hit 2016 "haunted doll" thriller "The Boy" put a sharp spin on a tired genre, by revealing in its last act that — spoiler alert — the title figurine, named Brahms, was actually being guarded by a creepy, masked adult, who lived in the walls of a spooky old mansion. Unfortunately, as enjoyably perverse as that twist was, it arrived too late in the picture to compensate for the preceding hour of Gothic horror clichés.

The sequel, "Brahms: The Boy II," takes a somewhat different approach to the original's premise. Some of these changes are



DAVID BUKACH

Katie Holmes stars in "Brahms: The Boy II," a sequel to 2016's "The Boy."

**MPAA rating:** PG-13 (for terror and violence)

**Running time:** 1:26

for the better and some for the worse, but on the whole, the overall quality remains about the same. Like its predecessor, "The Boy II" is a fairly corny and stodgy spook-show, with a few good jolts and one

genuinely creepy killer toy.

One point in the sequel's favor: The scares come early and often. In the new film, a family of three is looking for a fresh start after a traumatic home invasion — shown in disturbing detail. The trio moves into the guest house on the estate from "The Boy." There, the son Jude (Christopher Convery) finds Brahms and brings

him into the house, demanding that mom Liza (Katie Holmes) and dad Sean (Owain Yeoman) follow the first movie's "rules" and treat the doll like a person.

What follows is a more conventional, "Annabelle"-like devil-doll story, with Liza becoming increasingly concerned about the freaky phenomena happening around the house — nearly all of which Jude blames on Brahms. As always, the doll's blank face and soulless eyes make even the most routine "What's the bump?" and "Who moved that furniture?" moments moderately more spine-tingling.

Like a lot of horror sequels, "Brahms" gets too hung up on mythology, as Liza's research into the history of her son's new friend leads to a lot of dreary and disappointing explanations of things that don't really need a raison d'être — including the big central shocker from "The Boy."

The biggest issue, howev-

er, is that director William Brent Bell and screenwriter Stacey Menear, the creative team behind "The Boy" and "Brahms," don't seem to have much ambition beyond giving the audience the willies in the most obvious ways imaginable. Early on, the film ties the

family's Brahms-related anxieties to the violent assault they suffered in the first scene, suggesting that their troubles run deep. But before long, they're just like any other ordinary horror movie family: mother, father, son and demantically possessed plaything.

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### Horoscopes



**Today's birthday** (Feb. 22): Benefit from career growth and expansion this year. Disciplined teamwork earns outsized rewards. Your team's invincible this winter, before romantic twists and professional changes redirect your plans and you fall in love again.

By next winter, change domestic directions and your work flowers. Infuse passion.  
**Aries** (March 21-April 19): Today is a 7. Fresh inspiration fills your sails. Imagine a world you'd love to live in. What can you do for that? Make plans to realize dreams.  
**Taurus** (April 20-May 20): 9. Connect with friends. Teamwork produces results. Share encouragement and support for a common cause. As a community, you're powerful, diverse and strong together.  
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**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Collaborate for a common goal. Strategize and coordinate efforts. Share tasks and responsibilities. Adapt to changing plans.  
**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 9. Get into a steady groove. Consistent action gets results. Energize your performance. Your practice is paying off. Nurture your physical wellness for strength and vitality.  
**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Someone is weaving romantic magic. Spells and enchantments linger on the air. Relax and enjoy the moment. Charm and be charmed.  
**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Fill your home with love. Domestic arts satisfy, like home-cooking and cleaning projects. Fragrant aromas and cozy ambiance draw family in for nesting.  
**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 9. Prepare to launch a creative masterpiece! Review and polish. Edit carefully before presenting. Share a story of heart and contribution.  
**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 9. Discover hidden treasure. Extra profits are available. Take advantage of a lucrative opportunity. Luck follows your own commitment.  
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— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

### The Argyle Sweater



### Bliss



### Bridge

Both vulnerable, South deals

<b>North</b>		<b>East</b>	
♠ A 2	♥ A K 8 7 3	♠ K 10 4	♥ J 9 5 2
♦ 2	♣ A 10 8 7 6	♦ Q 8 3	♣ K 4 3
<b>West</b>		<b>South</b>	
♠ 9 7 5 3	♥ Q 10 6	♠ Q J 8 6	♥ 4
♦ 5	♣ Q J 9 5 2	♦ A K J 10 9 7 6 4	♣ Void

North's two-club bid was artificial, creating a game force. After a game force is established, a jump is no longer needed to create a force. South's jump to three diamonds showed a massive suit. It carried this message: "Look for slam if you want to, but we are playing in diamonds wherever we end up". North believed him!

**The bidding:**

South	West	North	East
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
1♠	Pass	2♣*	Pass
3♦	Pass	6♦	All pass

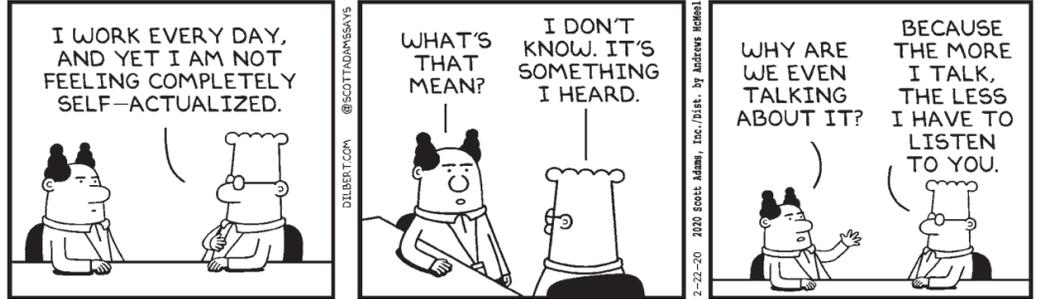
\*Fourth-suit forcing, artificial game force  
 Opening lead: Queen of ♣

the queen didn't fall. The losing spade finesse cost him a lot of money, as the opponents had stopped in game at the other table. There is a better line of play available, and we don't mean taking the diamond finesse. Can you spot it?

South should not play the ace of clubs at trick one, but rather ruff in his hand. The ace-king of diamonds would reveal the trump loser. South can now cash the ace and king of hearts, discarding a spade, and ruff a heart. A trump to East's queen now seals the deal. A spade or a heart from East ends the matter quickly, so East must play a club. South wins in dummy and ruffs a heart, establishing the fifth heart. The ace of spades is an entry to the heart and South has 12 tricks. We're sure you played it just that way!

— Bob Jones  
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### Dilbert



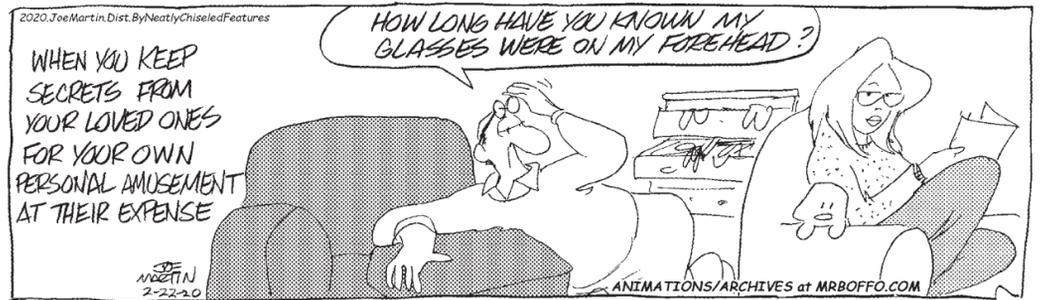
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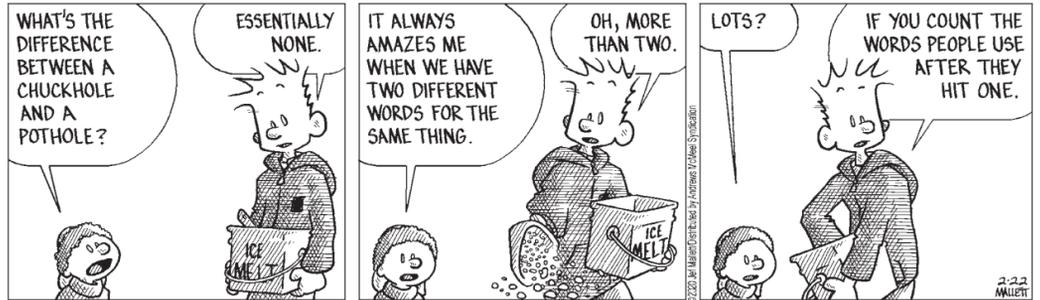
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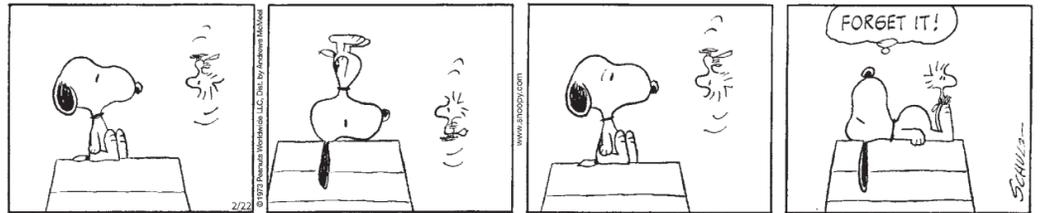
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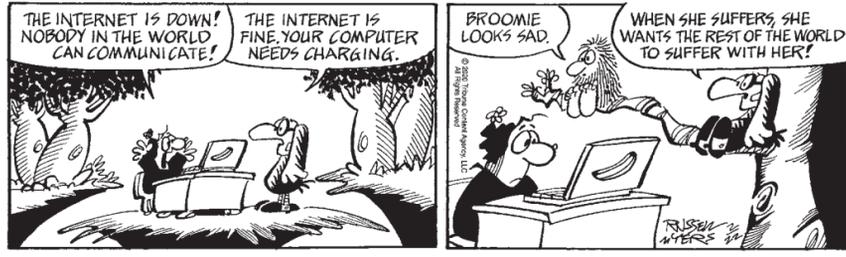
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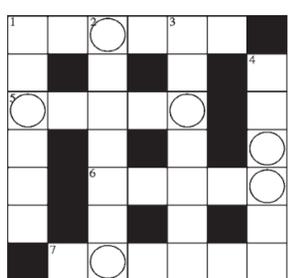


**Trivia Bits**

**The New England Whalers, Quebec Nordiques, Winnipeg Jets and which other team moved from the WHA to the NHL in 1979?**  
 A) Calgary Flames  
 B) Edmonton Oilers  
 C) Kansas City Scouts  
 D) New York Islanders

**Friday's answer:** The mythological princess Atalanta married the only man who defeated her in a footrace.  
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**Jumble Crossword**



**CLUE ACROSS**  
 1. Whole  
 5. TV, radio, etc.  
 6. "The \_\_\_ Limits"  
 7. Off course

**CLUE DOWN**  
 1. Type of weasel  
 2. Boring  
 3. Nuclear \_\_\_  
 4. \_\_\_ blossom

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

**TRIPLE BONUS**  
 The circled letters can be unscrambled to form three different BONUS answers.

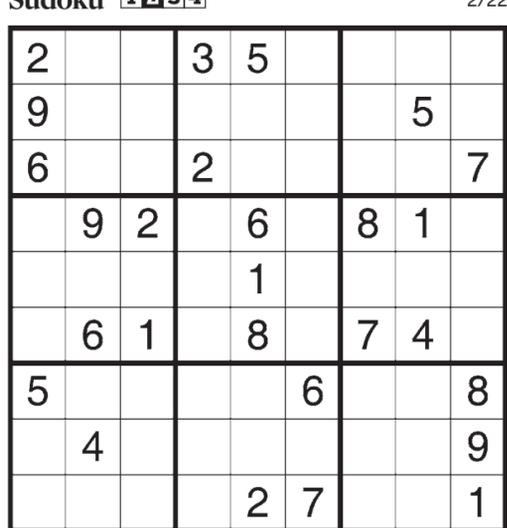
CLUE: Become proficient  
 CLUE: Jet  
 CLUE: Lion

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**Sudoku** 1 2 3 4

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7	8	6	4	9	1	3	5	2
5	1	2	9	4	7	8	6	3
3	7	8	1	6	2	5	9	4
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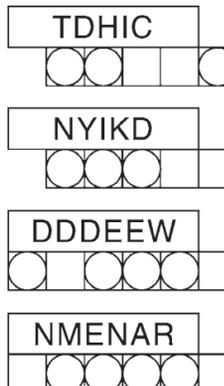
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**Friday's solutions**

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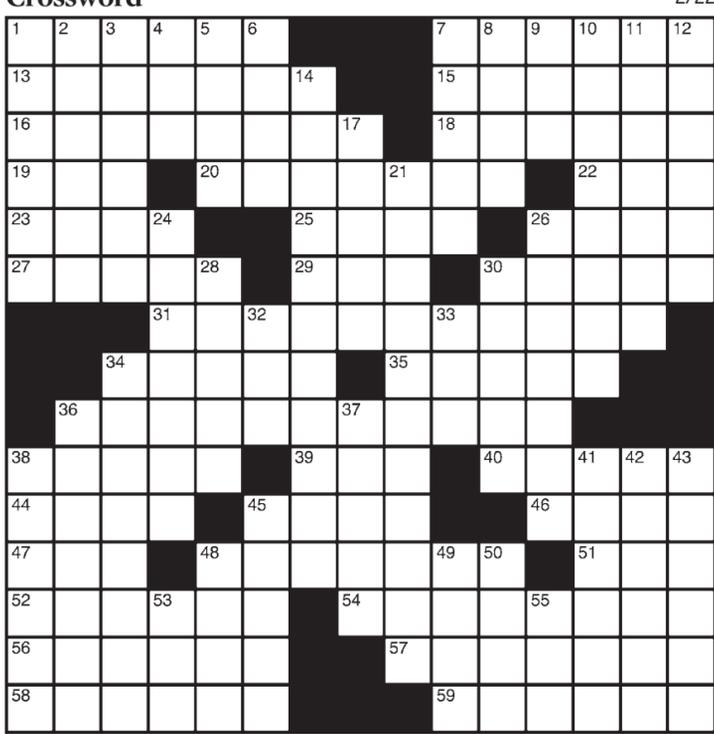
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Jumbles: CLOVE EXERT MISHAP HECTIC  
 Answer: Construction on their house's new addition was almost complete and in the — HOME STRETCH

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**Crossword**

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- Across**  
 1 Rubber-stamped item?  
 7 Rose's record 14,053  
 13 Dessert for one, maybe  
 15 Cotton farm threat  
 16 Handlers for a mixologist  
 18 Joey of \*NSYNC  
 19 Liquid meas.  
 20 Mythical mount that flies  
 22 '90s sitcom "\_\_\_ and Stacey"  
 23 Maintained  
 25 Invalid  
 26 Steep projection  
 27 Shocker on a cop's belt  
 29 High words  
 30 "All done!"  
 31 Light lunch choices  
 34 Pinkish nail polish shade  
 35 Buddies, in slang
- Down**  
 14 Starbucks holiday drink  
 17 Many an Arab News reader  
 21 Capsule for a nap  
 24 Allocates  
 26 Flatbread similar to naan  
 28 Showed over  
 30 According to the poet's oldest son, it was written "by a window looking down a wooded hill"  
 32 Shoot the breeze  
 33 Unite  
 34 What's inside  
 36 "Impressive!"  
 37 Sweets  
 38 Went the distance  
 41 Where a lot of money is made  
 42 Top  
 43 Appeared  
 45 One might be fit for a king  
 48 Litigant  
 49 Bass and such  
 50 Call at a base  
 53 Hurdle for srs.  
 55 Dog in the Reagan White House

**Friday's solution**



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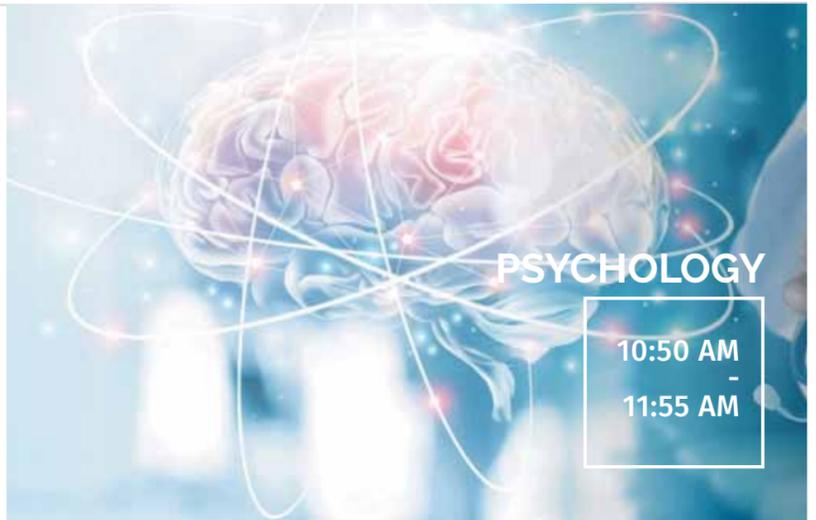


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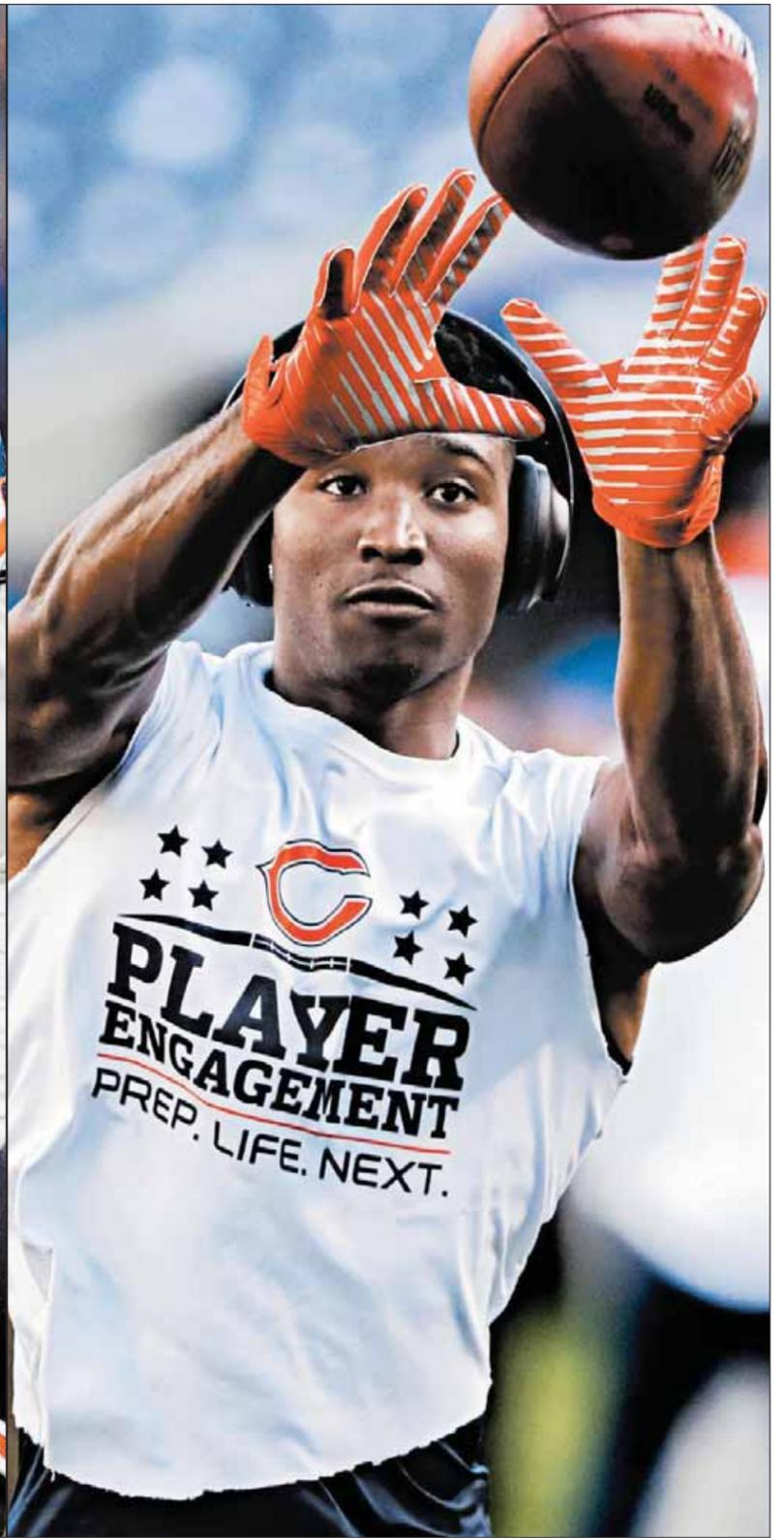
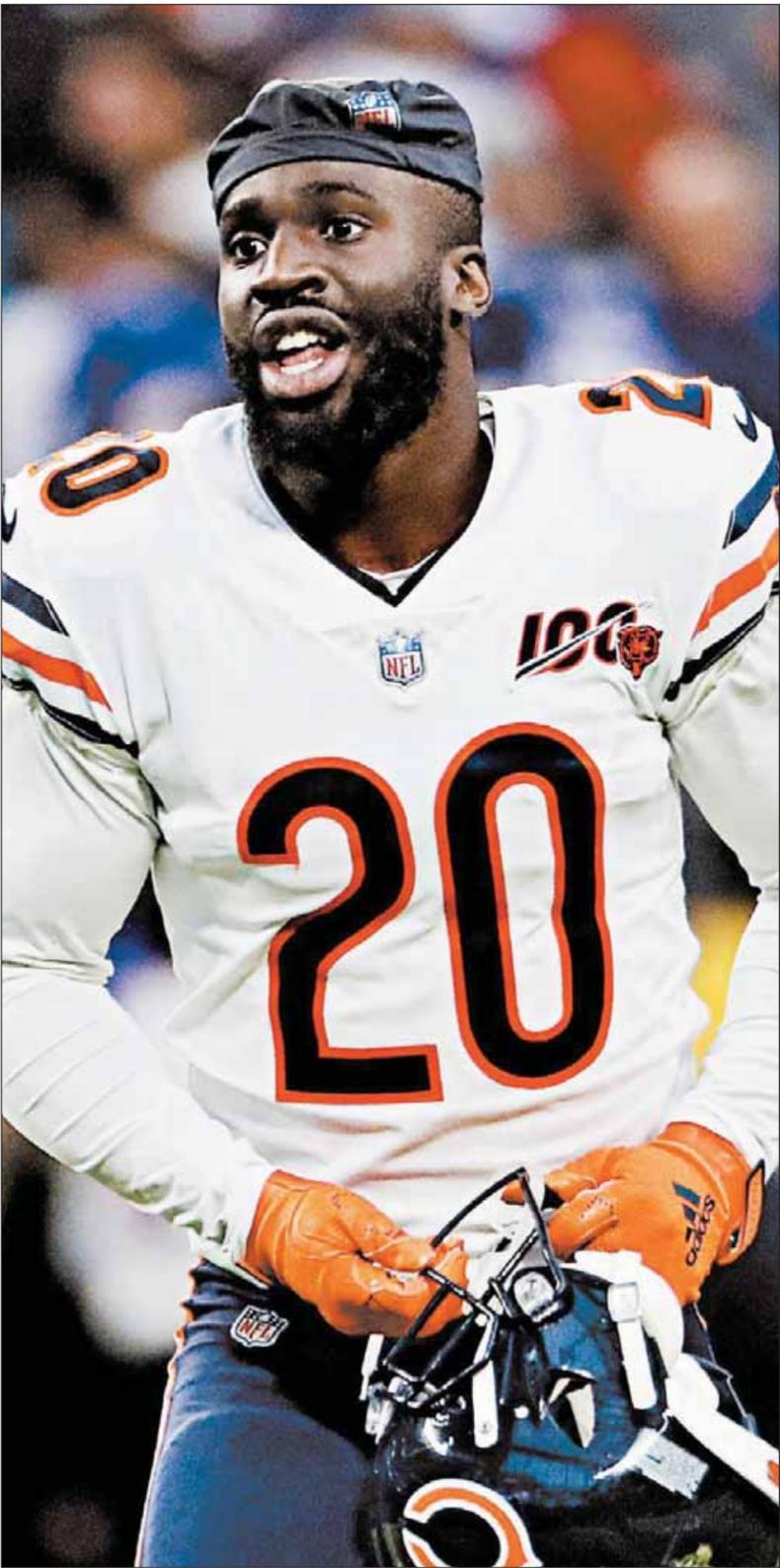
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The Bears will be looking for a new starting cornerback after cutting Prince Amukamara, left. The team also released wide receiver Taylor Gabriel, right, to make salary cap room.

**BEARS**

# Cutting salary

Bears create needs in releasing CB Amukamara, WR Gabriel, but open \$13.5 million in cap room

BY BRAD BIGGS

The Bears will head to the scouting combine in Indianapolis next week in search of a starting cornerback and a vertical threat on offense.

The Bears on Friday released veteran cornerback Prince Amukamara, who started 42 games for them over the last three seasons, and wide receiver Taylor Gabriel. By making the moves now, the Bears allow the players to get a head start on finding new employment.

Amukamara, 30, was due to earn a \$9 million base salary this year, and the move

clears \$9 million in salary-cap space. He will count as \$1 million in dead money against the 2020 cap.

Amukamara suffered a pulled hamstring at the end of the Bears' Nov. 28 victory in Detroit. He missed the next game and was slowed in the final three games.

Gabriel, 29, was due to earn a \$5.5 million base salary. Cutting him creates \$4.5 million in cap space, and he will count as \$2 million in dead space this season. Two concussions — one after he caught three touchdown passes in the Week 3 victory over the Redskins — limited him to nine games in 2019. Gabriel caught 96 passes for 1,041

yards and six touchdowns in two seasons with the Bears.

Amukamara turned into a solid addition for the Bears, who originally signed him to a one-year, \$7 million deal in 2017. After he played well, they re-signed him to a three-year, \$27 million contract, of which he earned \$18 million over the last two seasons. The key for replacing him with the saved salary-cap space will be finding the next Amukamara, a player who can come in on a prove-it deal or is perhaps undervalued because of durability concerns.

The Bears don't have a clear replacement for him on the roster. They could consider Kevin Toliver, who is entering his third season, but the former undrafted player won't get the job without facing competition.

The Bears signed CFL all-star Tre Roberson to a two-year contract, and he will compete for a roster spot. But it might be overly ambitious to consider him a potential starter, at least at this point.

While the Bears have some young receivers who will compete for playing time, such as 2019 fourth-round pick Riley Ridley, they need a speed addition to the offense. Fortunately for them, it's a strong draft for wide receivers.

Gabriel's speed attracted the Bears, who signed him in 2018. He was the third receiver for the Falcons after Julio Jones and Mohamed Sanu. Thrust into a role as a starter and a No. 2 option for the Bears, Gabriel was overpromoted.

He earned \$14 million the last two seasons.

## Is time finally right for Sox to shine brightly?

2020 could be year team becomes contender

GLENDALE, Ariz. — The first three years of the White Sox rebuild featured some defining Cactus League moments, including Eloy Jimenez's pinch-hit home run against the Cubs after begging manager Rick Renteria to hit and Luis Robert's grand slam with a broken thumb.

But Year 4, which begins Saturday against the Angels at Camelback Ranch, figures to be the most intriguing yet.

Between the ascension of rookies Robert and Nick Madrigal, the arrival of free agents Dallas Keuchel and Yasmani Grandal, the comeback of



PAUL SULLIVAN  
On the White Sox

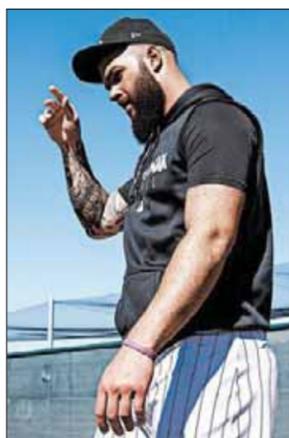
Michael Kopech and the sharp pivot from taking baby steps to actually contending, the Sox rebuild has come to a crossroads.

"I don't think the word 'rebuild' is really the right word," Keuchel said. "There's been quite a few leaps

from guys, so the rebuild phase is over. A rebuild to me is like an open tryout in the big leagues, which I went through in Houston. Being able to pitch against (the Sox) last year was nice because I saw a lot of guys take that next leap.

"The only other phase now is

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ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/TRIBUNE

Dallas Keuchel will be a key veteran presence as the Sox prepare to take another jump in 2020.

**CACTUS LEAGUE OPENER**

Angels at White Sox  
2:05 p.m. Saturday

**CUBS**

## Marquee debut won't be seen by all

BY PHIL ROSENTHAL

Such is the history of the Cubs that momentous occasions have been accompanied by rain.

So it hardly should be unexpected a rainy forecast delayed the Cubs' Cactus League opener Saturday against the Athletics in Mesa, Ariz., to which the debut of Marquee Sports Network has been pegged.

After all, it was a rain delay that gave the Cubs the chance to regroup and refocus during Game 7 of the 2016 World Series. The debut of lights at Wrigley Field in 1988 was postponed a day by a deluge.

Now what was to have been an afternoon affair has been resched-



CACTUS LEAGUE  
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A's at Cubs

7:10 p.m. Saturday, Marquee

uled 7 p.m.

That's six hours after Marquee signs on for the first time at 1 p.m. Saturday with a one-hour sizzle reel touting all that the network has to offer under the straightforward title "Marquee Debut."

You probably have questions about Marquee. Let's get to them: **What is Marquee Sports Network?** Marquee is the new regional sports network the Cubs are launching in partnership with

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# TOP OF THE SECOND

## BLACKHAWKS

### In need of some home cooking

Hawks hope to start racking up wins with playoffs in doubt

By PHIL THOMPSON

Duncan Keith ruminated on the Blackhawks' recent struggles, then said something that exemplifies the feeling in the locker room that all is not lost: "Nobody's said we haven't made playoffs yet."

The Hawks occupy last place in the Central Division, but they remain within sight of a Western Conference wild-card spot, eight points behind the Flames entering Friday's games.

"We've got to create our own optimism by how we play," coach Jeremy Colliton said after the morning skate Friday. "The feeling in the group is not as good because the performance wasn't good last game. So you look at the standings and no one feels good about it."

"The way you can bring good feelings back is to play really good tonight for 60 minutes."

The Hawks begin their last extended road trip Sunday in Dallas — continuing against the Blues, Lightning and Panthers — before playing 11 of 15 games in March at the United Center.

That would be comforting if not for their 12-13-4 home record entering Friday night's game against the Predators, who had won seven of their last 11, five of the wins coming on the road.

The Hawks are 14-13-4 away from the United Center and have the league's fourth-best penalty kill on the road (82.4%) — better than their marks at home (80.7%, 17th) and overall (81.6%, 12th).

The power play, however, ranks last in the league (13.8%) despite it being a point of emphasis.

Colliton and players have talked about being more prepared and focused, particularly in the first period. But it's the second period that has let them down, getting outscored 65-46.

Still, the Hawks believe if they focus on improving in the first period, it will carry over into the second and third.

It's one of the problems they talked through Thursday when they took a day off the ice to conduct meetings.

"On a day like yesterday, we want to be very precise as far as the message we want to send, and I think we did that," Colliton said. "And now it's about bringing energy and translating that sharpness into how we play. And that will be the focus."

"It was a good morning, there was energy, and now we have to start the game on time."

Alex DeBrincat said it helped to take what amounted to a mental health day.

"It was nice to get a day of rest, think about the game, go over some stuff we didn't do as normal and isn't up to par," he said.

The Hawks have lost seven of their last eight games, two in overtime. They started the calendar year with three losses in four games before going on a five-game winning streak.

"We've faced adversity at different points in the season," DeBrincat said. "This is another one of those times where we really need to get back together and play the kind of style we know we can win with. That's what we're focused on right now."

Some of the teams on the upcoming schedule also are vying for a wild-card spot, including the Predators, and the Hawks haven't always matched the increased intensity that comes with the playoff race.

Next week's trip amounts to a do-over of the 1-4 trip through western Canada.

"We just need to go on a run here," DeBrincat said before Friday's game. "Start with tonight and beat a team that we're competing with for a wild-card spot."



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Zach LaVine said the Bulls didn't match the Hornets' energy in Thursday's 103-93 loss.

## BULLS TAKEAWAYS

# Fighting their way through frustration

Despite 7-game skid, Bulls focused on getting better

By SHANNON RYAN

The United Center was brimming with excitement and star power during All-Star Weekend. Just a few days later, the start of Thursday's game against the Hornets had the empty feeling of a movie set after all the props had been disassembled and cleared out.

The Bulls had talked this week about attacking the final 27 games with purpose and gusto, despite dealing with a rash of injured players. They lacked any spark until the third quarter, when they found their 3-point stroke and fought back from a 21-point deficit.

But the Bulls still suffered their seventh straight defeat — their longest skid of the season — in a 103-93 loss to the Hornets. Despite a short-lived rally, they never led.

The Bulls missed their first 17 3-point attempts, breaking the drought on a wide-open look from the left corner by Zach LaVine with 8 minutes, 41 seconds remaining in the third quarter. They took — and, of course, missed — all 15 first-half 3-point attempts.

"They jumped on us," LaVine said. "We didn't play with the same energy."

Despite the Bulls priding themselves on defense, the Hornets shot 52.4% in the first half and 47.3% for the game. The Bulls held Devonte' Graham, who entered the game averaging 18.1 points, scoreless on 0-for-7 shooting.

Here are two takeaways from the Bulls' loss.

**1. The Bulls will need a mental edge to survive the final 26 games.** The Bulls players claim they have the fortitude to finish the season on a strong note.

Veteran Thaddeus Young pointed to getting through a 19-63 season when he was with the 76ers in 2013-14.

"It's very frustrating," he said. "I've been on teams like this in the past. (My) last year with the Sixers, we were horrible. I'm battle-tested. I can get through it. It's all about keep fighting, keep pushing, and hopefully the tides can turn and we can start getting some wins. I'm going to go hard no matter what."

LaVine echoed the sentiment, insinuating these upcoming games are gut checks. He said it's important for players to tune out rumors about management changes.

"It ain't my job," he said of worrying about changes at the top of the franchise. "I lace my shoes up and get ready to play. There's rumors about everything in this league. As a player, you can't get distracted from the task at hand or what your job is. Your job isn't worried about that. You go out there and play the game. That's what my job is."

LaVine, who scored 19 points with seven assists and seven rebounds, warned against looking toward the end of the season.

"You've got to stay locked in," he said. "You can't be looking at that April date. You can't be in vacation mode. We have a lot of season left. This is our job. This is a dream job, something millions of people wish they could do. It's a tough situation. Nobody likes being in a losing situation, but you get to see who's fighting with you and who's not, too. Go out there and battle."

**2. Thaddeus Young's season-high night is something to build on.** So what has changed for Young, who scored a season-high 22 points in 36 minutes?

"More minutes," he said, cracking a smile in front of his locker.

Young was 10-of-18 shooting to go with 11 rebounds — his second double-double in three games. He scored eight points in the third quarter when the Bulls threatened a comeback, pulling within 70-68.

"Just went out there and played the game and took what came to me," Young said.

Coach Jim Boylen said he appreciated Young's third-quarter competitiveness.

"Thad competes," Boylen said. "He tries to make plays. He moves on from a mistake and keeps playing. I thought in the second half he was a big part of our run."

Young, who entered the game averaging 9.7 points, has averaged 13.8 points in his last 10 games, the same amount of time starting power forward Lauri Markkanen has missed with a pelvis injury.

"I've been playing longer stretches," he said. "Just going out there and doing me, playing basketball and playing free."

## LET'S PLAY 2

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	<b>Saturday</b> Suns 7 p.m. NBCSCH	<b>Sunday</b> Wizards 6 p.m. NBCSCH
	<b>Saturday</b> Athletics 7:10 p.m. Marquee	<b>Sunday</b> @Dodgers 2:05 p.m. Marquee
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## ON TV/RADIO

**MLB SPRING TRAINING**

<b>Noon</b> Blue Jays at Yankees	MLB
<b>2:05 p.m.</b> Angels at White Sox	WGN-AM 720
<b>5 p.m.</b> Nationals at Astros	MLB
<b>7:10 p.m.</b> Athletics at Cubs	Marquee WSCR-AM 670

**NBA**

<b>7 p.m.</b> Suns at Bulls	NBCSCH WSCR-AM 670
<b>7:30 p.m.</b> 76ers at Bucks	ABC-7

**MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**

<b>11 a.m.</b> Tennessee at Auburn	CBS-2
<b>11 a.m.</b> Marquette at Providence	FOX-32
<b>11 a.m.</b> Kansas at Baylor	ESPN
<b>11 a.m.</b> Virginia at Pittsburgh	ESPN2
<b>11 a.m.</b> Tulane at UCF	ESPN2
<b>12:30 p.m.</b> Navy at Army	CBSSN
<b>1 p.m.</b> Texas at Kansas State	CBS-2
<b>1 p.m.</b> Michigan at Purdue	ESPN
<b>1 p.m.</b> Houston at Memphis	ESPN2
<b>1 p.m.</b> West Virginia at TCU	ESPN2
<b>1:30 p.m.</b> Villanova at Xavier	FOX-32
<b>2:30 p.m.</b> Loyola at Missouri State	CBSSN
<b>3 p.m.</b> UCLA at Colorado	CBS-2
<b>3 p.m.</b> North Carolina at Louisville	ESPN
<b>3 p.m.</b> Oklahoma at Oklahoma St.	ESPN2
<b>3:30 p.m.</b> St. Joseph's at G. Mason	NBCSN
<b>4:30 p.m.</b> Rhode Isl. at Davidson	CBSSN
<b>5 p.m.</b> Florida at Kentucky	ESPN
<b>5 p.m.</b> LSU at South Carolina	ESPN2
<b>5 p.m.</b> Texas Tech at Iowa State	ESPN2
<b>5:30 p.m.</b> Richmond at St. Bon.	NBCSN
<b>6:30 p.m.</b> UNLV at San Diego State	CBSSN
<b>7 p.m.</b> Virginia Tech at Duke	ESPN2
<b>7 p.m.</b> Oregon St. at Arizona St.	ESPN2
<b>8 p.m.</b> Georgetown at DePaul	FS1 WIND-AM 560
<b>8 p.m.</b> Oregon at Arizona	ESPN
<b>9 p.m.</b> Gonzaga at BYU	ESPN2
<b>9 p.m.</b> Fresno State at Nevada	ESPN2

**WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**

<b>10 a.m.</b> Navy at Army	CBSSN
<b>1 p.m.</b> Ohio State at Rutgers	BTN

**BOXING**

<b>6:30 p.m.</b> Wilder-Fury undercard	FS1
<b>7 p.m.</b> Wilder-Fury undercard	ESPN

**GOLF**

<b>11 a.m.</b> WGC-Mexico Championship	Golf
<b>1:30 p.m.</b> WGC-Mexico Champ.	NBC-5
<b>1:30 p.m.</b> PGA: Puerto Rico Open	Golf

**HOCKEY**

<b>Noon</b> Jets at Flyers	NHL
<b>3 p.m.</b> Notre Dame at Michigan	BTN
<b>5:30 p.m.</b> Minnesota at Penn State	BTN
<b>6 p.m.</b> Sharks at Rangers	NHL

**LACROSSE**

<b>11 a.m.</b> Yale at Penn State	BTN
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**MOTORSPORTS**

<b>3 p.m.</b> Xfinity: Boyd Gaming 300	FS1
<b>7:30 p.m.</b> Supercross: Arlington	NBCSN

**RUGBY**

<b>9 p.m.</b> Arrows at Seawolves	CBSSN
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**SOCCER**

<b>6:30 a.m.</b> Chelsea vs. Tottenham	NBCSN
<b>8:30 a.m.</b> Werder vs. Dortmund	FS1
<b>11:30 a.m.</b> Leic. City vs. Man. City	NBC-5
<b>5:30 a.m. (Sun.)</b> Genoa vs. Lazio	ESPN2

**TENNIS**

<b>8 a.m.</b> Marseille, Dubai	Tennis
<b>2 p.m.</b> Delray, Rio	Tennis
<b>7 p.m.</b> Delray	Tennis
<b>5 a.m. (Sun.)</b> Delray, Marseille, Doha	Tennis

## NFL

# More talks wanted on labor deal

By BARRY WILNER  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — NFL owners' eagerness to approve negotiated terms of a new labor agreement apparently is not matched by the players.

They want more talks.

Union player representatives decided Friday to not vote on the new labor deal approved by team owners Thursday. The NFL Players Association will meet with league negotiators at the scouting combine in Indianapolis on Tuesday.

Earlier Friday, the union's executive committee voted 6-5 to recommend rejecting the terms of the new collective bargaining agreement. But the player reps and the full union membership could vote next week.

Objections to an expanded regular season are considered the main stumbling block to player approval.

"Today the NFLPA Board of Players Representatives did not take a vote on the principal terms of a proposed new collective bargaining agreement," the union said in a statement. "Our player leadership looks forward to meeting with NFL management again next week before the board takes a

vote shortly after."

If the NFLPA does not approve the terms, the current CBA that expires in March 2021 would remain in effect and further talks would be required.

The owners' proposal features a 17-game season, shorter preseason, larger rosters and limits on the number of international games.

The union's executive committee includes NFLPA President Eric Winston, former Giants LB Mark Herzlich and former Bills LB Lorenzo Alexander, all retired; Giants LS Zak DeOssie; 49ers CB Richard Sherman; Patriots TE Benjamin Watson; Colts K Adam Vinatieri; Chargers OT Russell Okung; Saints P Thomas Morstead; Buccaneers LB Sam Acho; and Giants S Mike Thomas.

Several people familiar with the terms say they feature increases in minimum salaries, changes in practice squad makeup and eligibility, and reduced offseason and preseason requirements as pivotal parts of the deal.

Those people spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because specific details of the provisions in the agreement that would run through 2030 are not being made public.

An expansion of the playoffs to seven teams in each conference, with only the top seed in the AFC and NFC getting a wild-card bye, can be instituted by the league without any negotiations — as long as the postseason remains in a four-week format. Several owners are strongly in favor of doing so regardless of the CBA status.

The 17-game schedule actually is a compromise offer for some owners who wanted 18 games. Adding the one regular-season match would seem to indicate each of those games would be at a neutral site.

But the league has promised the union to cap the number of international games and that there would not be a full week of such contests. More likely is a continued mix of games in England (and other European sites) and Mexico.

The preseason would be reduced from four games to three, not counting the Hall of Fame game.

Training camp padded practices would be reduced from a total of 28 to 16. A five-day acclimation period would precede summer practices. There would be eight days off during camp instead of five and a limit on joint practices.

There would be no extra bye week in the regular season, something that had been



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Eric Winston, NFL Players Association president, speaks before Super Bowl LIII.

discussed. However, teams would basically have two weeks to prepare for the season opener with the elimination of the fourth preseason game.

Rosters would expand from 53 to 55, with 48 players able to dress for games rather than the current 46. Practice squads would go from 10 players to 12 and eventually to 14, probably by 2022. There would be more flexibility for protecting practice squaders from becoming free agents.

Suspensions for a positive test for marijuana likely would end, except for cases of tampering with a test. But doctors appointed by the league and union would have the ability to recommend players sit if they are not under treatment or are at risk if they suit up.

## BASEBALL



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Jason Kipnis hits during a Cubs spring training workout Tuesday in Mesa, Ariz.

## CUBS

# Areas to keep eye on during spring games

2nd base, 5th starter among top questions that need answers

BY MARK GONZALES

MESA, Ariz. — New Cubs manager David Ross has been around long enough from his playing days to not be swayed by spring performances in determining his opening-day roster.

But Ross and the Cubs front office have some questions to answer over the next month, starting with the Cactus League opener Saturday night against the Athletics at Sloan Park.

**1. Who will start at second base?** If Jason Kipnis continues to show enough range defensively and a quick bat, he'll earn most of the playing time. Ross is aware of Kipnis' credentials over a nine-year career that included two All-Star selections.

But the Cubs don't expect to get more than 120 starts out of Kipnis, 32, a left-handed batter who hit 70 homers over the last four seasons but had a .304 on-base percentage in 2019 with the Indians.

The Cubs need more mileage out of their second basemen, who hit .220 with a .301 on-base percentage last season. There are plenty of right-handed-hitting candidates, led by rookie Nico Hoerner, David Bote and Hernan Perez. Daniel Descalso, a left-handed hitter, is aiming for a rebound season after being nagged by an ankle injury that led to a .173 average.

Hoerner, 22, needs to play enough to continue his development after skipping Triple-A Iowa to play the final three weeks at shortstop in place of injured starter Javier Baez.

**2. Who will replace Pedro**

**Strop, Steve Cishek and Brandon Kintzler in the bullpen?** Rowan Wick made a favorable impression last spring and became a prominent late-inning reliever by August.

Newcomer Jeremy Jeffress was a 2018 National League All-Star and is determined to rebound from a rough 2019 season with the Brewers. The Cubs also will have a full season with closer Craig Kimbrel, whose June free-agent signing started a rough three months.

As for the rest of the bullpen, the front office and Ross have cast a wide net of thrifty candidates who will need to show effectiveness against right-handed and left-handed batters, especially with new rules stating a reliever must face a minimum of three batters or finish an inning and pitchers staying on the injured list for a minimum of 15 days.

"It's a lot easier to watch a bullpen and make judgement," Ross said. "Once I get into the games, it will give me a good feedback on body language from the hitter and talking to the catchers and even talking to some of these guys I know in their live batting practices and what's their stuff look like."

**3. Who will stabilize center field?** If switch hitter Ian Happ can carry his September production into spring training, he'll earn the majority of the playing time.

But Cubs center fielders hit only .220 with a .301 on-base percentage in 2019. Ross and his staff will watch closely to see if Albert Almora Jr. can improve on his .255 average on batted balls in play and 30.6% hard-hit rate.

Right-handed hitter Steven Souza, signed as a free agent in January, can spell left-handed corner outfielders Kyle Schwarber and Jason Heyward and has

the speed and instincts to play center. Souza, however, missed all of last season because of torn ligaments in his left knee, and Ross is cautious about depending on a player who didn't bat last season.

**4. Who will be the 26th man?** The Cubs need a backup shortstop to Javier Baez, with Hoerner best-suited for those duties. Perez can play the infield and outfield.

Bote has spelled Kris Bryant at third base and is competing for the starting job at second. Bote hit .304 (7-for-23) with a .407 on-base percentage as a pinch hitter last season. Descalso is competing for the same roles as Bote but is a left-handed hitter and is under contract for \$2.5 million.

Backup catcher Victor Caratini is a switch hitter who can play third and first base. Non-roster invitee Josh Phegley drove in 62 runs while starting 90 games at catcher for the Athletics last season.

**5. Who will take the 5th?** Ross is so curious about who will win the fifth spot in the rotation that he will start candidates Alec Mills, Tyler Chatwood and Adalberto Alzolay in the first three Cactus League games. Mills is out of minor-league options, and Chatwood is guaranteed \$13 million.

"There's a time when you start running out of options, it's time to have a little bit of pressure on you when you've got to perform," Ross said. "I look forward to seeing that, how they handle that, go about their business."

"That's the fun part about spring and what it has — a little adversity to overcome and rise to those occasions as they usually do that and have a nice long career."

## WHITE SOX

# Rising Sox provide plenty of optimism

Robert, Kopech among top storylines for team during stay in Arizona

BY LAMOND POPE

GLENDALE, Ariz. — The new-look White Sox will be on display for the first time Saturday when they open Cactus League play against the Angels.

Rain is in the forecast, but here are five areas to watch throughout the exhibition season.

**1. How will the competition at second base shake out?** The only starting position battle this spring for the Sox is at second base.

Leury Garcia, Danny Mendick and prospect Nick Madrigal are the choices.

"We made the assessment at the end of last season that Nick Madrigal wasn't quite ready for the big leagues," general manager Rick Hahn said Tuesday. "He was sent home with specific things to work on, he could very well come in spring training this year, show that he's made certain adjustments and wind up finding himself on the opening day roster."

"That said, we also have guys like Mendick and Leury, who we fully believe can hold down the fort until such time that Nick is ready."

**2. How will Luis Robert handle the spotlight?** Center fielder Luis Robert is scheduled to be the leadoff hitter in the Cactus League opener, manager Rick Renteria announced Friday.

It's likely either Tim Anderson or Yoan Moncada fills that role when the season starts. But all eyes will be on how Robert, one of the game's top prospects, continues to progress.

"Luis looks very comfortable in many respects," Renteria said Friday. "They are working extremely hard out there in the outfield drills with (coach Daryl Boston)."

"Short sample size, you see them face some live pitching and take their normal BP and things of that nature. This kid has a lot of talent, and we haven't played games yet, but we'll see how it continues to play out and see how he shines."

Robert is the No. 3 prospect in the majors, according to MLB Pipeline.

**3. What's next for pitcher Michael Kopech?** Kopech threw live batting practice again Friday, another step in his return from Tommy John surgery. The right-hander, who is the No. 20 prospect

in baseball, missed all of 2019.

He said the plan is to get on the mound for a Cactus League game at some point this spring.

"Right now, we have a plan of when I'm going to throw live BPs and when I'm going to throw bullpens," Kopech said Friday. "The question mark is still about when I'm getting into a game. But I think I have a plan to go at the beginning of March, around there anyway, I'm just trying to work my way up to that."

Hahn addressed Kopech's spring to date Tuesday: "He's physically, knock on wood, fine. It's now just a matter of getting him in baseball shape and in a position to competitively get big-league hitters out."

**4. Will there be signs of improved defense?** For the Sox to become contenders in the American League Central, the defense will have to improve across the board.

The team committed 111 errors, which ranked tied for 13th in the American League. Shortstop Tim Anderson made a major-league-high 26 errors.

Renteria addressed the topic Monday while discussing goals for left fielder Eloy Jimenez.

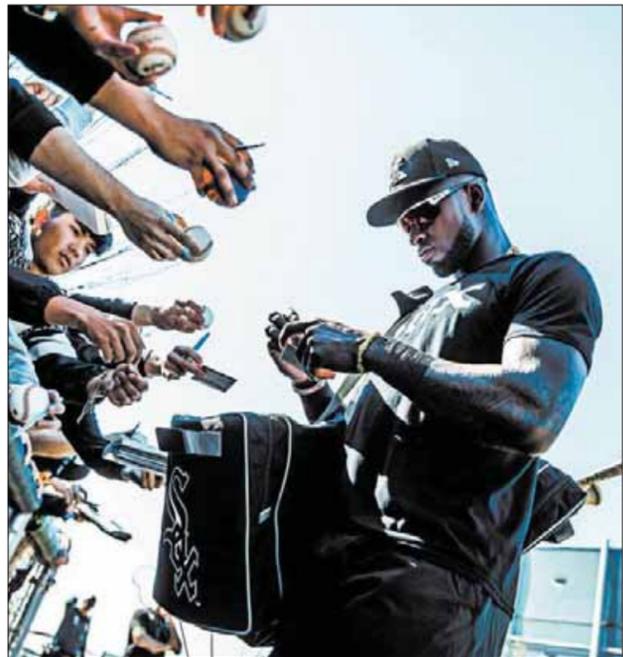
"My challenge is — to all of our guys, not just Eloy — that we concentrate and do the best we can to understand our role defensively," Renteria said. "That we make sure we understand the parameters that each position carries (and) how we are supposed to communicate."

**5. How will the bullpen be completed?** Most of the bullpen is set. The team added reliable veteran Steve Cishek in the off-season. He'll join returning relievers Alex Colome, Aaron Bummer, Evan Marshall, Kelvin Herrera, Jimmy Cordero and Jace Fry.

That could leave one spot to fill this spring.

"It's way too early for us to assess how we want to break in terms of those final couple, or final one bullpen spot," Hahn said Tuesday. "There's arguments for a third lefty, there's arguments for length, there's arguments for the best guy to get people out when called upon. We'll see how camp unfolds, see what the alternatives are, what guys have to offer and make the best choice."

"And also realize, as big of a deal as breaking with the club and flying out of here on the charter is, teams don't go through the year with the same 26 guys, especially when it comes to bullpen options. There's going to be other opportunities as the year unfolds."



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Young outfielder Luis Robert will bat leadoff in the White Sox's spring training opener Saturday afternoon.

## CUBS TAKEAWAYS

# Cubs will have to wait just a little longer for 1st pitch of spring

BY MARK GONZALES

MESA, Ariz. — Here are three takeaways from Cubs spring training Friday.

**1. The Cactus League opener has a different time and look.** The start of Saturday's exhibition game against the Athletics at Sloan Park — the Cubs debut on Marquee Sports Network — was switched from 2:05 p.m. to 7:10 p.m. Central time because of a threat of rain that is expected to subside in the afternoon.

There was a large financial incentive for the Cubs to push back their opener. Marquee plans to televise 28 exhibition games,

and many station employees have spent this week taping interviews and preparing other duties at the Cubs complex.

As for the game, manager David Ross confirmed that Kris Bryant and Anthony Rizzo will bat 1-2 but declined to disclose the rest of the lineup, which must be submitted to Major League Baseball before it's released.

**2. Craig Kimbrel is taking care of his own business.** Cubs closer Craig Kimbrel estimates he needs to pitch in seven to eight spring training games to declare himself ready for the season.

Kimbrel expects to throw live batting practice in a few days. He

said he threw off a mound only once before arriving in Arizona and said he slowly builds arm strength leading up to the season.

"That's what spring training is — get the body ready and get used to what I'm going to be doing for six months," Kimbrel said.

Kimbrel expects to pitch on consecutive days at least once this spring.

The seven-time All-Star downplayed the suggestion he needs to pitch with a chip on his shoulder after posting a 6.53 ERA in 23 appearances in 2019.

"A lot of people want me to prove something to them," Kimbrel said. "As far as going into the

season, I don't have a chip on my shoulder, nothing like that."

**3. Yu Darvish has some new threads.** Five days after questioning why the Astros weren't forced to surrender their 2017 World Series trophy for stealing signs, Cubs pitcher Yu Darvish — who pitched for the Dodgers in the 2017 World Series — received a T-shirt from a company mocking the Astros.

The shirt featured the World Series trophy on top of a trash can with the words "HOUSTON CHEATED" circling the top of the trophy and "TRASH-TOWN" across the middle. The bottom of the shirt read, "2017 CHUMPS"

**4. Mike Olt and Kris Bryant cross paths.** Former Cubs third baseman Mike Olt, whose wrist fracture led to Kris Bryant's promotion from the minors in mid-April 2015 and later was at the center of a grievance filed by the Major League Baseball Players Association, was a visitor to Cubs camp.

Olt, who now works for Chandler Bats, chatted with Bryant.

"(The Cubs) did everything they could when it came to me getting hit by a pitch, getting X-rays and all that," Olt said with a smile. "Did Kris do really well to deserve to be there? Yes... I didn't know anything about the legal terms."

## BASEBALL

## Sullivan

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making the playoffs. I don't think there is any pressure on me or Grandal or Gio (Gonzalez) or any of these news guys to push (any message). I know we're going to play well. There's too much talent in this room to think anything less."

We know the Sox should hit. We know they should get quality starts out of Keuchel and Lucas Giolito, and they have a reliable closer in Alex Colome and a workhorse for the eighth inning in Steve Cishek.

What we don't know is whether they can catch the ball.

The Cactus League will offer visiting Sox fans some early clues, and as a bonus, they can work on their tans.

Most of the core prospects have already tasted some success. Now it's time to take a bigger bite.

"We're at a stage now where guys are starting to feel comfortable in their own skins," Renteria said. "They've grown together, started to understand each other a little bit."

Renteria traditionally protects his Cactus League plans like the Hope Diamond, deflecting questions with the dexterity of Luke Appling fouling off breaking balls to stay alive.

Surprisingly, Renteria did relay one significant decision before the Cactus League opener: He plans to bat Tim Anderson near the top of the lineup, either at No. 1 or No. 2 with Yoan Moncada, and take some pressure off Robert, who excelled in the leadoff spot in the minors.

It's a move that might spark outrage with the analytics crowd. Though Anderson led the majors in hitting last year with a .335 average, he was second-worst with a 2.9% walk rate. His .357 on-base percentage ranked 45th — good but not elite.

Anderson laughed off his critics and declared, "I don't walk," during an MLB Network interview at the start of camp, which prompted a question from the network's Twitter account: "Would you rather walk 100 times or win a batting title?"

Hall of Famer Wade Boggs, a five-time batting champ with a career .415 OBP, quickly chimed in: "What's wrong with doing both?"

Anderson de-escalated the debate, defending his philosophy to Boggs on Twitter and adding that everyone is "different."

Asked about the beef Thursday, Anderson said: "You can't make everybody happy. Everything ain't for everybody. Some people aren't going to get why my approach is like that."

Anderson insisted he's not anti-walking. He's simply pro-raking.



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The White Sox's Tim Anderson led the majors with a .335 average last season.

"If you find a barrel, why would you want to walk?" he said. "I'm going to continue to try to find the barrel. We're not going to let anybody's opinions change our plan. We ain't going to let nobody knock us off our pivot."

"This is all about me. This is my career. I'm here to compete and fill the spot where my team needs me. I'm all about winning championships. And doing whatever it takes to get there, I'm in."

Renteria said he would "welcome" walks from Anderson if it means he's laying off pitches he can't hit, but he doesn't believe Anderson needs to change.

"He is who he is," Renteria said. "He swings the bat. When he swings the bat and puts the ball in play, his success rate is pretty high. Is it sustainable over the next 15 to 20 years? I don't know. But hitters evolve in time."

"I remember not only physically, but approach-wise, guys in the old-school days would evolve. Right now, where he's at, he trusts what he's capable of doing. ... I'm not going to try to overhaul him after having done what he did."

No matter your opinion, the beginning of Cactus League action means it's time to watch it all unfold, to look for reasons to believe the Sox rebuild has been worth the pain.

"Some of these young guys who are talented are going to start transitioning from fundamentals to the games, and then from the fake games to the real games," Keuchel said. "Just try to get these guys ready for another year of improvement, and if it's anything short of the playoffs, then it's a failure."

## Marquee

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Sinclair Broadcast Group. The idea of the Cubs owning their own channel has been a cornerstone of the Ricketts family's plans to improve the Cubs' revenue flow since they acquired the ballclub, Wrigley Field and associated properties in 2009.

Taking its name from the big, red sign on the ballpark at Clark and Addison, Marquee will be the exclusive TV home of the roughly 150 Cubs regular-season games the team controls in its designated Major League Baseball market, a vast territory that includes not only most of Illinois and Indiana but all of Iowa and part of Wisconsin as well as Ohio (apparently along with a sliver of Rochester, Minn., and Omaha, Neb.).

**What's the upside for a Cubs fan?** The team says its new moneymaker as a boon to longtime supporters by giving them one place to see 150 or so regular-season games, a full slate of spring training exhibitions and hours upon hours of Cubs-centric programming. Theoretically, money Marquee generates could be funneled, but that remains to be seen.

**What's the downside?** Not everyone will have access to the channel, both at its launch and beyond.

If you're a Chicago-area fan who relies solely on an antenna for your TV — rather than cable, satellite or streaming services — the only games you'll see are the ones Fox-32 airs as part of its network's contract with Major League Baseball.

Also out of luck are those pay-TV subscribers who want Marquee but depend on services that have yet to reach agreements on carriage deals.

**What if I live outside the Cubs' huge MLB-designated market area?** Forget about Marquee. You might at some point be able to access its non-game programming, but for now you'll continue to get your Cubs games via subscriptions to MLB.TV.

**Does my cable, satellite or streaming provider have a deal with Marquee?** Excellent question. Marquee lists carriage agreements with:

Ace Communications Group/Acen Tek (Cedar Rapids, Iowa); AT&T's DirecTV, U-verse and AT&T TV (multiple markets); Cass Cable/Greene County Partners (multiple markets in Illinois); Cinergy Metronet (multiple markets in Illinois, Indiana and Minnesota); City of Ashburn/AES (Fort Wayne, Ind.); City of Bellevue (Davenport, Iowa); C-M-L Telephone Cooperative (Sioux City, Iowa); Computer Techniques/CTI Fiber (Champaign); Cooperative Telephone Company Fiber (Cedar Rapids, Iowa); Des Moines, Iowa); Cooperative Telephone Exchange (Des Moines, Iowa); Farmers Mutual Telephone (Cedar Rapids,

Iowa); Frontier Communications (Peoria; Fort Wayne, Ind.); Harlan Municipal Utilities (Omaha, Neb.); Heart of Iowa Cooperative (Des Moines, Iowa); I3 Broadband (Champaign); ImOn (Cedar Rapids, Iowa); Indianola Municipal Utilities (Des Moines, Iowa); Keystone Communication (Cedar Rapids, Iowa); La Motte & Andrew Telephone (Davenport, Iowa); LaHarpe Video & Data Services (Quincy); Local Internet Service (Ottumwa, Iowa); Lost Nation-Elwood Telephone Company (Davenport, Iowa); Mahaska Communications Group (Des Moines, Iowa); Mediacom (multiple markets in Illinois and Iowa); Mediapolis Cablevision/MTC Technologies (Davenport, Iowa); MTC Communications (Quincy; Davenport, Iowa); Muscatine Power & Water Cable - Fiber (Davenport, Iowa); New Paris Telephone Quality (South Bend, Ind.); Ogden Telephone Company Cablevision (Des Moines, Iowa); Oneida Telephone (Davenport, Iowa); RCN (Chicago); Readlyn Telephone (Cedar Rapids, Iowa); Rochester Telephone (South Bend, Ind.); TVision (Chicago); Waverly Communications Utility (Cedar Rapids, Iowa); Wilton Telephone Co./WTC Communications (Davenport, Iowa).

Charter Spectrum Communications (Illinois and Wisconsin) also has a deal, but the Cubs say it won't be available for a few weeks. The team also says Hulu + Live TV (multiple markets) won't have the channel right away either.

**My carrier is on the list. Where will I find Marquee?** That depends on your carrier. DirecTV and AT&T TV Now have Marquee at Ch. 664, while sister service U-Verse has it at Ch. 740 (standard definition) and Ch. 1740 (high-definition). RCN has slotted Marquee at Ch. 377 (SD) and Ch. 679 (HD).

Alas, there is no uniformity, and channel locations are subject to change, so best to check with your carrier and/or consult the Marquee website at getmarqueesportsnetwork.com/providers.

**Should I dump Comcast and sign up with some service that already has cut a deal with Marquee?** That's up to you. But you run the risk of going through all that work only to find Comcast and Marquee have settled their differences.

**What is all this going to cost me?** Again, without knowing what Marquee has negotiated with your carrier or how your carrier intends to manage its other price and costs, it's impossible to say. Mediacom apparently told its customers that their bills will increase \$2 per month beginning in March because of Marquee, but it's not clear if that's typical. Your mileage may vary.

**What do I get for that money?** Besides all those games, you mean? Marquee has a slate of Cubs-oriented programs, documentaries and features, repackaged vintage games and behind-the-scenes series.



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## SCOREBOARD

## NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Toronto	41	15	.732	—
Boston	39	16	.709	1½
Philadelphia	35	21	.625	6
Brooklyn	25	29	.463	15
New York	17	39	.304	24
SOUTHEAST				
Miami	35	20	.636	à
Orlando	24	32	.429	11½
Washington	20	34	.370	14½
Charlotte	19	36	.345	16
Atlanta	16	41	.281	20
CENTRAL				
Milwaukee	47	8	.855	—
Indiana	33	23	.589	14½
Chicago	19	37	.339	29½
Detroit	19	39	.328	29½
Cleveland	15	40	.273	32

## WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST				
W	L	PCT	GB	
Houston	35	20	.636	—
Dallas	34	22	.607	1
Memphis	28	28	.500	7½
San Antonio	21	35	.375	11
New Orleans	24	32	.429	11½
NORTHWEST				
Denver	38	18	.679	—
Utah	36	19	.655	1½
Oklahoma City	34	22	.607	4
Portland	25	32	.439	13½
Minnesota	16	38	.296	21
PACIFIC				
L.A. Lakers	42	12	.778	—
L.A. Clippers	37	18	.673	5½
Sacramento	22	33	.400	20½
Phoenix	22	34	.393	21
Golden State	12	44	.214	31

FRIDAY'S RESULTS				
Dallas 122, Orlando 106				
Cleveland 112, Washington 108				
Indiana 106, New York 98				
Toronto 118, Phoenix 101				
Boston 127, Minnesota 117				
Oklahoma City 113, Denver 101				
San Antonio 113, Utah 104				
L.A. Lakers 117, Memphis 105				
New Orleans 128, Portland 115				
SATURDAY'S GAMES				
Sacramento at L.A. Clippers, 2:30 p.m.				
Brooklyn at Charlotte, 6 p.m.				
Dallas at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.				
Cleveland at Miami, 7 p.m.				
Phoenix at Chicago, 7 p.m.				
Philadelphia at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m.				
Houston at Utah, 8 p.m.				

## PACERS 106, KNICKS 98

**INDIANA:** Sabonis 8-16 8-10 24, Warren 10-21 5-27, Turner 3-7 1-2 8, Brogdon 4-14 3-11, Oladipo 3-8 1-2 8, Lamb 1-8 4-6, McDermott 4-6 4-14, J.Holiday 2-6 0-0, McConnell 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 36-88 26-33 106.

**NEW YORK:** Bullock 2-4 3-4 9, Randle 2-9 3-6 7, Gibson 3-4 2-4 8, Barrett 8-19 1-3 17, Ntilikina 5-11 2-2 14, Knox II 1-3 2-4 8, Robinson 4-5 0-0 8, Portis 6-11 4-4 19, Harless 1-1 0-0 3, Dotson 2-8 0-0 6, Smith Jr. 1-6 0-0 3. Totals 35-81 17-25 98.

Indiana	15	36	29	26	—
New York	20	24	21	33	108

**3-Point Goals**—Indiana 8-28 (McDermott 2-3, J.Holiday 2-5, Warren 2-5, Oladipo 1-3, Turner 1-4, Lamb 0-3, Brogdon 0-5), New York 11-25 (Portis 3-5, Bullock 2-2, Dotson 2-4, Ntilikina 2-4, Smith Jr. 1-2, Barrett 0-5). **Fouled Out**—None. **Rebounds**—Indiana 50 (Sabonis 13), New York 40 (Robinson 8). **Assists**—Indiana 20 (Brogdon 6), New York 21 (Smith Jr. 6). **Total Fouls**—Indiana 22, New York 26. A—19,812 (19,812)

## NHL

## EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	39	11	12	90	205	150
Tampa Bay	40	16	5	85	218	164
Toronto	32	22	8	72	217	204
Florida	32	23	7	70	214	207
Montreal	28	27	8	64	191	195
Buffalo	27	25	8	62	175	190
Ottawa	21	29	11	53	164	209
Detroit	15	44	4	34	128	236

## METRO.

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Pittsburgh	37	16	6	80	196	158
Washington	37	17	6	80	211	184
Philadelphia	34	20	7	75	202	181
N.Y. Islanders	34	20	6	74	172	163
Columbus	30	19	13	75	159	159
Carolina	34	22	4	72	195	169
N.Y. Rangers	32	24	4	68	200	186
New Jersey	23	27	10	56	164	208

## WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	35	17	10	80	196	173
Colorado	35	18	7	77	210	165
Dallas	35	20	6	76	165	158
Winnipeg	32	25	5	69	190	185
Nashville	29	23	8	66	191	193
Minnesota	29	24	7	65	185	193
Chicago	27	26	8	62	181	195

## PACIFIC

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Vegas	32	22	8	72	197	188
Edmonton	32	22	7	71	194	190
Vancouver	32	22	6	70	194	184
Calgary	31	25	6	68	183	194
Arizona	30	26	8	68	174	171
San Jose	26	30	4	56	156	196
Anaheim	24	30	7	55	156	191
Los Angeles	22	34	5	49	153	197

2 pts for win, 1 pt for shootout/OT loss

## FRIDAY'S RESULTS

N.Y. Rangers 5, Carolina 2	
N.Y. Islanders 4, Detroit 1	
Chicago 2, Nashville 1 (OT)	
St. Louis 5, Dallas 1	
Boston 4, Calgary 3	
Minnesota 5, Edmonton 3	
Colorado 1, Anaheim 0	
SATURDAY'S GAMES	
Buffalo at Pittsburgh, noon	
Washington at New Jersey, noon	
Winnipeg at Philadelphia, noon	
Carolina at Toronto, 6 p.m.	
Montreal at Ottawa, 6 p.m.	
San Jose at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m.	
Columbus at Nashville, 7 p.m.	
Tampa Bay at Vancouver, 7 p.m.	
Boston at Arizona, 9 p.m.	
Florida at Vegas, 9 p.m.	
Colorado at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.	

## BLACKHAWKS 2, PREDATORS 1 (OT)

Nashville	0	1	0	0	—
Chicago	0	0	1	1	—

**FIRST PERIOD:** None. **Penalties:** Duchene, Nas (Slashing), 2:47; Koekkoek, Chi (Tripping), 7:56; Forsberg, Nas (Interference on breakaway (Penalty Shot)), 9:14; Arvidsson, Nas (Cross Checking), 18:07.

**SECOND PERIOD:** 1, Nashville, Ekholm 8 (Grimaldi, Blackwell), 14:56. **Penalties:** Keith, Chi (Holding), 12:25; Koekkoek, Chi (Interference), 15:27; Keith, Chi (Hooking), 16:14.

**THIRD PERIOD:** 2, Chicago, DeBrincat 15 (Kane, Keith), 9:05 (pp). **Penalties:** Koekkoek, Chi (Tripping), 5:56; Johansson, Nas (Hooking), 6:27; Forsberg, Nas (Tripping), 7:38.

**OVERTIME:** Chicago, DeBrincat 16 (Keith), 4:02. **Penalties:** None. **SHOTS ON GOAL:** Nashville 10-20-10-3-43, Chicago 12-9-16-1-38.

**POWER PLAYS:** Nashville 0 of 5; Chicago 1 of 4.

**GOALIES:** Nashville, Rinne 18-13-3 (38 shots-36 saves), Chicago, Crawford 10-16-2 (43-42).

## MLB

## FRIDAY'S RESULTS

Boston 3, Northeastern 0
Detroit 5, Southeastern 4
Texas 5, Kansas City 4
Minnesota 16, Univ. of Minnesota 0

## SOCCER

## 2020 CONCACAF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

(Home teams listed first) / Second Leg TUESDAY'S MATCHES

Atlanta (United States) vs. Motagua (Honduras), 7 p.m.  
Cruz Azul (Mexico) vs. Portmore (Jamaica), 9 p.m.

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

## MEN'S AP TOP 25 SCHEDULE

- Baylor** (24-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 3 Kansas, Saturday.
- Gonzaga** (27-1) did not play. Next: at No. 23 BYU, Saturday.
- Kansas** (23-3) did not play. Next: at No. 1 Baylor, Saturday.
- San Diego State** (26-0) did not play. Next: vs. UNLV, Saturday.
- Dayton** (24-2) did not play. Next: vs. Duquesne, Saturday.
- Duke** (22-4) did not play. Next: vs. Virginia Tech, Saturday.
- Maryland** (22-4) did not play. Next: at No. 25 Ohio State, Sunday.
- Florida State** (22-4) did not play. Next: at N.C. State, Saturday.
- Penn State** (20-6) did not play. Next: at Indiana, Sunday.
- Kentucky** (21-5) did not play. Next: vs. Florida, Saturday.
- Louisville** (22-5) did not play. Next: vs. North Carolina, Saturday.
- Villanova** (20-6) did not play. Next: at Xavier, Saturday.
- Auburn** (22-4) did not play. Next: vs. Tennessee, Saturday.
- Oregon** (20-7) did not play. Next: at No. 24 Arizona, Saturday.
- Creighton** (21-6) did not play. Next: vs. No. 21 Butler, Sunday.
- Seton Hall** (19-7) did not play. Next: vs. St. John's, Sunday.
- West Virginia** (19-7) did not play. Next: at TCU, Saturday.
- Colorado** (21-6) did not play. Next: vs. UCLA, Saturday.
- Marquette** (17-8) did not play. Next: at Providence, Saturday.
- Iowa** (19-8) did not play. Next: at Michigan State, Tuesday.
- Butler** (19-8) did not play. Next: at No. 15 Creighton, Sunday.
- Houston** (21-6) did not play. Next: at Memphis, Saturday.
- BYU** (22-7) did not play. Next: vs. No. 2 Gonzaga, Saturday.
- Arizona** (19-7) did not play. Next: vs. No. 14 Oregon, Saturday.
- Ohio State** (17-9) did not play. Next: vs. No. 7 Maryland, Sunday.

## FRIDAY'S SCORES

## EAST

Brown 72, Columbia 66
Bryant 82, St. Francis Brooklyn 74
Dartmouth 66, Penn 59
Fairfield 61, Niagara 60
Harvard 61, Princeton 60
Iona 70, Rider 69
LIU 86, Fairleigh Dickinson 81
Merrimack 64, Sacred Heart 57
Monmouth (NJ) 65, Marist 61, OT
Quinnipiac 66, Canisius 64
Robert Morris 68, Mt. St. Mary's 60
St. Peter's 67, Manhattan 64
Wagner 68, CCSU 56
Yale 81, Cornell 80, 2OT

## MIDWEST

Buffalo 104, Kent St. 98, 2OT
Green Bay 84, Detroit 67
Oakland 75, Milwaukee 68
Saint Louis 80, VCU 62

## HOW WOMEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED

- South Carolina** (26-1) did not play. Next: at No. 14 Kentucky, Sunday.
- Baylor** (24-1) did not play. Next: vs. Oklahoma, Saturday.
- Oregon** (25-2) beat California 93-61. Next: at No. 4 Stanford, Monday.
- Stanford** (24-3) beat No. 15 Oregon State 63-60. Next: vs. No. 3 Oregon, Mon.
- Louisville** (24-3) did not play. Next: at Pittsburgh, Sunday.
- UConn** (22-3) did not play. Next: vs. UCF, Saturday.
- Maryland** (23-4) did not play. Next: vs. Purdue, Tuesday.
- UCLA** (23-3) beat Washington State 70-62. Next: at Washington, Sunday.
- Mississippi State** (23-4) did not play. Next: vs. Alabama, Sunday.
- N.C. State** (23-3) did not play. Next: vs. Duke, Monday.
- Arizona** (22-4) beat Utah 85-69. Next: at Colorado, Sunday.
- DePaul** (25-3) beat Georgetown 87-69. Next: at Villanova, Saturday.
- Gonzaga** (26-2) did not play. Next: at Pepperdine, Saturday.
- Kentucky** (20-5) did not play. Next: vs. No. 1 South Carolina, Sunday.
- Oregon State** (19-8) lost to No. 4 Stanford 63-60. Next: at California, Sunday.
- Texas A&M** (21-5) did not play. Next: vs. Auburn, Sunday.
- Florida State** (21-5) did not play. Next: at Georgia Tech, Sunday.
- Northwestern** (23-3) did not play. Next: at Wisconsin, Saturday.
- Iowa** (21-5) did not play. Next: vs. Penn State, Saturday.
- South Dakota** (25-2) did not play. Next: at South Dakota State, Saturday.
- Arizona State** (19-8) beat Colorado 65-59. Next: at Utah, Sunday.
- Arkansas** (21-5) did not play. Next: at Florida, Sunday.
- Missouri State** (22-3) beat Evansville 76-62. Next: vs. Indiana State, Sun.
- Indiana** (20-7) did not play. Next: at Minnesota, Saturday.
- Princeton** (20-1) beat Harvard 66-45. Next: vs. Dartmouth, Saturday.

## FRIDAY'S SCORES

## EAST

Columbia 76, Brown 66
Delaware 73, Elon 60
Drexel 84, William & Mary 74, OT
Fairleigh Dickinson 64, LIU 50
James Madison 86, Northeastern 64
Merrimack 59, Sacred Heart 45
Mt. St. Mary's 62, Robert Morris 59
Penn 67, Dartmouth 31
St. Francis Brooklyn 80, Bryant 77
Towson 71, Hofstra 53
Villanova 61, Marquette 47
Wagner 63, CCSU 56
Yale 65, Cornell 51

## MIDWEST

Butler 76, Creighton 61
Cleveland St. 83, Oakland 64
Butler 76, Creighton 61
Green Bay 75, Ill.-Chicago 49
IUPUI 60, Milwaukee 53
S. Illinois 60, Indiana St. 42
Xavier 61, Providence 42
Youngstown St. 72, Detroit 66

## WEST

Washington 75, USC 66
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## TENNIS

## ATP DELRAY BEACH OPEN

**QF at Delray Beach Stadium & Tennis Center; Delray Beach, Fla.; outdoors-hard**

- #2 Milos Raonic d. Steve Johnson, 7-6 (6), 6-3.  
#4 Reilly Opelka d. Kwon Soon Woo, 6-3, 6-4.  
#6 Ugo Humbert d. Frances Tiafoe, 6-1, 6-2.  
Yoshihito Nishioka d. Brandon Nakashima, 3-6, 7-6 (5), 6-4.

## ATP RIO OPEN

**QF at Jockey Club Brasileiro; Rio de Janeiro; outdoors-red clay**

- #3 Cristian Garin d. Federico Coria, 2-6, 6-3, 7-5.  
#5 Borna Coric d. Lorenzo Sonego, 7-6 (5), 6-3.  
#1 Dominic Thiem vs. Gianluca Mager, suspended  
Attila Balazs vs. Pedro Martinez Portero, suspended.

## ATP OPEN 13 MARSEILLE

**QF at Palais des Sports; Marseille, France; indoors-hard**

- Gilles Simon d. #1 Daniil Medvedev, 6-4, 6-0.  
#2 Stefanos Tsitsipas d. Vasek Pospisil, 7-5, 6-3.  
Alexander Bublik d. #4 Denis Shapovalov, 7-5, 4-6, 6-3.  
#7 Felix Auger-Aliassime d. Egor Gerasimov, 7-6, 6-2.

## WTA DUBAI DUTY FREE CHAMPIONSHIPS

**SF at Aviation Club Tennis Centre; Dubai, United Arab Emirates; outdoors-hard**

- #1 Simona Halep d. Jennifer Brady, 6-2, 6-0.  
Elena Rybakina d. #8 Petra Martic, 7-6 (5), 7-6 (2).

## ODDS

NBA	SP	O/U	SATURDAY
at LA Clippers	off	off	Sacramento
Brooklyn	2½	212½	at Charlotte
Dallas	5½	239	at Atlanta
at Miami	off	off	Cleveland
Phoenix	1		

## BOXING



JOHN GURZINSKI/GETTY-AFF

Things have been testy between Deontay Wilder, left, and Tyson Fury.

# Heavy hitters Fury, Wilder ready to roll

BY TIM DAHLBERG  
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Tyson Fury and Deontay Wilder made one last appearance Friday before their big heavyweight title fight, weighing in and taunting each other before a raucous crowd at the MGM Grand Arena. Wilder weighed 231 pounds, the heaviest of his career, for his 11th title defense. Fury, meanwhile, tipped the scales at 273 pounds, just 3 pounds short of his heaviest ever, too, for Saturday night's rematch.

The fighters jawed at each other from a distance after getting on the scales in the arena. Nevada boxing officials ruled they would not have a faceoff after pushing each other at the final news conference Wednesday.

Thousands of fans, most of them supporting Fury, jammed the arena, waiting for several hours for the fighters to make their brief appearance on the scales. Though separated, the two fighters jawed at each other, much like they did at the news conference promoting the pay-per-view bout.

"I just told him, '24 hours, 24 hours,'" Wilder said. "He's nervous, nervous energy as always."

The two unbeaten heavyweights will meet in a showdown just 14 months after they fought to a draw in a dramatic fight in Los Angeles. The fight is arguably the biggest heavyweight bout since Lennox Lewis demolished Mike Tyson in 2002, and both fighters could make some \$40 million if the pay-per-view sells well.

Fury weighed in 16½ pounds heavier

than the first fight, and just 3 pounds short of what he weighed in his first comeback fight in 2018 after being out of the ring with drug and alcohol problems. Wilder was also heavier than expected, weighing 18½ pounds more than the first fight.

"The weight's not a problem," the 6-foot-9 Fury said. "It's 273 pounds of pure British beef."

A fight that promises matches two fighters with claims to titles — Fury's is the mythical lineal crown — in a rematch of their draw a little more than a year ago. In that fight, Fury dominated the boxing, but Wilder knocked him down in the ninth and 12th rounds before the judges scored it a draw.

Fury (29-0-1, 20 knockouts) predicted in the weeks leading up to the fight he would weigh about 270 pounds. He said he added the weight because he intends to go after Wilder from the opening bell in the rematch to try and score an early knockout.

"At the end of the day, we're heavyweights," Wilder said. "So it doesn't really matter about the weight."

In addition to the weight, Fury will have to deal with the possibility of the cut suffered around his right eye in his last fight will reopen. He usually trains without headgear but used it for the rematch because of the 47 stitches it took to sew the cut up after his hard-fought win in September against Sweden's Otto Wallin.

Wilder (42-0-1, 41 KOs) is making the 11th defense of the crown he won in 2015, the same year Fury beat Vladimir Klitschko to win a piece of the title. Fury didn't fight for more than two years after that.

## Chicago Tribune Death Notices

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### Death Notices

#### Cally, MaryJo

MaryJo Cally, 72, of Skokie, Illinois passed away on Thursday, February 13, 2020.

After graduating with a teaching degree from the National College of Education, MaryJo began her career as an elementary school teacher, which spanned over 40 years. MaryJo's life passion, evoked in childhood with the help of her mother Marie, was the celebration of music. Starting in the Greek Orthodox Church choir during her adolescence, MaryJo found her way to the Chicago Symphony Chorus. In her 25-year career as part of the Chicago Symphony Chorus, MaryJo was part of three Grammy winning performances. Additionally, MaryJo collaborated with author Madeleine L'Engle to produce the audio recording of the classic *A Wrinkle in Time*. The process of making this recording to share with the world was one of the most meaningful and profound experiences of her life. In the last years of her life, MaryJo had dear friends that went to great lengths to show her care and love. MaryJo spoke of these moments and these people often; thank you to all the people who showed her the love she deserved. MaryJo is survived by her brother John, John Charles (nephew), Landon (nephew) and Kelsey, Charlotte (niece), and all her cousins in Chicago, Greece, and everywhere in between. Memorial donations can be made to the American Cancer Society and the Chicago Symphony. As per MaryJo's wishes, a private ceremony was held graveside at Elmwood Cemetery for family, arranged by PISHOS FUNERAL DIRECTORS, LTD.

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#### Heuel, Joan

8/5/36 - 2/18/20 Joan Heuel nee Drymalski; lifetime resident of Chicago. Beloved wife of the late James; cherished mother of Terese Heuel and Julie (Dave) Vennetti; dear sister of the late George (Penny) Drymalski; loving grandmother to Bella, Rocky, and Augie Vennetti; fond aunt to many nieces and nephews. Visitation on Monday 10am at St. Margaret Mary's Church followed by Mass at 11am. 2324 W. Chase Ave. Interment at All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, [michaeljfox.org](http://michaeljfox.org)

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#### Lerner, PhD., Eugene Max

Eugene Max Lerner, PhD, died peacefully at home with his family on Friday, February 21st at the age of 91. He was a Professor Emeritus of Finance at Northwestern University's Kellogg Graduate School of Management and the Executive Chairman of The Lerner Group at HighTower. Previously, he was a Director of Wealth Management at Morgan Stanley Smith Barney. He also served on the Board of Governors of the Chicago Stock Exchange, was President of his own investment advisory firm, Disciplined Investment Advisors, for over 20 years, and Senior Vice President at Morgan Stanley. Before joining Kellogg in 1966, he served on the faculty of the graduate business school at New York University, CCNY and UCLA. He also served as a Senior Economist to the Banking and Currency Committee of the House of Representatives, was an Economist for the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. He received his BA and MA in Economics from the University of Wisconsin and his PhD in Economics from the University of Chicago with Dr. Milton Friedman.

He is survived by his children Susan Cohn (James Cohn), Laura Lerner, and Dean Lerner (Susan Lerner); his grandchildren Aaron Cohn, (Sarah Cohn), Lee Cohn, Anne Lerner and Sarah Lerner; and his great grandsons Samuel Cohn and Jonah Cohn. The service will be held at the **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 8851 Skokie Blvd (at Niles Center Road), Skokie at 1PM on Sunday, February 21. Interment Shalom. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Temple Beth Israel, [www.tbiskokie.org](http://www.tbiskokie.org) or Keshet, [www.keshet.org](http://www.keshet.org). Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, [www.cjinfo.com](http://www.cjinfo.com)

### CHICAGO JEWISH FUNERALS

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#### McLane, John R.

John R. (Jock) McLane died January 24, 2020 in Evanston, IL, aged 84. Jock graduated from Harvard College in 1957, and received his Ph.D. from the University of London School of Oriental and African Studies in 1961. He married Joan Brooks in 1957; while living in London their two children, Derek and Rebecca, were born. He also leaves five grandchildren: Cooper, Hudson, Kathryn McLane; Nick and Luke Pemberton.

Jock taught South and Southeast Asian History at Northwestern from 1961 through 2010. His two major books were *Indian Nationalism and the Early Congress, 1877*, (Watamull Prize), and *Land and Local Kingship in Eighteenth Century Bengal, 1993*. He served as Chair of the History Department, and as Associate Dean of Weinberg College; he was also a significant force in expanding, diversifying, and internationalizing the college curriculum. Jock paid attention to student life beyond the classroom through his involvement with the Residential College system, serving as Master of Lindgren Residential College and International Studies Residential College.

Jock shared his love, curiosity and sense of wonder with his family. When the children were young, the family of four spent two years in India, an experience that would shape their lives in many ways. His life was active in every sense of the word; notably as an avid tennis player, and enthusiastic brush cutter. Jock will be missed in so many ways: his warmth and kindness; his genuineness, generosity and his mischievous smile and deadpan sense of humor. Memorial Service: Alice Millar Chapel, Northwestern University, April 4. Donations in Jock's memory can be made to Friends of the Forest Preserve, North Branch Restoration Project.

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#### Shlaes, Jared Brill

On Thanksgiving morning Jared Brill Shlaes passed



away peacefully at the age of 89. Jared is survived by children, Amity (Seth), Noah (Lynda Jo) and Jane, as well as eight grandchildren: Eli, Oliver, Jonah, Theo, Flora, Alexander, Eliza, and Helen.

A ground-breaking developer of housing across the Chicago area, Jared teamed with leading architects to build developments such as Kenwood Gardens, Lake Village East, and Eugenie Lane. A pioneering appraiser and counselor, Jared defined the valuation of transferable development rights, easement donations, and air rights, trained a generation of counselors and appraisers, and was an authoritative and sought-after expert witness. In lieu of flowers, Jared's family welcomes donations to either the Smile Train or Planned Parenthood.

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#### Silbar, Roberta M.

Roberta M. Silbar nee Winett, 83. Beloved wife of Merton Silbar. Loving mother of Steve (Julie) Silbar, Dave (Jill) Silbar and the late Gary (Karen) Silbar. Proud grandmother of Grant (Kelsey) Silbar, Becca, Maddy, Jake, Max, Emma, Reagan and Faith Silbar. Dear sister of Sam (Sue) Winett and sister-in-law of Arlene (Harvey) Loochtan. Memorial service Sunday 12:30 p.m. at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 195 N. Buffalo Grove Road (one block north of Lake Cook Road) Buffalo Grove. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Cancer Wellness Center, 215 Revere Drive, Northbrook, IL 60062, [www.cancerwellness.org](http://www.cancerwellness.org). Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals**-Buffalo Grove Chapel, 847.229.8822, [www.cjinfo.com](http://www.cjinfo.com)

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#### Weinberg, Judd A.

Judd A. Weinberg passed away peacefully on February 20, 2020. He was born in Chicago on April 7, 1926, to Jacob H. Weinberg, a founder of Oxford Clothes, a manufacturer of fine men's suits, and Sophie Weinberg, an early proponent of women's education, who worked with Jane Addams at Hull House. Judd was the youngest of three children following two older sisters Audrey and Dorothy.

His intellectual brilliance and sound judgement were evident from an early age, and his family began seeking his advice on difficult issues when he was only 13 years old. He continued to be a source of wisdom and inspiration to his family for the next eight decades.

In 1943 at the age of 17, he was the top student in the Chicago Public Schools' summer schools. Assuming he would be entering military service, he decided to stay close to home and matriculated at Northwestern University. As fate would have it, he was not accepted for military service because of knees damaged from track and other sports.

Attending Northwestern University at a time when there were still quotas limiting the number of Jewish students, he was elected the first Jewish president of the Inter-Fraternity Council, where he wisely led the Council to eliminate physical hazing.

Upon graduating Northwestern, he joined his father at Oxford Clothes.

Soon after that, he met Marjorie Gottlieb. It was love at first sight. He immediately wanted to ask her to marry him but forced himself to wait patiently — for three days. She said yes. They were married for 43 years until her death from cancer in 1993. During the 11 years they bravely fought the disease, he never left her side.

In 1953, he left Oxford to join D. Gottlieb & Co., a manufacturer of pinball machines founded by his father-in-law, David Gottlieb. He arrived at the factory by 7:30 a.m. every morning to see the change in shift. He quickly rose to become President and CEO of D. Gottlieb & Co., taking the business into global markets and growing it tenfold. In 1976, he sold the company to Columbia Pictures Industries, on whose board he later served. At the time of the sale of D. Gottlieb & Co., the company had over 1,000 employees on two continents, and when he walked through the company's main factory, he knew most of his employees and many of their children by name.

In 1998, Northwestern named its largest unit the Judd A. and Marjorie Weinberg College of Arts and Sciences in recognition of his philanthropy and leadership. His other philanthropic endeavors most notably were Gottlieb Memorial Hospital in Melrose Park, IL, whose board he helped recruit and oversee; the Ravinia Festival Association; Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Hospital; and the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago.

Together with his wife, Marjorie, he gave spectacular parties with the theme of the Wizard of Oz, Marjorie's favorite, and countless summer parties where guests were given song sheets and expected to sing along to show tunes from their favorite Broadway productions.

Mr. Weinberg is survived by three sons—David (Lynne), Richard (Diane), and Jack (Sheila); eight grandchildren—Julia, Jane, and Jon (Lily) Weinberg, Melissa (Eric) Von Hoffmann, Rachael (Kevin) Pugh, Joshua Weinberg, Adam (Samantha) Weinberg, and Jason Weinberg; and six great-grandchildren—Joshua and Charles Swinney, Emmet and Otis Pugh, and Shaw and Astra Weinberg.

Funeral services will be held on Sunday, February 23, 2020, 2:00 PM at North Shore Congregation Israel, 1185 Sheridan Road, Glencoe, IL 60022. Interment will follow at Memorial Park Cemetery, Skokie, IL.

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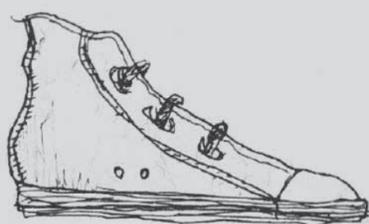
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# A different world



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49ers head coach Kyle Shanahan, right, and general manager John Lynch are seen during practice for Super Bowl LIV on Jan. 29 in Coral Gables, Fla.

## Draft high or trade lower? After stunning turnaround, the 49ers have decisions to make before the NFL draft

BY CHRIS BIDERMAN  
Sacramento Bee

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — The 49ers key decision-makers are less than a week from their annual trip to the NFL scouting combine in Indianapolis and find themselves in a drastically different position than 12 months ago.

Last February, head coach Kyle Shanahan and general manager John Lynch were coming off a 4-12 season after losing quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo early in the year to an ACL tear. They went to Indy with the draft's No. 2 overall pick, with a strong likelihood they would land a prominent defensive prospect while the Cardinals were poised to take quarterback Kyler Murray with the top selection for first-year head coach Kliff Kingsbury.

A lot has happened since then. The 49ers had a remarkable turnaround season while their class of rookies provided key contributions to a Super Bowl run. They went 13-3 and earned the top seed in the conference before losing the final game to the Chiefs. First-round pick Nick Bosa quickly became one of the best defensive ends in football while receiver Deebo Samuel evolved as one of the league's promising young weapons for Shanahan. Both were bright spots throughout the playoffs and in the Super Bowl.

The mandate this year: add another rookie class that helps get over the top and win the franchise's sixth Lombardi Trophy.

The 49ers got to know Bosa at last year's combine and had another long visit in Columbus, Ohio, surrounding Ohio State's pro day. Samuel worked for Shanahan and San Francisco's coaching staff on the South Team at the Senior Bowl. Fifth-round choice Dre Greenlaw made arguably the biggest tackle of the regular season and filled in admirably for high-priced free agent linebacker K'won Alexander following his pectoral injury.

The vault up the NFL food chain isn't the only difference facing the 49ers this year as they begin evaluating college prospects. Their draft capital is lacking because of trades for key veterans Dee Ford and Emmanuel Sanders. San Francisco doesn't have any selections in rounds 2, 3 and 4 — rounds in which they added 10 players (and four projected starters) in the last three drafts.

The 49ers currently have the 31st pick in Round 1, two picks in Round 5, one in Round 6 and two in Round 7.



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Clemson WR Tee Higgins (5) may be a good choice if the 49ers can't hang on to Emmanuel Sanders.

Simply put, it'll be difficult for Shanahan and Lynch to find many key contributors as collection of draft assets currently stands. But that could change drastically by the time the draft comes around April 23. A lot of work will be done in the meantime, so let's take a look at the options the 49ers will consider before Lynch and Shanahan answers questions from the combine on next Tuesday.

**The 49ers** probably won't be able to keep all three of their prominent free agents, Arik Armstead, Emmanuel Sanders and Jimmie Ward, and ink foundational players George Kittle and DeForest Buckner to lucrative long-term

contract extensions. Using a first-round pick would be a logical way to replace one of those players.

Sanders turns 33 this spring and might command more than the 49ers would be willing to pay a player at that stage of his career. Which means tapping into the talented and deep batch of receivers in this year's class might be prudent. It's widely considered one of the best in years.

Which receivers might fit and be available? The top three — Jerry Jeudy (Alabama), CeeDee Lamb (Oklahoma) or Henry Ruggs (Alabama) — will likely be off the board by the time the 49ers pick.

But a starter-level prospect

should be available at that point regardless. Colorado's Laviska Shenault (6-2, 224) is considered similar to Samuel as a multi-dimensional weapon who excels with the ball in his hands. There's also Tee Higgins (6-3, 205) who tied Sammy Watkins and DeAndre Hopkins for the most receiving touchdowns in Clemson history.

What if Sanders returns? Then the 49ers might look to add depth to the defensive line (if Armstead ends up elsewhere in March) or safety (if Ward gets a lucrative offer to join another team).

Yetur Gross-Matos (Penn State) is a similarly versatile pass rusher to Armstead who could line up

outside and inside in a 4-3 defense. LSU's Grant Delpit has been a popular prospect for the 49ers in mock drafts and could potentially play either safety spot as Jaquiski Tarta is signed for one more season. The 49ers could also find an offensive lineman to eventually replace left tackle Joe Staley and develop at guard in the meantime.

After all, the offensive line struggled against elite interior pass rushers like the Falcons' Grady Jarrett, Rams star Aaron Donald and Chiefs standout Chris Jones, who was a serious problem for the 49ers in the Super Bowl.

**The team's barren war chest** of picks make trading back another logical direction.

Shanahan and Lynch might not be able to draft in the first round then, or get a fifth-year option on a rookie contract for a possible long-term starter, but the team could find multiple contributors on affordable deals. That's paramount given the team, as things currently stand, doesn't have the cap space to extend Buckner and Kittle and re-sign their three starters headed toward free agency.

The 49ers currently have about \$19 million in space, according to Spotrac, which would barely be enough to cover Armstead if he got the franchise tag. And they only have six picks in this year's draft after having 10, nine and eight picks in the last three drafts.

As was noted earlier this week, the Seahawks last year made a series of trades to turn the No. 21 selection into six picks, including two in rounds 2 and 4, and one in rounds 5 and 6.

Six might be a rich number for the 49ers. They might not have enough vacancies on their talented roster to keep that many incoming prospects. Though there are other free agents along the margins of the roster that might need replacing.

Those players, such as defensive end Ronald Blair III, defensive tackle Sheldon Day and center Ben Garland, all saw significant playing time throughout the season.

Ultimately, the 49ers are dealing from a position of strength. Not because they have gluts of cap space and draft capital, but because they have a talented roster that led during the first three quarters of the Super Bowl. The key is supplementing the roster by adding players that could contribute right away while also balancing the right infusion of talent to ensure winning is sustainable over the long haul.

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## A season ended in a flash

For the Mariners' Mitch Haniger, 1 pitch led to 3 surgeries and plenty of missed time with the full extent of the injury still unknown

BY RYAN DIVISH | Seattle Times

PEORIA, Ariz. — One pitch changed everything.

In 2019, MLB's 30 teams combined to throw 732,473 pitches. Some went where they were intended, others did not. Some were thrown with conviction, others with regret. And one ended Mitch Haniger's season.

The season before, Haniger logged 687 plate appearances, saw 2,730 pitches and posted All-Star numbers — a .285/.366/.493 slash line with 38 doubles, 26 homers and 93 RBI.

He was on pace to reach those plate appearances and pitch totals again in 2019.

But on June 6, a bright Thursday afternoon at T-Mobile Park, the 1,219th pitch thrown to Haniger sent him to the injured list for the rest of the season, led to three surgeries and delayed the start of his 2020 season.

The actual extent of the injury is still to be determined. There is no guarantee Haniger can ever return to his 2018 form or whether the Mariners will ever benefit from him on the field or in a prospect return from a trade.

And yet, Haniger arrived to Mariners camp this week, days after his latest surgery, with a level of optimism unexpected from someone who has dealt with so much since that fateful pitch — a 94 mph fastball from Astros' ace Justin Verlander.

"I'm feeling good right now," Haniger said. "I'm in a lot less pain which is great. I'm excited to be in camp with the guys and be around everybody. Hopefully, I can contribute to the team as much as I can on this time when I'm not going to be on the field."

The seven-month ordeal started with that Verlander four-seam fastball that bored in on his hands. There

was no malice behind the 0-2 pitch, which was likely trying to set up Haniger for the next pitch, a slider away.

Haniger committed to swinging too early, and the ball caught the bottom half of his bat just below the barrel and shot straight into his groin. Because Haniger wasn't wearing a protective cup, the impact from the baseball dropped Haniger to a knee and put him in immediate misery. Astros catcher Robinson Chirinos saw what happened, asked for time and took a courtesy mound visit to allow Haniger to recover.

Despite the discomfort, Haniger finished the at-bat, laying off the slider away before striking out swinging on another slider in virtually the same spot.

He remained in the game, expecting the agony to dissipate. Instead, the dull ache lingered. It hurt to run. It was impossible to bend over. After another five-pitch at-bat and the pain growing from tolerable to terrible, he asked to be removed from the game.

The baseball had ruptured Haniger's testicle, requiring immediate surgery.

Nobody expected the injury to keep him out for the season. In fact, in typical Haniger fashion, he pushed himself to get back by the All-Star break. That comeback was thwarted by core discomfort in July, then lower-back pain in August. But the real reasons for those issues wouldn't be revealed for months.

The Mariners shut down Haniger's season in September when his back never progressed, wanting him to rest and begin strengthening both areas in the offseason. Neither he nor the Mariners knew at the time that neither injury would heal with

that rest and rehab.

"So early in my rehab last summer, I tore my adductor muscle attachment in my core," he said. "Unfortunately at that time, it went undiagnosed and it led to my back injury (a herniation of a disc)."

Still, three months into this offseason, Haniger had no issues with his core or back. He was busy lifting and training at Sparta Science in the Bay Area.

Then came January.

"I started ramping up all my baseball activities like you would do in January," he said. "The throwing program gets a little more intense, the hitting starts to get a little more intense. I woke up one day with a ton of pain and I couldn't really walk."

The pain in his core and groin area had returned. He called his agent and the Mariners. He flew to Philadelphia to meet with Vincera Institute's Dr. William C. Meyers, who also preformed core procedures on Robinson Cano. An MRI was ordered for Haniger's pelvic region.

"He could tell right away what was going on," Haniger said. "That adductor muscle attachment doesn't get healed through rehab or rest. So I was kind of stubbing my foot that whole time, not knowing that was the issue."

In the days following the surgery, Haniger began the rehab process in Philadelphia. But something was wrong.

"I was having a lot back pain," he said. "And it was actually making a lot of the back pain worse."

Haniger underwent an MRI of his lumbar area and had it sent to Watkins Spine's Dr. Robert Watkins in Los Angeles.

"It showed a significant herniation," Haniger said. "It was so bad it looked like a piece of sashimi."

He flew back to the Bay Area, drove to Los Angeles and had discectomy surgery earlier this month.

"That was all in a matter of the last 3 weeks," he said.

The surgeries represent answers,

not more questions.

"I'm really happy now that both problems are fixed," he said. "Surgery intervention was needed to fix both of those issues. Now I'm really excited that I can move forward and have a clear plan to get back on the field."

How is he not angry, when it appears at least some of this could've been avoided?

"Definitely frustrating. You kick yourself about what could've been done differently," he said.

There is solace in his progress before the surgeries.

"Talking to my wife and trainers and guys here, I was like, 'Look, I was killing it this offseason with a herniated disc and a torn adductor, not knowing it and still putting up some really good numbers,'" he said. "The way I choose to look at it is — 'What am I going to be capable of when I'm actually healthy?' I'm excited to see what level I can be at, now that I'm fixed and starting this healing process. I think I'm going to be better than ever was when I get back on the field."

He arrived in Arizona without a timetable to return and in the infancy of his recovery.

"These first couple of weeks my rehab is walking," he said. "There's no lifting, no bending, no twisting. It's very slow in the beginning. Get through the first couple of weeks with that plan and we'll listen to what the training staff has and what the doctors are saying."

It's changed him. How could it not?

"Mental toughness," he said. "I'm pretty strong in that regard. I think I can get through anything. I've been tested a lot of ways these last seven months. The mental side of the game is really important, and going through a lot of adversity can really help in that regard."

Will he be back on the field in 2020?

"Yeah, I intend to," he said. "I hope so and I expect to be."

***"I'm feeling good right now. I'm in a lot less pain which is great. I'm excited to be in camp with the guys and be around everybody. Hopefully, I can contribute to the team as much as I can on this time when I'm not going to be on the field."***

— Mitch Haniger of the Mariners on returning to spring training



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Mitch Haniger enjoyed his finest season in 2018 when he collected 38 doubles, 26 HRs and 93 RBI and his first All-Star appearance.

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# To Hell and back in the BMW X4

I remember picking up my 2001 BMW M3 like it was yesterday. The sleek coupe hugged the ground with its front spoiler just inches off the asphalt. Its 330-horsepower, naturally aspirated inline-6 cylinder 3.2-liter engine put out a rare 100 horsepower-per-liter through the rear wheels at a screaming 8,000 rpm. Its six-speed manual transmission begged to be revved to redline.

My, how things have changed. For 2020 BMW has introduced the X4 M, a bulbous five-door SUV with a coupe roofline riding high over the tarmac. Under the bonnet sits a 3.0-liter, forced-induction, twin-turbo inline-6; it feeds all four wheels via an eight-speed automatic gearbox. There's not a manual transmission in sight.

What's more in this Age of SUV, the BMW has favored this Franken-ute with its most-powerful inline-6 ever. It gets this engine even before the M4 (as the M3 coupe is now called). So the X4 M makes 503 horsepower and the M4 a mere 425. The nerve.

But before you deduce that everything at BMW has gone to hell ... well, I went to Hell.

Hell, Michigan, that is — home of the most forbidding roads in all of our Great Lakes State. I picked a particularly hellish November night to go: pitch-black sky, roads slick with rain and leaves, air frosty as a witch's nose. If a BMW sport-ute is to earn its performance stripes, then it had better be able to manage Michigan's most devilish secondary roads.

That, and I loved telling the Bimmer's navigation system to "Go to Hell."

It's not just the market's taste for SUVs and turbos and automatic transmissions that have changed — the last two decades have transformed BMW interiors. With a big push from Silicon Valley's Tesla, the X4's console infotainment screen is a digital wonder. Heck, my '01 had just a small radio display.

The X4 M's screen is a comprehensive display with crisp graphics and endless pages that allow you to configure your vehicle's drive modes, radio presets, head-up display and safety systems. Safety systems include adaptive cruise-control, lane-keep assist, automatic braking, 360-degree park-assist and automatic seat-eject at impact with parachute (just kidding about that last one).

All this doesn't come cheap, of course, and a base X4 M lists a healthy \$7,000 higher (inflation adjusted) than my 2001 M3. Consider \$4,000 of that the SUV premium, courtesy of hatchback and all-wheel-drive.

The screen can be controlled via a dexterous iDrive rotary knob, direct touch or voice commands. With my hands wrapped around the meaty, heated steering wheel, I preferred voice commands which were as good as anything this side of Siri.

"Go to Hell!" I barked and the beautiful screen quickly sketched my path to the Michigan burg's infernal roads.

Interstate 96 toward Hell was bliss in the BMW's stuffed lounge chairs. Heavily bolstered for the g-loads to come, the 18-way seats are comfortable, never pinching my 6-foot-5 frame. The rear seats are another matter. Already cramped for long legs, the X4's sloped roof — to give the ute a coupe-like look compared to its more-upright sister X3 M (yes, there's another one!) — also cramped my neck. Not much different than my old M3.



**2020 BMW X4 M**  
**Vehicle type:** Front-engine, all-wheel drive, 5-passenger compact SUV  
**Price:** \$74,395 including \$995 destination charge (\$86,495 X4 M Competition as tested)  
**Powerplant:** 3.0-liter twin-turbocharged inline-6  
**Power:** 473 horsepower, 442 pound-feet torque (503 horsepower as tested)  
**Transmission:** 8-speed automatic  
**Performance:** 0-60 mph, 3.3 seconds (Car and Driver); top speed, 161 mph  
**Weight:** 4,590 (as tested)  
**Fuel economy:** EPA 14 city/19 highway/16 combined

Happily, BMW has made full use of the SUV's cargo space. Not only do the rear seats fall flat to accommodate, say, a bicycle, but BMW has thoughtfully taken a page from family utes: It added a sub-layer of storage under the cargo floor to house muddy shoes or other loose ends that might otherwise clatter around in back.

Despite 173 more horsepower than my old M3, the X4 is noticeably quieter. And that's not necessarily a good thing. I loved the raspy howl of the ol' inline-6, but the X4 so swathes its passenger in quiet comfort — the better to hear the sweet nav voice tell me "You have arrived at your destination" — that it's hard to hear the 503 turbocharged ponies pummeling the pavement. At least there's an exhaust amplification button.

The same electronic magic that has transformed the car's interior, of course, has also transformed this 4,500-pound rhino (1,000 pounds heavier than my old M3) into a blast to drive fast.

Staring through the rain-splashed gloom of Hell's Glenbrook Road in the dead of night, I engaged launch control. I let loose the brake at full throttle, and the beast exploded forward as if on rails.

RAAAAAAWWRRGH!  
 With state-of-art electronics managing grip to all four paws of this rear-biased machine, the X4 M shrugged at the damp pavement. The 60-mph mark blew by in under 4 seconds (3.3 seconds is the official Car and Driver

count, an astonishing 1.5 second quicker than my M3), the eight-speed tranny flicking off millisecond upshifts.

Into Hell's twisted curves I hurtled, the ginormous 15.6-inch brakes bringing the two-ton-plus beast to heel. The rhino danced through turns, the SUV's all-wheel-drive proving much superior to a rear-wheel drive sports car's grip in the clammy conditions. Too much throttle? I could feel the electronics quickly adjusting torque to all four wheels to maintain grip.

I could also feel the car's turbo-lag off corners. No problem. With a leftward shove of the Bimmer's monostable (which operates on an east-west axis instead of the usual north-south), I was in manual mode. I toggled shifts with the steering wheel-mounted paddles, maximizing torque by keeping the revs high.

A I learned the SUV's moods, I could program (more digital refinement) my preferred chassis settings — Sport Plus for stiffened shocks and performance tranny response, Sport for steering, Traction Control for slick conditions — with buttons on the steering wheel.

As I left Hell, I was almost convinced that an M-badged SUV is a good idea. But as good as the X4 M is, its lighter, sleeker, lower M4 sibling is that much better. The M4's athletic bod can change direction like Barry Sanders in the open field.

So at least basic physics haven't changed. But the X4 M bends them to its will more than you could imagine.

— Henry Payne, Detroit News

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**ACROSS**  
 1 "Shoo!"  
 5 Canaveral & Cod  
 10 Ailing  
 14 Candy \_\_\_;  
 Yuletide treat  
 15 Make laugh  
 16 Golfer's focus  
 17 As wise \_\_\_ owl  
 18 Corridor  
 20 Org. for Sharks & Stars  
 21 "Nonsense!"  
 22 \_\_\_ up on;  
 studies about  
 23 Narrow valleys  
 25 "Ready, \_\_, go!"  
 26 Paper fold  
 28 Visitors  
 31 Place of refuge  
 32 \_\_\_-talk; flatter  
 34 Objective  
 36 \_\_\_-fry; wok dish  
 37 Spirited horse  
 38 Suffix for honor or suit  
 39 \_\_\_-tac-toe  
 40 \_\_\_ steak; meat for London broil  
 41 Soothes  
 42 Fish hawk  
 44 Walks leisurely  
 45 Near the ground  
 46 Treaties  
 47 "Guilty" & "Not guilty"

**DOWN**  
 1 Read over quickly  
 2 Money  
 3 Painkillers  
 4 Two and three and five  
 5 Gangster Al  
 6 Accumulate  
 7 Shove  
 8 Sigma's counterpart  
 9 Body of water  
 10 Items in a bedding package  
 11 Neighbor of Illinois  
 12 \_\_\_ in; wearing  
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 21 Nickname for Elizabeth  
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 55 \_\_\_ snap; instantly  
 56 Cheap metal  
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