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**ELECTION 2020**

**Presidential race coming closer to home**

The Illinois Democratic primary is March 17. Here's how the late-developing race is shaping up.

BY BILL RUTHHART

This year's Illinois presidential primary has the feel of a sideview mirror — the election is closer than it appears.

Democrats in 23 other states and territories will have their say in the crowded race between now and when Illinois votes on March 17, but the election is less than three weeks away. Early voting starts in just five

days, on Monday.

As a result of the jammed primary calendar, the presidential contest in Illinois has been late-developing, as most of the top candidates have spent their time and resources focused on earlier-voting states. The campaign operations here have remained a speck on the national political radar, and most candidates have not held a rally here in months — if at all.

No reliable public polling has been conducted in Illinois, and the state of the race here by the time Election Day dawns will be dependent on whose campaign thrives — and survives — between now and then. Topping the list is next week's high stakes Super Tuesday, when nearly one-third of the total Democratic delegates will be awarded.

So far, Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders has claimed clear front-runner status after a commanding win in Nevada over the weekend. Former South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg remains No. 2 in the delegate race.

Former Vice President Joe Biden is banking on a strong comeback Saturday in South Carolina. Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren's stinging attacks on former New York Mayor Mike Bloomberg in last week's debate have boosted her middling campaign. And Bloomberg already has poured an unprecedented \$400 million into his run before his name has even appeared on a ballot.

All of the jockeying — and uncertainty — has many veteran Illinois politicians still

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**Audit of diversion program hampered**

Poor record keeping said to make gauging success hard

BY ANNIE SWEENEY

An audit by the city's inspector general has concluded it is impossible to tell whether an expensive, 14-year effort to divert thousands of Chicago youths out of the criminal justice system by linking them to social services is working or a failure.

Chicago Inspector General Joseph Ferguson reported his office examined the Juvenile Intervention and Support Center, also known as the JISC, which operates in 10 of the city's 22 police districts, in an attempt to see whether it was effective in diverting low-level offenders to a path toward community re-engagement and away from court.

But poor record keeping — including improper destruction of records — and a lack of collaboration between the Chicago Police Department and the Department of Family and Support Services, which run the center's program jointly, made the task impossible, Ferguson said.

"The city cannot determine whether over the past 14 years it has created positive or negative outcomes for over 3,000 youth processed each year, nor calculate the return on its \$5 million annual investment," a statement from Ferguson that accompanied his report's release said.

The report prompted a call for hearings at City Council by one alderman who noted how long the center and its program has been allowed to languish.

"We should be providing an off-ramp for nonviolent justice-involved youth," Ald. Michele Smith, 43rd, said in a statement.

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Sen. John Kennedy grew exasperated when the acting Homeland chief could not say how many were expected to become sick.

**Virus could threaten US**

Health officials say Americans must be ready and prepared for the worst

BY PAM BELLUCK AND NOAH WEILAND  
The New York Times

The coronavirus almost certainly will begin spreading in communities in the United States, and Americans should begin preparations now, officials at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said on Tuesday.

"It's not so much of a question of if this will happen anymore but rather more of a question of exactly when this will happen," Dr. Nancy Messonnier, director of

the National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases, said at a news briefing.

In the event of an outbreak, communities should plan for "social distancing measures" like dividing school classes into smaller groups of students, closing schools, canceling meetings and arranging for employees to work from home.

"We are asking the American public to prepare for the expectation that this might be bad," Messonnier said.

China's battle to contain the epidemic has shown signs of success, with a plunge

in the rate of new infections. But this positive trend was overshadowed by the appearance of clusters of infections in Iran, South Korea and Italy, underlining the threat of a global pandemic racing out of control.

The emergence of these new hubs underscored the lack of a coordinated global strategy to combat the coronavirus, which has infected nearly 80,000 people in 37 countries, causing at least 2,600 deaths.

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ANTONIO PEREZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Former Lincoln Park High School Interim Principal John Thuet and former Assistant Principal Michelle Brumfield filed suit against CPS on Tuesday over their ousters.

**Fired Lincoln Park High School educators sue CPS for defamation**

Lawsuits follow ousters that cited unspecified misconduct

BY HANNAH LEONE

In the weeks since they were abruptly fired from their jobs at Lincoln Park High School, once celebrated educators John Thuet and Michelle Brumfield say they have hit brick walls in their job searches and feel deeply hurt.

Acquaintances and strangers alike either haven't responded to job inquiries, or sent cursory notes of thanks. Reality sunk in, and Thuet, who was interim principal, started driving for a food delivery service. After meeting at his lawyer's Loop office, Thuet figured he'd stop by a temp agency and pick up his daughters early from daycare. Brumfield, an assistant principal before her termination, planned to spend time with

her mom and sister.

It's hard to get a job, they said, when your former employer has made public statements that hurt your reputation, fired you and labeled you ineligible to be rehired.

Tuesday, Thuet and Brumfield jointly filed suit in federal court against Chicago Public Schools, its CEO Janice Jackson and other district officials, claiming deprivation of due process, defamation and intentional infliction of emotional distress.

The officials' conduct caused Brumfield and Thuet to suffer "significant mental anguish, anxiety, personal humiliation and embarrassment, loss of professional and personal reputation, loss of career advancement, and loss of standing in their professional community," states the complaint in U.S. District Court.

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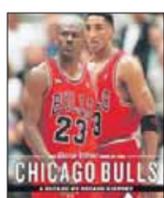
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Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx speaks with members of the Chicago Tribune Editorial Board on Jan. 27.



## JOHN KASS

# State's attorney race about more than Smollett case

Kim Foxx wants one thing understood. Her reelection campaign for Cook County state's attorney isn't only about her Jussie Smollett fiasco. "I want to be clear," Foxx said during a recent Democratic candidate debate. "This race is not about one case."

You gave a break to a TV star who allegedly faked a racist, homophobic hate crime in Chicago and blamed it on Trump supporters, a wild, irresponsible claim that stoked racial and political tensions. He had Obama White House celebrity friends. One called you on his behalf. He was indicted on 16 counts, but you cut him loose and dropped the charges, and lied about "recusing" yourself from the case.

In gratitude for all you'd done, he pulled a Blagojevich and insisted he was wronged. And now you wear Smollett like a jacket. It fits.

But Kim? I agree that this race is about more than Smollett.

It's about people in Cook County who aren't TV stars, people who don't have clout, people who are hurt and shot down and killed by thugs who've been released on bond for other gun crimes. The victims aren't rich, they don't have influential friends. They don't live on the Gold Coast or in Lincoln Park, or in Wilmette or River Forest.

Most of the victims are black and brown and poor. They live in the forgotten neighborhoods, where the TV camera crews go to set up in front of the home of a grieving mother who wonders why her son was cut down.

They're not Smollett types. The victims are the byproducts of a liberal criminal justice reform policy called decarceration and the kind of bail bond reform pushed by Foxx, her political patron Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, and go-along-get-along Tim Evans, the chief judge in Cook County.

Evans, Foxx and Preckwinkle might present themselves as being at odds over details. But Preckwinkle handpicked Foxx. She selects the public defender and approves Evans' budget. They're all on the team. And

decarceration is their motto.

Decarceration is about reducing the populations of jails, a progressive prosecutor policy being pushed by leftist billionaire George Soros in jurisdictions across the country. Illinois election board records show a Soros-funded political action committee just dropped \$2 million on a Foxx-friendly PAC to get her through the March 17 Democratic primary.

The history of criminal justice in America is rotten with racism. And on the surface, the reforms sound reasonable. Reform was needed. Lower jail populations do save taxpayers' money. But irresponsible reform leads to the violent returning to their neighborhoods, where others get hurt. And these are the casualties that Foxx and her friends wish to avoid.

Like Terrell Jones, a husband and father of three, a Chicago Streets and Sanitation worker. He was shot to death in March of 2018 while taking a shortcut home through the South Side's Back of the Yards neighborhood. One of the alleged shooters awaiting trial is Albaro Guerrero-Garcia. Police say he was armed with a rifle and was hunting for rival gang members.

Guerrero-Garcia shouldn't have been out. He'd been released from custody despite being arrested on another felony weapons charge. He didn't have to put up bond money. He walked on personal recognizance, a beneficiary of reform. And only then could he go hunting.

"It's horrible. It's horrible. He was a hands-on dad," Terrell Jones' mother told the Chicago Tribune. "He helped with their homework. He picked the children up from school. They know their dad is in heaven but all the time they say, 'I miss my daddy.'"

That heartbreaking account and many others like it were included in a recent detailed and gripping Tribune article by reporters David Jackson, Todd Lighty and Gary Marx under the headline "Bail reform analysis by Cook County chief judge based on flawed data, undercounts new murder charges." The story isn't over. My Tribune colleagues, some of the best

in the business, are still digging.

Now, every time I see a homicide story and hear the survivors weeping, I wonder: Was the shooter a beneficiary of criminal justice reform? TV news gives emotion, but not answers. That's why a great city needs a great newspaper like the Tribune, with reporters and editors talented and stubborn enough to get those details.

"The Tribune story was excellent, about the victims of policy who are too often forgotten," said Rafael Mangal, crime policy analyst for the Manhattan Institute and columnist for outlets including the New York Post. "There is room for reform at the margins. But when you upend the system, someone is going to bear the downside cost. And the downside risk is never evenly distributed. It is imposed upon the people who live in neighborhoods like Englewood and East Garfield Park."

Have jails been used to wrongly house the mentally ill? Yes, unfortunately. Should high bond be used as punishment? No. And as I said earlier, the history of criminal justice is woven with racism.

But your policy highway to progressive heaven might be someone else's road to hell, in Chicago, New York, Philadelphia, San Francisco, wherever Soros' progressive prosecutor movement takes hold.

Because when violent thugs with gun offenses are released early or not even charged, or put on flimsy electronic home monitoring, they return to those same troubled neighborhoods, where they find other victims.

And their families weep and wonder why judges and prosecutors don't protect them, and some politicians pretend not to hear.

So yes, Kim Foxx, it's not about one case.

It's about all of them.

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# Try 'Rank-a-Pol' to pick best Democratic candidate



MARY SCHMICH

Are you a Democrat or independent looking for a different way to talk about the Democratic presidential candidates with friends who don't agree with you? Would you like a pleasant variation on the arguments so many of us engage in?

Try a game I'm calling "Rank-a-Pol," as in "rank a politician."

This game sprang from a conversation I had a few days ago, one of those conversations in which broadly like-minded people nevertheless have heated differences about who should be the next Democratic candidate for president.

There were four of us. One was a 24-year-old straight man who works for an online travel company. Two were middle-aged gay men, one of them a chiropractor, the other an administrator for a social service agency. I was the fourth, a straight female journalist old enough to remember that Democrats once believed George McGovern could beat Richard Nixon.

Our quartet was hardly representative of the country — we're all white — but we're hardly identical either. We grew up in different parts of the country and different economic circumstances. We attended different schools and rarely read the same books. And our idea of the best Democratic candidate varied widely.

Bernie, yes!  
Bernie? No way.  
Buttigieg, yes!  
Buttigieg? Why?  
Biden? Sigh.

That's how our conversation was going when Rank-a-Pol popped into my brain.

The game was loosely inspired by real versions of ranked-choice voting, in which a voter selects more than one candidate, in order of preference, and then, through the miracle of mathematics, a winner eventually surfaces. One version of ranked voting was used by early voters in Nevada's recent Democratic caucus. Alaska, Hawaii, Kansas and Wyoming plan to use ranked-choice in their Democratic primaries.



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Democratic presidential candidates Mike Bloomberg, Elizabeth Warren, Bernie Sanders, Joe Biden, Pete Buttigieg and Amy Klobuchar.

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The Rank-a-Pol game isn't as intricate as real ranked voting — it doesn't necessarily result in a majority winner — but it works on a similar principle. Here's what I proposed to my friends: Rank the viable candidates in order of preference. Then we'll total how many points each candidate received. Whichever candidate has the most points wins.

So each of us made a list, with 5 being our favorite and 1 our least favorite. Mine looked like this:

- 5-Elizabeth Warren
- 4-Amy Klobuchar
- 3-Pete Buttigieg

2-Bernie Sanders  
1-Joe Biden  
Frankly, I waffled between my rankings of Klobuchar and Buttigieg, and could have been persuaded to flip them. Same for the placement of Biden and Bernie.

But one inevitable truth about voting, however you do it: At some point, you stop waffling and decide. Besides, my first choice was clear.

My friends ranked differently. Two put Buttigieg at the top of their lists. One — the 24-year-old — picked Bernie. "Wait," someone said. "We

forgot Mike Bloomberg!"

As the game's inventor, I decided that it was too late to add him, which came as a relief to all of us because none of us was sure where he fit.

So who won our game of Rank-a-Pol?

We'll get to that in a moment, but naming a winner is only part of the reason to play the game. The idea isn't just to rank but to find a slightly different framework for discussing who you like and don't and why.

The youngest person in our group explained that he was for Bernie because Bernie's not afraid to push beyond the so-called centrism of traditional Democrats. He also liked Bernie for maintaining a consistent vision for his entire political career. Young people, the Bernie supporter said, aren't willing to settle for as little as previous generations have on issues like health care.

The two older men, meanwhile, explained that they preferred Buttigieg not primarily

because he's gay — though they appreciated the symbolism of that — but because he's so smart, knowledgeable, insightful, energetic and well-spoken.

I explained that I prefer Warren because she's smart, knowledgeable, insightful, energetic and well-spoken — and also widely experienced. In addition, while she's pushing beyond the bounds of so-called centrism, she's practical and works well with others.

We all talked, we all listened. "That was a satisfying conversation," one of the Buttigieg supporters said at the end, and that was the main point of the game. He found it satisfying even though his candidate came in second in the final tally.

And the winner was? Elizabeth Warren. Which I bet is what would happen if Rank-a-Pol were the way the whole country voted. Try the game with your friends and see where it leads.

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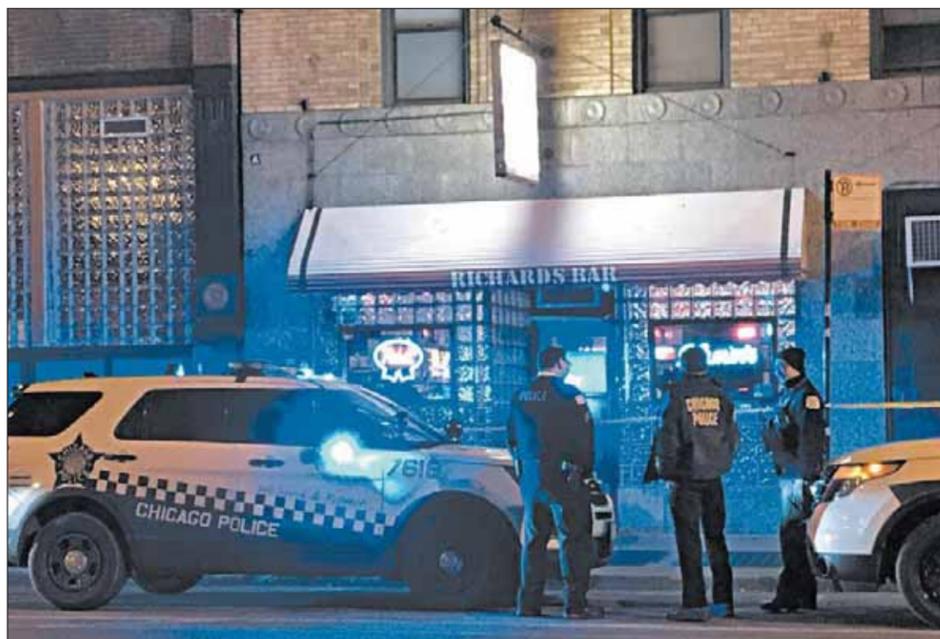
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Chicago police investigate a fatal stabbing on Saturday in the 400 block of North Milwaukee Avenue.

## Self-defense claim follows fatal stabbing

Police release a man who yelled gay slur, fatally stabbed another

BY KATHERINE ROSENBERG-DOUGLAS

Dina Paterimos was devastated when she heard her little brother was killed outside a West Side bar over the weekend. Then it got worse.

On Monday, police released without charges a man witnesses said repeatedly stabbed and slashed Kenneth Paterimos, 23, at Richard's Bar in West Town late Friday night. The man claimed self-defense, though there is nothing in police reports indicating Paterimos was armed. Some witnesses told police the man had earlier yelled a homophobic slur at Paterimos, who was gay.

"You want to think something like that can't happen?" Dina Paterimos told the Tribune. "When something like this happens, you want it to be brought to justice."

Chicago police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi said the case remains under investigation. "The individual taken into custody presented a self-defense claim," he said. "So he's been released and we're now working to corroborate the timeline and the chronology of events that he gave us."

Paterimos, who worked as a barista, was stabbed about 11:20 p.m. Friday outside the bar in the 400 block of North Milwaukee Avenue. A police source said a 30-year-old man who appeared intoxicated shouted a gay slur at Paterimos, which led to an argument and a scuffle inside the bar.

Police say the 30-year-old was kicked out of the bar, and Paterimos later walked outside. The man confronted Paterimos, pulled out a box cutter and slashed Paterimos eight times: once to the left ear, three times to the back of the head, twice to the right arm,

once to the chest and once to the collarbone, according to a police report.

Paterimos' brother and others outside the bar held the man until officers arrived, police said. The box cutter was found under a parked car nearby.

"The detective said my brother is a hero because they would've never found this guy otherwise," Dina Paterimos said. "I think he showed some restraint, really, you know he tackled him and held him for police. It's heroic what he did, I mean the guy had a knife."

She finds the self-defense claim hard to believe.

"I couldn't imagine someone being so threatened by him that they had to pull a knife out on him," she said. "This is the guy who called me when he went over 100 pounds because his whole life he didn't even weigh 100 pounds."

"He never got into fights or started stuff with people," Paterimos said.

"My brother would joke with you before he would start a fight with you. It's such a shock that someone could hurt my brother like that."

Guglielmi stressed that charges could still be filed.

"We just normally have 48 hours under the law to question individuals and then, depending on how those interrogations go, information is obtained and shared and now we have to corroborate what he told us," he said. "And if everything is factual the way he describes it, then he could have a self-defense claim. And if not, he could face charges."

Guglielmi said the continuing investigation will rely on additional witnesses and any surveillance video detectives turn up. He said he could not elaborate on what the 30-year-old man told investigators happened, or why he needed to defend himself with a box cutter.

Asked whether the case could be classified as a hate crime,

Guglielmi said it was too early to say.

Paterimos said her brother "was out and he was proud. ... I was one of the first people that he told because he knew I would love him no matter what."

Dina Paterimos is the only girl out of five children, she said. Kenneth was the second-youngest child, after her. As adults, he was like the glue of the family, making sure they all stayed in touch and got together. "He was so supportive of everything any of us have done. It's almost like he was our hype man," she said.

When she learned she had a rare, noncancerous brain tumor, he visited her in the hospital virtually every day. And he was sure to bring her treats from work, such as an iced coffee or macarons, she said.

Because of the tumor, she had a stroke. At one point, doctors worried her condition might begin to affect her vision. It was a scary time, but her brother managed to put her at ease.

"He was the first one who was like, 'We can always pick out eye patches,' to make me feel better," Paterimos said with a laugh. "He showed me pictures of bedazzled eye patches. He made the doctors, nurses, everyone laugh."

"He lived his life to the fullest. He was one of those people where when you met him, he could make you laugh nonstop and you wanted to be his friend," she said.

Paterimos said her brother had been working nonstop since high school to help the family financially, and they now worry about being able to pay for his burial. His mother, Diona Bueno, has set up a GoFundMe account to help cover the cost.

"What should have been a night out on the town with friends turned into tragedy. Words cannot express the tragic nightmare I have been living," she wrote.

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## DNA helps crack case that 'has never been forgotten'

Ex-Old Town resident charged in '16 slaying of elderly mom, son

BY KATHERINE ROSENBERG-DOUGLAS AND ROBERT MCCOPPIN

For three years, when DeKalb County Deputy Sheriff Andrew Sullivan ran into residents of the small town of Sycamore, they had one question for him: How is the case going?

"The case" referred to the killings of 85-year-old Patricia Wilson and her 64-year-old son, Robert Wilson, who were beaten to death in 2016 in their isolated farmhouse just outside the edge of town, about 70 miles west of Chicago. It had been years since a homicide had occurred there, Sullivan said, and people were shocked and worried.

After using a relatively new process to search for the killer's DNA in a public database, investigators on Tuesday announced first-degree murder charges against Jonathan Hurst, a former Chicago bartender who was arrested at his new home in Cincinnati. "The case has never been forgotten in the local community," Sullivan said. "Everybody knew the family and loved them. They're just a nice bunch of folks."

Hurst, 51, had no known prior connection to Sycamore or the Wilsons. But in addition to the DNA match to evidence from the crime scene, police said that cellphone records showed Hurst was in the Sycamore area the day of the killings, Aug. 14, 2016, and the victims' stolen car was found about a mile from his home in Chicago's Old Town neighborhood.

Police reconstructed a timeline of events leading up to the killings. That morning, the Wilsons had attended services at St. John's Lutheran Church in Sycamore, then had breakfast with friends at a local café. They returned home before Robert Wilson visited the local Moose Lodge, where he was active.

Patricia Wilson spoke by phone with a relative at 7:43 that night, and police believe the crime occurred after that.

Traffic cameras caught the Wilsons' white Chevrolet Impala traveling east on Illinois Route 64 at 12:44 a.m. Aug. 15, 2016, and it was later found parked by Lincoln Park Zoo in Chicago, walking distance from Hurst's home in the 1400 block of North Wells Street.

During the investigation, police said they developed more than 1,300 leads.

The Illinois State Crime Lab helped develop a DNA profile of the suspect, which helped eliminate several persons of interest.

Investigators then enlisted help from Parabon Nanolabs, a private lab that developed a "phenotype" image of what analysts thought the suspect might

look like based on his DNA — though police cautioned that it was not likely to be an exact match.

Investigators said they used genetic genealogy, matching part of the suspect's DNA to samples registered in a public database, to find relatives of the suspect and narrow the search, until about a week ago when they got a match to Hurst.

Prosecutors obtained an arrest warrant that Cincinnati police used to arrest Hurst. He was being held without bond in Hamilton County in Ohio, awaiting extradition to Illinois.

DeKalb County State's Attorney Rick Amato said that if convicted on both murder charges, Hurst would face mandatory life in prison.

Investigators confirmed the existence of Hurst's Facebook page, which featured photos of a two-story brick house with an unfinished basement labeled, "The new crib, AKA the Caves of Chaos."

That followed an announcement that he was moving to Cincinnati, and a post from Christmas Eve 2019, with a photo of an empty home and fireplace, captioned, "The Chamber of Secrets is empty. See you around, Chicago."

A post from 2017 stated that he was bartending at The House of Glunz tavern in Old Town. Management there did not return a request for comment on Tuesday. Hurst also cited attending a concert featuring the heavy metal band GWAR "playing 'If You Want Blood (You Got It)' while spraying the crowd in fake blood," a common gimmick by the band.

The page also stated that he lived previously in Austin, Texas.

In announcing the arrest, DeKalb County Sheriff Roger Scott said, "I believe today's announcement is the beginning of God's answer to the countless prayers from the Sycamore community and from the Wilson family."

This was at least the second case solved this year in Illinois using genetic genealogy. In January, Lisle police announced that they had solved the 44-year-old rape and murder of 16-year-old Pamela Maurer, who was found dead alongside a road in 1976. DNA from that case was matched to Bruce Lindahl, who is suspected in as many as 12 homicides but died in 1981 after accidentally stabbing himself while killing 18-year-old Charles Huber.

In addition, this month, a jury found Michael Henslick guilty of the 2009 murder of Holly Casano in downstate Mahomet, also based in part on a DNA match developed from a genealogy database.

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## White Trump supporter used term 'colored,' so I called him on it



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The email from Mr. B did not particularly stand out. Like many, he took issue with a column I had written explaining why African Americans would vote for Mike Bloomberg over Donald Trump in a presidential matchup.

"I'm glad your voice for all of the American colored population. #TRUMP2020," he wrote, exactly how it is printed.

After reading it, I did what I always do when I receive emails containing racial epithets or other hateful remarks.

"Don't bother emailing me again," I fired back. "The use of 'colored' crossed the line. You're blocked."

But Mr. B's response was different from the combative, name-calling responses I usually get from people I block. (I can still read them in junk mail.)

He apologized. "I'm sorry, didn't realize that," he wrote. Another email followed.

"I'm actually sorry, I thought I heard Biden use the term so I thought it ok. Did not mean to offend"

There was no #TRUMP2020 hashtag on either of his responses.

The next day, I called him at the number listed on his email.

"Hello (Mr. B), this is Dahleen Glanton from the Chicago Tribune."

"Oh, my goodness. Hello ma'am," he answered, obviously shocked to receive a call.

"I'd like to talk to you about that email you sent using the term 'colored.' Did you really not know that was offensive?"

Turns out, he did know. But he said he didn't mean it in the way it appeared.

"I don't type good on the phone," he explained. "I was trying to find a word that represented all nonwhite people."

"So you meant people of color?" I asked, remembering that former Vice President Joe Biden refers to "communities of color" on his presidential campaign website.

"Yes," Mr. B said. "If I went up to you, I would never call you that. I realize it's offensive."

Suggesting that they conflated the phrase is a common excuse for using the c-word. Others try to hide behind the NAACP's use of it. I was relieved that Mr. B acknowledged calling black people colored is wrong.

I once encountered a group of teenagers in Chicago who apparently did not. In 1989, while covering a protest march against racism in predominantly white Canaryville and Bridgeport, I stopped to interview some teens who were watching from the sidelines.

They were courteous in explaining why their neighborhoods had been mischaracterized, but several of them used the word "colored," repeatedly. I was stunned at first, and then a little frightened. The 800 marchers had gotten away from me, so I abruptly stopped talking to them and ran to catch up.

That was more than 30 years ago, in a neighborhood that was known at the time for its bigotry. It is hard to believe that anyone wouldn't know better in 2020.

Any use of the word would have to be intentional.

Perhaps Mr. B is sincere. Maybe he's just playing me. No one can know for sure.

Mr. B described himself as a 58-year-old former Marine who lives in a northwest suburban Chicago neighborhood that has only four or five black families. While he says he knows some African Americans, he doesn't socialize with them.

A Trump supporter who used a racial slur, I naturally assumed that he is a bigot. For some, the #TRUMP2020 hashtag is more than a mere campaign slogan. It is used to symbolize a defiance of political correctness. It's an in-your-face pronouncement that "I support Trump, and I'm proud of it."

Mr. B agrees that Trump can be "a jerk," but he likes his policies.

"Which policies?" I asked. "And have any of those policies benefited you personally?"

He likes that his investments are going up. He likes Trump's tough stance on the border, but he also believes that "Dreamers" should have a clear path to citi-

zenship. At the same time, he wants to see immigrant criminals kicked out of the country.

When I asked my followers on Facebook whether I should forgive Mr. B, most people — black and white — answered with a resounding "no." Some white Facebook friends urged me to be more forgiving. Some knew people who used the term too.

I weighed each response carefully, and sent this email:

"(Mr. B), I actually believe you. I looked back at your previous emails and saw that you have not been offensive. We disagree on issues, but that's OK. Please don't use that term. It's very disrespectful. I will continue reading your emails if you choose to write. Thanks and best wishes to you."

He answered: "Thank you, as much as we disagree at times I do try to be respectful and have no desire to hurt anyone. 58 and still learning. Have a nice day."

Again, the #TRUMP2020 hashtag was missing. That's a good sign.

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## Fired cop didn't intentionally lie about teen's shooting, filing says

BY JEREMY GORNER

A former Chicago police officer fired last year for allegedly helping cover up the shooting of teenager Laquan McDonald should get his job back because he did not intentionally lie about how he saw the fatal 2014 police shooting unfold, according to a new court filing.

Ricardo Viramontes and three other cops — Officers Janet Mondragon and Daphne Sebastian and Sgt. Stephen Franko — were fired last summer by the Chicago Police Board over statements they made to an investigator, or approved in police reports, that did not line up with video footage of the teenager's killing.

Viramontes was fired for several Police Department rule violations, including making false statements, bringing discredit to the department and failing to promote its goals, according to Police Board paperwork.

All four officers have petitioned to have their firings reviewed by the Cook County Circuit Court, but Viramontes' lawyer was the first to file court papers about why the board's decision was unfair. On Friday, attorneys for Franko also filed a petition to reverse the board's decision arguing, among other things, that the sergeant was not on the scene when the shooting occurred and was not aware that he approved police reports with false information.

Lawyers for the others were scheduled to file their arguments within the next few months.

It's not uncommon for Chicago cops to appeal their firings to the court. A judge will decide later this year if to reverse the Police Board's rulings on each officer.

The allegations against Viramontes were based on statements he made to David March, the lead detective on the scene of the Oct. 20, 2014, shooting, and during his disciplinary

hearing last April. As documented in March's reports, Viramontes told him that McDonald turned toward Officers Jason Van Dyke and Joseph Walsh before Van Dyke shot and killed the 17-year-old.

Viramontes also told March that McDonald tried to get up with a knife in his hand after being shot. But the Police Board said squad car video that captured the shooting did not show that, and in its 55-page decision found that Viramontes was not telling the truth about what he saw.

But in a 15-page memorandum filed in court last week, Viramontes' lawyer, Thomas Needham, urged Cook County Circuit Judge Sophia Hall to pay close attention to a slow-motion version of the footage played during the April hearing. Needham in the paperwork argued the footage supports his client's story.

There is no evidence Viramontes "intentionally lied" to March, Needham wrote. The officer's interaction with the detective was short and should not have been considered a formal interview, Needham argued.

"... Any conflict between what was said in that brief conversation and how the incident appeared on video can certainly be a simple mistake rather than an intentional lie," Needham said in the filing. "For example, Viramontes explained at the hearing that he originally thought that he had been outside of his squad car when the shooting began but '(a)fter viewing all the videos' he realized he was mistaken and the shooting actually began 'simultaneously as my doors were being opened.'"

At the April Police Board hearing, Viramontes testified he saw McDonald make a "twisting motion" toward Van Dyke and Walsh with his right arm, a version of events that the board also discounted.

"Immediately prior to the shooting, Mr. McDonald did not turn toward Officers Van Dyke and Walsh, nor did he use his right hand to make a 'twisting motion toward' Van Dyke and Walsh," the board wrote. "In fact, Mr. McDonald was moving away from Officers Van Dyke and Walsh when he was shot and killed."

Viramontes also testified at the hearing that he did not see McDonald make any "aggressive movements" toward Van Dyke and Walsh and that the teen may have twisted his body because he had been shot. But the board noted that Viramontes said none of this to March, finding the officer tried to "portray through the selective inclusion and omission of facts that Mr. McDonald was a threat to the officers' lives, when in fact he was not."

Needham wrote that Viramontes should not be held accountable for the way March wrote his reports. Needham also noted that March was never called by the city to testify before the board to explain his side of things.

"In essence, the Board was saying that Viramontes was damned if he did and damned if he didn't," Needham wrote in his memorandum.

Needham also slammed the board for using language in its written findings that he argued was purely speculative. The lawyer pointed to the board's statements that Viramontes was trying to justify the 16 times Van Dyke shot McDonald.

"There was no evidence that Viramontes had any relationship whatsoever with Van Dyke or any motive to deliberately lie to March about what he saw," Needham wrote. "Viramontes had no disciplinary history with the CPD and nothing about his personal or professional background would lead one to believe that he is not a truthful person."

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sorting out who to support as the nominee to take on Republican President Donald Trump. Some of the biggest names are still on the sidelines and could stay planted there, including Gov. J.B. Pritzker, Mayor Lori Lightfoot and U.S. Sens. Dick Durbin and Tammy Duckworth.

Pointing to the political turbulence, West Side Ald. Walter Burnett said he's been waiting for Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White, his political godfather and the longest-serving statewide elected official, to signal his intentions before he makes up his mind.

"I like a lot of them, and they all have pros and cons. I really was favoring Biden, but he seems like he's slowing down. In our position, we want to be with a winner. I hope he can win. I like Warren. I like Buttigieg. Bloomberg is looking good. He can beat Trump," said Burnett, a 24-year alderman whose 27th Ward includes the booming West Loop.

"I try to work with Mr. White and see where he wants to go, so we're all just waiting," Burnett continued. "It's a funny thing. Most everyone you talk to says, 'We still got time.' It's like how much time do we really have? This thing is about to happen."

## Ground game

The race for the nomination is a state-by-state exercise in collecting delegates, with the magic number set at 1,991. Sanders leads the race with just 45, followed by Buttigieg with 25, Biden with 15, Warren with eight and Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar with seven.

Illinois is the sixth-largest prize on the Democratic calendar, with 155 pledged delegates at stake. That's the second-largest total up for grabs on March 17, when Florida, Ohio and Arizona also vote.

Those four states could be pivotal in clinching the race if a candidate such as Sanders is already out to a substantial lead, particularly if that campaign runs the table on St. Patrick's Day. However, if the field remains muddled at the top after Super Tuesday, the Illinois results could be part of a longer delegate slog to the July Democratic convention in Milwaukee.

Without question, Bloomberg has spent the most money in the state since launching his latecomer bid for the presidency at the end of November, spending millions of dollars on TV and digital ads without competition for airtime.

The New Yorker also by far has the largest campaign footprint here, hiring more than 100 paid staffers, according to the campaign. In addition to his River North state headquarters, Bloomberg has opened a dozen field offices — four in the city and eight across the state, from Rockford to Belleville.

"Being on the ground in Illinois, I think, is critical, and Mike is well positioned to do what needs to be done," said West Side Ald. Jason Ervin, 28th, who endorsed Bloomberg last week. "It shows the seriousness of the commitment he's making to our state."

The next-largest Illinois operation belongs to Warren, who has made early and sizable investments in campaign staff across the country, only to finish third in Iowa and fourth in New Hampshire and Nevada. In Illinois, the campaign has hired more than 40 workers and opened two offices in Chicago and Evanston.

Buttigieg long has had a South Loop office, which early in the campaign housed a couple dozen staffers mostly focused on national communications and finance. Many since have been detailed to other states or the South Bend headquarters, with just six workers remaining in Illinois.

Klobuchar also has little in the way of campaign staff on the ground in Illinois but has some top-level aides with ties here, including longtime Chicago political strategist Pete Giangreco. A Biden spokeswoman only identified a single paid state director and declined to say if the campaign had any field offices.

The Sanders campaign officially has 10 paid staff members in Illinois and four offices with plans to open six more this weekend, but that hardly tells the whole story. The senator's operation is known for flooding states with workers from earlier contests and marshaling a wave of volunteers to knock on hundreds of thousands of doors.

In Illinois, the Sanders campaign reports it has held more than 1,500 grassroots events and has thousands of volunteers from various groups such as Our Revolution Illinois, which grew out of his 2016 run in the state when he narrowly lost to Hillary Clinton.

"The fact that this is a second run for Bernie gives him many great advantages. He is a known commodity. People know what he stands for, and he's got legs in Illinois — and young legs at that," Chicago U.S. Rep. Jesus "Chuy" Garcia said in a nod to Sanders' popularity with young voters.

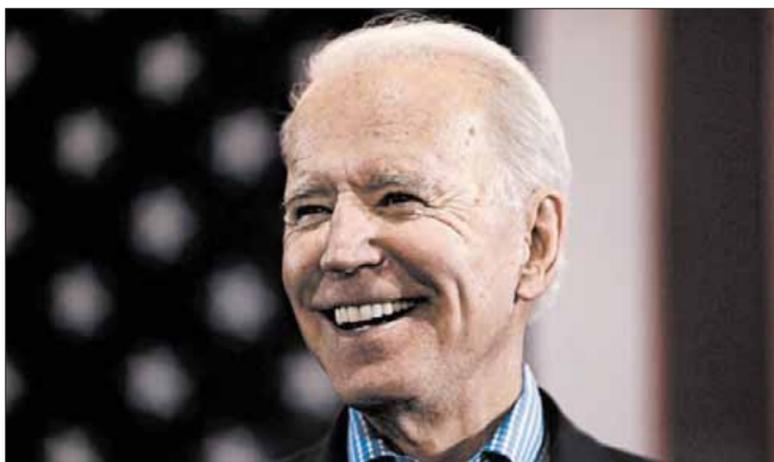
"That's very beneficial, and that energy he brings to the campaign with the volunteer army that has come together for him and will grow in the following days will be very pivotal."

## Battle for progressives

Garcia endorsed Sanders last week and hit the trail for the Vermont senator in the final days before his dominating win in Nevada.

Garcia, the state's highest-ranking Latino official, endorsed Sanders in 2016 after the senator backed him during his improbable 2015 runoff bid against then-Mayor Rahm Emanuel. Even so, Garcia said it took months this time before deciding to back Sanders and admitted to giving Warren a "good, hard look."

Warren's brand of progressivism has peeled off some of Sanders' Illinois support-



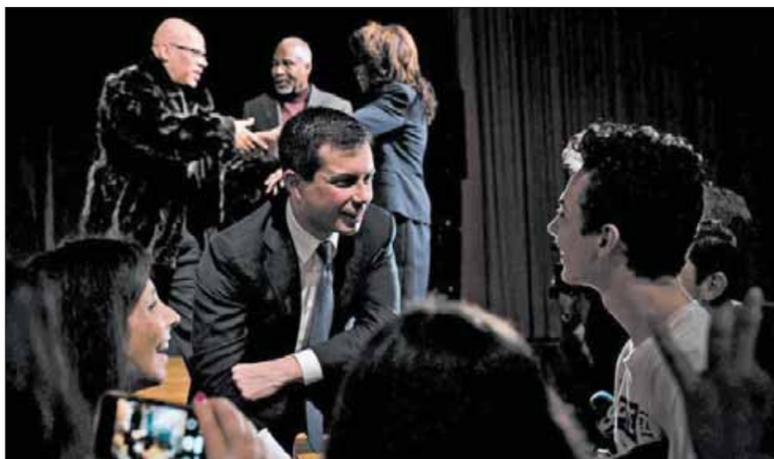
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Democratic presidential candidate former Vice President Joe Biden speaks during a caucus night event last Saturday in Las Vegas.



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Democratic presidential candidate and former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg addresses supporters at a campaign stop earlier this month in Sacramento, California.



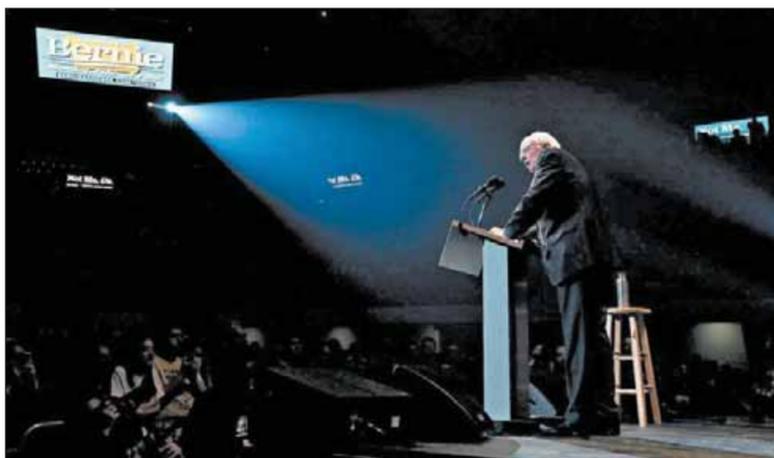
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Democratic presidential candidate Pete Buttigieg chats with voters after speaking at Corliss High School in the Pullman neighborhood of Chicago last month.



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Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Amy Klobuchar, D-Minn., speaks while visiting a campaign office early this month in Las Vegas.



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Presidential candidate Sen. Bernie Sanders speaks at a campaign event leading up to the Iowa caucuses at U.S. Cellular Center on Feb. 1 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa.



ELAINE THOMPSON/AP

Democratic presidential candidate U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass., speaks during a campaign event late last week in Seattle.

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— Chicago U.S. Rep. Jesus "Chuy" Garcia, referring to Bernie Sanders' popularity with young voters.

ers from four years ago. That includes state Rep. Will Guzzardi, D-Chicago, and Cook County Commissioner Brandon Johnson, D-Chicago, both of whom were Illinois delegates for Sanders at the 2016 Democratic National Convention.

"For someone to have so much clarity, so much energy and an incredible vision of how we can reset the system so that it works for people in my community, that's what really impressed me," Johnson said of Warren. "It's one thing to run on a progressive platform, we're seeing that here in Chicago. It's another thing to be able to govern on that progressive left, and Sen. Warren is able to do that."

Johnson met Warren backstage at a Chicago rally in June, during which he introduced her to a packed crowd. The following month he officially endorsed her. Johnson, who as a Chicago teacher is a visible member of the powerful Chicago Teachers Union, also escorted Warren to a West Side picket line to rally with red-clad educators during their 11-day strike last year.

Asked why he backed Warren over Sanders, Johnson cited Warren's empathy and message that appeals directly to voters' experiences.

"As much as I believe we have to have an upspring of a working-class movement in America, I also know you can't bypass people's experiences every single day," Johnson said. "The generalizations of what is for all, I get that and I support that, but you have to speak directly to people who have been impacted by it, and that's the distinction Sen. Warren has demonstrated."

While Sanders supporters acknowledge there has been some splintering on Chicago's left, they contend there is a clear difference in who is backing Sanders versus Warren.

"I've heard a couple elected officials say, 'Elizabeth called me and Bernie didn't.' That's not how I make my choices, but if that's how you make your choice, then shame on Bernie for not having called," said Ald. Carlos Ramirez-Rosa, 35th, a democratic socialist on the City Council who is backing Sanders. "Bernie Sanders has the most diverse and working-class base. If you look at who is supporting Elizabeth Warren, it's overwhelmingly upper-income white folks, older folks."

As they do all over the country, Sanders supporters here say the enthusiasm for his campaign is unmatched in Illinois, much of it rooted in the senator's decades of fighting for justice and bucking the Washington establishment.

"Bernie has been consistent for the last 40-plus years," said Southeast Side Ald. Sue Sadlowski-Garza, 10th, a longtime Sanders ally. "He's always been on the side of the working class and his message has never wavered, unlike Warren, who was Republican at one time."

Endorsements have limited value in an election, and all are not created equal. They can, however, reflect a campaign's organizational strength. In that sense, Sanders and Warren have drawn steady support.

In addition to Garcia, Sanders has the backing of a number of young progressive elected officials, many of whom had their first significant taste of political engagement during his 2016 presidential run, when he narrowly lost to Clinton in Illinois. All told, he has the backing of 16 elected officials, including eight Chicago aldermen.

For her part, Warren has the endorsement of 22 elected officials, more than any other candidate in the state. Topping her list are Democratic U.S. Rep. Jan Schakowsky, of Evanston, and Democratic state Treasurer Mike Frerichs, of Champaign, the chair of her Illinois campaign and the only Illinois statewide official to endorse.

Ald. Scott Waguespack, 32nd, chairman of the City Council's powerful Finance Committee, is one of three aldermen backing Warren. He predicted that if Warren can remain competitive, she will excel in Illinois, where he believes there are plenty of progressives who identify with her over Sanders.

"The lakefront liberals — that 70s, 80s, 90s moniker for them — I think a lot of them are still progressive, but they're more of the Elizabeth Warren type of progressives," Waguespack said. "I think you could see a pretty good surge for her on the North Side of the city and probably parts of the South Side, too, where people are not quite that brand of progressive — and definitely not socialist — that Bernie is."

## Crowded moderate lane

On the more moderate end of the race, the picture is much messier.

Crowding together in the same lane are Biden, Bloomberg, Buttigieg, Klobuchar and perhaps billionaire businessman Tom Steyer, if he continues to spend heavily to keep his candidacy afloat.

Biden started the race as the establishment favorite, and as a result, has 16 elected officials backing his candidacy. That includes Democratic U.S. Reps. Danny Davis, of Chicago, and Brad Schneider, of Deerfield, along with six Chicago aldermen and five state representatives.

After a disappointing fourth-place finish in Iowa and an embarrassing fifth-place mark in New Hampshire, Biden rebounded for a distant second place in Nevada. He's counting on a major comeback in South Carolina on Saturday, the first state in which the majority of the Democratic electorate is African American.

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"I think the Biden campaign has always taken the long view, understanding that the first three states at least are relatively homogeneous and don't reflect the broader Democratic Party's demographics," said downtown Ald. Brendan Reilly, 42nd, who backs the former vice president. "I think that Biden is going to hit his stride when we get into the more diverse states where you have larger portions of African American and Latino voters. I think he still appeals to those voters more than any other candidate in the race so far."

Bloomberg, however, awaits. The former New York mayor got in the race so late that he decided to sit out the first four states while building a campaign juggernaut aimed at Super Tuesday and the elections beyond.

While the rest of the field spent weeks hunkered down in the early states, Bloomberg has crisscrossed the country appearing in areas found deeper on the primary slate. That included a January trip to the South Side, where Bloomberg pushed an anti-Trump message but made little appeal to Illinois voters.

Thanks to the unprecedented spending, the billionaire businessman has gained in the national polls, cutting into the support of other moderates. A recent NBC/Wall Street Journal national poll showed Biden's long-held advantage among black voters eroding, with both he and Sanders drawing about 30% support and Bloomberg's backing increasing to about 15%.

Bloomberg, however, is just starting to face increased scrutiny, including in a bruising debate last week. There, he received sharp attacks for the use of nondisclosure agreements with women who alleged sexual harassment at his company Bloomberg LP and his history as New York mayor of backing stop-and-frisk, a policing practice that targeted black men and Latinos with street stops.

"It's odd to me that he's polling better with black voters, because his record is questionable. Stop-and-frisk was a thing that we did not care for," said South Side Ald. Roderick Sawyer, 6th. "When we start peeling back the Bloomberg onion, I think they'll start seeing flaws in the logic that he's had, not just spending all this money to gain access to voters, but the fact that we're just replacing one billionaire with another."

However, Ervin, the African American West Side alderman who has endorsed Bloomberg, contended the former New York mayor has shown more interest in the black community than the other candidates. He pointed to Bloomberg's Greenwood Initiative that has a goal of creating 1 million new black homeowners and 100,000 new black-owned businesses over 10 years, including spending \$70

billion in 100 of the nation's most disadvantaged neighborhoods.

"That plan was one of the factors that sealed the deal for me," Ervin said. "I haven't heard anyone else talking about what they're looking to do directly for African Americans in Chicago or anywhere in the country, other than to ask for a vote."

While the prospect of a Biden-Bloomberg battle looms, it's Buttigieg who has racked up the most delegates among the moderates. He leads in Iowa, and finished second in New Hampshire and third in Nevada. The former South Bend mayor, however, continues to poll low nationally with voters of color, particularly African Americans, raising questions about his campaign's long-term viability as the election reaches more diverse states such as Illinois.

It's an issue Buttigieg has had to address several times in Chicago throughout the campaign.

He drew an overwhelmingly white crowd to an event in one of Chicago's most historic black neighborhoods. He had to return campaign money raised by a Chicago lawyer who aided in the City Hall suppression of the Laquan McDonald police shooting video. And last month, he took on protesters at a Loop fundraiser who criticized his interaction with the black community in South Bend.

Buttigieg also chose Chicago as the backdrop to give a speech on how he would address systemic racism after facing sharp fallout after the controversial South Bend police shooting of a black resident last year.

With such challenges, however, also comes a level of familiarity, as many Chicagoans have closely watched Buttigieg's rise in the race after serving two terms as mayor at the other end of the South Shore rail line, two hours to the east.

"I think as the campaign starts shifting to Illinois, you're going to see him have a lot of support," said state Rep. Stephanie Kifowit, D-Oswego, a Marine Corps veteran who has endorsed Buttigieg.

"There are progressive blocks in Chicago, but there are also a lot of Democrats who are left of center or closer to center in Chicago, the suburbs and in southern Illinois. In Pete, they will find a candidate with commonsense solutions who can deliver."

It also wouldn't hurt if some of the other candidates drop out before now and then, she said.

"I think people should be looking seriously at themselves now," Kifowit said without naming names. "If you're in single digits and not competitive, and if there's no path to victory, you need to be realistic and get out."

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## 'Moral turpitude' a bar to Blagojevich's law license

Hearing eyes ex-governor's worst hits as it weighs its fate

By JASON MEISNER

Rod Blagojevich was famously convicted of an array of brazen corruption schemes as governor, but in a cramped administrative hearing room on Tuesday he was accused of something else.

Moral turpitude. Merriam-Webster defines turpitude as "depravity," and it's the somewhat nebulous legal standard — which essentially boils down to an egregious breach of trust — that state regulators say should cause Blagojevich to lose his law license permanently. And Exhibit A, they argue, is Blagojevich's own crimes.

In a 90-minute hearing, attorneys for the Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission took a three-member panel that will decide the status of Blagojevich's license through his worst hits as governor, including his convictions for attempting to sell a U.S. Senate seat, shaking down the CEO of a children's hospital for campaign cash and lying to the FBI.

"As governor, (Blagojevich) had the responsibility to do what was right for the people of Illinois," ARDC attorney Christopher Heredia said. "Instead, he only did what was right by himself."

The hearing, which has been nearly a decade in the making, came just one week after President Donald Trump commuted Blagojevich's 14-year sentence, springing him from prison more than four years early.

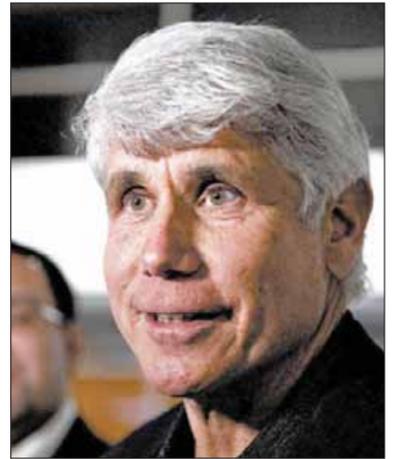
Blagojevich was a conspicuous no-show at the hearing, which took place at the ARDC offices on East Randolph Street in a windowless eighth floor conference room.

While such hearings are almost never attended by the media, Blagojevich's case brought a pack of reporters who crammed into the 18 chairs in the small gallery, waiting to see what his defense might be.

Blagojevich's longtime attorney, Sheldon Sorosky, said the ex-governor was in a "damned if he did, damned if he didn't" situation in defending his law license, knowing that if he showed up to defend himself he would have been accused of lying all over again.

Sorosky also trotted out familiar lines in his argument, blaming the media for overemphasizing the FBI recordings that captured Blagojevich's schemes, and saying the governor's campaign fundraising and political horsetrading were well within legal bounds.

"The crimes that Mr. Blagojevich was convicted of are meager, meager forms of corruption," Sorosky said. "Mr. Blagojevich is not an evil man or the boogeyman that, with all due respect, the folks in the media



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The Illinois Attorney Registration and Disciplinary Commission will rule on the fate of the law license of Rod Blagojevich, whose corruption sentence was just commuted.

have portrayed him as. He is a good man."

The three lawyers on the panel are expected to rule on the fate of Blagojevich's law license within the next month or two.

The ARDC's formal complaint, filed last August, said the crimes for which Blagojevich was convicted "adversely reflect on his honesty, trustworthiness or fitness as a lawyer."

The complaint came eight years after the Illinois Supreme Court suspended Blagojevich's law license indefinitely after his conviction at a second trial on counts of wire fraud, bribery and attempted extortion.

The delay in moving to disbar Blagojevich came because, by Illinois law, regulators have to wait until all appellate options are over before moving to permanently revoke a lawyer's license.

In April 2018, the U.S. Supreme Court declined to hear the former governor's appeal, marking the end of a decadelong legal road.

Since the only evidence against Blagojevich are the facts behind his criminal conviction — something he's not allowed to relitigate before the disciplinary board — the hearing Tuesday was in large part a formality.

Blagojevich, 63, graduated from law school at Pepperdine University in 1983 and was admitted to the Illinois bar a year later, records show.

His only legal experience came as a young assistant Cook County state's attorney, where he was assigned to a traffic courtroom years before entering politics.

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# Ex-Embeya owner sentenced to time served

Embezzled more than \$100K before abruptly moving overseas

BY JASON MEISNER

The former co-owner of Embeya was sentenced Tuesday to time served for embezzling more than \$100,000 from the once-illustrious West Loop restaurant before abruptly moving overseas.

U.S. District Judge Harry Leinenweber handed down the sentence for Attila Gyulai, who spent about five months in custody after his arrest in Spain in late 2018. Prosecutors had asked for up to 21

months behind bars.

Gyulai, 47, pleaded guilty in November to wire fraud, admitting in a declaration to the court that he lied to his partners in the restaurant about how he was using investor funds, including using money for personal use.

There was no agreement with prosecutors, however, on the amount Gyulai actually stole.

Federal prosecutors had originally alleged a loss amount of more than \$300,000. His lawyer, John Theis, said in recent court filing that the figure was actually closer to \$20,000.

Leinenweber on Tuesday determined the loss amount was

\$125,000, but still had to sort through pending civil judgments and other issues before deciding how much money Gyulai would be required to pay back.

In asking for a sentence within the guideline range of 15-21 months in prison, prosecutors said Gyulai's deceit left his former partners "with debt they are still repaying."

"While there is little question (Gyulai) wanted the business to succeed, the problem is that he nonetheless used the business' assets for himself," prosecutors wrote.

Once one of Chicago's up-and-coming restaurant stars, the Hun-

garian-born Gyulai abruptly moved overseas with his wife shortly after shuttering Embeya in 2016. At the time, he blamed family obligations and the demands of running a restaurant.

But his partners, Thai and Danielle Dang, filed a lawsuit that year alleging he had been looting the business. More than a year and a half later, federal prosecutors charged Gyulai with wire fraud, alleging he misappropriated at least \$300,000 "by means of materially false and fraudulent pretenses, representations and promises." Gyulai was arrested in late December 2018 in Valencia, Spain, where he'd traveled from

Ecuador on a 10-day vacation. He waived extradition in March 2019 and was brought back to the United States three months later.

In arguing for his release on bond, Gyulai, who had no previous criminal record, said he left the U.S. not to escape any investigation but because his wife's father was gravely ill in Canada. Soon after, Gyulai's own father fell ill in Hungary. Both died within weeks of each other in 2016, Theis said.

Gyulai was allowed to live with friends on Chicago's Northwest Side while his case was pending.

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Lincoln Park High School students return following a Feb. 3 walkout in protest of the removal of educators John Thuet and Michelle Brumfield.

## Lawsuit

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leadership shake-up that saw the suspension of several other Lincoln Park High School administrators and coaches in recent weeks amid multiple internal investigations into alleged misconduct and the handling of those allegations.

In response to school families clamoring for more information, CPS officials publicly revealed that the investigations encompassed a wide range of allegations against both students and adults, including claims of sexual misconduct, improper student discipline, retaliation against witnesses and "egregious and systemic policy violations."

When the district announced the removal of the two administrators, they cited "multiple allegations of serious misconduct involving the athletics program" at Lincoln Park. Though in many cases the district didn't specify whom the claims were against, they have said that school officials did not protect whistleblowers or handle allegations of sexual misconduct with due seriousness or proper protocol and were dishonest with families.

Thuet and Brumfield said the district's comments have led to false assumptions about them with little chance to defend themselves outside court.

"CPS publicly disseminated unfounded, false statements accusing plaintiffs of causing 'life-

altering harm' to students and 'endanger(ing) victims,' falsely conveying that plaintiffs had participated in and acted to conceal serious acts of misconduct at Lincoln Park High School," the complaint states. "These statements are false, and defendants knew they were false."

Since their firings on Jan. 31, Brumfield and Thuet "have been provided no notice of any specific allegations against them, no meaningful hearing and no opportunity to defend themselves and their good names against these false, stigmatizing accusations," according to the lawsuit.

Through their attorneys Matt Ryan and Emily Vermeylen, the two are asking the courts to reverse their placement on the CPS "do not hire" list and are seeking damages for what they say are reputational, economic and other harm, calling the district's actions "extreme" and "outrageous." The complaint does not demand a specific dollar amount.

A CPS spokeswoman said later Tuesday that the district doesn't comment on "ongoing litigation."

Brumfield has worked in CPS since 1995, and Thuet has been with the district for more than a decade. Neither has a history of discipline, according to the lawsuit and to documents obtained from CPS through a public records request. In an interview with the Tribune on Tuesday, they said they're saddened and hurt by their treatment. They insist that they followed what they knew to be protocol.

In August, the Local School Council for Lincoln Park High

voted unanimously to offer Thuet the one-year interim principal position, replacing the outgoing principal who was promoted to chief of another school network.

Thuet hired Brumfield, and both "were enthusiastically received" by the school community, according to the lawsuit. "In just five short months, they made great strides in building a sense of school community and culture." Thuet was interviewed with the LSC for the permanent principal position and imagined a long-term career there. Brumfield said she felt the same, calling her students "queens" and "kings."

Then on Jan. 31, they said they each got email invitations from Network 14 Chief Laura LeMone to a meeting at CPS headquarters for 3 p.m. that day. Separately, they were told they were dismissed and were handed termination letters along with notices they'd been placed on "do not hire" status.

"I was in a state of shock," Thuet said. Brumfield said she left "in a daze."

The letters do not include a reason for the terminations. But in connection with the actions, Brumfield and Thuet say CPS officials made public statements that injured their reputation in professional and general communities, "making them virtually unemployable in the education field."

The turmoil started with an investigation into alleged sexual misconduct on an unauthorized overnight boys varsity basketball trip to Detroit the last weekend of December. Both Thuet and Brumfield denied knowledge of the trip

until after it was over. That ultimately developed into at least five separate internal investigations and the suspension of the boys basketball team.

"Putting my name next to sexual misconduct anywhere has been mortifying," Thuet said.

Contrary to comments they say were made by district personnel named in the lawsuit, Brumfield and Thuet say they never minimized reports of misconduct.

Thuet had to take slow breaths and hold back tears before he could answer how he talks to his three kids about the loss of his job. His youngest are 1 and 3, but his 12-year-old son gets questions from friends, and Thuet doesn't know how to help him make sense of things.

"I can't explain to him why I was fired because I don't know," Thuet said.

Efforts to reinstate the administrators have included student walkouts, emotional statements at a community meeting, social media campaigns, an online petition, and letters to the mayor and CPS officials. An online fundraiser "contributing to offset their legal fees to fight CPS" organized by the Lincoln Park High School Parent Action Group had raised more than \$13,000 by Tuesday.

Support shown by students, parents, teachers and others has helped the fired educators get by each day, they said. "They give me life and energy," Thuet said of his students. "It's powerful to know you've made an impact."

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## Man in Snapchat post sues Evanston

Seeks \$1M after mug shot appeared with 'HIV' next to name

BY GENEVIEVE BOOKWALTER

A man who says he was identified in an accidental Snapchat post by Evanston's police chief last week with "HIV" written next to his name has sued the city for more than \$1 million in damages.

An attorney for Evanston resident Kevin Logan filed a civil lawsuit this week in U.S. District Court. In the complaint, attorney Ilia Usharovich alleges that Evanston Police Chief Demitrous Cook shared restricted information in violation of department rules when he posted about 30 old mug shots, including Logan's, with accompanying personal details to his Snapchat account Feb. 17.

Along with Logan's photo and personal information, the letters "HIV" are written next to his photo.

Logan's attorney alleges that Logan does not have HIV, per a test taken on Feb. 22 of this year. However, Logan "and his family suffered embarrassment, ridicule, and cyber bullying as a result," according to the lawsuit.

After the mug shots were made public, both Logan and his girlfriend "suffered emotional distress and took steps to take an HIV test," according to the lawsuit. Logan was "unable to sleep, was severely emotionally disturbed, anxious, embarrassed, and otherwise suffered severe emotional distress."

The lawsuit also included screenshots of others' social media posts that shared Cook's post and added harassing comments underneath.

Logan "suffered harm, embarrassment, reputational harm, public ridicule, medical costs, and severe emotional distress," according to the suit.

The nine counts alleged in the lawsuit include allegations of gross negligence, intentional infliction of emotional distress and defamation.

Evanston Deputy City Attorney Nicholas Cummings said the city does not comment on pending litigation.

The lawsuit comes after Cook posted about 30 mug shots to his Snapchat account that the chief said were part of an investigation.

Cook said last week that the postings were accidental and occurred because he likes the clarity of Snapchat's camera function. He said he didn't realize the photos he took could be posted to his public social media account and apologized to the men who were on the list.

Cook said he took the photos on his phone so he could review them at a later time outside the office.

Cook said a police commander brought the public Snapchat post to his attention and helped him take the photos down. However, during the approximately 90 minutes they were live, followers took screenshots of the list and began passing them around.

Cook said he compiled the mug shots, many of which were between eight and 10 years old, because he is returning to the Evanston department after eight years working elsewhere. He felt he knew many of the men included in the investigation and requested the old photos to jog his memory.

Cook said last week that he does not know anyone on the list's HIV status or why it was marked on one of the booking photos included in his post.

## Audit

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"The inspector general's report makes it quite clear that the JISC has fallen far short of that goal — for more than a decade. We can and should do better for our youth and the public."

Youths processed through the Juvenile Intervention and Support Center are screened by case detectives and referred either to court, for services, or sent home. The facility in a former CPD district station on California Avenue is meant to be an intake center for juveniles who qualify, where they can be linked to "resources from partner entities in government and local communities."

But Ferguson reported that is not happening. Activities there appear to be led by CPD alone, the 82-page report states.

"The facility does not present a trauma-informed setting," the report reads. "It operates much like a traditional police station."

The report notes, for example, that diverted teens are still typically handcuffed to a stationary wall, fingerprinted and moved to secure area staffed by civilian

detention aides.

It also noted that staff who run the program are promoted by seniority and not on merit or applicable knowledge — and that the program fails to create an atmosphere or system that recognizes the trauma that younger offenders entering in the criminal justice system experience.

And the outcomes for the many thousands of youths who have passed through the center are unknown.

"DFSS and CPD have resisted sharing program data with each other and with the public, and have operated JISC for almost fourteen years without demonstrating evidence of its effectiveness," the report states in its findings. "JISC has no charter, memorandum of understanding, or governing board to establish goals and accountability measures."

The report caught the attention of the administration of Mayor Lori Lightfoot.

A spokesman for the mayor said work had started to make corrections.

"Our city has a fundamental obligation to ensure Chicago's most vulnerable youth are connected with high-quality diversion opportunities that will put them on a

more productive path for a successful future," mayoral spokesman Patrick Mullane said in a statement.

"We take the concerns outlined by the Office of Inspector General with the utmost seriousness, which is why as part of our commitment, the Chicago Police Department and the Department of Family and Support Services have already begun to implement these recommendations that will build a stronger, more coordinated Juvenile Intervention and Support Center to prioritize services over punishment and improve youth outcomes."

The Department of Family and Support Services issued a statement, also pledging to work with CPD and outside agencies to determine how to better serve young offenders.

"DFSS also has expanded the scope of youth services available at the JISC through newly-formed partnerships with local, community-based organizations dedicated to youth development," the emailed statement reads.

Ferguson called for better record keeping, more accountability, and partnerships with outside organizations. Other recommendations in the 82-page report included creating a formal agree-

ment between the two lead agencies to clearly state the goal and role each will play, more written policies and procedures, and a new screening tool.

"CPD and DFSS should engage with community organizations, subject-matter experts, and criminal justice system stakeholders to bring JISC's design into accordance with best practices for diversion programs and to provide a more trauma-informed experience for youth," the report states.

The report also examined the instances when police detectives issued an override in the program that led to harsher or lighter outcomes. That analysis found that African American youths were more likely to get an override that increased their involvement in the criminal justice system, when compared to Hispanic juveniles.

Valid comparisons to white youths were not possible, the document stated, due to the low numbers in the program. The report cautioned that the low number of white arrestees who were examined is likely because the districts designated to feed the JISC are in primarily minority neighborhoods.

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# SEC is now probing affordable housing group

Its deteriorating S. Side sites were covered by Tribune

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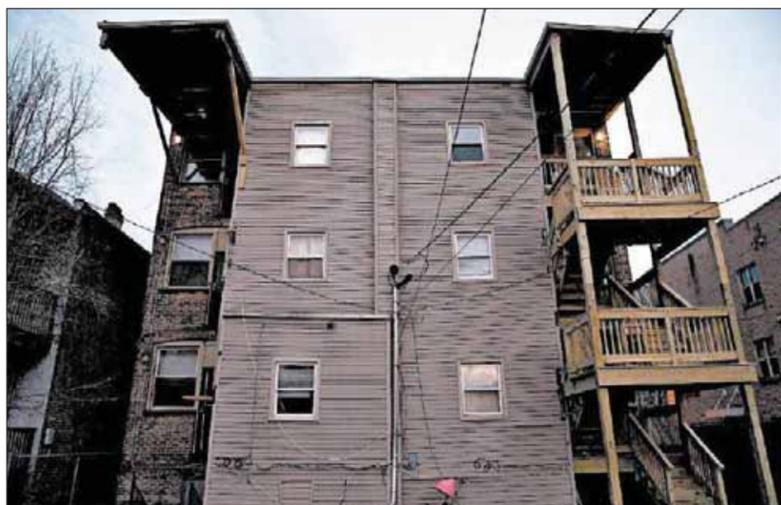
The Securities and Exchange Commission has launched an investigation of an upstart nonprofit that the Tribune found paid millions in fees to those involved in state-aided deals while some of its South Side apartment buildings deteriorated.

The Better Housing Foundation disclosed the SEC probe in a court filing last week as part of the bankruptcy case of one of its affiliates. The SEC is seeking records “related to the events that preceded current ownership’s involvement in BHF and its affiliates,” according to Clark Hill, the organization’s legal firm.

The firm did not say when the SEC request was made, but mentioned that it occurred before the Jan. 31 bankruptcy case began. The SEC declined to comment Tuesday, and the nonprofit and its attorneys did not immediately respond to emails. The filing was first reported by Crain’s Chicago Business.

The interest by federal regulators is the latest fall-out in a long-running saga that the Tribune revealed in August 2018. The Better Housing Foundation — a nonprofit organization that had no staff or income at the time — had leveraged its charity status to borrow tens of millions of dollars with the help of the Illinois Finance Authority. It used the money to rapidly buy dozens of buildings, most of them on the South Side, plus a handful in the suburbs.

The nonprofit, started by an Ohio lawyer and a Chicago property manager, also got property taxes waived on the South Side buildings by promising help to low-income tenants. The organization said it would safely house tenants, help them get jobs and health care, and



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A six-flat owned by the Better Housing Foundation is shown in 2019. A work crew removed a back porch after city inspectors deemed it to be dangerous.

not evict them “solely on the basis that the tenant is unable to pay their rent.”

The Tribune found that a property manager, lawyers and others tied to the deals were collectively paid millions in fees, while the state missed red flags about the nonprofit’s credentials or whether it lived up to its charitable promises. The Chicago buildings deteriorated, the nonprofit didn’t provide social services and the charity regularly sued to evict those behind on rent.

Then the cash flow began drying up. As the South Side units began failing housing inspections, the Chicago Housing Authority cut off rent-assistance payments. And after the Tribune began asking questions, the state pulled the property tax breaks granted to the nonprofit.

Along the way, the organization has gone through at least five sets of board members. By April 2019, the Tribune found that the nonprofit had continued to sink into financial difficulties and rack up city code violations.

Meanwhile, the nonprofit shuttered some buildings and stopped making payments on the bonds it used to buy the buildings, and the city put some of the build-

ings into receivership last year.

The nonprofit created multiple affiliates to borrow money for various deals. One of them, Lindran Properties, filed for bankruptcy late last month in an attempt to sell 16 South Side buildings to a bidder for far less than the amount owed on the bonds the nonprofit used to buy them.

The Illinois Finance Authority, which signed off on the bond deals and collected fees from them, told the Tribune on Tuesday that the SEC had not contacted the agency for information. In an interview, Executive Director Chris Meister repeated earlier frustrations with the nonprofit.

“This borrower failed to meet its contractual obligations — which it voluntarily undertook to its bondholders, who are also their lenders — but also the people that were hurt were the people, the neighbors and the communities in which this borrower had its affordable housing buildings,” Meister said.

Meister’s agency went further two months ago in a statement to the ratings firm Standard & Poor, which vetted the deals and declared them investment

grade. The IFA noted the deals had, among other things, “catastrophically impacted residents of these projects” and suggested the

ratings agency firm up how it rates bonds “to avoid, to the extent reasonably possible, rapid and catastrophic situations and ratings downgrades similar to those experienced in connection with the Better Housing Foundation properties.”

The SEC’s interest in the BHF comes after a civil lawsuit between the nonprofit and its former property manager.

In October 2018, the BHF’s fourth set of board members sued Chicago-area developer L. Mark DeAngelis, alleging his firms “grossly mismanaged” the properties while collecting millions in fees from the initial affordable housing deals.

Court records show the nonprofit dropped the suit last year, saying that “financial difficulties” meant it didn’t have the money to “pursue this factually complex litigation.”

DeAngelis’ attorney,

Howard Rosenberg, said Tuesday that DeAngelis “acted honorably and appropriately.”

“While he regrets the current situation, it is important to know that Mark is not responsible for it. In time, the facts will come out and will show that pointing the finger at Mark is simply wrong,” Rosenberg told the Tribune in an email.

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# Dem rivals hit Sanders in debate

Rest of field takes turns attacking early front-runner

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CHARLESTON, S.C. — Democrats unleashed a roaring assault against Bernie Sanders and seized on Mike Bloomberg's past with women in the workplace during a contentious debate Tuesday night that tested the strength of the two men at the center of the party's presidential nomination fight.

As the undeniable Democratic front-runner, Sanders faced the brunt of the attacks for much of the night, and for one of the few times, fellow progressive Elizabeth Warren was among the critics. The Massachusetts senator pressed the case that she could execute ideas that the Vermont senator could only talk about.

"Bernie and I agree on a lot of things," she said. "But I think I would make a better president than Bernie."

A group of moderates, meanwhile, fought to emerge as the chief Sanders alternative.

Former Vice President Joe Biden, who is seeking a strong win in South Carolina to keep his campaign afloat, argued only he has the experience to lead in the world. Sen. Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota repeatedly contended that she alone could win the votes of battleground state moderates. And Pete Buttigieg pointed to Sanders' self-described democratic socialism and his recent com-



From left, Mike Bloomberg, Pete Buttigieg, Elizabeth Warren, Bernie Sanders, Joe Biden, Amy Klobuchar and Tom Steyer.

ments expressing admiration for Cuban dictator Fidel Castro's push for education.

"I am not looking forward to a scenario where it comes down to Donald Trump with his nostalgia for the social order of the 1950s and Bernie Sanders with a nostalgia for the revolutionary politics of the 1960s," the former mayor of South Bend, Indiana, declared.

But the moderates did little to draw separation among themselves, a dynamic that has so far benefited only the Vermont senator. Sanders fought back throughout the night, pointing to polls that showed him beating the Republican president and noting all the recent attention he's gotten: "I'm hear-

ing my name mentioned a little bit tonight. I wonder why?"

The intensity of Tuesday's forum, with candidates repeatedly shouting over each other, reflected the reality that the Democrats' establishment wing is quickly running out of time to stop Sanders' rise. Even some critics, Bloomberg among them, conceded that Sanders could build an insurmountable delegate lead as soon as next week.

The 10th debate of the 2020 primary season, sponsored by CBS and the Congressional Black Caucus Institute, was four days before South Carolina's first-in-the-South primary and one week before more than a dozen states vote on Super Tuesday. The Democratic White House hopefuls will

not stand side-by-side on the debate stage again until the middle of March. That made Tuesday's debate likely the last chance for some candidates to save themselves and alter the trajectory of the nomination fight.

Though Sanders was at the center of the attacks, the night was something of a high point in his political career. After spending nearly three decades as an agitator who delighted in tearing into his party's establishment, that very party establishment was suddenly fighting to take him down, a clear sign of his rising status as the leading candidate for the nomination.

Bloomberg also faced sustained attacks that gave him an opportunity to re-

deem himself after a bad debate debut one week earlier. Warren cut hard at his record as a businessman, bringing up reports of one particular allegation that he told a pregnant employee "to kill it," a reference to the woman's unborn child. Bloomberg fiercely denied the allegation, but acknowledged he sometimes made comments that were inappropriate.

Bloomberg "cannot earn the trust of the core of the Democratic Party," Warren said. "He is the riskiest candidate standing on this stage."

But Bloomberg will likely remain a force in the contest even as other candidates may quickly face tough choices about the sustainability of their campaigns. Bloomberg has already

spent more than \$500 million on a national advertising campaign, and his fortune ensures he will remain a factor at least through Super Tuesday.

From the earliest moments of the debate, Bloomberg sought to portray a clear contrast with Sanders. He said Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin agree that Sanders would be the best outcome for the Democrats.

"Vladimir Putin thinks Donald Trump should be president of the United States and that's why Russia is helping you get elected so you lose to him," Bloomberg said.

Last week, Sanders acknowledged that he'd been briefed by intelligence officials who said that Russia is attempting to interfere in the elections to benefit him. He responded to Bloomberg on Tuesday with a direct statement for Putin: "Hey, Mr. Putin, if I'm president of the United States, trust me you're not going to interfere in any more American elections."

But the skepticism for Sanders was a constant.

Buttigieg raised concerns that a Sanders nomination would cost Democrats the House and make it harder to retake the Senate.

"We're not going to win these critical, critical House and Senate races if people in those races have to explain why the nominee of the Democratic Party is telling people to look at the bright side of the Castro regime," Buttigieg said.

Bloomberg said Sanders wouldn't be able to build a winning coalition that includes Republicans unhappy with Trump's performance.



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Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg, left, and Sonia Sotomayor take part in a recent discussion celebrating Sandra Day O'Connor, the first woman to serve on the Supreme Court.

## Trump: 2 justices biased, should recuse themselves

By **PETER BAKER**  
The New York Times

NEW DELHI — President Donald Trump lashed out at two liberal Supreme Court justices Tuesday, escalating his battle with the judicial system to new heights despite entreaties by his attorney general to refrain from attacks that complicate the administration's legal fights.

Weighing in on a domestic matter as he began a day of ceremony, meetings and a joint news conference with Prime Minister Narendra Modi of India, Trump seized on a dissenting opinion last week by Justice Sonia Sotomayor and a years-old comment by Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg to demand that the two Democratic-appointed jurists recuse themselves from any cases involving him.

Justices decide for themselves when to step aside from cases the court is considering, and it is highly unlikely either justice would sit out cases involving Trump, including two cases the court will hear on March 31 over subpoenas for Trump's tax, bank and financial records. The president wants the justices to

reject demands for the records issued by House committees and the Manhattan district attorney.

Besides ignoring the entreaties of Attorney General William Barr, the president's attack on the two justices also risked provoking a reaction from Chief Justice John Roberts. In 2018, Roberts admonished Trump for calling a Supreme Court justice who ruled against one of his administration's policies "an Obama judge."

His comments about Ginsburg stem from interviews in 2016 that were critical of Trump, then a candidate for president. She quickly apologized for her "ill-advised" remarks, but Ginsburg has not recused herself from any Trump case so far.

His ire at Sotomayor appears to be referencing a dissenting opinion she wrote Friday. The president said the justice was "trying to shame people with perhaps a different view into voting her way."

But regardless of party and ideology, justices have said they write dissenting opinions to do just that — change the minds of people with whom they disagree through persuasive reason-

ing. Indeed, sometimes draft dissents are so successful that they become majority opinions of the court.

Sotomayor issued her dissent last week against an order by the court allowing the Trump administration to proceed with a plan to deny green cards to immigrants who are deemed likely to become "public charges" reliant on government aid programs.

In her seven-page opinion, Sotomayor wrote that the Trump administration had become too quick to claim emergencies and run to the Supreme Court after interim losses in the lower courts.

Writing on Twitter Tuesday morning, Trump quoted Laura Ingraham of Fox News: "Sotomayor accuses GOP appointed Justices of being biased in favor of Trump."

"This is a terrible thing to say. Trying to 'shame' some into voting her way? She never criticized Justice Ginsburg when she called me a 'faker.' Both should recuse themselves on all Trump, or Trump related, matters!"

Associated Press contributed.

## Domingo abused power, opera union probe finds

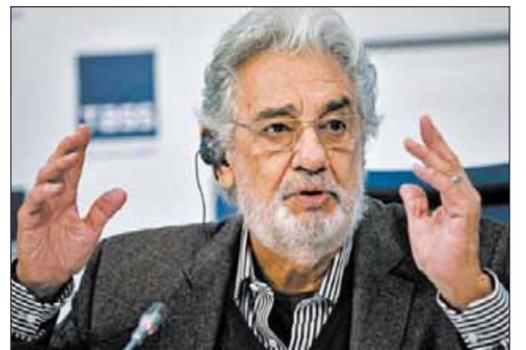
By **JOCELYN GECKER**  
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — An investigation into legendary singer Plácido Domingo by the U.S. union representing opera performers found more than two dozen people who said they were sexually harassed or witnessed inappropriate behavior by the superstar when he held senior management positions at Washington National Opera and Los Angeles Opera, according to people familiar with the findings.

The investigation, conducted by lawyers hired by the American Guild of Musical Artists, concluded that the accounts from 27 people showed a clear pattern of sexual misconduct and abuse of power by Domingo spanning at least two decades, according to those who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to disclose the findings.

In response to a request for comment from the AP, Domingo issued a statement saying: "I have taken time over the last several months to reflect on the allegations that various colleagues of mine have made against me. I respect that these women finally felt comfortable enough to speak out, and I want them to know that I am truly sorry for the hurt that I caused them. I accept full responsibility for my actions, and I have grown from this experience."

The union's investigation was the first of two independent inquiries launched after multiple women accused Domingo of sexual harassment and abusing his power in two AP stories published last year. The second inquiry, still ongoing, was launched by LA Opera, where Domingo had been general director since 2003 before resigning in October.



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Opera star Plácido Domingo apologized Tuesday for "the hurt" caused to his accusers of sexual harassment.

According to the people familiar with the contents of the union's investigation, lawyers from the firm Cozen O'Connor interviewed 55 people from September until late December. In addition to the 27 who said they experienced or witnessed sexually suggestive behavior on the part of Domingo in the 1990s and 2000s, 12 others said they were aware of the star's reputation and that it was common knowledge at the two companies.

Mirroring AP's reporting last year, the investigation found that the allegations included unsolicited physical touching that ranged from kisses on the mouth to groping, late-night phone calls in which Domingo asked women to come to his residence, and inviting women to go out with him socially with such persistence that some felt they were being stalked.

Two of the women told investigators that they had sexual relations with Domingo, saying they felt compelled to submit because of his position of authority and potential to damage their careers, according to the people familiar with the investigation.

In the rest of his statement to the AP, Domingo said, "I understand now that some women may have feared expressing them-

selves honestly because of a concern that their careers would be adversely affected if they did so. While that was never my intention, no one should ever be made to feel that way.

"I am committed to affecting positive change in the opera industry so that no one else has to have that same experience. It is my fervent wish that the result will be a safer place to work for all in the opera industry, and I hope that my example moving forward will encourage others to follow."

Union officials would not directly address the contents of the report, which has not been made public. But the union's national executive director, Leonard Egert, issued a statement to the AP saying, "AGMA salutes the brave people across all our industries and encourages them to continue speaking out against wrongdoing. We call upon management, and pledge to work collaboratively with them, to get at the root causes that have allowed this behavior to occur, and go unaddressed, in opera, dance, and choral cultures for far too long."

Domingo has been one of the opera's most beloved and successful figures, valued for his enduring talent and ability to attract sellout crowds in an era of diminishing ticket sales.

# Trump defends India leader Modi

President refuses to weigh in on citizenship law

By JONATHAN LEMIRE AND JILL COLVIN  
Associated Press

NEW DELHI — Defending the host who has showered him with pageantry, President Donald Trump refused Tuesday to speak out publicly against an Indian citizenship law pushed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi that has sparked deadly protests over discrimination against Muslims during the president's visit.

With at least 10 people killed in violent protests during his two-day visit, Trump told reporters that he didn't want to discuss the amendment that provides fast-track naturalization for some foreign-born religious minorities but not Muslims. The law is raising fears the country is inching nearer to a religious citizenship test.

"I want to leave that to India, and hopefully, they will make the right decision," Trump said.

A senior administration official had told reporters before the trip that the U.S. was concerned about the developments.

The tiptoeing came as Trump was winding up a 36-hour visit to the subcontinent in which he was showered with praise at a mega rally in Ahmedabad, toured the majestic Taj Mahal and held talks with Modi.

Cities were plastered with billboards heralding Trump's arrival, his travel routes were lined with enthusiastic crowds, and colorfully costumed dancers and musicians entertained him at every turn.

As Trump was being feted, at least 10 were killed and 150 injured in two days of clashes between supporters and opponents of the new citizenship amendment.

On Tuesday, an angry group of Hindus carrying



President Donald Trump greets India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi at a joint news conference Tuesday in New Delhi.

pickaxes and iron rods hurled rocks at Muslims. Protesters in several areas of northeast Delhi threw stones, and set shops and vehicles on fire.

And black smoke rose into the sky after Hindu protesters set fruit and vegetable shops, and a Muslim shrine on fire in northeast New Delhi, witnesses said. Police fired tear gas to disperse the crowds.

Asked about the protests during a news conference before his departure, Trump said he had raised

the issue of religious freedom with Modi and that the prime minister was "incredible" on the subject.

"He wants people to have religious freedom," said Trump, who shares much in common with Modi in both substance and style.

The president himself proposed temporarily barring all Muslims from entering the U.S. during his 2016 campaign and successfully implemented a travel ban that targets travelers from certain majority-Muslim countries.

Trump spoke at length during Monday's rally about the threat posed by "radical Islamic terrorism" and his administration's efforts to defeat it.

While Monday's events were mostly for show, Trump turned to substance Tuesday, spending much of the day meeting with Modi in New Delhi.

Trump emerged from the talks saying he was optimistic about prospects for ultimately completing a trade deal, though he offered no details about what

— if anything — has been agreed to.

"Our teams have made tremendous progress on a comprehensive trade agreement, and I'm optimistic we can reach a deal that will be of great importance to both countries," Trump told reporters.

He said that if a deal happens, it will likely be "towards the end of the year."

The two countries have been engaged in a trade standoff since Trump imposed tariffs on Indian steel

and aluminum exports.

India responded with higher penalties on U.S. agricultural goods and restrictions on medical devices, prompting the U.S. to strip India of its decades-old trade preferences.

The day began with an elaborate welcome ceremony in front of the grand Rashtrapati Bhavan Presidential Palace in New Delhi.

Cannons fired as the president's armored car rolled through the palace gates accompanied by re-uniformed guards on horseback.

The ceremony included hundreds of military officials marching with instruments and swords.

Later, Trump and the first lady participated in a wreath-laying ceremony at Raj Ghat, a memorial to Mohandas Gandhi in New Delhi at the site where the famed Indian independence leader was cremated after his assassination in January 1948.

"The last two days were amazing in every sense of the word," Trump said, describing the trip as "unforgettable," "extraordinary" and an expression of "love."

Yet Trump's domestic squabbles were never far from mind, as he lashed out against his Democratic rivals, warning of economic calamity if he loses his reelection race in November, and slammed a pair of liberal-leaning Supreme Court justices, saying they should recuse themselves from cases involving him and his administration.

The Republican president also said he had not been briefed on intelligence suggesting Russia is meddling in the 2020 election, either to bolster himself or Democratic candidate Bernie Sanders.

"I want no help from any country and I haven't been given help from any country," Trump said, despite Russia's well-documented meddling in the 2016 election to help him win.

## Finding the norms for reality of battle

Pentagon adopts ethical principles for using AI in war

By MATT O'BRIEN  
Associated Press

The Pentagon is adopting new ethical principles as it prepares to accelerate its use of artificial intelligence technology on the battlefield.

The new principles call for people to "exercise appropriate levels of judgment and care" when deploying and using AI systems, such as those that scan aerial imagery to look for targets.

They also say decisions made by automated systems should be "traceable" and "governable," which means "there has to be a way to disengage or deactivate" them if they are demonstrating unintended behavior, said Air Force Lt. Gen. Jack Shanahan, director of the Pentagon's Joint Artificial Intelligence Center.

The Pentagon's push to speed up its AI capabilities has fueled a fight between tech companies over a \$10 billion cloud computing contract known as the Joint Enterprise Defense Infrastructure, or JEDI.

Microsoft won the contract in October but hasn't started on the 10-year project because Amazon sued the Pentagon, arguing that President Donald Trump's antipathy toward Amazon and its CEO Jeff Bezos hurt the company's chances at winning the bid.

An existing 2012 military directive requires humans to be in control of automated weapons but doesn't address broader uses of AI.

The new U.S. principles are meant to guide both combat and noncombat applications, from intelligence-gathering and surveillance operations to predicting maintenance problems in planes or ships.

The approach outlined Monday follows recommendations last year by the Defense Innovation Board,

a group led by former Google CEO Eric Schmidt. While the Pentagon acknowledged AI "raises new ethical ambiguities and risks," the new principles fall short of stronger restrictions favored by arms control advocates.

"I worry that the principles are a bit of an ethics-washing project," said Lucy Suchman, an anthropologist who studies the role of AI in warfare. "The word 'appropriate' is open to a lot of interpretations."

Shanahan said the principles are intentionally broad to avoid handcuffing the U.S. military with specific restrictions that could become outdated.

"Tech adapts. Tech

evolves," he said.

The Pentagon hit a roadblock in its AI efforts in 2018 after internal protests at Google led the tech company to drop out of the military's Project Maven, which uses algorithms to interpret aerial images from conflict zones.

Other companies have since filled the vacuum.

Shanahan said the new principles are helping to regain support from the tech industry, where "there was a thirst for having this discussion."

"Sometimes I think the angst is a little hyped, but we do have people who have serious concerns about working with the Department of Defense," he said.

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Maria Guadalupe Guereca visits the grave of her son Sergio Adrian Hernandez Guereca in 2017 in Juarez, Mexico. Sergio was shot and killed by a U.S. Border Patrol agent in 2010.

## High court rules against family in border slaying

By MARK SHERMAN  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court ruled 5-4 Tuesday to close the courthouse door on the parents of a Mexican teenager who was shot dead over the border by an American agent.

The court's five conservative justices held that the parents could not use American courts to sue Border Patrol Agent Jesus Mesa Jr., who killed their unarmed 15-year-old son in 2010. Mesa was on U.S. soil in Texas when he fired the fatal shot.

Justice Samuel Alito wrote for the court that the case is tragic, but that strong border security and international relations issues led to the ruling against the parents of Sergio Adrian Hernandez Guereca.

"Since regulating the conduct of agents at the border unquestionably has national security implications, the risk of undermining border security provides reasons to hesitate" about allowing the parents to sue in American courts, Alito wrote.

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, writing for her liberal colleagues, disagreed, saying the parents' lawsuit

does not endanger border security or U.S. foreign policy.

Tuesday's outcome also is certain to doom a lawsuit filed by the parents of a teenager killed in Nogales, Mexico, from gunshots fired across the border by a U.S. agent who was standing in Arizona. That case has been on hold.

The case tested a half-century-old Supreme Court decision that allows people to sue federal officials for constitutional violations. Over the years, the courts have made it harder to bring claims, known as Bivens actions after the name of the high court case.

Ginsburg wrote that "it is all too apparent that to redress injuries like the one suffered here, it is Bivens or nothing. I resist the conclusion that 'nothing' is the answer required in this case."

Alito noted that the Justice Department and the parents disagreed about the sequence of events that led to Sergio's death.

But there is no question that Mesa was standing on the U.S. side of the border when he fired into Mexico and killed him with a gunshot wound to the face.

The family said Sergio was playing a game with

friends on a June evening, running through a culvert and over the border, touching it and running back. Mesa rode up on a bicycle, took Sergio's friend into custody, then fired across the border.

The Justice Department said Mesa was trying to stop "smugglers attempting an illegal border crossing" and fired his gun after he came under a barrage of rocks. Mesa said in court filings that Sergio was among the rock throwers. Video footage of the incident seems to dispute that.

U.S. officials chose not to prosecute Mesa, and the Obama administration refused a request to extradite him so that he could face criminal charges in Mexico. When the parents of the boy tried to sue Mesa, federal judges dismissed their claims.

The Border Patrol drastically changed its use-of-force policies in the years after the shooting, following several complaints of excessive force.

There were 15 instances in which officers and agents used firearms during the budget year 2018, down from a high of 55 reported during the 2012 budget year.



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# New worry: Untraceable viral clusters

The usual methods to combat outbreak may prove futile

By ANIRUDDHA GHOSAL AND LAURAN NEERGAARD  
Associated Press

In South Korea, Singapore and Iran, clusters of infections are leading to a jump in cases of the new viral illness outside China. But it's not the numbers that are worrying experts: It's that increasingly they can't trace where the clusters started.

World Health Organization officials said China's crackdown on parts of the country bought time for the rest of the world to prepare for the new virus. But as hot spots emerge around the globe, trouble finding each source — the first patient who sparks every new cluster — might signal the disease has begun spreading too widely for tried-and-true public health steps to stamp it out.

"A number of spot fires, occurring around the world is a sign that things are ticking along, and what we are going to have here is probably a pandemic," said Ian Mackay, who studies viruses at Australia's University of Queensland.

That worst-case isn't here yet, the WHO insists. It isn't convinced that countries outside China need more draconian measures, but it pointed to spikes in cases in Iran and South Korea to warn that time may be running out to contain the virus.

"What we see is a very different phase of this outbreak depending where you look," said WHO's Dr. Sylvie Briand. "We see different patterns of transmission in different places."

The World Health Organization defines a "global pandemic" as a disease spreading on two continents, though some public health experts would call an outbreak a pandemic if the spread is over a wide area or across many international borders.

The newest red flag: Iran has reported 95 cases, including 15 deaths, as of Tuesday. The cluster began in the city of Qom, a popular religious destination, but it's not clear how. Worse, infected travelers from Iran already have been discovered in Lebanon and Canada.



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A teacher dispenses hand sanitizer to a student at Yongsan elementary school in Seoul, South Korea on Jan. 30.

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In South Korea, most of the hundreds of new cases detected since last Wednesday are linked to a church in the city of Daegu and a nearby hospital. But health authorities have not yet found the "index case," the person among the church's 9,000 followers who set off the chain of infections. The Daegu region accounts for over 80% of South Korea's nearly 1,000 virus cases and 10 of its 11 deaths.

There also have been several cases in the capital, Seoul, where the infection routes have not yet been traced. In Europe, Italy reported a 45% one-day increase in people infected with the virus as other

countries in Europe recorded their first cases Tuesday, producing evidence that travelers are carrying the virus from the European outbreak's current epicenter. Officials reported 10 deaths and 322 confirmed cases of the virus, 100 more than a day earlier. While the majority are concentrated in northern Italy, some of the new cases showed up in parts of Italy well outside the country's two hard-hit regions.

Austria, Croatia and Switzerland reported their first cases, all in people who recently traveled to Italy.

The three new deaths in Italy, like the seven reported earlier, were in patients who

were elderly, suffering from other ailments, or both, officials said.

A cluster of cases isn't inherently worrying — in fact, it's expected as an infection that's easy to spread is carried around the world by travelers. The first line of defense: Isolate the sick to treat them and prevent further spread, and quarantine people who came in contact with them until the incubation period is over.

But as the virus becomes more widespread, trying to trace every contact would be futile, Singapore's Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong acknowledged this month.

"If we still hospitalize and isolate every suspect case, our hospitals will be overwhelmed," he said. So far, the city-state has identified five clusters of transmission, including two churches. But there remain eight locally transmitted cases with no links to earlier cases, or to China.

Viruses vary in how they infect. The new coronavirus — unlike its cousins SARS, or severe acute respiratory

syndrome, and MERS, or Middle East respiratory syndrome — spreads as easily as a common cold.

And it's almost certainly being spread by people who show such mild symptoms that no one can tell, said Dr. Amesh Adalja of the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security.

"If that's the case, all of these containment methods are not going to work," Adalja said. "It's likely mixed in the cold and flu season all over the place, in multiple countries."

These milder symptoms are good news "in terms of not as many people dying," said Mackay, of Australia. "But it's really bad news if you are trying to stop a pandemic," he added.

When Hong Kong reported its first death from the virus this month, it also confirmed three locally transmitted cases with no known link to any previous cases or any travel to China. Chuang Shuk-kwan of the Center for Health Protection warned then that "there could be invisible chains of infection happening within

communities."

Officials in South Korea and Japan have signaled that the spread is entering a new phase in their countries.

On Friday, South Korean Prime Minister Chung Se-kyun said the government would have to shift its focus from quarantine and border control to slowing the spread of the virus.

Takaji Wakita, head of Japan's National Institute of Infectious Diseases, earlier urged people to work at home or in shifts to avoid being in a crowd, and refrain from holding nonessential and non-urgent meetings.

But Adalja cautioned that far-reaching measures like China instituted in the outbreak's epicenter of Wuhan — where citizens have been ordered to stay in their homes for weeks — can backfire. That kind of lockdown makes it hard for people to get other critically important care, like fast treatment for a heart attack.

There's no way to predict if the recent clusters will burn out or trigger widespread transmission.

## Virus

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"We cannot hermetically seal off the United States to a virus," Alex Azar, the secretary of health and human services, told a Senate panel on Tuesday. "And we need to be realistic about that."

At the moment, the United States has just 57 cases, 40 of them connected to the Diamond Princess, the cruise ship overwhelmed by the coronavirus after it docked in Japan.

Those patients are in isolation in hospitals, and there are no signs of sustained transmission in American communities yet.

Officials at the CDC said they did not know whether spread of the disease to the United States would be mild or severe.

But Americans should be ready for a significant disruption to their daily lives, Messonnier said.

Addressing rising concerns, President Donald

Trump on Tuesday said at a news briefing in India: "You may ask about the coronavirus, which is very well under control in our country."

But on Tuesday, members of the administration were grilled on Capitol Hill by lawmakers from both parties, who made it clear they were not convinced that the Trump administration was prepared for the outbreak that the CDC is forecasting.

Sen. John Kennedy, R-La., grew exasperated when the acting secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, Chad Wolf, could not say how many people were expected to become infected.

"I'm all for committees and task forces but you're the secretary," Kennedy responded. "I think you ought to know that answer."

The administration officials overseeing the response to a potential coronavirus outbreak told lawmakers that the initial amount of money requested by the White House — \$1.25 billion in new funds and

\$1.25 billion taken from other programs — would likely be just a first round.

Azar said that there are 30 million N95 masks in the nation's emergency stockpile, which typically cost less than \$1 apiece.

Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., asked the health secretary whether he thought the United States currently had enough health masks in stock.

"Of course not," he said, "or else we wouldn't be asking for more."

China reported 508 new cases and another 71 deaths. The updates bring mainland China's totals to 77,658 cases and 2,663 deaths.

In Iran, a spike in coronavirus infections — including to the top health official in charge of fighting the disease — has prompted fears of a contagion throughout the Middle East. On Tuesday, Iran said 15 people had died so far amid 95 confirmed cases.

But there are persistent doubts about the accuracy of infection figures reported by the Chinese and Iranian governments, raising the



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Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar speaks on the response to the coronavirus. Azar said there are 30 million N95 masks in the nation's emergency stockpile.

possibility that the true magnitude of the outbreak remains underreported.

South Korea on Wednesday reported 169 more cases of a new virus, mostly in the southeast city of Daegu and nearby areas, bringing its total number of infections to 1,146. The CDC warned

Americans not to travel there. Most cases are in Daegu, the city at the center of the country's outbreak.

The U.S. military says one of its soldiers based in South Korea tested positive for a new virus, the first U.S. service member infected. A statement said Wednesday

that the 23-year-old man is in self quarantine at his off-base residence.

In Italy's north, where more than 200 were sickened, a dozen towns were sealed off.

Associated Press contributed.



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A cashier at a store in San Francisco shows a packet of tobacco-flavored Juul pods.

## 39 states investigate Juul's marketing, sales

By DAVE COLLINS  
Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — Investigators from 39 states will look into the marketing and sales of vaping products by Juul Labs, including whether the company targeted youths and made misleading claims about nicotine content in its devices, officials announced Tuesday.

Attorneys general from Connecticut, Florida, Nevada, Oregon and Texas said they will be leading the

multistate investigation into San Francisco-based Juul, which also is facing lawsuits by teenagers and others who say they became addicted to the company's vaping products.

The state officials said they also will be investigating the company's claims about the risk, safety and effectiveness of its vaping products as smoking cessation devices.

"I will not prejudice where this investigation will lead," Connecticut Attorney General William

Tong said in a statement, "but we will follow every fact and are prepared to take strong action in conjunction with states across the nation to protect public health."

Juul released a statement saying it has halted television, print and digital advertising and eliminated most flavors in response to concerns by government officials and others.

"We will continue to reset the vapor category in the U.S. and seek to earn the trust of society by working

cooperatively with attorneys general, regulators, public health officials, and other stakeholders to combat underage use and transition adult smokers from combustible cigarettes," the statement said.

Florida Attorney General Ashley Moody said underage vaping has become an epidemic across the country. "I cannot sit on the sidelines while this public health epidemic grows, and our next generation becomes addicted to nicotine," Moody said.

## NEWS BRIEFING

Staff and news services

### Hillary Clinton: Will support Sanders if nominated for Dems

BERLIN — Former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton has expressed skepticism about Bernie Sanders but says she will back the Democrats' nominee no matter who it is. Clinton, who beat Sanders for the Democratic nomination only to lose the 2016 election to President Donald Trump, made waves with comments about Sanders in the new documentary "Hillary," saying, "nobody likes him, nobody wants to

work with him."

But at the Berlinale film festival Tuesday where she was promoting the documentary that will debut on Hulu in March, Clinton said her top priority was unseating Trump.

"I'm going to wait and see who we nominate," she said. "I will support the nominee, and it won't surprise you to hear me say that I think that it's imperative that we retire the incumbent."

### Hot Pockets heir gets 5 months in prison for college scam

BOSTON — An heir to the Hot Pockets fortune was sentenced to five months in prison Tuesday for trying to cheat and bribe her daughters' way into school as part of a nationwide college admissions scam.

Michelle Janavs, whose father and uncle invented the microwavable Hot Pockets turnovers before selling their company, apologized for abandoning her moral compass

and hurting her family and friends. "I am so very sorry that I tried to create an unfair advantage for my children," she said.

Janavs admitted to paying \$100,000 to have a proctor correct her two daughters' ACT exam answers.

She also agreed to pay \$200,000 to have one of her daughters labeled as a fake beach volleyball recruit at the University of Southern California.

### Officials: German man drove into Carnival crowd 'to kill'

BERLIN — A German man who drove his car into a crowd celebrating Carnival, injuring dozens of people including many children, is being investigated on suspicion of attempted murder, prosecutors said Tuesday.

The 29-year-old man, who suffered serious head injuries in the crash, lived in the central German town of Volkmarshausen, where the incident took place Monday.

Authorities said 61 people were injured when the man plowed into a crowd watching a parade, including 20 children. Those injured ranged in age from 2 to 85. By Tuesday, 35 remained hospitalized, some with life-threatening injuries.

Prosecutors said they were still seeking a motive, but alleged the suspect drove his car "into a large group of people with the intention to kill."



MAX BECHERER/THE ADVOCATE

Revelers march in the St. Anne Parade through New Orleans' Marigny neighborhood on Tuesday. People in the city celebrated the end of a Mardi Gras season tinged by tragedy after two bystanders were killed by floats in the days leading up to Fat Tuesday.

### Outbreak of locust swarms in East Africa spreads to Congo

KAMPALA, Uganda — A small group of desert locusts has entered Congo, marking the first time the voracious insects have been seen in the Central African country since 1944, the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization said Tuesday as U.N. agencies warned of a "major hunger threat" in East Africa from the flying pests.

Kenya, Somalia and Uganda have been battling the swarms in the worst locust outbreak that parts of East Africa have seen in 70 years. The U.N. said swarms have also been sighted in Djibouti, Eritrea

and Tanzania and recently reached South Sudan, a country where roughly half the population already faces hunger after years of civil war.

The FAO said mature locusts, carried in part by the wind, arrived on the western shore of Lake Albert in eastern Congo on Friday near the town of Bunia. The country has not seen locusts for 75 years, it said.

"Needless to say the potential impact of locusts on a country still grappling with complex conflict, Ebola and measles outbreaks, high levels of dis-

placement, and chronic food insecurity would be devastating," U.N. officials said in a statement.

Locust swarms can reach the size of major cities and can destroy crops and devastate pasture for animals.

Experts have warned that the number of locusts if unchecked could grow 500 times by June, when drier weather is expected.

Desert locusts have a reproduction cycle of three months, the U.N. officials said, and mature swarms are laying eggs in vast areas of Ethiopia, Kenya and Somalia.

### China gives Swedish bookseller 10 years in prison

BEIJING — A court in eastern China has sentenced a Swedish seller of books that took a skeptical look at the ruling Communist Party to 10 years in prison for "illegally providing intelligence overseas," in a further sign of Beijing's hard line toward its critics.

Gui Minhai first disap-

peared in 2015, when he was believed to have been abducted by Chinese agents from his seaside home in Thailand. He and four others who worked for the same Hong Kong publishing company all went missing at around the same time, only to turn up months later in police cus-

tody in mainland China.

The Ningbo Intermediate People's Court announced Tuesday that it gave Gui, a naturalized Swedish citizen, a 10-year prison sentence.

Gui admitted to his crime, agreed with the sentence and will not appeal, the court said.

### Weinstein hospitalized, called 'upbeat' about appeal

NEW YORK — A hospitalized Harvey Weinstein was "upbeat" and "energized" about appealing his sexual assault and rape conviction, one of his lawyers said Tuesday as one of Weinstein's accusers said the verdict made her feel grateful to be "heard and believed."

Weinstein remained in a jail unit at Bellevue Hospital, where he was taken after the verdict Monday to be checked out for heart palpitations and high blood pressure.

Attorney Arthur Aidala on Tuesday called the hospitalization "a precautionary measure to take him here and make sure his vitals and everything were OK" and said it wasn't clear how long Weinstein would be at Bellevue.

His remarks came after Mimi Haley, a former production assistant who accused Weinstein of forcing oral sex on her, called the verdict "a huge relief."

**In Japan:** A Japanese man who received his certificate as the world's oldest man with a raised fist and big smiles earlier this month has died at 112.

Guinness World Records had given the certificate to Chitetsu Watanabe on Feb. 12. The organization and the funeral home handling his services confirmed Tuesday he had died Sunday. No cause was given.

He had not been able to eat recently and developed a fever and difficulty breathing a couple of days before his death, nationally circulated newspaper Mainichi reported.

Watanabe used to say the secret to longevity was to keep smiling.

The oldest living person is also Japanese, Kane Tanaka, a 117-year-old woman.



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## EDITORIALS

# For the Illinois Supreme Court: Neville and Overstreet

The seven-member Illinois Supreme Court, which has the last word on matters involving state laws and the state constitution, has two elections this year to fill vacancies left by retiring justices. One is the 1st District, which consists of Cook County, and the other is the 5th District, encompassing 37 counties in south-central and southern Illinois.

Once elected, justices stand for retention every 10 years. So openings are rare and coveted. We think voters in these districts' contested nomination races have good choices in the March 17 Illinois primary. The Tribune Editorial Board's endorsements:

### 1st District Democrats

The 1st District seat previously was occupied by Charles Freeman, the first African American member of the court, who stepped down in 2018 after more than 27 years of service. His replacement, approved by the other justices, was **P. Scott Neville Jr.**, who had served as a judge on the Cook County Circuit Court before spending 14 years on the state Appellate Court.

Among the candidates in the Democratic primary for



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Illinois Supreme Court  
Justice P. Scott Neville Jr.



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Appellate Court Judge  
David Overstreet

this seat are three who get high marks from bar groups: Appellate Court Judges Margaret Stanton McBride, Jesse Reyes and Nathaniel Roosevelt Howse.

**But we welcomed Neville's original selection**, and his

time on the Supreme Court has confirmed that he belongs there.

The Illinois State Bar Association, which rates Neville "highly qualified," notes his "excellent legal knowledge and ability" and says "he is considered to be honest and a straight shooter."

As the sole African American on the court, Neville also brings an invaluable perspective that the court can ill afford to lose, and he has our endorsement.

### 5th District Republicans

The 5th District race is for the seat being vacated by retiring Justice Lloyd Karmeier, who most recently served three years as chief justice. The Republican primary features two current Appellate Court judges, **David Overstreet** of Mount Vernon and John Barberis Jr. of St. Jacob.

**Overstreet is a strong candidate who**, unlike his opponent, got the highest rating from the Illinois State Bar Association and appropriately avoids tipping his hand on how he would rule on cases before the court. Overstreet gets our endorsement.



STACEY WESCOTT/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Mark C. Curran Jr., shown in 2014, is among five Republicans looking to replace Democratic Sen. Dick Durbin.

## For US Senate on the Republican ballot: Mark C. Curran Jr.

The Republican who will take on U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin in the general election is in for an uphill climb. Durbin, seeking his fifth term in the Senate, breezed to victory against Republican Jim Oberweis back in 2014 — and that was a year in which Democrats lost the Senate.

In the current Republican primary, none of the candidates has statewide name recognition, which creates a fundraising hurdle. Perspective: Oberweis spent more than \$2 million, most of it his own, when he lost to Durbin. This is not to dissuade Durbin's eventual challenger this year, because Illinois voters should have a choice of candidates and views in the fall.

**Five people are seeking** the GOP nomination. The best qualified is **Mark C. Curran Jr.** of Libertyville, a former Lake County sheriff who was elected three times to that position and says he ran the office under budget 12 years in a row.

Curran, who is also a lawyer, did good work as sheriff: He started a countywide gang task force, set up a program to help eradicate homelessness among veterans and helped lead the fight against opioid abuse.

As a candidate for senator, Curran gets our attention because he shares our worries about the Illinois Exodus of residents and understands its root cause: "People are leaving Illinois because the government spends and taxes them more than they can afford," he wrote in his Tribune Editorial Board candidate questionnaire.

**Curran is running as a consensus-seeker** who can do business with Democrats. Sound old-fashioned? In a way, yes: He sensibly supports the broad immigration reform bill from way back in 2013 that Durbin worked on as part of the so-called Gang of Eight.

Curran also supports tort reform: "An honest businessman should not lie awake at night worrying that a trial lawyer and an unsophisticated jury are going to destroy him."

Others in this race: Tom Tarter of Springfield, Casey Chlebek of Glenview, Peggy Hubbard of Belleville and Robert Marshall of Burr Ridge. Curran is endorsed.

### WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING



Sanders

Why would the Russians support Bernie Sanders in the Democratic primaries? It's not because they have our best interests at heart. The Russians clearly see Sanders as an agent of chaos who will exacerbate divisions in U.S. politics before ultimately losing to their preferred candidate, President Trump. And they are probably right ...

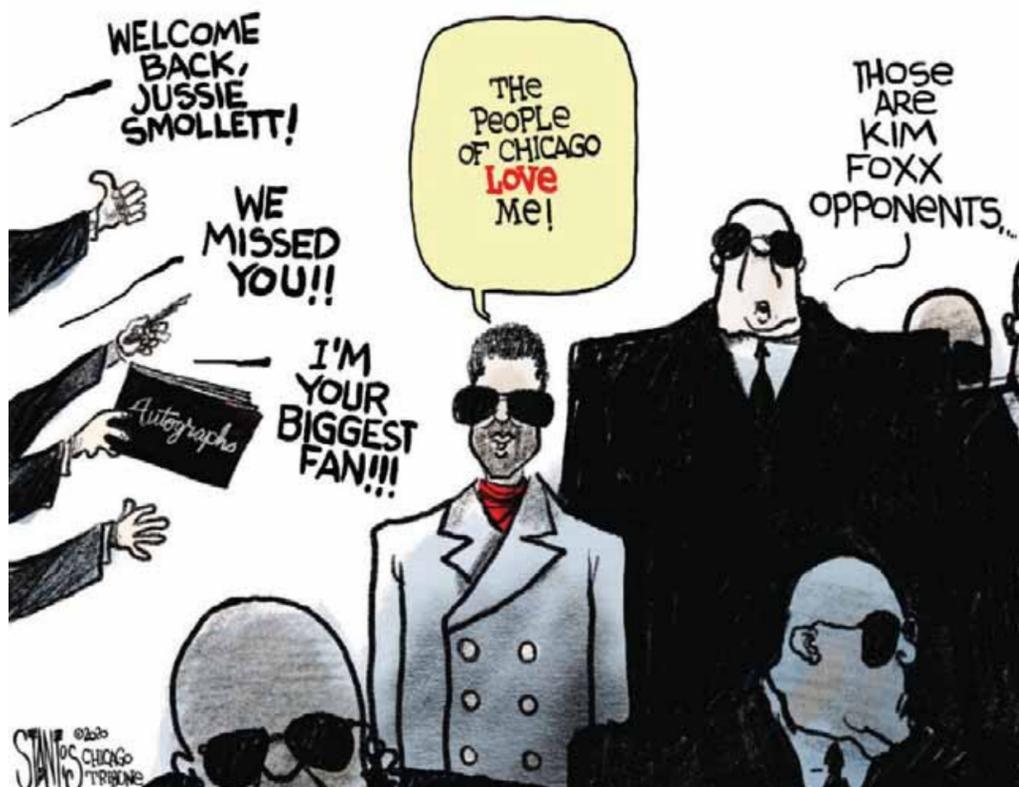
If Trump could be elected president, almost anyone can be. But Sanders' path will be much harder, because this is still a center-right country: Gallup reports that only 24% of Americans identify as liberals compared with 35% moderates and 37% conservatives. Fifty-three percent of Americans say they would not vote for a socialist. ...

Democratic candidates in red districts are already alarmed that with Sanders at the top of the ticket, Democrats could lose the House and fail to regain the Senate. ...

It's hard to imagine a bigger nightmare than another Trump term without even the check afforded by a Democratic-controlled House. The Democrats deserve to lose if they nominate Sanders, but America doesn't deserve four more years of Trump unbound.

**Max Boot, The Washington Post**

### SCOTT STANTIS



# Chicago Tribune PERSPECTIVE

## The Bernie Sanders dilemma

### ARE DEMOCRATS PINING FOR THE DAYS OF SMOKE-FILLED ROOMS?



CLARENCE PAGE

As I watch the deeply divided Democrats try to unify around a presidential candidate who can beat President Donald Trump, I find myself longing surprisingly for the days of the smoke-filled room.

No, children, it's not just because I'm getting old and cynical, although that helps.

For most of my adult life, I have been a "goo-goo." That's a good-government reformer who applauded the demise of the legendary "smoke-filled room," places where powerful politicians, party bosses and other insiders meet to cut deals and decide what candidates would appear on the ballot.

Appropriately, Chicago, where politics is never an art for the squeamish, gave birth to the term. The Encyclopedia of Chicago states that, according to legend, it was at the Blackstone Hotel in 1920 that a small group of powerful U.S. senators arranged for the nomination of Warren G. Harding to be the Republican presidential candidate. (Yes, kids, Republicans were much more plentiful in the city then than they are today.)

Today the Dems are in full freakout over the rising tide of Bernie Sanders and the "really big risk," as former Chicago Mayor

Rahm Emanuel called it, of having an avowed "democratic socialist" at the top of the Democratic ticket.

"In the last hundred years, three Democrats have won reelection for president: Franklin Roosevelt, President (Bill) Clinton, Barack Obama," Emanuel explained on Stephen Colbert's "Late Show" this week. All three, he said, ran with a goal of building "an urban, suburban, metropolitan coalition."

And now? "Bernie is saying, 'Forget that. Screw it,'" Emanuel continued. "Basically, (Sanders argues that) there are about 70 million socialists ready to be awoken to their inner socialist. And I would just say to you if our No. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 goal is to get rid of Donald Trump, it is a really big risk to go on a political strategy that has never been tried before."

Famous Democratic consultant James Carville, veteran of Clinton's campaign war room, expressed a similarly pessimistic view in various media appearances, although louder.

"The entire theory that by expanding the electorate and increasing turnout you can win an election is the equivalent of climate denial," Carville fumed on MSNBC last weekend about Sanders' expand-the-base strategy. "All right? When people say that, they're as stupid to a political scientist as a climate denier is to an atmospheric scientist."

Not to be outdone for passion, MSNBC's Chris Matthews apologized Monday for his own



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According to legend, a small group of senators arranged for the nomination of Warren G. Harding to be the GOP presidential candidate.

unfortunate comparison of Sanders' Nevada victory to the Nazi invasion of France. As a loyal friend of Matthews, a former aide to the late House Speaker Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neal, I'm glad he apologized. But I also know he was expressing a general concern that a lot of old-school Democrats were keeping to themselves.

Many living Democrats can still remember what happened when control was yanked from the party establishment during the 1972 convention. That was the year when an independent challenge led by the Rev. Jesse Jackson and then-North Side Ald.

William Singer successfully unseated the elected Illinois delegation of party "machine" regulars led by Mayor Richard J. Daley, partly in a dispute over racial, ethnic and gender diversity. Outraged party regulars withdrew support from presidential nominee George McGovern's campaign, easing President Richard Nixon's path to a landslide reelection.

Sound familiar? Republicans were suffering similar consternation four years ago. Remember how a famous New York real estate developer and reality television star pulled the rug out from under the rest of the party's line-

up of experienced but mostly conventional contenders?

Now Trump seems to see some of himself in the rise of another New York-born and populist-sounding contender. Speaking to reporters during his India visit, he predicted that the congested Democratic nomination field will go all the way to the party's convention and that Sanders could prove to be the toughest Democratic opponent to beat in a general election.

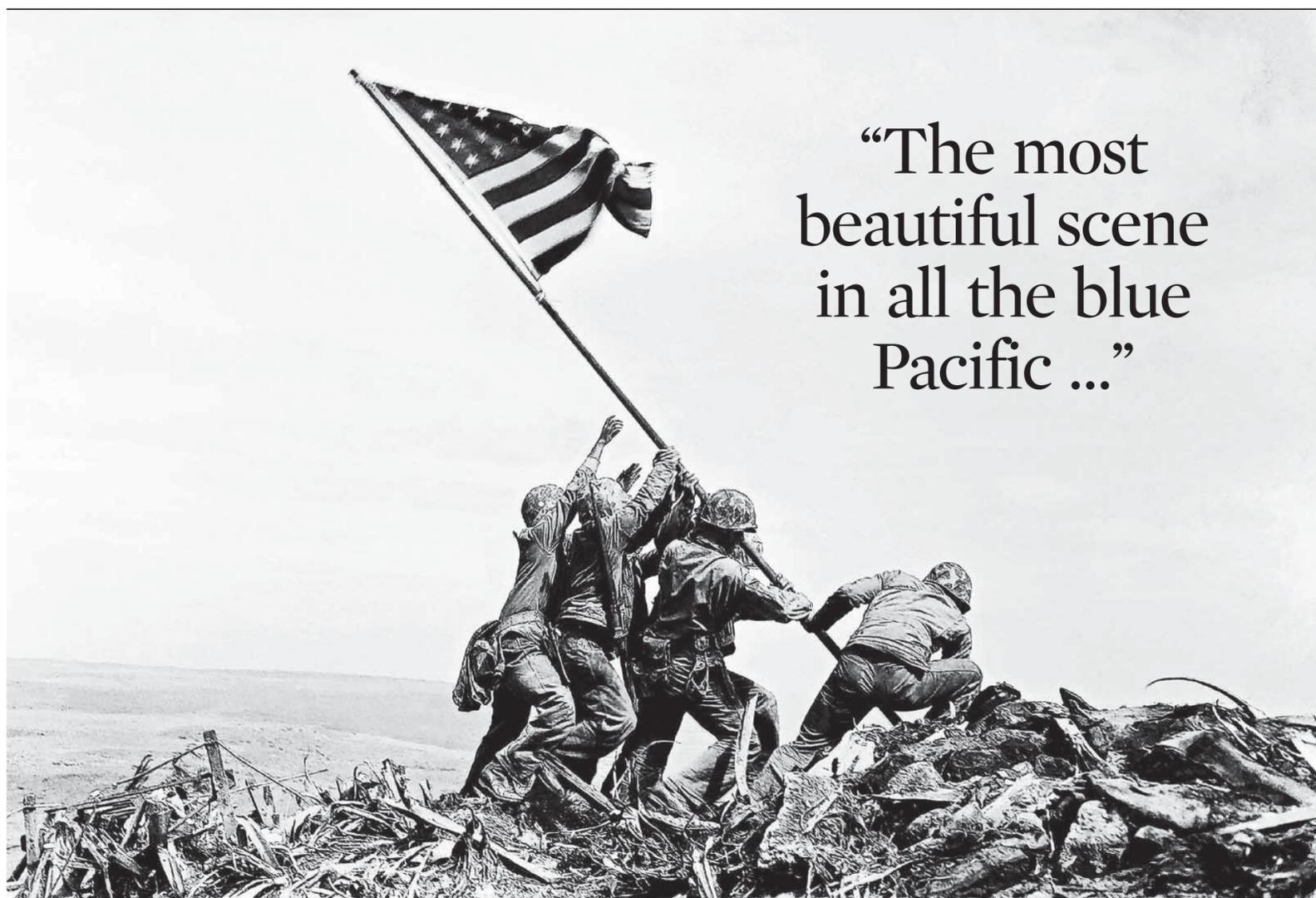
Is Trump being sincere or playing one of his mind games on the liberals? A bit of both, I would say, given their barnstorming, populist-sounding similarities. In fact, Sanders is counting on arousing platoons of complacent nonvoters, usually missed by pollsters.

But, in a bad sign for Bernie, that turnout surge didn't materialize in Iowa, Nevada or New Hampshire. Trump claims Sanders' base is smaller than his. That's debatable, but there's no question Sanders' turnout is younger.

And history shows us that younger voters are harder to arouse, especially when they think a candidate is being chosen for them in a secret room, smoke-filled or smoke-free.

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U.S. Marines of the 28th Regiment, 5th Division, raise the American flag at Iwo Jima in February 1945.

BY PAUL M. MCCARDELL

"The most beautiful scene in all the blue Pacific today is an American flag whipping the breeze on the top of the Suribachi volcano."  
— From the Feb. 24, 1945, *Evening Sun*

Seventy-five years ago this month, the United States military forces were fighting the bloodiest battle in their history. And a Baltimore Sun foreign correspondent was there to catch the scoop of a lifetime.

Iwo Jima, an island covered in volcanic ash, about 5 miles long and 2.5 miles wide at its broadest, sat roughly 600 miles east of Japan's main islands. It had been made into a giant fortress, with deep caves and tunnels to underground bunkers and pillboxes, and more than 22,000 well-entrenched Japanese soldiers ready to defend it. The island was important for its airfields, from which Japanese fighter planes could attack U.S. B-29 Superfortresses heading to Japan.

In December 1944, the Americans had launched almost daily bombing raids on Iwo Jima. Then, in February, a

huge American invasion fleet arrived. It carried, among others, Philip S. Heisler, a Baltimore Sun war correspondent and amateur hypnotist. He had traveled across the Pacific from Pearl Harbor, reportedly hypnotizing a group of pilots along the way so they could finally get a good night's sleep.

Heisler spent most of his first day on Iwo Jima in and out of foxholes with a division of Marines that was inching forward to capture one of the Japanese airfields, while being raked by mortar fire and snipers for many hellish hours.

But on Feb. 23 he was offshore, aboard ship. That's when another Marine division moved to take Mount Suribachi, Iwo Jima's highest point, from which you could see the entire island. It was a slow task through withering fire. But at 9:40 a.m. that day, having cut off Suribachi from the rest of the island, aided by aerial bombardments and artillery and heavy rain, they raised the first American flag atop the summit. Marine photographer Louis Lowery was there to capture the event.

The cheers were deafening from all

around the island and offshore, where Heisler was watching the events unfold. Then all hell broke loose with the Japanese seeming to open up with every gun they had. The Marines held the summit using flamethrowers.

But their job wasn't done. The Marines wanted to secure the first flag they planted for history and replace it with a bigger flag. The second flag was taken to the summit, with the Marines accompanied by Associated Press photographer Joe Rosenthal, Marine photographer Pfc. Bob Campbell and Sgt. William Genaust, a motion picture photographer.

One group of Marines raised the second flag as another took down the first flag. Rosenthal decided to focus on the second flag and took the iconic photo that became one of the most famous photographs in U.S. history, as well as a symbol of World War II, the Marines, American courage and much more. The photo won the Pulitzer Prize and became a U.S. postage stamp in 1945 and 1995.

The photograph was later used as a model for the Marine Corps War Memorial dedicated Nov. 10, 1954. Gen.

Lemuel C. Shepherd Jr., Marine Corps commandant, said in presenting the memorial to the people of the country that it is not "just a monument to a departed past. It is a graphic message to the future. May it stand for the ages yet to come as a symbol of American courage and determination of indestructible faith and unity of purpose."

And Phil Heisler saw it all. He was the first journalist to file a report noting that the Marines had finally gotten the upper hand at Iwo Jima.

If land values were measured in the blood of heroes, Iwo Jima would be "the costliest piece of real estate in the Pacific," Heisler wrote. The battle took the lives of nearly 7,000 American servicemen and wounded 19,000 more. And over 21,000 Japanese soldiers also perished.

The flag raising became the subject for many movies and books. And the two flags are well preserved and now displayed at the National Museum of the Marine Corps in northern Virginia.

Paul M. McCardell is the Baltimore Sun's librarian.

"The most beautiful scene in all the blue Pacific ..."

# PERSPECTIVE



GERALD HERBERT/AP

Democratic presidential candidate Mike Bloomberg greets supporters this month at a campaign event in Raleigh, North Carolina.

## American oligarchs used to quietly bankroll pols. Now they're becoming them.

BY JEFFREY A. WINTERS

On the night of the Iowa caucuses, Nina Turner, the national co-chair for the Bernie Sanders campaign, triggered a kerfuffle when she bluntly called Mike Bloomberg an oligarch. She said Americans who believe in democracy should be ashamed that oligarchs can buy their way into office.

Jason Johnson, an MSNBC commentator, pushed back against Turner with a classic line American oligarchs love to hear. Bloomberg isn't an oligarch, Johnson declared, "he's a rich guy."

An oligarch, Johnson insisted, is "a rich person who got their money off of oil in Russia."

What Turner got right and Johnson misunderstands is that being an oligarch has nothing to do with *how* you make your fortune. It doesn't matter if your money is clean or dirty, or if your political intentions are good or corrupt.

Oligarchs are people whose primary source of political power is wealth. This definition dates back thousands of years.

The presence of oligarchs poses major challenges to democracy, whose legitimacy is based on fundamental principles of equality such as one person, one vote.

Like everyone else, oligarchs get only one vote on Election Day. But unlike ordinary voters, they can each cast wildly unequal money votes that even millions of small donors can barely match.

In the first four months of his campaign, Bloomberg spent \$463 million of his own money. That's \$180 million more than all small donations made to all the other Democratic candidates combined.

Oligarchs use their exaggerated wealth power throughout the political system not only to influence elections, but also to dominate key issues between elections as well.

The blending of democracy and oligarchy in the U.S. is the story of political

equality and inequality coexisting in the same system. The arrangement is contradictory and inherently unstable.

Writing in 350 B.C., Aristotle asked whether the rich and poor, oligarchy and democracy, could be combined into one political system.

He argued it was possible only if everyone is confused about what sort of system they're living in. The power of oligarchs and the people had to be balanced so that no one was sure whether they were living in an oligarchy or democracy.

Confusion and uncertainty are necessary for stability in oligarchic democracies.

Those crafting the Constitution knew they were living in a society not only based on slavery, but also on large disparities of wealth and power among the free. And they expected economic inequality to rise, which it has.

They did not want the many to be able to use democracy to threaten the wealthy minority. During the Constitutional Convention, they worried openly about an "excess of democracy" in America. The tricky problem was how to make American democracy oligarch-friendly.

The founders gave freedom and voice to the many, but focused power upward in the Senate, Supreme Court and presidency to safeguard the rich.

American democracy would blend equality with inequality, participation power with wealth power, democracy with oligarchy.

We are hearing a lot now about oligarchy because the balance has been disturbed. The three richest Americans, Sanders wrote in an op-ed in *The Wall Street Journal*, have as much wealth as the entire bottom half of the population combined. And oligarchs are in the country's face politically like never before.

They used to be content to hang back, out of sight, and defend their wealth by quietly funding political campaigns or

hiring lobbyists to roam the halls of Congress getting beneficial language inserted into bills, or by blocking threatening legislation.

American oligarchs today are bold, confident and no longer see why they should operate only through ordinary politicians. They think nothing of bankrolling campaigns that no ordinary politician can afford without constantly begging for donations.

American oligarchs even try to justify this new era of wealth power by claiming, with no hint of irony, that the only way to break the grip of big money on American politics is to elect rich candidates who can ignore oligarchs and truly serve ordinary citizens.

Trust the oligarchs to save us from oligarchy! This was Donald Trump's message to a base suspicious of oligarchs and big corporations, and they bought it.

Oligarchs are unnerved by the progressive candidates and movements that their new visibility and swagger are producing. Figures like Bernie Sanders and Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez are a direct response to the crisis of legitimacy spreading throughout American politics.

Fifteen years ago virtually none of my Northwestern students thought the U.S. was an oligarchy. Like Johnson, they believed America was just a democracy with rich people. Starting about five years ago, it was almost impossible to find a single student who believed the U.S. was a democracy.

They now view the country as an oligarchy with regard to most things that matter — who runs for office, tax breaks for the rich, austerity for the many, industries free to pollute and a prison society for the poor.

*Jeffrey A. Winters is a professor of political science and director of the Equality Development and Globalization Studies Program at Northwestern University.*

### VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

#### Top contenders aren't real Dems

I realize that the Democratic Party has built a big tent, but there's something seriously wrong when the top two contenders for the Democratic nomination are a self-described democratic socialist — Bernie Sanders — and a former Republican who supported George W. Bush over John Kerry for president in 2004 and served as a Republican mayor of New York City — Michael Bloomberg. They are hijacking the Democratic Party and the Democratic nomination.

Here in Illinois, I'd hope we'd wake up and do better with an actual moderate Democrat like U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Warren, who is trying to make our capitalistic system work for all of us, not just the most wealthy.

— Daniel Lauber, River Forest

#### Sanders the vote-getter

How in the world can Bernie Sanders beat Donald Trump? All he does is get votes!

— Sybil Hoffman, Evanston

#### Reflective of Christian values

It seems that every day I think of another word starting with the letter "C" that embodies a trait I would like in my candidate for the U.S. presidency: character, candor, compassion, consistency and, yes, Christian values.

Who best embodies these? The candidate who spends more time discussing his policies to help Americans than on making personal attacks on his fellow candidates. The Jewish candidate, Bernie Sanders.

— Scott Schada, Glenview

#### Bernie Sanders' masquerade

Many thanks to the "new" Democratic Party for promoting a political climate in which extremists are able to thrive.

It is incredible that so many are supporting Bernie Sanders for president. He is a self-avowed far-left socialist who wants to destroy the American political and economic system.

I can only conclude that Bernie supporters are anti-Americans who despise America and all she stands for. Sanders is a millionaire with three homes who wants to take this opportunity away from others and redistribute wealth in this country, albeit, not his own. He pretends to look down on wealthy people while building his own bank account.

Our public education system does not adequately teach American history or advocate for America's values and our place in the world; therefore, it keeps churning out leftists who embrace socialism.

A vote for Sanders is a vote against America!

— Marilyn Fawell, Lombard

#### U.S. already practices socialism

As a Bernie Sanders supporter, I often hear people say, "I'm not a socialist, I'm a capitalist." Which tells me there is a lot of misinformation, disinformation and flat-out lies being circulated about what socialism is. Consider the irony of that statement inasmuch as we've all been living in a social democracy our whole lives. Socialism is an economic system consisting of a collection of socioeconomic programs. All countries have socialism: Some have more socialism than others. Some of the more popular and recognizable social programs in our country are Medicare, Social Security and the public school system, where 91% of our student population is educated.

Don't be afraid of words. Remember when the 1% labeled President Barack Obama a socialist? Did it matter?

Socialist is the *boogeyman* used by the establishment and 1% to keep the remaining 99% from unifying and changing the status quo. The reality is our social democracy has been hijacked by oligarchs and plutocrats, and it has failed us. Our middle class is quickly becoming a debtor class, and we have a growing poverty class. This election gives us the opportunity to reset our social democracy so it can work for all of us.

Together, we can build the socioeconomic environment that we want our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren to participate in. Modifying, improving and/or adding social programs like Medicare for All, expanded Social Security or K-16 public education for all to level the playing field for all of our citizens is not the end of capitalism.

Quite the contrary, a strong socialist foundation is required for capitalism to flourish and properly function.

— Henry Washington, Flossmoor

#### Let Blagojevich fade away

There is not much more that can be said about Rod Blagojevich that is newsworthy. We've heard it all many times over from all the local news media. Newspapers, television and radio just can't seem to get enough. Enough, stop giving him the attention he so desperately craves.

— Ron Flowers, Elk Grove Village

## Duck stamp program helps protect wildlife, wetlands. We should expand it.

BY KERRY LUFT

One of the greatest conservation programs in U.S. history unquestionably is the federal duck stamp, which is worthless for postage but invaluable for migratory birds, other wildlife and people. Since its inception in 1934, the program has financed the creation or protection of 6 million acres of habitat for migratory waterfowl and other wildlife, including the establishment or expansion of more than 300 national wildlife refuges — at least one in most states.

It's also one of the most efficient government programs imaginable. By law, 98 cents of every dollar spent on duck stamps must go directly toward habitat within the national refuge system, which belongs to and benefits all Americans. These lands do far more than provide food and habitat for birds and other wildlife. Wetlands in particular are beneficial to people because they ease flooding and filter the water that flows through them, yet they are disappearing at an alarming rate.

The vast majority of duck stamp dollars come from waterfowl hunters, who must purchase the \$25 stamps each year before they can legally hunt ducks and geese. The program is one of the many examples of how hunters drive conservation in this country.

So why do I — a passionate waterfowl hunter who spends many days in marshes each fall — strongly oppose a proposed rule change by the Department of the Interior that would mandate hunting-related themes to be portrayed on the duck stamp? Simple: It's a terrible idea. My reasons are in part driven by econo-

mics. The rest is plain common sense.

Duck stamp images are chosen annually in a national contest in which artists paint one of five designated species of waterfowl. While hunting themes now are optional, the proposed rule change would require artists to include "one or more waterfowl hunting specific elements or a waterfowl hunting scene as part of the design." That might include a decoy, a Labrador retriever bringing back a goose, or a camo-clad parent and child. The proposal is the byproduct of a well-intended plan to support hunting and its role in conservation, and the appeal to hunters is undeniable.

Yet even the most dedicated hunters must admit that our numbers are dwindling. Statistics from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service suggest that there are about 1.2 million waterfowl hunters in this country, about half of what we had 50 years ago. As current hunters age, more people embrace urban lifestyles and access to good hunting opportunities dwindles, that number is likely to drop further.

Though annual duck stamp sales exceed the number of waterfowl hunters — around 1.5 million are sold each year, generating more than \$36 million for habitat — hunters obviously buy the bulk of them. Many hunters buy more than one, sometimes because they lose one but more likely because they recognize the program's value.

If hunter numbers continue to decline, so too will the funds that are so badly



needed to conserve habitat. That will affect not just duck hunters but all of us: bird watchers, wildlife photographers, other visitors to the refuge system and most important, those of us who care about flood mitigation and clean water.

It makes little sense to exclude or possibly alienate those people whose idea of a good time doesn't include wading through muck and mire in the predawn hours in hopes of bringing home a duck dinner, not to mention those who actually oppose hunting. We hunters will buy the stamps regardless; we need to encourage others to buy them too.

A far better choice would be to expand the pool of potential buyers of the duck stamp, perhaps by requiring any adult who wishes to enter a national wildlife refuge for whatever reason to purchase one. After all, the duck stamp makes these refuges possible, and while the stamp's price is modest, its impact is not.

I would embrace such a rule change. The current proposal, now in the public comment stage of implementation, should be rejected.

Meantime, if you care about birds, other wildlife and the benefits of wetlands, buy a duck stamp or two — even if you have no intention of hunting. It's the most economically efficient thing you can do for conservation.

*Kerry Luft is executive vice president of the Max McGraw Wildlife Foundation in Dundee Township and director of its Center for Conservation Leadership.*

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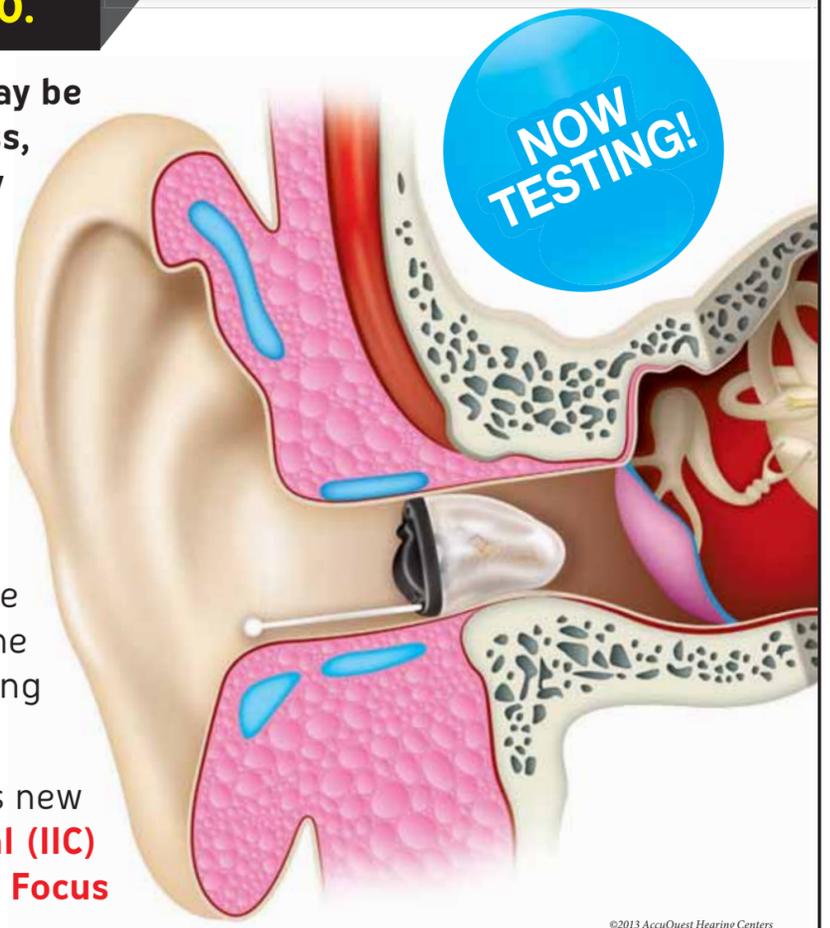
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People gather in Chinatown Square on Monday to show support for local businesses that may be suffering from a downturn in business as customers stay away for fear of the coronavirus outbreak.

## Supporting Chinatown

Restaurant crawl tries to get people back into businesses using social media messages

BY ABDEL JIMENEZ

For more than 20 years, Carlos Matias has been visiting Chicago's Chinatown, and considers himself a friend to many of the restaurant owners in the Near South Side neighborhood.

So when Matias, 30, heard that Chinatown restaurants and shops were experiencing a sales slump due to public health concerns associated with the novel coronavirus outbreak, he wanted to help.

Matias, of Chicago's Hermosa neighborhood, and friend Jose Corcoles, 29, of Pilsen, last week went on Facebook to rally people to dine out in Chinatown Monday and shared the message with their social media followers.

The posting wound up being shared more than 1,000 times on Facebook.

On Monday evening, more than 100 people came out for a food crawl that involved eating and drinking at different stores and restaurants around Chinatown.

"We are South Side neighborhood kids who love Chinatown," Matias said.

The event was the latest in a series of campaigns — some of them grassroots — aimed at supporting Chinatown business owners.

Over the past month, the Chicago Chinatown Chamber of Commerce and the American Chinese Restaurant Institute have launched marketing campaigns to attract more visitors to the neighborhood. Mayor Lori Lightfoot attended the Chinatown Lunar New Year parade in early February to reassure the public that Chinatown was safe to visit.



Organizer Carlos Matias drinks bubble tea from Joy Yee on Monday in Chinatown.

But some business owners say all those efforts haven't helped, and seats remains empty at restaurants as the number of COVID-19 cases continues to climb worldwide. The Federal Reserve last month called the threat of the virus "a new risk to the global growth outlook," and the World Health Organization on Monday said it's unclear whether the virus can be slowed down.

Those concerns are playing out in real-

time in the nation's Asian-American business areas.

At BBQ King House in Chicago's Chinatown, a few diners were eating dinner Monday night before the food crawl attendees started to come in to buy appetizers and other items. Owner Sam Ma said it offered some relief as he has had to cut hours for part- and full-time workers, some of whom

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## Michigan Avenue to get luxury resale shop

The RealReal will open 12,000-square-foot store, its first Midwest location

BY LAUREN ZUMBACH

A new boutique heading to Chicago's Magnificent Mile later this year will sell the same high-end brands shoppers can find at nearby streets on the city's luxury retail streets.

But at The RealReal, they'll be used, or to put it gently, pre-owned.

Buying secondhand has been losing its stigma among consumers looking for better value, unique merchandise or a more sustainable way to shop. But The RealReal, which announced plans for the Chicago store while reporting 2019 earnings Tuesday, isn't the typical neighborhood resale shop. And its opening on North Michigan Avenue is just the latest evidence of how much the retail marketplace has changed.

The online marketplace deals in authenticated luxury goods from brands such as Prada, Hermes, Cartier and Rolex as well as newer labels like Staud, Ulla Johnson and Reformation. The average order during the fourth quarter was \$476, but its website also lists \$30,000 crocodile Hermes Birkin handbags.

The 12,000-square-foot Chicago store, in the 900 block of North Michigan Avenue, will be The RealReal's first in the Midwest — and steps from Oak and Walton streets, two of Chicago's toniest retail stretches. The company operates a few stores in other cities.

The first floor will have second-hand women's and men's apparel, handbags, shoes and accessories, jewelry, watches and art. An upper level will have an office where people can consign goods and a café.

The location is meant to be convenient for local shoppers and consignors in the Gold Coast or on the North Shore, as well as tourists, said Mike Groffenberger, who leads The RealReal's retail business.

Shoppers can find merchandise marked down as much as 90%, though some hard-to-come-by items sell above the original price, according to The RealReal. Consignors earn between 40% and 85% of an item's selling price, depending on the type of merchandise and how often they consign.

The RealReal isn't just a source of competition for high-end brands, Groffenberger said. For first-time luxury buyers, the company can be "a bit of a gateway drug," he said.

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## FDA issues warning to Jimmy John's and a supplier

Chain accused of serving vegetables linked to E. coli, salmonella outbreaks

BY ABDEL JIMENEZ

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration issued a warning letter Tuesday to sandwich maker Jimmy John's and one of its suppliers, saying vegetables the restaurant chain served in the past seven years are linked to five outbreaks of E. coli and salmonella.

The agency accused Champaign-based Jimmy John's of "engaging in a pattern of receiving and offering for sale adulterated fresh produce," including clover sprouts and cucumbers.

Sprouts Unlimited Wholesale Foods, a Marion, Iowa-based wholesale food distributor, also received a warning letter. The FDA said the company supplied sprouts to Jimmy John's that sickened 22 people in Iowa with a strain of E. coli late last year.

In its letter to Jimmy John's, the FDA said, "We acknowledge your parent company's, Inspire Brands, decision in December 2019 to destroy sprouts on hand in all of your Iowa Jimmy John's restaurants, and to implement an additional, one-time cleaning and sanitation at Iowa based Jimmy John's restaurants; however,

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## Lent in the age of the Impossible Burger

Questions about eating fake meat products during the religious tradition are being raised

BY ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ

Meat is forbidden on Fridays during Lent, driving many Catholics and other observant Christians to partake in fish fries, seafood specials and McDonald's Filet-o-Fish during the season.

The explosion of plant-based proteins now offers more options, and a potential conundrum for the faithful: is it OK to indulge in juicy, beef-like burgers that ooze like the real thing but without the verboten animal flesh?

Technically, yes. Faux meat products from the likes of Impossible Foods, made with soy, and Beyond Meat, whose ingredients include pea, rice and mung bean protein, do not run afoul of Lent's meat abstinence laws, which bar Catholics aged 14 and older from eating animal flesh on Ash Wednesday or any Friday during Lent, save for the aquatic kind. Lent runs Ash Wednesday through Easter Sunday, April 12.

But "you risk losing the whole spirit of it," said Todd Williamson, director of the Office of Divine Worship at the Archdiocese of Chicago, if you substitute meat with a close copy.

"What's behind the whole tradition in practice is to go without in order to be in solidarity with those who are hungry, with those who can't afford meat," Williamson said. "By going without that we are reminded of others. We experience hunger ourselves. So it's a bit deeper than whether it's just a meat product."

Even so, restaurants and grocers see an opportunity in the Lenten season to promote plant-based meat, whose U.S. sales surged 14% over the year ended Jan. 25 to surpass \$1 billion, on top of 18% growth the prior year, according to Nielsen. Traditional meat, a \$96 billion industry, rose less than 1% over the past year.

Jewel-Osco is offering an Ash Wednesday buy-one-get-two-free promotion for Pure Farm-



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Nathan Romero, manager at Epic Burger, prepares the plant-based Beyond Burger at their restaurant in Chicago on Tuesday.

land plant-based proteins, which include burger patties and meatballs.

M Burger, whose plant-based Impossible Burger has risen to be the chain's No. 2 seller since making its debut in September 2017, during Lent will offer a limited-time Green Hatch Chili

Impossible Burger, topped with white cheddar and sriracha mayo. The menu item, available starting Wednesday through Easter Sunday, was among numerous Lenten specials promoted by restaurant group Let-

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# After closing 30 stores, Cosi files for bankruptcy

BY CORILYN SHROPSHIRE

Beleaguered coffee and sandwich chain Cosi filed for bankruptcy, the second time in less than five years as it said it looks for a buyer.

The restaurant chain, which is composed of corporate-owned and franchise-owned restaurants, said it has closed 30 locations since December and will focus on its catering business, “all to better align with current customer dining trends, further improve guest experiences and enhance its financial performance.”

In its Chapter 11 filing, made in Delaware, the company said it has fewer than 50 creditors. The largest unsecured creditor is food supplier Gordon Food Serv-

ice, which is owed \$1.2 million. Chicago-area creditors include the Art Institute of Chicago, owed \$114,000, and Des Plaines-based US Foods, which is owed \$170,000. The restaurant owes roughly \$39.2 million to creditors, according to the filing.

Cosi said its business model has “evolved rapidly over the last two to three years,” according to court documents. Its catering business thrived, while its core business of operating fast-casual dine-in restaurants has continued to sputter, even after emerging from bankruptcy in 2017.

One setback was the January 2018 death of Lloyd Miller, the principal of its largest shareholder, Milfam, a Palm Beach, Fla.-based investment firm, which

caused “uncertainty regarding the funding and strategic direction” of the company.

The restaurant chain was then “forced” into “sudden and severe” cost-cutting measures, including trimming staff and changing products and ingredients, according to the filing. Those cutbacks changed Cosi’s customer experience and lead to less traffic in its restaurants, the filing said.

Facing liquidity challenges in January, Cosi received an emergency advance of up to \$1.2 million to continue operations from a lender that helped the chain emerge from bankruptcy in 2017.

Despite the restaurant’s woes, the company said in court filings its catering business is thriving. It has



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Mario Gonzalez prepares whole-grain flatbread at a Cosi restaurant in Lincolnshire.

shifted to a low-cost kitchen business model that allows it to pay less in rent and is focusing on using its name recognition to grow its catering business. Since 2010, net sales in Cosi’s restaurants have dropped

more than 88% as it’s closed most of its restaurants, while catering sales have grown 44%, the filing said.

The chain was based in Deerfield until it pulled up stakes and moved to Charlestown, Massachu-

sets, in 2014. When Cosi previously sought Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in 2016, it had seven locations in Illinois and 31 franchise locations across the U.S. The company’s website lists five locations in Illinois, all in the Chicago area, but at least one — the Michigan Avenue restaurant — is closed.

As of Monday, Cosi has a total of 13 corporate-owned restaurants and 16 franchise locations, plus three kitchens dedicated solely to its catering business, according to the filing. It has 61 full-time employees and roughly 176 part-time employees, the filing said.

The company did not return requests for comment.

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have been at his restaurant for more than a decade.

“Today is still slow. It’s still very slow,” Ma said Monday night.

Even as public health officials have stressed the risk of the virus remains low to those living in Chicago, people still aren’t coming out, Ma said.

Corcoles said the purpose of the event was to help out a community in need.

“It’s all love. I think it’s all love. I think being part of the Latino community, or the Latinx community, the Central American community, we have had a lot of fear-mongering pointed at our direction over the past four years. So when we see it being done to another group of people who have also been oppressed. For me, that’s where it’s all rooted. In solidarity with all oppressed people in the world,” Corcoles said.

On Facebook, Matias said some users posted negative comments that claimed the



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Meat hangs in the BBQ King House restaurant Monday in Chicago’s Chinatown neighborhood.

Asian community didn’t patronize other minority food establishments the same way Latinos or black residents do. Others asked the organizers why they weren’t visiting black-owned restaurants since it’s Black History Month.

“With all the racism and the xenophobia going around in the world it’s sad, but it’s important to get people to go down (to Chinatown),” Matias said.

Emma Yu, executive director of the Chicago Chinatown Chamber of Com-

merce, said in the past week sales have improved at some businesses, but it doesn’t help that the city tends to have fewer tourists in January and February.

Tony Hu, owner of the Lao Sze Chuan chain, said his restaurants continue to be challenged by the downturn. Hu, who is involved with the American Chinese Restaurant Institute, a national food industry association based in Chicago, said he created a marketing campaign to bring more people to Chinatown.

As part of the campaign, the institute gathers every two weeks at a different restaurant in Chinatown, and diners are encouraged to take a photo with one of the group’s banners and post it on their social media accounts, Hu said.

“It’s a very difficult situation in Chinatown. Most visitors come to Chinatown for authentic food, but now they aren’t coming,” Hu said.

Hu said he is worried the lack of visitors might mean shortening work hours for staff, many of whom have families and rely on tips.

Matias said he and his friends stayed out until 1 a.m. Tuesday going to different businesses. By bringing dozens of people out to Chinatown, Matias said he hopes it helped businesses.

“This event is to make sure the back and the front of the house (staff) is getting paid, and they don’t lay off anyone. ... We want to make this about support,” Matias said.

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## Resale

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For those already shopping at high-end stores, The RealReal offers a way to resell items to make space in their closet and budget for fresh looks.

Luxury brands’ reception to The RealReal model has varied. Both Stella McCartney and Burberry offered promotions giving customers store credit when they consign with The RealReal. At a conference with investors in December, The RealReal CEO Julie Wainwright said the company has faced opposition from Chanel, which filed a lawsuit alleging The RealReal advertised counterfeit handbags and claiming only Chanel or its authorized retailers could guarantee a product was authentic. The suit is pending.

When it comes to authenticity, Wainwright said the company has a rigorous process for evaluating each product and is “the safest place to shop on the internet for previously owned goods.”

The RealReal, which went public last year, reported \$318 million in total revenue in 2019, up 53% compared with the year before.

Consumers’ growing interest in shopping secondhand has brought in more competitors. Nordstrom started selling secondhand apparel, shoes and accessories online and at its New York flagship earlier this year. J.C. Penney, Macy’s and Madewell have teamed with online resale site ThredUp to put small resale shops in certain

stores. Online, services like Poshmark and Depop let consumers buy and sell directly from each other.

The RealReal is focusing on service and authentication, as well as the option to shop in person at stores, to stand out, Groffenger said. It experimented with a pop-up store in New York in 2016 before opening its first permanent location there the following year. It now has two stores in New York, one in Los Angeles and is opening one in San Francisco in the spring. It expects to add one or two stores a year.

Stores help bring in new shoppers and consignors, and they offer a place to meet experts who authenticate goods, which can help build trust with consumers, Groffenger said. The company said it employs more than 150 experts.

Dealing in pre-owned merchandise means there’s usually just one of each item available, so much of the store’s inventory switches out every month. Decisions on what to stock depend on what’s popular. In Chicago that includes women’s fashion, particularly clothing and accessories from brands like Gucci, Saint Laurent, Balenciaga, Burberry and Brunello Cucinelli, according to The RealReal.

The turnover in merchandise keeps shoppers coming back at a time some retailers are struggling to get customers in stores, Groffenger said.

“There’s always something to discover that’s new, or the one that got away a couple seasons ago,” he said.

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## Lent

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tuce Entertain You, which traditionally has focused on specials at its seafood-focused restaurants.

At Epic Burger, which has

six Chicago restaurants and two in the North Shore, sales of its plant-based Beyond Burger rise 10 to 12% on Fridays during Lent compared to prior Fridays, and the company “absolutely” sees Lent as an opportunity to market the product, said marketing

manager Spencer Most.

Its e-mail and social media campaigns more heavily push meat-free alternatives during the season, though the company doesn’t explicitly mention Lent to keep the messaging “religion neutral,” Most said. The Beyond Burger, which the

company introduced in May 2017, accounts for 13% of the chain’s sales.

“It’s perfect for people who aren’t eating meat who want to indulge without feeling guilty,” Most said.

And therein lies the conundrum. Abstaining from meat during Lent has historically been part of penitential practice to remember the sacrifice Jesus Christ made on Good Friday, when he was handed over to be crucified. Indulging in pretend meat may not be much of a penance.

“I think it all comes down to the intention and interior disposition of the individual,” said Rebecca Siar, director of campus ministry at St. John Paul II Newman Center at University of Illinois Chicago.

While fake meat products technically comply with abstinence requirements, “if someone is just eating them in order to ‘cheat the system’ in a way, then that might defeat the purpose of abstaining from meat in the first place,” she said. “The overall purpose of this Lenten practice is to give something up that is considered a disruption in our normal routine, an intentional sacrifice.”

To that end, the church encourages those who already avoid meat to take up a different form of penance, so a vegetarian might go vegan on Fridays and a vegan might remove alcohol or olive oil, Siar said.

Other religious leaders say believers would be better served by Lent if they focused less on rules and penance and more on finding ways to live a better life. The Rev. Charles Bolser, retired priest from St. Viator Parish in Old Irving Park, calls meat abstinence a “superficial law” and doesn’t think people should fret about eating a plant-based burger.

“For those who want to give up meat I think that’s fine,” Bolser said. “But I don’t think it’s something that you’re forced to do. How does that by itself change the way I live my life? Does it really help me concentrate on becoming a better person? Or is it simply, I’m obeying the rules?”

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Kaitlin Rigdon, manager for jewelry and watch evaluation, examines a Tiffany engagement ring at The RealReal consignment office in Chicago on Tuesday. The RealReal is opening its first store in Chicago.

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neither you nor your parent company proposed any corrective actions to prevent these, or other Jimmy John’s restaurants, from receiving adulterated produce, specifically sprouts.”

In an emailed statement, Jimmy John’s President James North said, “Food safety is our top priority. We’ve removed sprouts from all Jimmy John’s restaurants until further notice. This removal was out of an abundance of caution and was not initiated by any known, immediate threat.”

The restaurant chain started removing all sprouts Monday.

Frank Yiannas, FDA deputy commissioner for

food policy and response, said in a news release that Jimmy John’s restaurants have been implicated in outbreaks that have impacted consumers in at least 17 states. “Jimmy John’s has not demonstrated implementation for long-term sustainable corrections to its supply chain to assure the safety of ingredients used in its products,” Yiannas said.

The agency gave Jimmy John’s 15 days to address the violation.

In October, Atlanta-based Inspire Brands acquired Jimmy John’s for an undisclosed amount, adding to its list of restaurant brands like Arby’s, Buffalo Wild Wings, Sonic Drive-In and Rusty Taco.

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# Stocks sink, bonds soar on fears virus will hurt growth

## Worried investors snap up low-risk government securities

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Stocks slumped again on Wall Street on Tuesday, piling up losses a day after the market's biggest drop in two years as fears spread that the growing virus outbreak will put the brakes on the global economy.

Nervous investors snapped up low-risk U.S. government bonds, sending the yield on the 10-year Treasury note to a record low. The benchmark S&P 500 has lost 7.6% over the last four days, its worst such stretch since the end of 2018.

Tuesday also marked the first back-to-back 3% losses for the index since the summer of 2015.

The latest wave of selling came as more companies, including United Airlines and MasterCard, warned that the outbreak will hurt their finances, and more cases were reported in Europe and the Middle East, far outside the epicenter in China.

Meanwhile, U.S. health officials called on Americans to be prepared for the disease to spread in the United States, where there are just a few dozen cases.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average dropped 879 points, for a two-day loss of 1,911 points. Travel-related stocks took another drubbing, bringing the two-day loss for American Airlines to 16.9%. The large publicly traded cruise operators have also suffered double-digit losses.

The worst-case scenario for investors — where the virus spreads around the world and cripples supply chains and the economy — hasn't changed in the last few weeks. But the probability of it happening has risen, said Yung-Yu Ma, chief investment strategist at BMO Wealth Management.

"It's the combination of South Korea, Japan, Italy and even Iran" reporting virus cases, Ma said. "That really woke up the market, that these four places in different places around the globe can go from low concern to high concern in a matter of days and that we could potentially wake up a week from now, and it could be five to 10 additional places."

The S&P 500 index fell 97.68 points, or 3%, to 3,128.21. The Dow Jones Industrial Average sank 879.44 points, or 3.2%, to 27,081.36, following a drop of more than

1,000 points Monday. The Nasdaq lost 255.67 points, or 2.8%, to 8,965.61, erasing its gains for the year.

European markets also fell. Markets in Asia were mixed.

Technology stocks, which rely heavily on China for sales and supply chains, again led the decline. Apple dropped 3.4% and chipmaker Nvidia slid 4.1%.

Bond prices continued rising. The yield on the 10-year Treasury fell as low as 1.31%, a record, according to TradeWeb, before recovering somewhat to 1.32% in the afternoon. The yield is down from 1.37% late Monday and far below the 1.90% it stood at in early 2020.

The lower bond yields, which force interest rates lower on mortgages and other loans, weighed on banks. JPMorgan Chase slid 4.5% and Bank of America fell 5%. Real estate companies and utilities also declined, though they held up better than the rest of the market as investors favored safe-play stocks.

On Tuesday, U.S. health officials warned that it's inevitable the virus will spread more widely in America.

# Driver in fatal Tesla crash was on his phone

BY TOM KRISHER  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The National Transportation Safety Board says the driver of a Tesla SUV who died in a Silicon Valley crash two years ago was playing a video game on his smartphone at the time.

Chairman Robert Sumwalt said at the start of a hearing Tuesday that partially automated driving systems like Tesla's Autopilot cannot drive themselves. Yet he says drivers continue to use them without paying attention. He says the board made recommendations to six automakers in 2017 to stop the problem and only Tesla has failed to respond.

The board will determine a cause of the crash at the hearing and make recommendations to prevent it from happening again.

Sumwalt says government regulators have ignored the board's previous recommendations for measures to prevent these crashes.

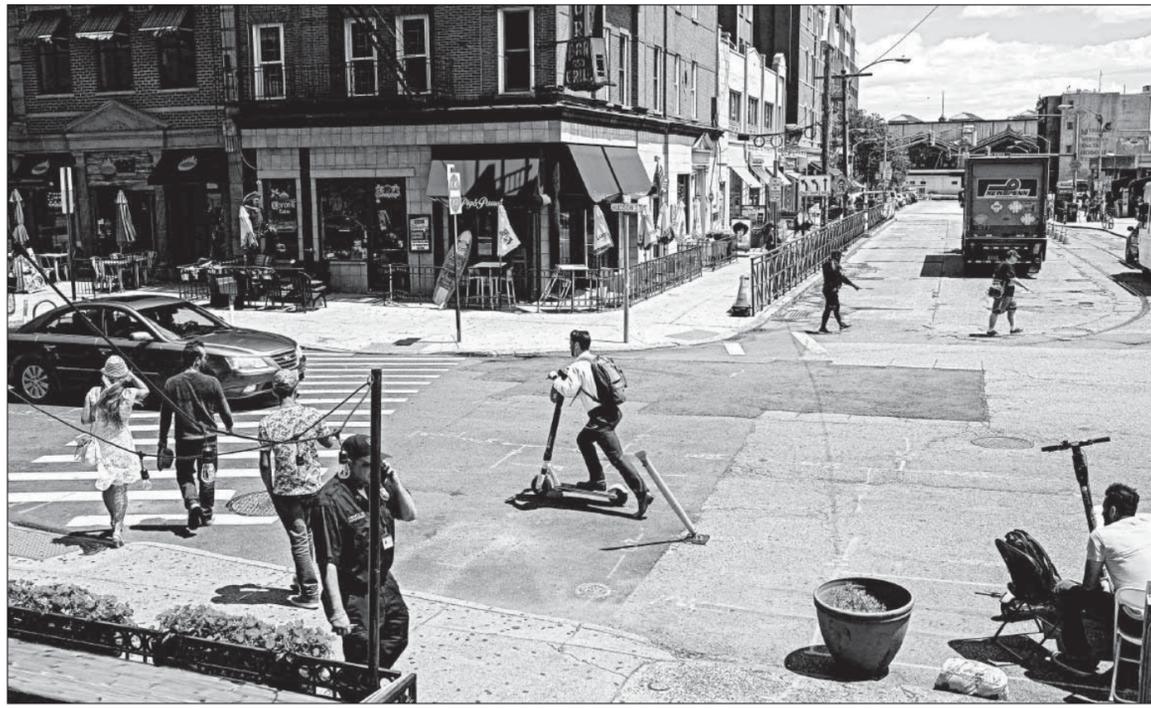
The crash involving a Tesla Model X SUV killed Apple engineer Walter Huang when it swerved and slammed into a concrete barrier dividing freeway and exit lanes.

NTSB investigators previously found that the system became confused at a freeway exit and was a factor in the crash.

Autopilot is designed to keep a vehicle in its lane and keep a safe distance from vehicles in front of it. Tesla says Autopilot is intended to be used for driver assistance and that drivers must be ready to intervene at all times.

NTSB documents released earlier this month quoted Huang's relatives as saying he had previously complained about Autopilot malfunctioning and swerving in the area near where crash occurred.

Sumwalt said the NTSB had called for technology more than nine years ago to disable distracting functions of smartphones while the user is driving, but no action has been taken.



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A man rides a Lime rental scooter last year in Hoboken, New Jersey. The startup laid off staff and closed operations in 12 cities.

# Startups fizzle, tech humbled

## Pullbacks taking hold in many of the same areas that drew the most hype

BY ERIN GRIFFITH  
The New York Times

SAN FRANCISCO — Over the past decade, technology startups grew so quickly that they couldn't hire people fast enough.

Now the layoffs have started coming in droves. Last month, robot pizza startup Zume and car-sharing company Getaround slashed more than 500 jobs.

Then DNA testing company 23andMe, logistics startup Flexport, Firefox maker Mozilla and question-and-answer website Quora did their own cuts.

"It feels like a reckoning is here," said Josh Wolfe, a venture capitalist at Lux Capital in New York.

It's a humbling shift for an industry that long saw itself as an engine of job creation and innovation, producing ride-hailing giant Uber, hospitality company Airbnb and other now well-known brands that often disrupted entrenched industries.

Their rise was propelled by a wave of investor money — about \$763 billion washed into startups in the United States

over the past decade — that also fueled the growth of young companies in delivery, cannabis, real estate and direct-to-consumer goods.

Unlike low-cost software startups, these private companies frequently took on old-line competitors by spending heavily on physical assets and workers while losing money.

Now a pullback is unfolding in precisely the areas that drew the most hype.

Around the world, more than 30 startups have slashed more than 8,000 jobs over the past four months, according to a tally by The New York Times.

Investments in young companies have fallen, with 2,215 startups raising money in the United States in the last three months of 2019, the fewest since late 2016, according to the National Venture Capital Association and PitchBook, which track startups.

And those are not the only signs of change.

Casper Sleep, which billed itself as the "Nike of sleep" by selling mattresses online, flopped when it went public this month. Once-hot companies like Lime, the electric scooter provider, have pulled out of some cities. Others, like e-commerce startup Brandless, game app HQ Trivia and electronics maker Essential Products, are on the verge of shutting down.

There are now "frantic mini-moments of panic, as one thing after another happens," said Roy Bahat, an investor at Bloomberg's venture arm in San Francisco. "At some point, one rock after another will fall away from the cliff, and we'll realize we're not standing on anything in many, many companies."

Many startups are sagging after a difficult 2019, when prominent "unicorns" — companies valued at \$1 billion or more by private investors — fell flat on Wall Street.

Uber and Lyft, which are losing billions of dollars a year, staged disappointing initial public offerings last spring. And WeWork, the office rental firm, pulled its public offering, ousted its chief executive and cut its valuation by 80% late last year.

The retreats are being led by companies that were backed by SoftBank, the Japanese conglomerate with a \$100 billion Vision Fund for investing in startups. SoftBank bet big on companies like Uber and WeWork, as well as Colombian delivery startup Rappi and Indian hospitality startup Oyo.

All have undergone layoffs in recent months.

The pullback will probably not be as severe as the dot-com bust in the early 2000s, when dozens of unprofitable internet firms failed.

# Drugmaker reaches \$1.6B opioid settlement

BY GEOFF MULVIHILL  
Associated Press

The generic drugmaker Mallinckrodt has a tentative \$1.6 billion deal to settle lawsuits over its role in the U.S. opioid crisis, it announced Tuesday.

The deal is intended to end hundreds of lawsuits faced by the company over opioids.

The company said it had an agreement with a key committee of lawyers representing thousands of local governments suing various drug industry players over crisis — and that the deal has the support of the attorneys general of 47 states and territories.

The company, based in Staines-Upon-Thames, England, was one of the highest-

volume opioid producers in the U.S. at the height of the nation's prescription drug crisis, shipping millions of doses to Florida, an epicenter of the black-market opioid trade. In 2010, Mallinckrodt shipped 210 million doses of oxycodone to Florida alone. The company's potent 30 milligram pills were especially sought after by people with addiction.

Documents gathered as the company prepared for trial showed that a Mallinckrodt sales manager told a distributor in 2009 of the pills: "Just like Doritos; keep eating, we'll make more." A company spokesman later called the statement "outrageously callous."

The company argued in court filings that unlike makers of brand-name drugs, it did not promote opioids to doctors or

understate the addiction risks. But plaintiffs in the cases said Mallinckrodt continued to ship suspicious orders without making sure the drugs weren't going to be diverted to the black market.

Under its agreement, Mallinckrodt is filing for bankruptcy. The plan calls for it to make payments for eight years after the company emerges from the protections. That route is similar to one OxyContin maker Purdue Pharma is taking to settle opioid claims against it.

"Reaching this agreement in principle for a global opioid resolution and the associated debt refinancing activities announced today are important steps toward resolving the uncertainties in our business," Mark Trudeau, president and CEO of the company, said in a statement.

## BUSINESS BRIEFING

# JPMorgan pulling out of coal lending

NEW YORK — JPMorgan Chase & Co. will no longer do business with coal companies and will restrict financing to companies that drill in the Arctic, the company announced Tuesday.

The announcement came in tandem with the bank announcing it would extend \$200 billion in financing to clean and renewable energy companies by 2025. The bank is currently holding its annual investor day in San Francisco, where the announcement was made.

JPMorgan still provides some loans to coal companies, but plans to phase those out by 2024. Further, the bank will only lend to power companies to build coal power plants when the design includes carbon capture technology.

# Bank profits were \$233.1B in 2019

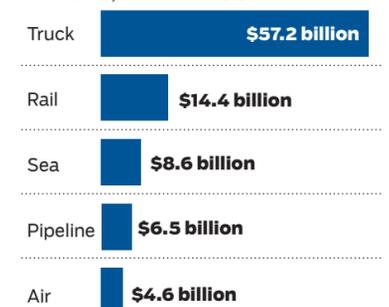
NEW YORK — The banking industry collectively made \$233.1 billion in profits in 2019, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. said Tuesday, the industry's second-most profitable year ever.

The slight drop in profits from 2018 is due to the drop in interest rates, which happened in the second half of last year. The Federal Reserve cut its benchmark interest rate twice, in an effort to shore up the U.S. economy, which was facing difficulties from the U.S.-China trade war and a slowing manufacturing sector.

The FDIC's look at the banking industry reflects a healthy — and incredibly profitable — industry. The number of "problem banks," or banks that are at risk of failing, fell to 51 in the fourth quarter.

# North America cross border freight

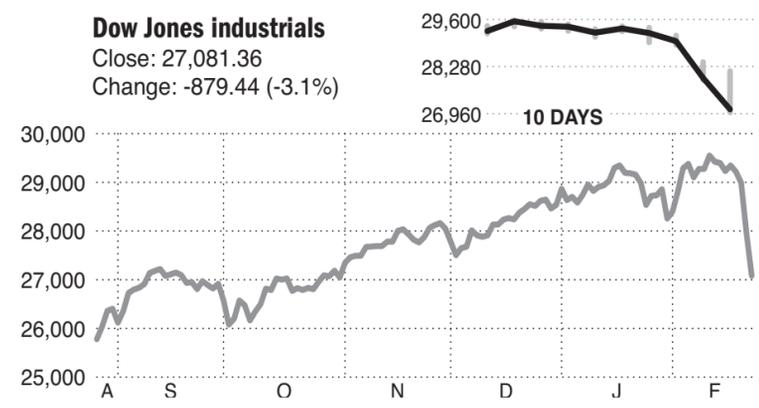
Transborder freight between U.S., Canada and Mexico, December 2019



SOURCE: Bureau of Transportation Statistics TNS

MARKET ROUNDUP

**Dow** High: 28,149.20 Low: 26,997.62 Previous: 27,960.80



Nasdaq	S&P 500	Russell 2000
-255.67 (-2.77%)	-97.68 (-3.03%)	-56.20 (-3.45%)
Close: 8,965.61	Close: 3,128.21	Close: 1,571.90
High: 9,315.26	High: 3,246.99	High: 1,633.11
Low: 8,940.49	Low: 3,118.77	Low: 1,568.97
Previous: 9,221.28	Previous: 3,225.89	Previous: 1,628.10

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
-0.04 to 1.33%	-25.50 to \$1,646.90	-0.62 to 110.12/\$1	-0.0033 to 0.9190/\$1	-1.53 to \$49.90

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
-7.36	-7.88	-7.18	-5.71	-3.28	-4.52	+3.93	+18.76	+11.97

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 20	539	541.25	530.75	539	+2.75
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 20	373	374.75	371.25	372.50	+0.25
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 20	875.50	880.75	873.25	879	+4.75
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Mar 20	29.43	29.58	29.06	29.23	-0.26
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Mar 20	286.50	288.20	285.00	286.50	+0.40
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl- dollars per bbl.	Apr 20	51.37	52.02	49.69	49.90	-1.53
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Mar 20	1.836	1.862	1.819	1.847	+0.02
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Mar 20	1.6001	1.6249	1.5199	1.5324	-0.0767

LOCAL STOCKS

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

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	81.13	-3.50	Envestnet Inc	N	78.37	+0.87	McDonalds Corp	N	212.10	-1.42
AbbVie Inc	N	89.18	-3.96	Equity Commonwlt	N	32.23	-0.67	Middleby Corp	O	106.78	-2.59
Abstate Corp	N	117.31	-3.23	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	75.37	-1.11	Mondelez Intl	O	57.02	-0.72
Aptargroup Inc	N	106.94	-2.27	Equity Residential	N	83.51	-2.28	Morningstar Inc	O	155.18	-3.91
Arch Dan Mid	N	40.43	-2.39	Exelon Corp	O	47.63	-1.19	Motorola Solutions	N	178.11	-3.69
Baxter Intl	N	86.99	-2.54	First Indl RPT	N	42.96	-1.43	Navistar Intl	N	36.36	-0.64
Boeing Co	N	304.14	-13.76	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	67.11	-2.23	NiSource Inc	N	28.38	-0.87
Brunswick Corp	N	58.71	-1.92	Gallagher AJ	N	103.87	-2.34	Nthn Trust Cp	O	91.13	-5.40
CBOE Global Markets	N	122.10	+1.11	Grainger WW	N	284.79	-11.25	Old Republic	N	21.76	-0.96
CDK Global Inc	O	48.31	-1.07	GrubHub Inc	N	51.99	-2.58	Packaging Corp Am	N	94.28	-4.66
CDW Corp	O	125.15	-4.39	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	102.25	-1.04	Paylocity Hldg	O	133.66	-2.87
CF Industries	N	37.64	-1.19	IAA Inc	N	46.14	-2.27	RLI Corp	N	87.86	-1.50
CME Group	O	208.32	-9.8	IDEX Corp	N	162.84	-6.60	Stericycle Inc	O	63.33	-2.10
CNA Financial	N	45.70	-0.94	ITW	N	177.59	-5.77	TransUnion	N	94.74	-2.32
Cabot Microelect	O	143.63	-7.84	Ingredion Inc	N	91.73	-1.47	US Foods Holding	N	38.12	-0.75
Caterpillar Inc	N	129.00	-3.17	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	146.45	-7.85	Ultra Salon Cosmetics	O	277.99	-7.58
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	28.38	-0.85	Kemper Corp	N	76.60	-2.27	United Airlines Hldg	O	70.57	-4.90
Deere Co	N	166.65	-5.21	Kraft Heinz Co	O	26.07	-0.5	Ventas Inc	N	59.81	-3.24
Discover Fin Svcs	N	69.49	-3.66	LKQ Corporation	O	31.32	-1.01	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	47.51	-1.52
Dover Corp	N	110.06	-4.89	Littelfuse Inc	O	170.94	-4.50	Zebra Tech	O	220.00	-7.40

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Ford Motor	7.23	-0.34
Bank of America	31.08	-1.65
Gen Electric	11.32	-0.54
Chesapck Engy	44	+0.00
Uber Technologies	35.89	-2.42
AT&T Inc	37.35	-0.70
HP Inc	23.35	+1.25
Virgin Galactic Hldg	34.04	-0.25
Vale SA	10.31	-0.25
Pfizer Inc	33.93	-0.74
Mallinckrodt plc	4.75	+0.58
Freeport McMoRan	10.73	-0.51
Energy Transfer LP	11.22	-0.33
Exxon Mobil Corp	54.20	-2.16
Nokia Corp	3.91	-0.11
Ambev S.A.	3.61	+0.03
Wells Fargo & Co	45.12	-1.27
Sprint Corp	9.64	-0.18
Marathon Oil	8.92	-0.54
Citigroup	69.43	-3.10
Kinross Gold	5.70	-0.24
Barrick Gold	21.25	-0.78
Petrobras	12.82	-0.26
Teva Pharm	13.24	+0.54

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
AT&T Inc	37.35	-0.70
Alibaba Group Hldg	205.61	-5.55
Alphabet Inc C	1388.45	-33.14
Alphabet Inc A	1386.32	-33.54
Amazon.com Inc	1972.74	-36.55
Apple Inc	288.08	-10.10
Bank of America	31.08	-1.65
Berkshire Hath B	218.05	-3.64
Facebook Inc	196.77	-3.95
HSBC Holdings prA	26.21	-0.42
Home Depot	237.38	-2.32
JPMorgan Chase	126.26	-5.90
Johnson & Johnson	144.65	-1.26
MasterCard Inc	302.89	-21.78
Microsoft Corp	168.07	-2.82
Procter & Gamble	121.43	-1.87
Taiwan Semicon	53.86	-2.26
Visa Inc	188.40	-10.39
WalMart Strs	114.39	-1.93

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	32.69	-1.01	+10.6
American Funds AmrnBaIa m	28.15	-0.46	+10.2
American Funds CptWldGrInca m	49.60	-1.16	+7.9
American Funds CptlncBldrA m	61.44	-1.05	+7.1
American Funds FdmTlnvSA m	59.76	-1.69	+10.4
American Funds GrfAmrCA m	50.83	-1.45	+13.4
American Funds IncAmrCA m	22.56	-0.41	+8.3
American Funds InvAmrCA m	37.85	-1.07	+9.3
American Funds InvPrspctvA m	46.20	-1.17	+13.5
American Funds WAMtInvsA m	45.92	-1.45	+9.0
Dodge & Cox Inc	14.35	-0.12	+10.2
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	39.72	-0.86	+1.2
Dodge & Cox Stk	181.59	-6.54	+4.6
DoubleLine TlRetBdl	10.87	+0.01	+7.8
Fidelity 500IdxAdmrl	108.77	-3.40	+14.1
Fidelity Contrafund	13.63	-0.39	+15.7
Fidelity InvMGrAdmrl	11.87	+0.01	+11.3
Fidelity TlMktIdxAdmrl	88.03	-2.80	+12.7
Fidelity USBdlIdxAdmrl	12.23	+0.01	+10.6
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	2.28	-0.03	+4.4
Metropolitan West TlRetBdl	11.21	-0.07	+10.7
PIMCO InclStl	12.08	-0.01	+7.1
PIMCO TlRetInls	10.62	-0.01	+10.0
Schwab SP500Idx	47.96	-1.50	+14.1
T. Rowe Price BCGR	124.19	-3.70	+13.0
T. Rowe Price GrStk	73.45	-2.17	+14.7
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	289.47	-9.03	+14.1
Vanguard BalIdxAdmrl	39.10	-0.70	+12.3
Vanguard DivGrInv	29.82	-0.90	+16.0
Vanguard FdmTlnvAdmrl	75.68	-2.23	+8.0
Vanguard GrdxAdmrl	94.94	-2.84	+22.4
Vanguard HCAmrl	85.39	-2.07	+8.8
Vanguard IntTTEAdmrl	14.78	+0.02	+8.1
Vanguard InslIdx	281.80	-8.79	+14.1
Vanguard InslIdxPlus	281.82	-8.79	+14.1
Vanguard InslTSMInPls	66.78	-2.12	+12.8
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl	99.99	-1.64	+13.6
Vanguard MDCpldxAdmrl	214.25	-7.24	+10.1
Vanguard PmCpAdmrl	137.64	-4.30	+8.6
Vanguard STInvMGrAdmrl	10.84	+0.01	+6.0
Vanguard SmCpldxAdmrl	75.23	-2.65	+2.9
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	32.25	-3.37	+9.4
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	19.56	-2.8	+9.6
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	35.74	-5.8	+9.5
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	21.96	-4.0	+9.3
Vanguard TlBdlIdxAdmrl	11.36	+0.02	+10.9
Vanguard TlBdlIdx	21.36	+0.02	+11.0
Vanguard TlBdlIdxAdmrl	13.19	+0.03	+9.0
Vanguard TlBdlIdx	34.80	+0.04	+9.0
Vanguard TlBdlIdxAdmrl	27.87	-0.42	+3.1
Vanguard TlBdlIdx	111.44	-1.69	+3.1
Vanguard TlBdlIdxPlus	111.46	-1.69	+3.1
Vanguard TlBdlIdx	16.66	-0.25	+3.0
Vanguard TlBdlIdxAdmrl	77.50	-2.46	+12.7
Vanguard TlBdlIdx	77.52	-2.46	+12.7
Vanguard TlBdlIdx	77.47	-2.46	+12.6
Vanguard WlghtnAdmrl	73.85	-1.33	+12.6
Vanguard WlghtnAdmrl	66.78	-0.61	+12.0
Vanguard WndrslAdmrl	61.46	-1.93	+9.8

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	1.51	1.505
6-month disc	1.42	1.44
2-year	1.18	1.25
10-year	1.33	1.37
30-year	1.81	1.83

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1646.90	\$1672.40
Silver	\$18.183	\$18.868
Platinum	\$932.30	\$974.20

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	4.75
Discount Rate Primary	2.25
Fed Funds Target	1.50-1.75
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.50

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

A U.S. Dollar buys...

Argentina (Peso)	61.8353
Australia (Dollar)	1.5151
Brazil (Real)	4.3885
Britain (Pound)	0.7721
Canada (Dollar)	1.3272
China (Yuan)	7.0374
Euro	0.9190
India (Rupee)	71.860
Israel (Shekel)	3.4270
Japan (Yen)	110.12
Mexico (Peso)	19.1303
Poland (Zloty)	3.96
So. Korea (Won)	1215.72
Taiwan (Dollar)	30.37
Thailand (Baht)	31.74

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	/..	/..
Stoxx600	404.60	-7.3/-1.8
Nikkei	22605.41	-781.3/-3.3
MSCI-EAFE	1954.56	-48.3/-2.4
Bovespa	113230.90	-1640.3/-1.4
FTSE 100	7017.88	-139.0/-1.9
CAC-40	5679.68	-112.2/-1.9

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## OBITUARIES

HOSNI MUBARAK 1928-2020

## Egypt's autocrat, stalwart US ally ousted in uprising

By SAMY MAGDY  
Associated Press

CAIRO — Hosni Mubarak, the Egyptian leader who was the autocratic face of stability in the Middle East for nearly 30 years before being forced from power in an Arab Spring uprising, died Tuesday, state-run TV announced. He was 91.

Mubarak was a stalwart U.S. ally, a bulwark against Islamic militancy and guardian of Egypt's peace with Israel. But to the hundreds of thousands of young Egyptians who rallied for 18 days of unprecedented street protests in Cairo's Tahrir Square and elsewhere in 2011, Mubarak was a latter-day pharaoh and a symbol of autocratic misrule.

His overthrow, however, plunged the country into years of chaos, and set up a power struggle between the military and the Muslim Brotherhood group that he had long outlawed. About two and a half years after Mubarak's ouster, Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi led the military overthrow of Egypt's first freely elected president and rolled back freedoms gained in the 2011 uprising.

State TV said Mubarak died at a Cairo hospital where he had undergone an unspecified surgery. The report said he had health complications but offered no other details. One of his sons, Alaa, announced over the weekend that the former president was in an intensive care after an under-going surgery.

El-Sissi offered condolences and praised Mubarak's service during the 1973 war with Israel but made no mention of Mubarak's almost three-decade rule as president of the most populous Arab state. He announced three days of national mourning beginning



AMR NABIL/AP

Egyptian State TV said Hosni Mubarak died at a Cairo hospital where he had undergone an unspecified surgery.

Wednesday.

"The Presidency mourns with great sorrow the former President of the Republic, Mr. Mohammed Hosni Mubarak," he said in a statement. It referred to Mubarak as "one of the leaders and heroes of the glorious October war, as he assumed command of the Air Force during the war that restored dignity and pride to the Arab nation."

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu expressed "deep sorrow" over Mubarak's death. "President Mubarak, a personal friend of mine, was a leader who guided his people to peace and security, to peace with Israel," Netanyahu said.

Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas said Mubarak "spent his life serving his homeland and the issues of righteousness and justice in the world, with the issue of our Palestinian people at the top of them."

Saudi Arabia's King Salman, Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman and the United Arab Emirates also released statements offering condolences and mourning Mubarak.

U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres sent condolences to the government and Mubarak's family, U.N. spokesman Stephane Du-

jarric said.

Born in May 1928, Mubarak was vice president on Oct. 6, 1981, when his mentor, President Anwar Sadat, was assassinated by Islamic extremists while reviewing a military parade. Seated next to Sadat, Mubarak escaped with a minor hand injury as gunmen sprayed the reviewing stand with bullets.

Eight days later, the brawny former air force commander was sworn in as president, promising continuity and order.

Over the next three decades, as the region was convulsed by one crisis after another, Mubarak was seen as a steady hand and a reliable U.S. partner against Islamic extremism.

He sent troops as part of the U.S.-led coalition in the 1990-1991 Gulf War and contributed to efforts to resolve the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Within Egypt he presided over slow but steady economic growth and kept the country out of armed conflicts after decades of war with Israel. Unlike his predecessors, both Sadat and Egypt's towering nationalist leader Gamal Abdel Nasser, Mubarak pursued no grand ideology beyond stability and economic development.

report, which rebuked President Ronald Reagan for failing to control his national security staff.

In 1990, Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega conceded defeat to his opponent, Violeta Chamorro, in a stunning election upset.

In 1991, after U.S.-led troops pushed Iraqi forces out of Kuwait, resistance leaders declared themselves in control of Kuwait City as the allied forces continued their drive toward Iraq.

In 1993, a bomb built by Islamic extremists exploded in the parking garage of New York's World Trade Center, killing six people and injuring more than 1,000 others.

In 1995, the United States and China averted a major trade war by signing a comprehensive agreement.

In 2000, Pope John Paul II visited Mount Sinai in Egypt, where he prayed for religious tolerance in a garden under the peak revered as the place where Moses received the Ten Commandments.

In 2003, in a victory for

abortion foes, the Supreme Court ruled that federal racketeering and extortion laws had been wrongly used to try to stop blockades, harassment and violent protests outside clinics.

In 2004, two church-sanctioned studies documenting sex abuse by U.S. Roman Catholic clergy said about 4 percent of clerics had been accused of molesting minors since 1950 and blamed bishops' "moral laxity" in disciplining offenders for letting the problem worsen.

In 2008, a power failure later blamed primarily on human error plunged large parts of Florida into darkness.

In 2012, Trayvon Martin, an unarmed black teenager, was shot and killed in a gated community in Sanford, Fla., igniting a national debate on racial profiling and civil rights.

In 2014, Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer vetoed a bill that would have bolstered a business owner's right to refuse service to gays and others on the basis of religion.

In 2016, former GOP presidential rivals made peace when New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie endorsed Republican front-runner Donald Trump, calling the billionaire the best candidate to lead the country.

In 2017, "Moonlight" — not, as it turned out, "La La Land" — won best picture in a historic Academy Awards upset and an unprecedented fiasco when presenters Warren Beatty and Faye Dunaway were given the wrong envelope and announced the blockbuster Hollywood musical with 14 nominations as the winner, rather than the modest coming-of-age tale whose producers, after several minutes of confusion, were handed the Oscar.

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## Arquilla, Marie J.

Marie J. Arquilla, nee Guarnaccio, age 94; beloved wife of the late Joseph; greeted at the gates of heaven by her loving family and friends; loving mother of JoAnn (Ron) Sikorski, Richard (Roseann) Arquilla, MaryAnn (Larry) Valenzio and Joseph (Nancy) Arquilla; cherished by her grandchildren Andrea, Natalie (Ian) Proce, Joseph, Daniel, Giovanna, Anthony, and the late Richard Joseph, Jr.; adoring great-grandma of Gianna and Jaxson; dear aunt of many nieces and nephews. The family would like to thank her caregiver, Gemma, for the exceptional loving care she gave our mom. Funeral Friday 9:15 A.M. from Modell Funeral Home, 7710 S. Cass Ave, Darien, to Holy Trinity Church, Mass at 10:00 A.M. Entombment at Christ the King Garden Mausoleum. Visitation Thursday from 3 to 9 P.M. For info: (630) 852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com



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## Barr Jr., Charles L.

Charles L. Barr Jr., passed away Saturday, February 22, 2020. Arrangements are being handled with care by Conley Funeral Home, 630-365-6414 or [www.conleycare.com](http://www.conleycare.com).

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## Benishay, Haskel

Professor Haskel Benishay, 91. Beloved husband of Sarah (nee Bell). Dear father of Leora Applebaum, Ron (Jody) Benishay and Deana. Loving grandfather of Carmelle, Elana and Jonathan Benishay and Deana's son. Services Thursday, February 17, 9am, Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home, 111 Skokie Blvd, Wilmette. Interment Westlawn Cemetery. Memorials to Chai Center Chabad of Wilmette. Funeral information: 847-256-5700.



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## Bobysud, Milly M

Milly M. Bobysud of LaGrange Highlands over 50 years. Beloved wife of Otto R. Bobysud for 72 years. Devoted mother of Otto Jr, Gary (Linda) of Grand Rapids Michigan, Scott (Dawn) of Shorewood and Mark Bobysud of Hodgkins. Loving grandmother of four. Great grandmother of two. On Sunday February 23, 2020. Family only services to be held in the Spring. Information COGLIANESE FUNERAL HOME 630 654 8484 or [www.coglianese.com](http://www.coglianese.com)

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## Carallis, Nick F.

Nicholas F. Carallis passed away on Feb. 23, 2020. Beloved husband of the late Anna Carallis, nee Voulgaris; devoted son of the late Theodora & Efstratios Carallis; dear brother of the late Harriet (the late Peter) Papastratakos, the late Anastasia (the late Nick) Protopappas, the late Peter (the late Mary) Carallis, the late John (the late Maria) Carallis, Elizabeth (the late Vasilii) Dongas, & Nicki (the late John) Varvisotis; fond uncle & great uncle of many. Visitation Feb 27, 2020, 5 - 8 pm, at Ahlgrim & Sons Funeral Home, 330 W. Golf Rd, Schaumburg. Family & friends meet Feb. 28, 2020, 10 am, for Funeral Service at Ascension of Our Lord Greek Orthodox Church, 1207 Riverwoods Rd, Lincolnshire. Interment Elmwood Cemetery. For more info, 847-882-5580.

*John G. Adinamis*  
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## Cernick, Jennie D.

(nee Petrich). Beloved wife of the late George J. Cernick. Loving mother of Susan (Stewart) Spector & Carol (Michael) Tardi. Cherished grandmother of Jonathan (Lisa), Daniel (Haley), Shannon & Stephanie. Adoring great grandmother of Franco & Elliana. Dear sister of Mildred (late Ralph) White, late Michael (Joan), late Anita (late Edward) & late Frank (Rosa). Kind aunt of many nieces & nephews. Visitation Thursday, February 27th from 9:30 a.m. until time of chapel prayers 11:00 a.m. at the KERRY FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION CARE CENTER, 7020 W. 127th Street, Palos Heights proceeding to Sacred Heart Church, Palos Hills, Mass 11:30 a.m. Interment will be private. [www.kerryfh.com](http://www.kerryfh.com) ~ (708) 361.4235 ~ [www.facebook.com/kerryfuneral](http://www.facebook.com/kerryfuneral)

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## Clark, David Eugene

David Eugene Clark, 80, passed away peacefully on February 1, 2020. He is survived by his devoted wife, Diane Clark-Coutre of La Grange, his cherished daughter Ruthanne (Andrew) Kolb of Batavia and adored granddaughters Felicity and Caillin Kolb; and by his caring stepdaughter, Jacquelyn Coutre (Chicago). His beloved stepson, Jeremy Coutre preceded him in death in 2018. His brother, Douglas (Janice) Clark of Rockton, with his niece Kristie Clark, and his sister, Margaret Clark (Art Lussier) of Henderson, NV, and his brother-in-law Michael Farrell (Nanette) of Westchester, also survive. He taught Physics and AP Biology at Maine South High School. An accomplished organist, he served as the Music Director at Emmanuel Episcopal Church (La Grange) for 25 years. Memorial visitation will be held at Emmanuel Episcopal Church (La Grange) on Friday, February 28, 7:00-9:00 pm. Memorial service will be held Saturday, February 29, at Emmanuel 11 am. Family has requested that donations be made to Emmanuel Episcopal Church for the pipe organ restoration, donations can be made at <https://emmanuel-lagrange.org/donate>. - David Clark Memorial. Arrangements entrusted to Hollowell & James Funeral Home, Countryside. Funeral info: 708-352-6500. See full obit at [hifunerals.com](http://hifunerals.com)

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## ON FEBRUARY 26 ...

In 1815, exiled Napoleon Bonaparte escaped from the island of Elba to begin his second conquest of France.

In 1848, the Second French Republic was proclaimed.

In 1919, Congress established Grand Canyon National Park in northern Arizona.

In 1929, President Calvin Coolidge signed a measure establishing Grand Teton National Park.

In 1940, the U.S. Air Defense Command was created.

In 1951, the 22nd Amendment to the Constitution, limiting a president to two terms of office, was ratified.

In 1952, Prime Minister Winston Churchill announced that Britain had produced an atomic bomb.

In 1979, a total solar eclipse cast a moving shadow 175 miles wide from Oregon to North Dakota before moving into Canada.

In 1987, the Tower Commission, which probed the Iran-Contra affair, issued its

## WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

**ILLINOIS**  
Feb. 25  
Mega Millions .....  
02 09 43 49 63 / 15  
Mega Millions jackpot: \$55M  
Pick 3 midday ..... 923 / 3  
Pick 4 midday ..... 5403 / 2  
Lucky Day Lotto midday .....  
19 20 29 42 45  
Pick 3 evening ..... 511 / 3  
Pick 4 evening ..... 2662 / 2  
Lucky Day Lotto evening .....  
04 15 18 19 27

Feb. 26 Powerball: \$70M  
Feb. 27 Lotto: \$3.5M

**WISCONSIN**  
Feb. 25  
Pick 3 ..... 576  
Pick 4 ..... 6690  
Badger 5 ..... 08 09 12 13 25  
SuperCash ..... 06 11 12 26 31 32

**INDIANA**  
Feb. 25  
Daily 3 midday ..... 370 / 3  
Daily 4 midday ..... 0444 / 3  
Daily 3 evening ..... 352 / 9  
Daily 4 evening ..... 4098 / 9  
Cash 5 ..... 19 20 22 23 26

**MICHIGAN**  
Feb. 25  
Daily 3 midday ..... 454  
Daily 4 midday ..... 3349  
Daily 3 evening ..... 671  
Daily 4 evening ..... 7232  
Fantasy 5 ..... 05 12 14 17 39  
Keno ..... 01 07 12 13 25 33  
36 45 51 53 56 58 59 60  
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### De Bartolo, Valentine F.

Valentine F. De Bartolo (nee Bacchi), beloved daughter of the late John and Frances Bacchi; loving wife of Edward De Bartolo; loving mother of Danny De Bartolo and Denise De Bartolo; and cherished grandmother of Andrea De Bartolo; dear sister of Annette (the late Richard) Santo, the late Anthony Bacchi and the late John Bacchi; dear aunt of Michelle (Joseph) Mattia, the late Anthony Santo, and great aunt of Richie and Joey Mattia; fond cousin and friend of many. Funeral Saturday 9:15 a.m. from **Salerno's Rosedale Chapels, Sciaraffa Funeral Directors**, 450 W. Lake Street (3/4 mile west of Bloomingdale/Roselle Road) Roselle, 60172 to Our Lady of Hope Church, 9711 W. Devon Ave., Rosemont, 60018 for Mass at 10:30 a.m. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Visitation Friday 3:00-8:00 p.m. For information call: (630) 889-1700.

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### De Valk, Patricia A.

Patricia "Patty" A. (nee Hall) De Valk, age 73, passed away on Saturday, February 22, 2020. Beloved daughter of the late Cyril and the late Alice Hall; Devoted wife of the late Wesley De Valk; loving mother of John (Mary) De Valk and the late Erin (Cal Joseph) Eustaquio; cherished grandmother of Kevin and Molly De Valk; dear sister of Michael C. (Barbara) Hall and the late Mary (Dennis) O' Hara; fond sister-in-law, aunt and friend to many.

Visitation Thursday, February 27, 2020 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at **Kenny Brothers Funeral Directors**, 3600 W. 95th St., Evergreen Park. Funeral Friday, February 28, 2020 prayers from **Kenny Brothers** at 10:15 a.m. to **Queen of Martyrs Church**, 10233 S. Central Park Avenue, Evergreen Park, IL. Mass at 11:00 a.m. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, donations to **Brother Rice Catholic School Football Program** would be appreciated. For more information 708-425-4500 or visit [www.kennybrothersfuneral.com](http://www.kennybrothersfuneral.com)

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### Deckowitz, Barbara

Barbara Deckowitz nee Miller, 77. Beloved wife of Philip Deckowitz. Loving mother of Lyle Deckowitz, Andy (Lauren) Deckowitz and Susan (Brian) Katz. Cherished grandmother of Cassandra, Rianna and Gina Deckowitz and Leah and Becca Katz. Dear sister of Ray (Anna) Miller, Glenn (Wendy) Miller and Howard (the late Janice) Miller. Barbara was a kind and gentle woman and will be greatly missed by all who were privileged to know her. Service Wednesday, 10:30 am at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 195 N. Buffalo Grove Road, (One block north of Lake Cook Road) Buffalo Grove. Interment Westlawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to **Love Leah Fund**, (additional fund information is available by calling the funeral home) would be appreciated. Arrangements by: **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Buffalo Grove Chapel, 847.229.8822, [www.cjinfo.com](http://www.cjinfo.com)

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### Dolan, Daniel D.

Daniel D. Dolan, 89, of Aurora, IL and Fountain Hills, AZ passed away Thursday, February 20, 2020 in Fountain Hills, AZ. He was born February 18, 1931 in Aurora, IL.

Dan was co-founder of Dolan & Murphy Real Estate since 1965.

Funeral from **THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY** will be Friday, February 28, 2020 at 9:15am

to Our Lady of Good Counsel Church at 10:00am. Fr. Jerome Leake will officiate with interment at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Visitation will be Thursday, February 27, 2020 from 1:00pm until 8:00pm at **THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY**, 220 N. Lake St., 630-631-5500. Please visit our website at [www.daleidenmortuary.com](http://www.daleidenmortuary.com) where you may leave condolences for Dan's family.

Memorial contributions may be made in Dan's memory to the Daniel D. Dolan Family Endowment Fund, c/o Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley, 37 S. River St., Aurora, IL 60506.



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### Friedman, Morton

Morton Friedman 93. Holocaust survivor and passenger on the Exodus. Beloved husband of the late Lilly Friedman nee Senderovic. Loving father of Mark (Karen) and Pamela (Robert). Treasured "Sabba" of Hannah and Joshua. Dear brother of the late Sarah (the late Avraham Chaim) Sofer. Service Friday 10AM at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 195 North Buffalo Grove Road (one block north of Lake Cook Road) Buffalo Grove. Interment in Israel. In lieu of flowers, memorials in his memory to the Jewish United Fund, 30 South Wells St., Chicago, IL 60606, [www.juf.org](http://www.juf.org) would be appreciated. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Buffalo Grove Chapel, 847.229.8822, [www.cjinfo.com](http://www.cjinfo.com)

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### Gonzalez, Marciel E.

Marciel E. Gonzalez. Age 45, 4205 N Marine Drive. Beloved mother of Marcel Rodriguez. Cherished Educator for 14 years. Head of the Math Department at **Armor Elementary School**. Memorial Service will be held at **Zhou B Art Center**

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### Gordon , Dennis O.

Dennis O. Gordon, 60, of Elmhurst. Beloved husband of Linda nee Knotek; loving father of Edward (Courtney) & Elizabeth; dearest grandfather of Oliver; fond brother of Don (Marcia) Gordon, Cheryl (Ben) Kochanski, Charlene (Ed) Mizerka, Christine (Tom) Iacovetti and the late Ralph Gordon; treasured uncle to numerous nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday 3-9 p.m. until the time of prayers 10:00 a.m. at **Hursen Funeral Home & Crematory**, SW corner of Mannheim & Roosevelt Rds, Hillside/ Westchester. Funeral Mass 11 a.m. Visitation church, 779 S. York St., Elmhurst. Interment Chapel Hills Garden West Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donation to **Leukemia & Lymphoma Society** at [www.LLS.org](http://www.LLS.org). info: [www.hursen.com](http://www.hursen.com) or 800-562-0082



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### Kowalkowski, Rosalie M.

Rosalie M. Kowalkowski (nee LaBarbera) age 97, passed away February 23, 2020. Beloved wife of Arthur; proud mother of Ronald (Nancy), Lawrence (Johanna), Michael (Patricia), Arthur (Judith) and Rose Marie (Thomas) Schwalter; loving daughter of the late Michael LaBarbera and Rose Bucci; fond sister of Frances, Lucille, Virginia and the late Marie, Vincent and Lawrence; dearest grandmother of 11, great-grandmother of 9, great-great-grandmother of 1; aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation will be held on Thursday, February 27th at **Salerno's Rosedale Chapels**, 450 W. Lake Street, Roselle, (3/4 mile west of Bloomingdale/Roselle Rd.) from 3-9 pm. Chapel Service will be held at 8:00 p.m. Interment will be held privately. For info (630) 889-1700



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### LeBike , David Charles

David Charles LeBike, 71, of Des Plaines, IL, passed away on February 17, 2020. Beloved husband of Joan Schaefer; loving father of David Jr. (Gina) and Christopher; proud grandfather of Isabella, Josephine, and Charles; brother of Donna (Larry Christian) and the late Jolene; fond uncle of Michael Christian. A Memorial Service will be held Thursday, February 27th, from 5-9pm, at **La Tasca Restaurant**, 25 W. Davis Street, Arlington Heights. Donations may be made to the **American Brain Tumor Association**, at [www.abta.org](http://www.abta.org).



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### Liszka, Thomas John

Thomas John Liszka, 79 years old of Hot Springs Village (HSV), AR, passed at home from this earth to his heavenly reward on February 21, 2020 after a courageous 6 year battle with renal cancer. Tom, son of John Joseph Liszka and Helen Joan Zelazny Liszka, was born in St. Margaret's hospital in Hammond, IN on July 18, 1940. He grew up in Harvey, IL and graduated from St. John Elementary and Thornton Township H.S. Tom is survived by the love of his life, Janet (nee Lau) whom he married in 1963. Together they raised a family of four children- John Joseph (Beverly), Douglas Allen (Jennifer), Michael Brian and Karin Diane Liszka. Tom was very proud of his children and grandchildren- Sean, Ryan, and Kaley Liszka of Naperville, IL and, Griffen, Tara, and Addison of Downers Grove, IL and, Candace of Midlothian, TX. He loved going to their games and activities, chatting with them on the telephone and always reminding them to apply themselves to their studies. Tom was also survived by many extended loving family and friends. His parents, brother, Edward, sister-in-law, Florence, many aunts, uncles, and cousins and two grandchildren preceded him in death. Visitation will be held at **Sacred Heart Church** in HSV from 4-6PM on Thursday February 27th, 2020 with a Rosary service to follow at 6PM. Funeral mass will be held by **FR. William Elser** at **Sacred Heart Church** on Friday February 28th, 2020 at 11:00AM. Interment in the **Sacred Heart Columbarium** will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the **University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences Cancer Research Center**. Special thanks to **Dr. Muldoon**, **Dr. Don Bodemann**, **Dr. Golden** and **DeeDee** and **Crystal** from **Arkansas Hospice**. Online condolences at [www.caruth-hale.com](http://www.caruth-hale.com).

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### Lizewski Sr., Thomas A.

Thomas A. Lizewski Sr., 79, formerly of Park Ridge loving husband of the late Nancy; beloved father of the late Thomas Lizewski Jr., and Anthony (K.) Lizewski; cherished grandfather of Antoinette Rose; friend to many; and proud owner of **Crest Automotive** in Chicago for many years. Visitation, Saturday, February 29, 2020, 4 to 9 p.m., Prayer Service at 7 p.m. at **Nelson Funeral Home** 820 Talcott, Park Ridge. Interment Private. For information 847-823-5122 or [www.nelsonfunerals.com](http://www.nelsonfunerals.com)



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### Love, Robert M.

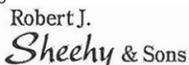
Robert M. Love, age 91, beloved husband of Lily Love; will be missed by loving family Andi (Ron), Michelle, Jamie, Benji, Arlene and Sandy; treasured uncle to many nieces and nephews; cherished friend of Richard (Fran) and Rabbi Lester. Chapel service Thursday, February 27, 2:30 PM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment at **Shalom Memorial Park**. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of your choice. For information and condolences: 847-255-3620 or [www.shalom2.com](http://www.shalom2.com).



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### Lundin, Robert S.

Age 74. Beloved husband of 50 years of Jane (nee Parks). Devoted father of Kimberly (Jeff) Ptak, and Michelle (Jim) Marquardt. Proud Papa of Kelly, Jake, Sean, Brennan, Emma, and Caroline. Loving brother of Judy (Cindy). Devoted son of the late Robert and Patricia Lundin. Dear son-in-law of Dorothy Parks. Adored brother-in-law of Barb (Rick) Magruder, Fred (Lexi) Parks, and Linda (Ed) Moore. Cherished uncle of many nieces and nephews. Longtime friend of many. Longtime high school guidance counselor at **Evergreen Park High School** and **District 230** of the southwest suburbs. Visitation Thursday 3-9 p.m. Funeral Friday 8:45 a.m. from the **Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home**, 9000 W. 151st Street, Orland Park, IL to **St. Michael Church**, Mass 9:30 a.m. Entombment **Good Shepherd Cemetery**. In lieu of flowers, donations to **St. Jude Children's Research Hospital**, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-9959 would be appreciated. [www.sheehyfh.com](http://www.sheehyfh.com) 708-857-7878



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### Moriarty, Bryan J

Bryan J Moriarty, 60, passed away February 24, 2020. Visitation on Thursday, February 27th from 3-8 pm at **Suerth Funeral Home**, 6754 N Northwest Hwy in Chicago. Funeral Mass Friday, February 28th, 11:30 am at **St. Juliana Catholic Church**, 7201 N Oketo Ave, Chicago. Family and friends to gather at church. Full obituary available at [www.chicagomemorial.com](http://www.chicagomemorial.com). Services provided by **Benson Family FH**, 773-478-5800.

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## Pasquale, Robert D.

Robert D. Pasquale, 93, of Palatine, formerly of Arlington Heights and North Palm Beach, FL, passed away peacefully Sunday February 23, 2020. He was born March 3, 1926 in Chicago. Robert was the husband of the late Dolores; and father of Suzanne (the late Larry) Kroupa, Robert (Maureen) Pasquale Jr. and Dorothy (Joseph) Lance. Visitation Sunday 3 pm to 7 pm at the Meadows Funeral Home, 3615 Kirchoff Road, Rolling Meadows. Funeral Monday 9:30 am from chapel to St. Theresa Church, Mass 10 am. Entombment Queen of Heaven Cemetery, Hillside. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to American Macular Degeneration Foundation [macular.org/donations](http://macular.org/donations). Info (847)253-0224 or [www.Meadowssf.com](http://www.Meadowssf.com)

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## Piotrowski, Zdzislaw S. 'Jesse'

Zdzislaw S. "Jesse" Piotrowski, beloved husband of Lily (nee Pikul); loving father of Robert (Cheryl) Piotrowski, Joanna (Scot) Cassell, Renee Piotrowski and Christine (Mark) Jagiello; devoted grandfather of Emily, Christopher, Thomas, Anjelika, Michael, Matthew, Madelynn and Alex; dearest brother of Jozef, Kazimierz, Danuta and Stanislaw; cherished uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday 3 to 9 PM. Funeral Saturday 10:00 AM from Lawn Funeral Home 7909 State Road (5500 W) Burbank, IL 60459 to St. Albert the Great Church, Mass 10:30 AM. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Funeral Info 708-636-2320.



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## Raizes, Maurice P.

Maurice P. Raizes, Age 90 of Highland Park, Illinois and Naples, Florida. Beloved husband for 66 years of Sandra (Nee) Cohon. Devoted son of the late Louis and Rose Raizes. Loving father of Sheryl (Steve) Regester, Elliot (Beth) Raizes, and Lorri (Ted) Bernstein. Proud grandfather of Shannon (Andy), Carrie (Chris) Jordan, Nikki, Tradd (Marissa), Byron, Max, Benny, Abri, David, Fea, and Satta. Special great-grandfather of four. Dear brother of Sheldon (Marilyn) Raizes of Sun Lakes, Arizona, and the late Janet (the late Heinz) Reach and brother-in-law of Susan and George Cohon of Toronto. While practicing law for 60 years and serving as managing partner of Cohon, Raizes, & Regal, Maury held many leadership roles in American Israel Chamber of Commerce, ORT, Jewish Federation of Chicago, Rotary Club of Chicago, Better Boys Foundation, Chicago and Illinois Bar Associations, University of Illinois Alumni Association and Habitat for Humanity. As a loving husband, father, grandfather and loyal friend, he set an example of unconditional love, strong integrity, and charity throughout his life. Services Friday, 10AM at North Suburban Synagogue Beth El, 1175 Sheridan Road, Highland Park, Illinois. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery, Skokie, Illinois. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to a charity of your choice. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Buffalo Grove Chapel, 847.229.8822, [www.cjinfo.com](http://www.cjinfo.com)



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## Rone, Anna

Anna M. Rone, 87, beloved wife of Earl; cherished mother of the late Mark Rone and Linda (Marty) Patryn; loving grandmother of Natalie (Kyle) Shamie and Anthony Patryn; devoted great-grandmother of Gabriel and Giuliana Shamie; caring sister of Guy (Rose) Signorelli; aunt to John Signorelli and Barbara Hewitt; and great-aunt to many. In-state-viewing Monday, March 2, 2020, from 10AM until the time of Mass. Mass of Christian Burial to begin at 11 AM at St. Celestine Catholic Church, 3020 N. 76th Court, Elmwood Park, IL 60707. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donate to St. Jude's Children's Hospital. For info 708-453-1234 or [www.elmsfh.com](http://www.elmsfh.com).



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## Ruth, Weise

Ruth J. Weise nee Geiger, age 97, of Lombard. Beloved wife of the late Edward S. Loving mother of Karen (Randy) King and James (Donna). Cherished grandmother of 6, Kimberly (Patrick) Failing, Keith (Crystal) King, Kyle (Elizabeth) King, Kaitlin (Alex) Teater, Caleb Weise and Trevor Weise. Great-grandmother of 7. Preceded by a brother, William Geiger and a sister, Katherine Geiger. Aunt and great-aunt of many. Graveside Service Friday 11 AM at Ridgewood Cemetery, Des Plaines. Please omit flowers. Info [www.brustfuneralhome.com](http://www.brustfuneralhome.com) or call 888-629-0094.

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## Schallmo, Pauline J.

Pauline J. (nee DeFini) Schallmo, 88, of Demotte, IN. Beloved wife of the late Earl J. Schallmo. Devoted mother of Paul (Vanessa), Glenn (Ileana) and Dean (Marianne). Proud grandma of Pauline, Valerie, Glenn, Lauren, Sharon, Fabiola, Marilyn, Michael, Nicholas and Elizabeth. Great grandma of Zachary. Loving sister of Jerry (Jackie) DeFini, Ginger (the late David) Parisi and the late Ronnie DeFini. Also survived by many loving nieces, nephews, friends and a dear close friend, Ester Camerino. Funeral Friday, February 28, 2020 9:15 a.m. from Blake-Lamb Funeral Home, 4727 W. 103rd Street, Oak Lawn to St. Germaine Church, Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. Visitation Thursday, February 27, 2020, 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Info, 708-636-1193 or [www.blakelamboaklawn.com](http://www.blakelamboaklawn.com).

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## Sikorski

See Marie Arquilla notice.

## Simon, Madeleine

Madeleine Simon, 86, of Morton Grove, beloved wife of the late Steve; loving mother of Maybelle and Steve Jr. (Leslie); dear grandmother Nic and Alexandra; fond sister of the late Paul Mausen and Marc Mausen. Visitation at **Simkins Funeral Home** 6251 Dempster St. Morton Grove, IL 60053 on Friday, February 28th from 9:00 a.m. until time of departure to St. Martha Church at 11:00 a.m. Mass at 11:30 a.m. Interment All Saints Cemetery. Sign online guest book at [www.simkinsfh.com](http://www.simkinsfh.com). (847) 965-2500



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## Snella, Elaine B.

Age 88, of Lyons. Visitation Friday, February 28th, 3-8 p.m. Funeral Saturday, 9:30 prayers to St. Hugh Church for 10:30 Mass. Interment Queen of Heaven. For more information, [towerlyons.com](http://towerlyons.com) 708-447-7900.

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## THOMAS, MARDIS EDWARD "MARDIE"

MARDIS EDWARD THOMAS "MARDIE" age 89 a lifelong area resident. Loving father of the late Richard J., Jeannette M., Alan D., and Michael J. Thomas; cherished grandfather of 4 Rachel, Eric, Chris, and Michelle and great-grandfather of Stephen; beloved brother of Helaine Kos and Nancy Ellen Temple; fond uncle of numerous nieces and nephews. Mardis was an Army veteran serving in the Korean War. Visitation will be Friday, Feb. 28th from 5 -7 PM at Toon Funeral Home, 109 N. Cass Ave., Westmont, IL 60559. Funeral Services 1:30 PM Saturday at the funeral home. Interment Clarendon Hills Cemetery, Darien, IL. Memorial Contributions to Mercy Home For Boys & Girls Chicago Children's Charity would be appreciated. For further information, 630-968-2262 or [www.toonfuneralhome.com](http://www.toonfuneralhome.com)

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## Valenzio

See Marie Arquilla notice.

## Wolos, Thomas J.

Thomas J. Wolos age 71 US Army Viet Nam Veteran. Beloved son of the late Walter Wolos and the late Jeanette, nee Stupek; loving brother of Susan (Bill) Farneth and Mary Wolos; dearest uncle of William Farneth, Jennifer (Christopher Szoch) and Cesca Wolos-Fonteno; great-uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Thursday and Friday 3 PM to 8 PM and Funeral service Saturday 10:30 AM from Tohle Funeral Home, 4325 W. Lawrence Ave. to St. Cornelius Church 5430 W. Foster Ave. Mass 11:00 AM. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to the Appalachian Trail Conservancy at [www.appalachiantrail.org](http://www.appalachiantrail.org) appreciated. Info 773-685-4400 or [tohlefuneralhome.com](http://tohlefuneralhome.com)

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## Yunker, Richard M.

Richard M. "Boom Boom" Yunker, age 80; beloved partner of Judith Kiehm, compassionate friend to countless people in all walks of life, and brother of two sisters. Richard was employed as a mailman, sixth-grade teacher, encyclopedia salesman, shipping clerk, actor, poet, and singer. As a photojournalist, he contributed photo essays to the Chicago Tribune and Chicago Sun Times' Sunday magazines, Chicago Magazine, and the Chicago Reader. His books include On Site, Our Chicago, Yankin' and Liftin' Their Whole Lives, Chicago People and Skinfolk: Gamblers on the Green. His photography was showcased in Street Signs Chicago, Studs Terkel's book Chicago, and in the Foo Fighters' documentary, Sonic Highways. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Rock Steady Boxing, Windy City Ltd., 1106 W. Bryn Mawr Avenue, Chicago, IL 60660, 312-465-3921. A memorial service will be held Friday, 11am in the Hennig Chapel of Rosehill Cemetery, 5800 N. Ravenswood Avenue, Chicago where entombment will follow. Arrangements entrusted to Lakeshore Jewish Funerals, 773-625-8621



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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT JUVENILE JUSTICE DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Alexander Lopez

A MINOR NO. 2020JD00192

### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, **Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**, that on **January 30, 2020**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX**, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Stuart Lubin** in the 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois on **03/11/2020 at 9:00 AM** IN CALENDAR 58 COURTROOM 11.

or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act. The court has authority in this case to take from you the custody and guardianship of the minor.

Unless you appear at the hearing and show cause to the contrary, an order or judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief asked in the petition.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT January 31, 2020

ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY:

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CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT,  
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January 31, 2020 6597971

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Amara Backstrom

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Ashley Backstrom (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 20JA00187

### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown (Father)** AKA "**Doc**" (**Father**), respondents, and to **All Whom it May Concern**, that on **January 30, 2020**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **John Huff** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **03/16/2020 at 9:30 AM** IN CALENDAR 14 COURTROOM N, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS January 31, 2020 6614917

## LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Diamond Lewis

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Jechauna Lewis (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA01037

### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Tracey Johnson (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **September 19, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Nicholas Geanopoulos** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **03/16/2020 at 10:30 AM** IN CALENDAR 17 COURTROOM K, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS January 31, 2020 6614940

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Ja'Viriah Arterberry

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Karen Miles (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 16JA01049

### NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **John Arterberry (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **January 16, 2020**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Nicholas Geanopoulos** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **03/18/2020 at 11:00 AM** IN CALENDAR 17 COURTROOM K, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS January 17, 2020 6614330



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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Christopher Johnson

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Pamela Huff (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA01447

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Frederick Johnson AKA Frederick Samuels (Father), respondents, and to All Whom it May Concern, that on December 06, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXK in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Patrick Murphy in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 03/16/2020 at 9:45 AM in CALENDAR 1 COURTROOM A, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order of judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS February 11, 2020 6414933

LEGAL NOTICE

Oak Park and River Forest High School District 200 will receive sealed bids for asbestos abatement at the following location: Oak Park and River Forest High School, 201 North Scoville Avenue, Oak Park, Illinois 60457.

A mandatory pre-bid meeting and walkthrough will be held on Monday, February 24, 2020 at 4:00pm at the Oak Park and River Forest High School, 201 North Scoville Avenue, Oak Park, Illinois.

Bids shall be submitted on or before the specified closing time in an opaque, sealed envelope addressed to: Mr. Mike Carosico, Chief Financial Officer, Oak Park & River Forest High School District 200, 201 North Scoville Avenue, Oak Park, Illinois 60457. Please mark "Sealed Bid-Asbestos Abatement Project" on the outside of the envelope.

The bid opening will be on Wednesday March 11th, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. in the little auditorium at the Oak Park and River Forest High School, 201 North Scoville Avenue, Oak Park, Illinois 60457. Qualified bidders must include a Bid Security in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the Base Bid, which shall be a bid bond, certified check, or bank draft.

All bidders must comply with applicable Illinois Law requiring the payment of prevailing wages by all contractors/subcontractors working on public works. Bidder must comply with the Illinois Statutory requirements regarding labor, including Equal Employment Opportunity Laws.

The Board of Education reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids. Contractors interested in attending the pre-bid meeting shall contact Pekron consulting at 219-473-0600. Contractors interested in obtaining a physical or electronic copy of the abatement specification shall contact Pekron Consulting 24 hours prior to the pre-bid meeting on March 4th, 2020 at 4:00pm. 2/26/2020 6614824

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Steven Graziano

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Jacqueline Welter (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 20JA00160

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Anthony Santiago (Father) Any And All Unknown Fathers Any, respondents, and to All Whom it May Concern, that on January 24, 2020, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXK in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Peter Vilkeis in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 03/18/2020 at 9:30 AM in CALENDAR 13 COURTROOM M, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS January 30, 2020 6615002

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NOONAN & LIEBERMAN, LTD. (Firm ID: 38245) Attorneys 105 West Adams Street, Suite 1800 Chicago, Illinois 60603 STATE OF ILLINOIS, COUNTY OF Cook, ss - IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION, IN-AN-VIEW LOAN SERVICES, LLC A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, Plaintiff, vs. CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY TRUST #1110458 DATED 3/14/2002; CITY OF CHICAGO; ROBERT JOHNSON UNKNOWN OWNERS-TENANTS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; et. al., Defendants, Case No. 20 CH 681. The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you: Robert Johnson, Chicago Title Land Trust Company Trust #1110458 dated 3/14/2002, Unknown Owners-Tenants and Non-Record Claimants, defendants in the above entitled suit has been commenced in the IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION by the said plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: LEGAL DESCRIPTION: LOT 51 IN AURELIA STEGES RESUBDIVISION OF LOTS 1 TO 28 IN BLOCK 3 AND LOTS 1 TO 25 IN BLOCK 4, WEST AUBURN SUBDIVISION OF BLOCKS 1 TO 4 AND 13 TO 16 IN SUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 38 NORTH, RANGE 14, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN (EXCEPT THE NORTH 99 FEET THEREOF) IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 936-944 W. 76TH STREET, CHICAGO, IL 60610 PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NO: 20-29-404-034-0000, and which said Mortgage was filed by ROBERT JOHNSON, as Mortgagee(s) to Premier Mortgage Funding, Inc., as Mortgagee, and recorded as document number 0622044151, and the present owner(s) of the property being ROBERT JOHNSON, and for other relief: that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law, and that the said suit is now pending. Now, therefore, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the Complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION, Richard J Daley Center, 50 W. Washington, Room 802, Chicago, IL 60602 on or before March 27, 2020, default may be entered against you at any time after that day, and a Judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said Complaint. Dated: Chicago, Illinois, February 24, 2020. Clerk of the Cook County Circuit Court. THIS IS AN ATTEMPT TO COLLECT A DEBT PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT, AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Last known addresses: Robert Johnson, 2314 Midtown Terrace, Apt. 1117, Orlando, FL 32839; 1245 S. Michigan Avenue, Suite 224, Chicago, IL 60605 4334 Hazel, #1207, Chicago, IL 60613 Chicago Title Land Trust Company Trust #1110458 dated 3/14/2002 - 10 S. LaSalle Street #2750, Chicago, IL 60603 Unknown Owners-Tenants and Non-Record Claimants - 936-944 W. 76th Street, Chicago, IL 60610 2/26, 3/4, 3/11/2020 6614411

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TO: Lavon Tims; Occupant of 402 N. Avers; City of Chicago, c/o City Clerk; Internal Revenue Service; United States Attorney General, U.S. Department of Justice; United States Attorney; The Springfield Avers Harding Condominium Association, c/o Veronica L. Hall; Judgment Creditors, And Decree Creditors, If Any Of The Above Described As "Unknown Owners"; David D. Orr, Cook County Clerk; Parties In Occupancy Or Actual Possession Of Said Property; Unknown Owners Or Persons Interested In Said Land Or Lot. TAX DEED NO. 2020 COTD 000142 FILED: January 13, 2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook, State of Illinois Date Premises Sold: July 24, 2017 Certificate No. 175-0010046 Sold for General Taxes of: 2017 Scavenger Sale (2010-2015) Sold For Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable. And Special Assessment No. Not Applicable. Warrant No. Not Applicable. Inst. No. Not Applicable. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 402 N. Avers Avenue, in Chicago, Illinois Legal Description or Property Index No. 16-118-0245-1002 Vol. 552 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on July 1, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before July 1, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois on July 17, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before July 1, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. Address: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 Telephone: (312) 603-5645 ADRIS OMOSANYA, purchaser or assignee Dated: February 19, 2020 Judd M. Harris #55136 933 West Van Buren, Suite 304 Chicago, IL 60607 312-795-9600 harrislaw@sbcglobal.net 2/25, 26, 27/2020 6610642

TO: Carl Minkus; Christine Minkus; Judgment Creditors, And Decree Creditors, If Any Of The Above Described As "Unknown Owners"; David D. Orr, Cook County Clerk; Parties In Occupancy Or Actual Possession Of Said Property; Unknown Owners Or Persons Interested In Said Land Or Lot. TAX DEED NO. 2020 COTD 000163 FILED: January 15, 2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook, State of Illinois Date Premises Sold: May 9, 2018 Certificate No. 16-0009742 Sold for General Taxes of: 2016 and prior years 2004-Second and Third Year Taxes of: 2005, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 Sold For Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable. And Special Assessment No. Not Applicable. Warrant No. Not Applicable. Inst. No. Not Applicable. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 3703 S State St., Chicago, Illinois Legal Description or Property Index No. 17-34-313-002-0000 Vol. 526 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on July 1, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before July 1, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois on July 17, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before July 1, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. Address: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 Telephone: (312) 603-5645 ADRIS OMOSANYA, purchaser or assignee Dated: February 19, 2020 Judd M. Harris #55136 933 West Van Buren, Suite 304 Chicago, IL 60607 312-795-9600 harrislaw@sbcglobal.net 2/25, 26, 27/2020 6608564

TO: Enrique Ruiz; City of Chicago - City Clerk, City of Chicago - Corporation Counsel, Illinois Department of Revenue, IL Dept. of Revenue, and Illinois Attorney General; Occupant; County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois; Judgment Creditors, If Any; of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; Occupants or persons in actual possession of real estate herein described; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any of the above described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners and Parties interested in said real estate. TAX DEED NO. 2020COTD000614 FILED February 18, 2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: May 8, 2018 Certificate No. 16-0007292 & 16-0007922 Sold for General Taxes of: 2016, 2014 & 2018, 2014 Sold for Special Assessment of [Municipality] and Special assessment no. [None] Warrant No. [Not Applicable] installment No. [Not Applicable] THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 3551 & 3545 W 64TH ST, Chicago, IL 60629 Legal Description or Property Index No. 19-23-208-043-0000 and 19-23-208-045-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on June 16, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before July 31, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. Address: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: 312-603-5645 RASHIDA KHARKHARIWALA Purchaser or Assignee Dated February 13, 2020 2/25, 26, 27/2020 6611426

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TO: 55th & State Redevelopment, LLC, c/o Roscoe C. Foreman; Parkway Bank as trustee u/t/a #1031; Occupant of Unit GA, Calumet Court, LLC, c/o Norman Light, Calumet Court, LLC; Judgment Creditors, And Decree Creditors, If Any Of The Above Described As "Unknown Owners"; David D. Orr, Cook County Clerk; Parties In Occupancy Or Actual Possession Of Said Property; Unknown Owners Or Persons Interested In Said Land Or Lot. TAX DEED NO. 2020 COTD 000227 FILED: January 17, 2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook, State of Illinois Date Premises Sold: July 18, 2017 Certificate No. 175-000591 Sold for General Taxes of: 2017 Scavenger (2008-2015) Sold For Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable. Warrant No. Not Applicable. Inst. No. Not Applicable. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: Unit GA in Condominium at 5201 S. Calumet Ave., in Chicago, Illinois Legal Description or Property Index No. 17-306-070-1013 Vol. 253 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on July 1, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before July 1, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois on July 24, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before July 1, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. Address: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 Telephone: (312) 603-5645 IDRIS OMOSANYA, purchaser or assignee Dated: February 19, 2020 Judd M. Harris #55136 933 West Van Buren, Suite 304 Chicago, IL 60607 312-795-9600 harrislaw@sbcglobal.net 2/25, 26, 27/2020 6610596

TO: Javan Harper a/k/a Javon Harper Anna Elizabeth Harper Dominique Brown Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. c/o GenPact Registered Agent, Inc. Fieldstone Mortgage Company Fieldstone Mortgage Company c/o Illinois Corporation Service Co. Fieldstone Mortgage Company c/o Secretary of State Business Services PHH Mortgage Corporation (Min#10005262418273173) PHH Mortgage Corporation c/o Illinois Corporation Service Co. Randolph 18 LLC Randolph 18 LLC c/o Faxon Legal Information Service-Registered Agent Randolph 18 LLC c/o Tryko Holding LLC-Manager Karen A. Yarbrough County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois Unknown Owners; Judgment Creditors, And Decree Creditors, If Any Of The Above Described As "Unknown Owners"; David D. Orr, Cook County Clerk; Parties In Occupancy Or Actual Possession Of Said Property; Unknown Owners Or Persons Interested In Said Land Or Lot. TAX DEED NO. 2020 COTD 000154 FILED: January 13, 2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook, State of Illinois Date Premises Sold: July 20, 2017 Certificate No. 175-0006994 Sold for General Taxes of: 2017 Scavenger Sale (2010-2015) Sold For Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable. And Special Assessment No. Not Applicable. Warrant No. Not Applicable. Inst. No. Not Applicable. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 5630 S. Shields Avenue, Chicago, IL 60621 Legal Description or Property Index No. 20-16-208-016-0000, Volume 421 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on July 20, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before July 20, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Room 1704, Chicago, Illinois on July 17, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before July 1, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk Address: 118 North Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 KATHY KATON THURNE LLC Purchaser or Assignee Dated February 13, 2020 2/25, 26, 27/2020 6611414

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TO: Edward Romanski; HSCB Mortgage Corporation, c/o Illinois Secretary of State; HSCB Mortgage Corporation (USA); City of Chicago, c/o City Clerk; The 7827 S. Yates Condominium Association, c/o Yates Condominium Association, c/o Adam Piechowicz, President; Judgment Creditors, And Decree Creditors, If Any Of The Above Described As "Unknown Owners"; David D. Orr, Cook County Clerk; Parties In Occupancy Or Actual Possession Of Said Property; Unknown Owners Or Persons Interested In Said Land Or Lot. TAX DEED NO. 2020 COTD 000224 FILED: January 13, 2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook, State of Illinois Date Premises Sold: July 19, 2017 Certificate No. 175-0005459 Sold for General Taxes of: Sold For Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable. And Special Assessment No. Not Applicable. Warrant No. Not Applicable. Inst. No. Not Applicable. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: Unit 3 in Condominium Building at 7827 S. Yates Ave., Chicago, Illinois Legal Description or Property Index No. 21-30-325-039-1003 Vol. 274 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on July 1, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before July 1, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois on July 17, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before July 1, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. Address: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 Telephone: (312) 603-5645 BILL COX, purchaser or assignee Dated: February 19, 2020 Judd M. Harris #55136 933 West Van Buren, Suite 304 Chicago, IL 60607 312-795-9600 harrislaw@sbcglobal.net 2/25, 26, 27/2020 6610627

TO: Nationwide Credit Service, Inc., c/o Illinois Corporation Service Co. Nationwide Credit Service, Inc. c/o NCS; Erma J. Waddell; City of Chicago, c/o City Clerk; Judgment Creditors, And Decree Creditors, If Any Of The Above Described As "Unknown Owners"; David D. Orr, Cook County Clerk; Parties In Occupancy Or Actual Possession Of Said Property; Unknown Owners Or Persons Interested In Said Land Or Lot. TAX DEED NO. 2020 COTD 000153 FILED: January 13, 2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook, State of Illinois Date Premises Sold: July 19, 2017 Certificate No. 175-0005488 Sold for General Taxes of: 2017 Scavenger Sale (2009-2015) Sold For Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable. And Special Assessment No. Not Applicable. Warrant No. Not Applicable. Inst. No. Not Applicable. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: on the east side of Saginaw Ave. beginning approximately 165.5 feet north of 80th St., in Chicago, Illinois known by the Cook County Assessor as 7941 S. Saginaw Ave., Chicago, Illinois Legal Description or Property Index No. 30-304-008-057-1020 Vol. 228 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on July 1, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before July 1, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois on July 17, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before July 1, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. Address: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 Telephone: (312) 603-5645 IDRIS OMOSANYA, purchaser or assignee Dated: February 24, 2020 Judd M. Harris #55136 933 West Van Buren St. Suite 304 Chicago, IL 60607 312-795-9600 harrislaw@sbcglobal.net 2/26, 2/27, 2/28/2020 6614229

TO: Dante Tonic; City of Chicago, c/o City Clerk; Judgment Creditors, And Decree Creditors, If Any Of The Above Described As "Unknown Owners"; David D. Orr, Cook County Clerk; Parties In Occupancy Or Actual Possession Of Said Property; Unknown Owners Or Persons Interested In Said Land Or Lot. TAX DEED NO. 2020 COTD 000154 FILED: January 13, 2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook, State of Illinois Date Premises Sold: July 19, 2017 Certificate No. 175-0006994 Sold for General Taxes of: 2017 Scavenger Sale (2010-2015) Sold For Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable. And Special Assessment No. Not Applicable. Warrant No. Not Applicable. Inst. No. Not Applicable. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 10732 S. Wabash Ave., Chicago, Illinois Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-15-300-030-0000 Vol. 289 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on July 1, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before July 01, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. Address: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 Telephone: (312) 603-5645 DREAM HOUSING RENTALS & SERVICES, INC., purchaser or assignee Dated: February 19, 2020 Judd M. Harris #55136 933 West Van Buren, Suite 304 Chicago, IL 60607 312-795-9600 harrislaw@sbcglobal.net 2/25, 26, 27/2020 6610614

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TO: Frank Taylor; Latecia Taylor; Occupant of 11350 S. Stewart; City of Chicago, c/o City Clerk; Judgment Creditors, And Decree Creditors, If Any Of The Above Described As "Unknown Owners"; David D. Orr, Cook County Clerk; Parties In Occupancy Or Actual Possession Of Said Property; Unknown Owners Or Persons Interested In Said Land Or Lot. TAX DEED NO. 2020 COTD 000138 FILED: January 13, 2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook, State of Illinois Date Premises Sold: July 21, 2017 Certificate No. 175-0009581 Sold for General Taxes of: 2017 Scavenger Sale (2010-2014) Sold For Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable. And Special Assessment No. Not Applicable. Warrant No. Not Applicable. Inst. No. Not Applicable. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 11350 S. Stewart Avenue in Chicago, Illinois Legal Description or Property Index No. 25-21-123-030-0000 Vol. 467 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on July 1, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before July 1, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois on July 17, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before July 1, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. Address: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 Telephone: (312) 603-5645 BILL COX, purchaser or assignee Dated: February 19, 2020 Judd M. Harris #55136 933 West Van Buren, Suite 304 Chicago, IL 60607 312-795-9600 harrislaw@sbcglobal.net 2/25, 26, 27/2020 6610588

TO: Frederick Watts; Frederick L. Watts Occupant of 3127-2 Bernice Rd.; Decision One Mortgage Company, LLC; Bernice Terrace Condominium Association; Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS), c/o GenPact Registered Agent, Inc.; Illinois Department of Revenue; Illinois Attorney General; Judgment Creditors, And Decree Creditors, If Any Of The Above Described As "Unknown Owners"; Karen A. Yarbrough, Cook County Clerk; Parties In Occupancy Or Actual Possession Of Said Property; Unknown Owners Or Persons Interested In Said Land Or Lot. TAX DEED NO. 2020 COTD 000154 FILED: January 13, 2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook, State of Illinois Date Premises Sold: July 18, 2017 Certificate No. 175-0004715 Sold for General Taxes of: 2017 Scavenger Sale (2008-2015) Sold For Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable. And Special Assessment No. Not Applicable. Warrant No. Not Applicable. Inst. No. Not Applicable. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: Unit 31272 (A/K/A Unit 2) in Bernice Terrace Condominium, located at 3127 Bernice Terrace, Chicago, Illinois Legal Description or Property Index No. 30-304-008-057-1020 Vol. 228 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on July 01, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before July 01, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois on July 24, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before July 1, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. Address:

# New formula for 1-2 punch

Youngsters Robert, Madrigal could be future atop Sox order

GLENDALE, Ariz. — It's understandable the White Sox plan to go into the season with Tim Anderson and Yoan Moncada flipping in the leadoff spot and No. 2 hole.

If the Sox are ready to compete, as most expect, every game will matter from opening day on. So it makes perfect sense to insert a couple of experienced bats up top and let Luis Robert settle into the Cubs batting lower in the lineup. But the 1-2 punch of the future



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is likely Robert and fellow rookie Nick Madrigal, and the sooner the Sox go that route, the better off they'll be.

Madrigal had a .395 on-base percentage against right-handers last year in the minors and a .438 OBP with runners in scoring position and two outs. Robert posted a .372 OBP against right-

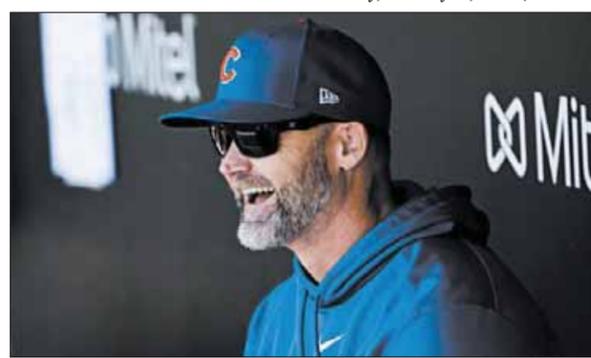
handers and a .429 OBP with runners in scoring position and two outs.

They played together at three minor-league stops, often paired as the Nos. 1-2 hitters.

"It does feel comfortable," Madrigal said Tuesday at Camelback Ranch. "I don't know what the plan is. We haven't played with each other yet this spring. Last year we were hitting pretty close, back-to-back. It was great hitting behind him. Made things a lot easier."

"Him being on second or third base with me up, it seemed like he

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## Ross makes debut in Cubs dugout

After an illness sidelined him, David Ross takes a loss in his first spring-training game as Cubs manager Tuesday afternoon as the Cubs fell the Rockies 12-6 in Mesa, Ariz. **Back Page**

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# Critical season ahead

Trubisky's future could be determined by his level of improvement in 2020



**BRAD BIGGS**  
*On the Bears*

INDIANAPOLIS — With his hands stuffed in the pockets of his blue slacks for much of a 24-minute media session Tuesday morning, Ryan Pace dodged questions about the Bears' quarterback plans as best he

could.

He sidestepped inquiries about bringing in competition for Mitch Trubisky. He ducked and eluded queries about how the club will go about it, saying at one point, "It's the things we value in every quarterback."

Just as he did at the end of the season, Pace declined to say what the Bears will do with the fifth-year option in Trubisky's contract for 2021.

What we do know is Trubisky remains the only quarterback on the roster, he will count \$9.2 million against the team's salary cap in 2020, and coach Matt Nagy has brought in new voices to help. Nagy has hired offensive coordinator Bill Lazor and quarterbacks coach John DeFilippo to go with Dave Ragone, who was promoted to passing game coordinator.

When the new league year begins March 18, Pace should be able to relax somewhat. We should have a clear picture of the master plan to bring in a challenger to Trubisky or at least a legitimate backup option. Chase Daniel earned \$10 million over the last two years more for his knowledge of the scheme than

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The Bears have yet to pick up the fifth-year option on Mitch Trubisky, who still has something to prove.

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Revised staff, new ideas could give offense jolt

BY DAN WIEDERER

INDIANAPOLIS — The changes began quickly after last season ended. Matt Nagy knew his team's offensive struggles were unacceptable and had to be addressed on multiple levels. Thus as the Bears coach envisioned the new path for 2020, he began with changes to his coaching staff.

Nagy's renovations began with the removal of offensive coordinator Mark Helfrich, offensive line coach Harry Hiestand and tight ends coach Kevin Gilbride Jr. He soon hired Bill Lazor as coordinator, Juan Castillo as line coach and Clancy Barone to oversee the tight ends. Then came the hiring of John DeFilippo as quarterbacks coach with Dave Ragone shifting into a new role as passing game coordinator.

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# TOP OF THE SECOND



TEDDY GREENSTEIN

## QB derby wide open for NU

The first day of spring football practice is like Christmas morning for the media that cover Northwestern. Everyone is in a great mood, and coach Pat Fitzgerald dishes out presents and cookies in the form of nuggets and sound bites.

The looseness of the interview is such that Fitzgerald referenced the 1995 comedy "Tommy Boy" to bring a visual to quarterback Hunter Johnson getting his "lips knocked off" last season after holding the ball too long.

Fitzgerald recommended a Daily Northwestern reporter watch the movie, adding: "Are you 21?"

Reporter: "Yes."

Fitzgerald: "Have a few beers. It will make it even better."

But Fitzgerald was no Chuckles the Clown — a favorite Randy Walker reference — when it came to commenting on the Wildcats' 3-9 record, the worst in Fitzgerald's 14 seasons.

"The lack of success," he said, "is completely, totally unacceptable."

Those in Fitzgerald's orbit attribute that awful mark to having the nation's lowest passing efficiency rating; had it even been average, they believe Northwestern would have won nine games.

Wildcats passers combined to throw 15 interceptions and threw fewer touchdown passes (six) in 12 games than LSU's Joe Burrow did (seven) in the first half of the Peach Bowl against Oklahoma. Fitzgerald finally yielded to the masses by launching offensive coordinator Mick McCall, who landed at Iowa State in a curious role as running backs coach.

So who's in contention to start when Northwestern opens at Michigan State? And why should NU fans believe the season won't be like another '90s comedy, "Groundhog Day"?

Here are three thoughts.

### 1. Three of Northwestern's seven quarterbacks have a realistic chance to start.

Pat Fitzgerald called the competition "wide open," but Andrew Marty took first-team reps Tuesday after he led Northwestern to a season-ending 29-10 thumping of Illinois in Champaign. Marty might not be a Brady-esque thrower, but he has the size (227 pounds), toughness and moxie to, at minimum, play a role in the running game.



Northwestern coach Pat Fitzgerald, center, gave versatile quarterback Andrew Marty (7) the first-team reps during Tuesday's practice.

He smashed the Illini for 111 rushing yards.

"I loved it, honestly," he said. "It was so fun."

TJ Green essentially won the starting job last season and is back for a sixth year after breaking his left foot in the opener at Stanford. He was not in uniform Tuesday and is currently limited to jogging.

"My goal," he said, "is to be able to play at the start the season."

Hunter Johnson started at Stanford, but the plan was to have him execute several scripted plays before giving way to Green's steady hand. That plan ended when Green got crunched on a sack.

Johnson endured a nightmarish 2019: one touchdown pass, four interceptions, 11 sacks and a 46.3% completion percentage. His mind and often his body were elsewhere as he helped care for his mother, Shana, after she was diagnosed with breast cancer.

"She's doing great," a beaming Johnson said Tuesday. "I mean really, really well."

### 2. There is a possible wild card.

Northwestern is under the 85-scholarship limit and could add a quarterback via transfer in the spring. Aidan Smith (three touchdowns, nine interceptions)

remains on the roster, and Jason Whittaker has a strong arm. Carl Richardson, a freshman from Salinas, Calif., enrolled in January and is participating in spring practice.

Richardson threw well enough last year to get an offer from Washington State's Mike Leach, but he waited to commit and said he could not have ended up at a better spot. (And Leach ended up leaving for Mississippi State.)

"A pretty crazy story," Richardson said. "As Coach Fitz said, 'It was meant to be.'"

### 3. New offensive coordinator Mike Bajakian is hands-on.

After dismissing Mick McCall, Pat Fitzgerald contacted 20 potential candidates and interviewed three. (One was likely former NU graduate assistant Tommy Rees, whom Notre Dame promoted to offensive coordinator.)

Fitzgerald hired Mike Bajakian, a veteran mentor of quarterbacks at all levels.

"Coach Jake," as they call him, bounced around Tuesday, holding a blocking pad in the middle of plays.

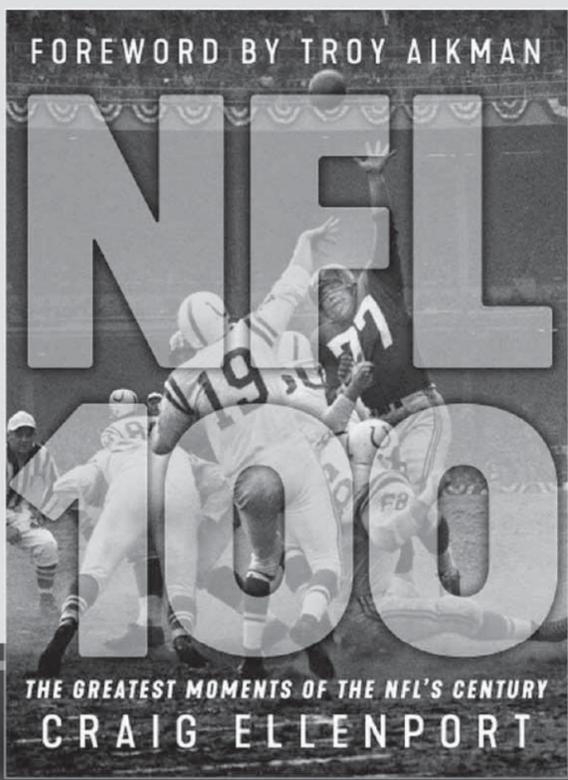
"You get to see things from a defense perspective and see the eyes of our players and their technique," Bajakian said. "I probably shouldn't say this, but I've yet to tear an Achilles."

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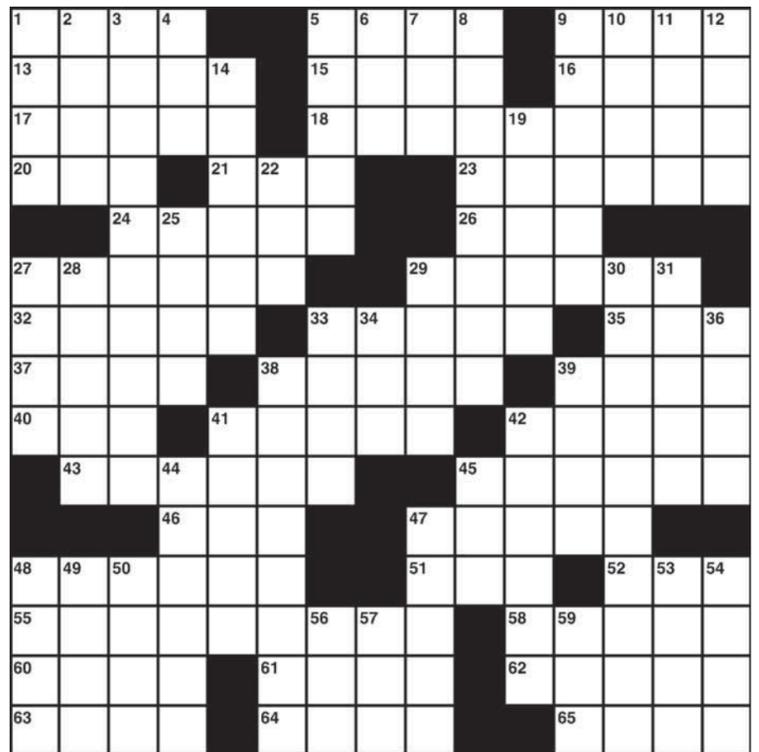
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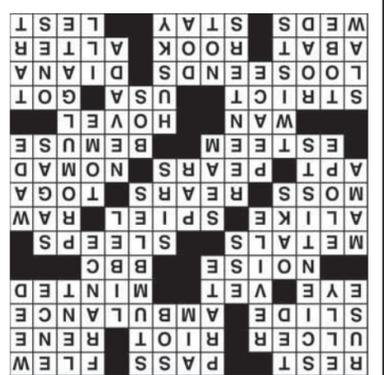
### ACROSS

- 1 Relaxation
- 5 Go by
- 9 "One \_\_\_ Over the Cuckoo's Nest"
- 13 Stomach woe
- 15 Public uprising
- 16 Coty or Russo
- 17 Go down a fire pole
- 18 Emergency vehicle
- 20 Storm center
- 21 11/11 honoree
- 23 Made coins
- 24 Racket
- 26 U.K. network
- 27 Tin & bronze
- 29 Snoozes
- 32 Identical
- 33 Salesman's pitch
- 35 Like chafed skin
- 37 Peat \_\_; garden soil additive
- 38 Raises, as kids
- 39 Garb for Caesar
- 40 To the point
- 41 Fruit salad ingredients
- 42 Wanderer
- 43 Hold in high regard
- 45 Perplex
- 46 Obi-\_\_ Kenobi
- 47 Hut

### DOWN

- 1 Trick
- 2 Soprano Ameling
- 3 Chemists & biologists
- 4 Kennedy or Danson
- 5 Babble
- 6 Shoot carefully
- 7 Cry
- 8 Trips
- 9 Neighbor of Belgium
- 10 Season that begins today
- 11 Suffix for confer or insist
- 12 Garden intruder
- 14 Denounce harshly
- 19 Written slander

### Solutions



- 22 English letter
- 25 Sturdy trees
- 27 One of the Three Bears
- 28 Wed secretly
- 29 Gentlemen
- 30 Make known to the public
- 31 Long narratives
- 33 Stitched joining
- 34 Golf term
- 36 Get one's feet wet
- 38 Goes in again usually
- 39 Heavy volume
- 41 Hippie's greeting
- 42 "The Silver State"
- 44 Removes a jar lid
- 45 Derek & others
- 47 Sled dog
- 48 Cabbage dish
- 49 "O, \_\_\_ in England..." (Robt. Browning)
- 50 Rocky \_\_\_ ice cream
- 53 Small numbers
- 54 Little fruit pie
- 56 As often as \_\_\_;
- 57 \_\_\_ slow burn; seethe
- 59 Under the weather

## BEARS

## WHAT WE LEARNED

## Exploring extension for Robinson

BY COLLEEN KANE

INDIANAPOLIS — Most of the Bears media sessions Tuesday at the scouting combine were spent discussing Mitch Trubisky and the potential quarterback competition the Bears are looking to add to their roster this offseason.

But there are a lot of other roster considerations for general manager Ryan Pace and coach Matt Nagy as reconstruction season kicks into full gear.

Here's what we learned from the Bears in Indianapolis, beyond the Trubisky talk.

### 1. The Bears have talked about an extension for wide receiver Allen Robinson.

Robinson, who enters the final year of a three-year, \$42 million contract, was the clear highlight for the Bears offense in 2019.

He had 98 receptions, a career high, for 1,147 yards and seven touchdowns. His catch percentage of 63.6% also was a career high for the six-year veteran. Beyond his statistics, Bears coaches often praised his professionalism, and he was the team's nominee for the Walter Payton Man of the Year Award.

"He's a good player and does a lot for our team on and off the field," Pace said. "And he's a guy we'd like to have a Bear for a long time."

Pace wouldn't provide details. But Robinson, 26, would seem to be the next logical candidate for a deal after the Bears opened the offseason by extending safety Eddie Jackson for a four-year, \$58.4 million contract.

"We talked about drafting and developing, and (Jackson) is a prime example of that — one of the elite safeties in the NFL that's just young and going to continue to get better," Pace said. "Beyond that, the leadership he brings to our team, he's a core part of our group. Ensuring that you're keeping your core together like that, that was a big focus."

### 2. Ryan Pace expects the starters who had offseason surgery to be fully ready for training camp.

That list includes Trubisky, inside linebacker Roquan Smith, tight end Trey Burton and wide receiver Anthony Miller.

Trubisky had surgery to repair the partially torn labrum in his left, non-throwing shoulder, and Pace said he could be good to practice as the Bears get ramped up in OTAs and minicamp. Smith had surgery on his torn pectoral muscle, but Pace expressed confidence he will return to the player he was while at his best in 2019.

"This is a fully recoverable thing for Roquan," Pace said. "When he was healthy last year and playing right, you saw the player that we drafted and why we took him so high. Our outlook on him is very optimistic."

Miller needed his second surgery on his left shoulder in two years after dislocating it in the season finale. Burton had surgery to repair the labrum in his hip after he had only 14 catches for 84 yards in eight games.

"Our hope is that we finally kind of solved the issue (with Burton), and that there's an upward trajectory now with him," Pace said. "That's our hope. We'll see when the players get back in April."

Pace said defensive lineman Akiem Hicks didn't need surgery on his injured elbow and the Bears "don't have any concerns there."

### 3. With the release of cornerback Prince Amukamara and wide receiver Taylor Gabriel last week, the Bears are looking at in-house and outside options for those positions.

Pace mentioned cornerback Kevin Toliver and wide receivers Riley Ridley and Jaxon Wims as guys who can compete for playing time.

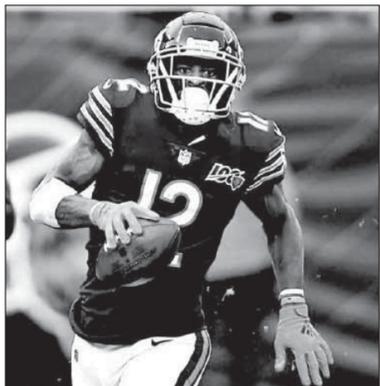
"There's some depth there that we like," Pace said. "But we'll explore other avenues to increase competition there as well."

The Bears also added CFL cornerback Tre Roberson — a former Illinois State quarterback — last month as depth.

"I don't want to put a ceiling on him," Pace said. "He's an intriguing player. Really good ball skills, really good anticipation and instincts. I'm not comparing him to (Kyle) Fuller, but he has that style of play in how he can anticipate and jump routes. He's a former quarterback, so the football intelligence is there."

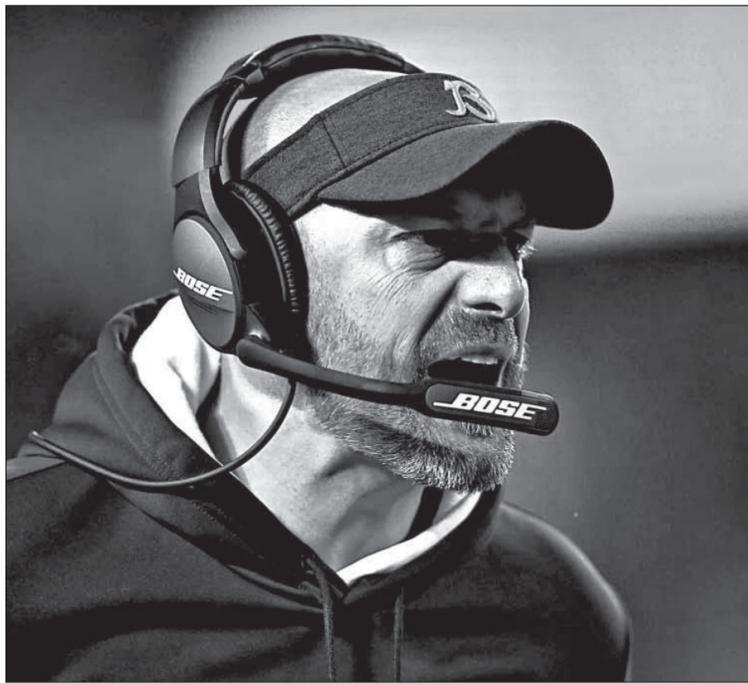
As for wide receivers, the Bears could benefit from an especially deep draft class.

"It's strong, and they're all so different," Pace said. "We interviewed a handful of them last night, and you talk about, 'There's this explosive speed guy, then there's the big targets and possession guys.' That's a strength of this draft for sure."



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Allen Robinson had a career-high 98 receptions for 1,147 yards and seven TDs in 2019.



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Bears coach Matt Nagy is excited to work with a rebuilt offensive staff, which includes coordinator Bill Lazor and quarterbacks coach John DeFilippo.

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That reshuffle certainly succeeded in creating change — for whatever that's worth. But on Tuesday at the NFL scouting combine, Nagy expressed confidence that the alterations would help catalyze an offensive resurgence, one desperately needed after the Bears finished 29th in the league in total yards (296.8 per game) and scoring (17.5 points per game).

Now, through the winter and spring months, Nagy must mold his staff and unify a vision for where the Bears want to go.

"People ask, 'Are there too many cooks in the kitchen?'" Nagy said. "I couldn't disagree with that more. For us, I think there are a lot of great ideas."

"I want to become the best possible head coach I can be. And to do that, having guys around me that I can delegate and give things to is important."

Nagy, of course, will remain the architect of the offense, the chief overseer of the game plan and the game-day play-caller. But he also has felt energized by the brainstorming process that has taken root with his revised offensive staff, a feeling general manager Ryan Pace has shared.

"It's been awesome," Pace said. "Our whole motto is 'No egos' and 'Whatever is best for the team.' I think it's very collaborative. That's the word that keeps coming up. It's early but those guys are all like-minded. I think it has been strong."

Of course, none of the coaching changes will mean much if the Bears can't find a way to spark quarterback play that is significantly improved from last year. Pace and Nagy restated their commitment to Mitch Trubisky as the likely 2020 starter Tuesday. But with the Bears still hiding their hand on whether they'll ultimately exercise the fifth-year option on the quarterback's rookie deal, and with Pace and Nagy emphasizing a need for greater competition, it's clear Trubisky's grip on the starting job isn't as firm as it once was.

In that regard, Nagy believes Ragone's new role and DeFilippo's arrival may prove beneficial in the development process. Nagy praised DeFilippo's emphasis on fundamentals and drill work and stressed that the Bears new quarterbacks coach can be instrumental in helping Trubisky see the field better and recognize coverages.

Nagy also raved about DeFilippo's aggressiveness as a teacher.

"Sometimes you can say we're going to take the gloves off and we're going to get at it now," Nagy said. "And I think Flip has that in his DNA. You'll see that and you'll take notice of that."

With an urgency Nagy described Tuesday as "highly elevated," the Bears coaches

must crystallize their new vision for the offense soon and then work through organized team activities, minicamp and the early portions of training camp to get rolling.

Nagy said the Bears' push to create an identity in the running game needs to be a top priority and come together as early as possible. His belief in Castillo to help in that regard is strong. The veteran offensive line coach will have a different approach than his predecessor, Hiestand. But will it produce better results?

Having worked with Castillo with the Eagles from 2010-12, Nagy has confidence the offensive line coach can squeeze the most out of the group he inherited.

"He's going to push them to the brink," Nagy said. "But at the same time, they are going to know that he would fall on a sword for them. And I think you feel that. I've witnessed it. I've witnessed it in practices. I've witnessed it in meeting rooms. That's very important for those guys."

Nagy has also left himself open to evolving and changing as the offensive overseer, to tweaking parts of his system to better fit his players' strengths. With three new sets of eyes on staff, he has received new and objective feedback on what all malfunctioned in 2019 and what repairs can possibly be made for 2020.

"I'm doing a lot of listening," Nagy said. "And I think now is the time to do that so we can collaborate, figure out what went wrong last year and let's fix it. Let's be about solutions."

That forward-looking, solution-based process has always been Nagy's preferred approach, and it's a must with the Bears looking to regroup from last season's offensive regression.

"If we're OK with what we did last year, then we're in the wrong place," Nagy said. "We've got to fix things. So how do we do that? We get good minds together that talk it through. We're real with each other. It's 'This wasn't a good play. This wasn't about the player, this was about the coaches.' And when you can do that and show accountability, you continue to build that trust. Our goal is to be a lot better offensively, and if that's a less-is-more (philosophy), then great."

The Bears remain aware that they have a steep climb to get what was a bottom-tier offense in 2019 to reach an average level again. But the work to do so is well underway at Halas Hall, a process Nagy called "challenging but fun."

"We know where we were at last year — whether that's the run game, pass game or individually," he said. "And we're trying to focus on any positives that there were. I know it didn't seem like there were a lot. But whatever there was, let's keep that. And wherever we can grow and get better, let's. If that means some different ideas in the offense, we'll do that. We want to be able to maximize our players' strengths."

## Bears, Broncos plan on joint practices

BY COLLEEN KANE

INDIANAPOLIS — The Bears and Broncos are eyeing joint practices in August in Denver, Ryan Pace and Vic Fangio confirmed Tuesday at the NFL scouting combine.

Fangio, who was the Bears defensive coordinator for four seasons before he became Broncos coach in 2019, said the sessions against the Bears aren't official yet because the NFL preseason schedule still needs to be set. But he seemed optimistic the practices would happen. The NFL preseason schedule typically is announced in early April.

Fangio estimated he has done about 40 joint practices in his career and said he is a fan of them. He said he convinced Bears coach Matt Nagy to try them in 2018. The Broncos hosted joint practices with the Bears on a Wednesday and Thursday before they played a preseason game at Empower Field at Mile High on a Saturday in 2018.

"(Nagy) had never been around one, and I talked him into doing it," Fangio said. "We came out and worked against the Broncos, and he loved it. He wanted to do it last year, but we couldn't get it."

The Bears didn't do joint practices in 2019. But Nagy, who severely has limited his starters' preseason game action over his first two seasons, held a night intrasquad scrimmage at Halas Hall in-

stead to simulate a game setting.

These practices would have a similar purpose — to be competitive while also trying to limit injuries — and Pace sees value in that.

"It's a controlled environment against another team, it breaks up the monotony of camp and it allows us to evaluate another roster too," the Bears general manager said. "But the biggest thing is just you're able to have physical practices but a little more controlled than a preseason game would be."

Before the Bears team up with the Broncos, they will open training camp at a new location for the first time in 18 years.

After completing a major Halas Hall expansion project, the Bears announced in January that they would move training camp from Olivet Nazarene University in Bourbonnais to their team headquarters in Lake Forest.

Speaking for the first time since the announcement, Pace indicated the move was about what's best for his players' health.

"It's such a taxing time on our players' bodies," Pace said. "To be there (at the new facility) with all those valuable resources is huge. We respect ONU and Bourbonnais and everything we had there and the history there, but I think coming back for us is really going to benefit our players just for a recovery standpoint and preparation standpoint."

## Biggs

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his track record on the field.

When we last heard from Pace, two days after the season ended, he was all in on Trubisky as the starter for 2020. Is that still the plan?

"To be clear, yes it is," Pace said. "We believe in Mitch. Mitch knows he needs to be better. We need to be better around him. And that's our goal."

The deadline to pick up the fifth-year option isn't until May 30, but the refusal to address Trubisky's 2021 status while championing his cause for the coming season seems at least somewhat contradictory. How can we be certain Trubisky is the guy this year if you'd rather not say if he might be the guy next year?

"I don't think it's uncommon, and those are things that we'll just keep inside and internal with us," Pace said. "Again, we have more pressing needs right now. The trigger date isn't until May, so we have time on that."

A year ago Pace announced the week after the playoff loss to the Eagles that the Bears were picking up the fifth-year option in Leonard Floyd's contract. This is just the latest reminder of the uncomfortable limbo the franchise is in three years after it went all in on Trubisky, trading up to select him No. 2 overall in 2017. The quarterback position remains a huge question mark.

There's no question Pace and his staff have a good idea what direction they're going. Heck, it's likely they know precisely what they are doing. It's reasonable to deduce the Bears have been more straightforward with Trubisky as well. There's no need to complicate things further for him. Don't create doubt for a player who struggles with confidence.

Coach Matt Nagy hopes his guy is doing plenty of self-study in order to make improvements.

"One thing that he is able to do is get onto the film on his own and really hammer through what he's looking at," Nagy said. "Now, for him, I think the processing part is what ... it has to get to a point where you're so obsessed, no matter what you're doing, you're always watching film."

"We're at a point now where before they get back in here, April 20 or whatever it is, he's a complete expert at knowing ... he needs to know it better than me. And that's the goal. He'll tell you that that wasn't the case last year. That's not a slight on him — he's in Year 2 of it — but I want him to make sure that's where he gets to in the future."

It's not a great leap to envision the Bears picking up Trubisky's option, which is projected to be about \$24 million. It's guaranteed for injury only until the start of the 2021 league year, and ongoing negotiations for a new collective bargaining agreement are not expected to affect that. It would take a catastrophic injury to put the Bears in a bind with the injury-only guarantee, and choosing to decline the option would effectively be Pace admitting the pick was a bust. Do you really think he wants to raise the white flag on Trubisky?

So, why kick the can down the road to May? Perhaps the Bears don't want to create a story about their quarterback position in 2021, preferring to keep the focus on their present bid to improve the situation, as fuzzy as it currently is.

It's an awkward time for Pace, and that's understandable. The Bears fell to 8-8 in a season Nagy said felt worse than the club's actual record. The Bears are short on resources.

They have eight draft picks, but only two project to be in the first half of the draft. After cutting cornerback Prince Amukamara and wide receiver Taylor Gabriel, the Bears created \$13.5 million in salary-cap space and two prominent roster needs. Still, they rank in the bottom third of the league in available cap room.

Acquiring a bigger name, via trade or free agency, to shake up the Halas Hall quarterback room will come with challenges. It would take up a big chunk of available cap space unless they can negotiate a contract with someone like Andy Dalton, maybe building in incentives that could be earned with playing time and performance bonuses while lowering base guarantees. First, the Bears would need to pull off a trade with the Bengals for Dalton. That seems at least realistic. He's going to be available while someone like Derek Carr won't be on the market unless the Raiders replace him first.

Maybe the option has far less experience. If that's the case, would it be an upgrade or a gamble on potential? Heading that route at least would allow Pace to allocate the bulk of his resources toward making the Bears better around their quarterback.

"Some (quarterbacks) have a lot of playing experience and some don't have as much, and you may like one that doesn't have as much if it fits what you are looking for," Nagy said. "I don't want to lose sight on the fact knowing right now Mitch is under contract and that's it."

That's where the Bears are this week, trying to get a clear picture of all their options at quarterback before they have to commit.

"We're sorting through it," Pace said. "There's a lot of different avenues to improve our team, whether it's free agency or the draft, and that includes that position."

Bob and weave. That's what the Bears are doing as they focus on the quarterback position, leaving them somewhere between Trubisky and a prayer.



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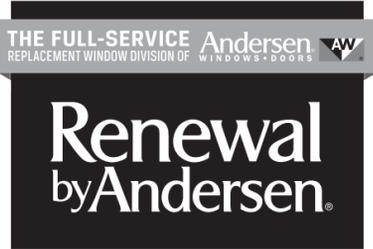
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**NFL**

# Player reps, league talk labor deal

By **BARRY WILNER**  
Associated Press

After nearly four hours of meetings between players union representatives and members of the NFL's negotiating committee Tuesday in Indianapolis, many questions remained.

Mainly, what's next? They got together to hash out their differences in a new labor agreement the owners approved last week. Both sides left the hotel without comment, though NFL spokesman Brian McCarthy issued a statement saying: "The meeting has just concluded and out of respect for the process, we're not going to have any further comment at this time."

The NFL Players Association's executive committee voted 6-5 against the contract Friday, and the 32 player reps postponed any action while seeking a meeting with the league. Those player reps also must vote on the deal before the entire NFLPA membership does so.

That could happen later this week, but there still are some issues of contention between the two sides — enough to cause Tuesday's meeting to last more than three hours. The current collective bargaining agreement expires in March 2021, but the owners are eager to get a new contract in place as soon as possible. That would enable them to begin looking toward new, lucrative broadcast deals, with a decade of labor peace assured.

But the players don't appear to be in a rush to approve the new agreement that is the result of 10 months of negotiations between the sides. Indeed, several player reps Friday night were adamant that more negotiating is needed.

The dickest topic is a 17-game schedule. Players have been firm and loud in opposition for years — dating back to before the 2011 lockout that ended with an agreement to the current labor deal. Mainly, the players have been citing safety reasons for not extending the regular season.

Owners have offered, among other things, two more roster spots, which some players believe isn't enough, and a reduction of the preseason from four games to three.

Players also would have significantly fewer requirements in the offseason and in training camp.

This agreement, which would run through the 2030 season, also includes a boost in payment of overall revenues to the players. The amounts would depend on whether the season is 16 or 17 games.

There are also provisions for improving pensions for former players.

Expansion of the playoffs by one team in each conference is not a bargaining issue, but the owners would prefer player approval of a new CBA before instituting it. Still, that could occur for the upcoming season; the NFL has discussed a 14-team postseason field for years, and Commissioner Roger Goodell as far back as 2014 spoke of it happening.

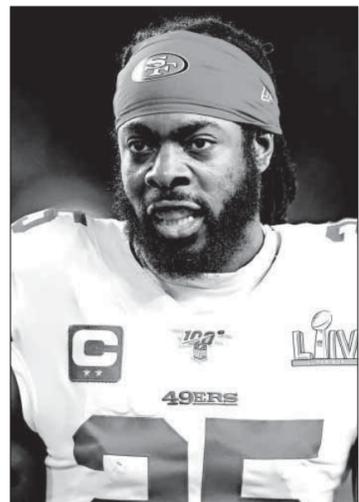
Other items in the deal the owners approved include:

- A cap on 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. Most team schedules will have nine home games and eight road games in alternating years.

- 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 more days off during camp — eight instead of five — and a limit on joint practices.

- No week off in the regular season, something that had been discussed. However, teams would basically have two weeks to prepare for the season opener with the elimination of the fourth preseason game.

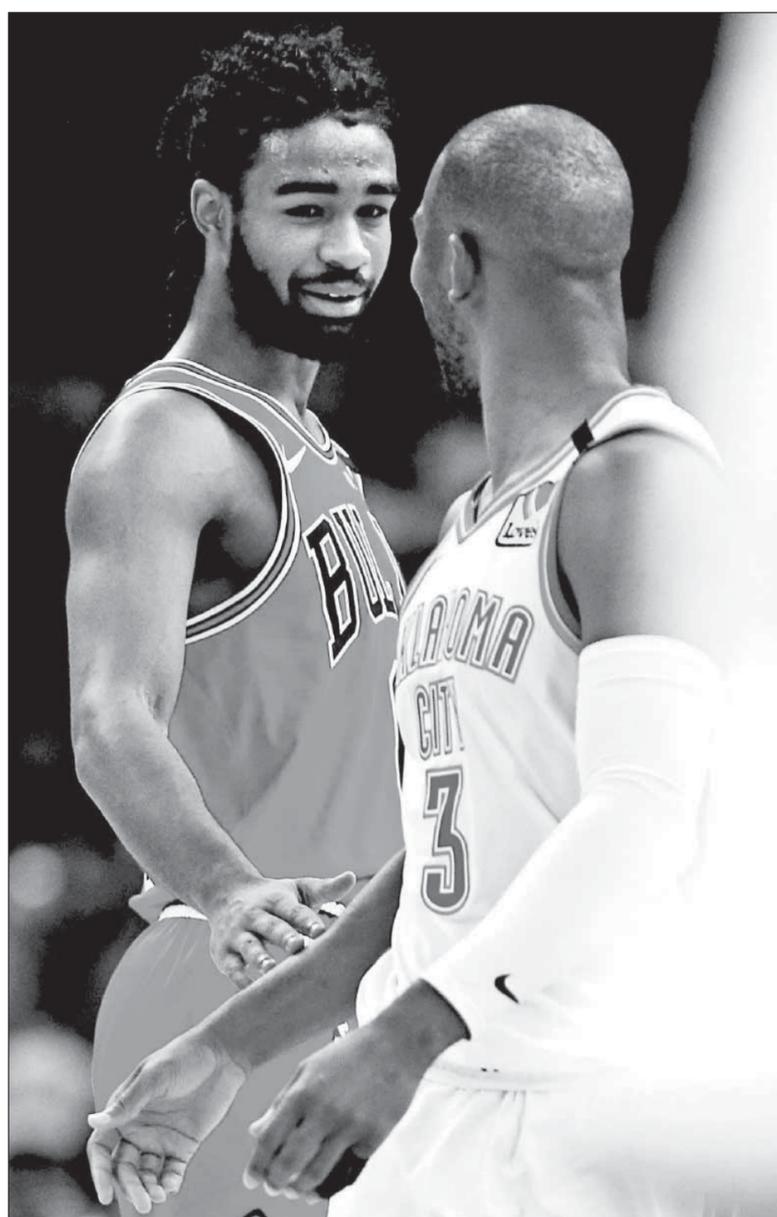
- Rosters would expand from 53 to 55, with 48 players able to dress for games rather than the current 46. Practice squads would go from 10 players to 12 and eventually to 14, probably by 2022. There would be more flexibility for protecting practice-squad players from becoming free agents.



GREGORY PAYAN/AP

Richard Sherman was one of the players who attended Tuesday's labor meeting.

**BULLS**



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS

The Bulls want rookie guard Coby White, left, to mirror the play of veteran Thunder guard Chris Paul. The two share a moment during the first half Tuesday night.

**BULLS**

# Following in big footsteps

Bulls rookie trying to take after veteran Paul

By **JAMAL COLLIER**

At points this season, when Bulls coach Jim Boylen would pull Coby White off to the side and ask the rookie guard what he saw on a certain play, Boylen could tell White still was trying to process it all.

White just turned 20 last week, so a learning curve was to be expected in his first NBA season. Boylen has noticed a shift in those conversations lately while seeing White get more comfortable on the floor. And not just because White has scored a career-high 33 points in back-to-back games.

"Now his responses are really good and really thoughtful," Boylen said. "There's a more experienced response. That's just the maturity of the league. It's exciting."

White's development has been one of the most exciting, and sometimes frustrating, parts of this underwhelming Bulls season. For stretches, he has taken over games with his shooting stroke and scoring ability. He also has been prone to long stretches of poor decisions and ill-advised shots.

The last two games represent White's best stretch, and the Bulls hope that can serve as a building block for the rest of the season.

He saw a good example Tuesday night of the type of guard the Bulls want him to mirror in the Thunder's Chris Paul.

It was a chance for White to play against a player he admired while growing up. White had a poster of Paul in his bedroom and later played for Paul's AAU team, Team CP3. After getting drafted last summer, White worked out at the CP3 Basketball Academy in Winston-Salem, N.C.

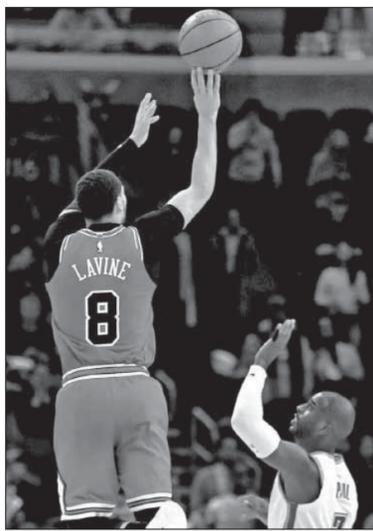
"He's like a big brother, a mentor for me, someone I always looked up to, and he's always been by my side no matter what," White said. "Whenever I needed something, I knew I could call on him and he had my back through anything. He's always supported me through everything. I can't thank him enough for what he's done for me."

Tuesday wasn't the first time the two shared a court this season.

On Dec. 16 in Oklahoma City, Paul scored 19 points in the fourth quarter to help erase a 26-point deficit and hand the Bulls a painful defeat. That memorable performance stuck with White as he prepared for Tuesday's game, a chance to see firsthand the traits he sought to emulate years ago.

"I love that he's super smart. He's a technician with the basketball," White said. "He can do it all — finish, get to the lane, shoot the 3. He's such a leader, vocally and by example. He's willing to go that extra mile for anything."

"His leadership is what stood out to me. Even in AAU, him being the coach, you still see that alpha-dog mentality with him on the sideline."



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**BULLS RECAP**

Zach LaVine scored 41 points and Coby White added a career-high 35, but the Bulls' comeback from a 24-point first-half deficit fell just short in a 124-122 loss to the Thunder on Tuesday night at the United Center. LaVine's long 3 at the final buzzer (above) wasn't close. It was the sixth time this season he scored 40 or more points. White became the first player this season with three straight games scoring 25 or more points off the bench, the first rookie ever with 30 or more points off the bench in three straight games, and the Bulls' second rookie after Michael Jordan to score at least 30 points in three straight games. Still, the Bulls lost for the ninth time in 10 games to drop a season-low 19 games below .500. For more go to [chicagotribune.com/sports](http://chicagotribune.com/sports)

It's part of what the Bulls are trying to instill in White.

They have resisted the urge to place labels on him, not calling him a future point guard or shooting guard, as they wait to see how his playmaking skills develop.

And Boylen has resisted the urge to insert White into the starting lineup, even as injuries have decimated his rotation — the Bulls dressed nine players Tuesday for the third straight game — because he sees the benefit of letting White lead the second unit before closing the game with the starters.

"There's a progression to becoming a leader," Boylen said. "It's steps. It just takes a little bit. That's why I think in that second unit, he has more of a voice. He feels more comfortable right now with that, and then when he plays with (Tomas Satoransky) and (Zach LaVine), he fits in that way."

"It's all part of the process of maturing as an NBA player. And the beauty of him is he's open to it. He owns his mistakes, he acknowledges that he can do better. That's how you get better."

**BLACKHAWKS**

# Veterans will miss Lehner

Respected, reliable goalie dispatched at trade deadline

By **PHIL THOMPSON**

ST. LOUIS — Jonathan Toews will feel Robin Lehner's absence in more ways than one.

"He brought a lot," Toews said. "A lot of personality, a lot of character. You felt his presence every time he walked into the room."

"You got a guy like that around every day, who brings it every day, you're going to feel that loss for sure."

Lehner was reliable, putting up a 16-10 record and .918 save percentage in his first season with the Blackhawks. And if not for a confluence of the salary cap and market forces working against the Hawks, the 28-year-old goaltender might have had a long future in Chicago.

But the Hawks, who could face cap issues going into next season, likely wouldn't have been able to re-sign players such as Lehner and defenseman Erik Gustafsson once they became unrestricted free agents this summer.

So for general manager Stan Bowman, getting whatever assets he could at Monday's trade deadline "made the most sense for us."

Those assets came in the form of goalie Malcolm Subban, prospect Slava Demin and a 2020 second-round pick from the Golden Knights in exchange for Lehner, plus the higher of the Flames' two third-round picks this year for Gustafsson.

"You never like to see friends leave," Hawks coach Jeremy Colliton said. "As teammates, that's tough, and both guys are very well-liked and played well for us. But at the same time, we're trying to collect assets and make the team better long-term."

Patrick Kane, like Toews in his 13th season with the Hawks, said the trades brought "mixed feelings."

"Those two guys that we traded away were really good players for our team," Kane said. "It's never fun to see teammates go, so there's definitely some mixed feelings there."

Kane had hoped the Hawks could reach an extension with Lehner.

"The way he played and how good he was all year, you thought that might be the route they were going to go," Kane said. "I guess you never really know in this business."

Kane recognizes the team will focus on developing younger players, but he couldn't say whether he's prepared for a long process — if that's what it takes — to achieve Hawks President/CEO John McDonough's vision of returning to Stanley Cup contention.

"I don't know," Kane said. "That's something we'll have to discuss with him after the season and kind of see where everyone's at. I'm sure there'll be some conversations once the season's over."

Toews declined to comment on the team's direction, saying, "It's not up to me to talk about." But the locker room has two fewer leaders in his estimation.

"Losing Lenny, losing Gus, those two guys have meant a lot to this team in the short time they've been here," Toews said. "Lenny came in right away, and sometimes you're not too sure how those strong personalities are going to fit into a locker room, especially right away. A lot of guys kind of dip their toes in the water when they come to a new team."

"But Lenny just jumped right in. Right away you could tell he was genuine and he cared about winning and he brought a lot of leadership to the room. I told him many times, too, that he helped me as a captain. He helped some of our veteran guys that have been here a long time kind of wake up to get back to what makes us good players and good leaders and try to get this team going in the right direction."

As for Gustafsson, Toews said: "He was one of those guys that had a ton of skill and just kept getting better every single day. (He) has a ton of upside and he's going to keep getting better as he goes along. Calgary's getting a really good player and a great teammate."

Colliton said it's his responsibility to develop the young players "as quickly as possible," but he hasn't given up on pursuing a wild-card spot.

"There's a lot of games left and a lot of points available," Colliton said. "But I've said before, we can't look at that big picture. It's too big. We have to focus on here and now and find a way to win" Tuesday night against the Blues.

**BLACKHAWKS RECAP**

Duncan Keith scored his 100th career goal in a seesaw battle that ended up a 6-5 loss to the Blues on Tuesday night at the Enterprise Center in St. Louis. It was an odd night for the Hawks as their league-worst power play was 3-for-3 but their rock-solid penalty kill deserted them, giving up two goals in four chances. Connor Murphy, Patrick Kane, Matthew Highmore and Brandon Saad also scored for the Hawks, with Saad's goal giving them a 5-4 lead 8:16 into the third period. Justin Faulk tied the score with 11:32 to play, and Zach Sanford scored the Blues' winner on the power play with 6:25 to go. Corey Crawford made 31 saves on 37 shots on goal for the Hawks. For more go to [chicagotribune.com/sports](http://chicagotribune.com/sports)

## SCOREBOARD

## NBA

## EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Toronto	42	16	.724	—
Boston	40	17	.702	1½
Philadelphia	36	22	.621	6
Brooklyn	26	30	.464	15
New York	17	40	.298	24½
<b>SOUTHEAST</b>				
Miami	36	21	.632	—
Orlando	25	32	.439	11
Washington	20	36	.357	15½
Charlotte	19	38	.333	17
Atlanta	17	42	.288	20
<b>CENTRAL</b>				
x-Milwaukee	50	8	.862	—
Indiana	34	24	.586	16
Chicago	20	39	.339	30½
Detroit	19	41	.317	32
Cleveland	16	41	.281	33½

## WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Houston	37	20	.649	—
Dallas	35	23	.603	2½
Memphis	28	29	.491	9
New Orleans	25	33	.431	12½
San Antonio	24	32	.429	12½
<b>NORTHWEST</b>				
Denver	40	18	.690	—
Utah	36	21	.632	3½
Oklahoma City	36	22	.621	4
Portland	26	33	.441	14½
Minnesota	16	40	.286	23
<b>PACIFIC</b>				
L.A. Lakers	44	12	.786	—
L.A. Clippers	38	19	.667	6½
Phoenix	24	34	.414	21
Sacramento	23	33	.411	21
Golden State	12	45	.211	32½

## x-clinched playoff spot

## TUESDAY'S RESULTS

Indiana 119, Charlotte 80
Milwaukee 108, Toronto 97
Oklahoma City 124, Chicago 122
Denver 115, Detroit 98
Boston 118, Portland 106
L.A. Lakers 118, New Orleans 109
Sacramento 112, Golden State 94

## WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

Brooklyn at Washington, 6 p.m.
New York at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
Philadelphia at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
Minnesota at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Orlando at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Memphis at Houston, 7 p.m.
Dallas at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Boston at Utah, 9:30 p.m.

## THUNDER 124, BULLS 122

**OKLAHOMA CITY:** Gallinari 8-16 3-4 24, Gilgeous-Alexander 5-11 9-12 21, Adams 6-8-4 16, Dort 0-2 0-0 0, Paul 7-15 5-6 19, Ferguson 3-5 2-2 11, Nader 2-4 0-0 6, Noel 3-3 0-2 6, Schroder 8-12 3-3 21. Totals 42-76 26-35 124.  
**CHICAGO:** Satoransky 4-10 2-2 10, Young 3-8 0-0 8, Gafford 3-4 0-0 6, Arcidiacono 1-3 0-0 2, LaVine 19-35 0-3 41, Harrison 5-9 1-1 11, Felicio 3-6 0-0 6, Mokoia 1-1 0-0 3, White 13-21 3-3 35. Totals 52-97 6-9 122.

Oklahoma City	36	36	19	33	—124
Chicago	28	27	38	29	—122

## 3-Point Goals—Oklahoma City 14-30

(Gallinari 5-10, Ferguson 3-5, Nader 2-2, Schroder 2-4, Gilgeous-Alexander 2-5, Paul 0-3), Chicago 12-31 (White 6-9, LaVine 3-13, Young 2-3, Harrison 0-2, Satoransky 0-2). **Fouled Out**—None. **Rebounds**—Oklahoma City 37 (Gilgeous-Alexander 11), Chicago 39 (Felicio 9). **Assists**—Oklahoma City 25 (Paul 9), Chicago 22 (Satoransky 7). **Total Fouls**—Oklahoma City 17, Chicago 25. **A**—16,911 (20,917)

## NHL

## EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	39	13	12	90	210	164
Tampa Bay	40	18	5	85	224	175
Toronto	33	23	8	74	224	213
Florida	23	24	6	72	219	213
Montreal	29	27	9	67	197	199
Buffalo	29	25	8	66	182	193
Ottawa	21	31	14	54	169	219
Detroit	15	46	4	34	131	244
<b>METRO.</b>						
Washington	39	18	6	84	222	193
Pittsburgh	37	18	6	80	201	168
Philadelphia	36	20	7	79	210	185
N.Y. Islanders	35	20	7	77	179	168
Columbus	31	20	14	76	170	171
Carolina	35	23	4	74	202	176
N.Y. Rangers	34	24	4	72	207	191
New Jersey	25	27	10	60	171	211

## WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	37	17	10	84	206	179
Dallas	37	20	6	80	171	160
Colorado	36	18	7	79	212	166
Nashville	31	23	8	70	198	198
Winnipeg	32	27	6	70	196	195
Minnesota	30	25	7	67	191	201
Chicago	27	28	8	62	187	203
<b>PACIFIC</b>						
Vegas	34	22	8	76	208	196
Vancouver	34	22	6	74	207	190
Edmonton	33	22	8	74	201	196
Calgary	33	25	6	72	192	198
Arizona	31	27	8	70	182	176
Anaheim	25	30	8	58	165	200
San Jose	26	33	4	56	161	207
Los Angeles	22	35	6	50	156	203

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

## TUESDAY'S RESULTS

Philadelphia 4, San Jose 2
Toronto 4, Tampa Bay 3
Dallas 4, Carolina 1
Vancouver 4, Montreal 3 (OT)
N.Y. Rangers 4, N.Y. Islanders 3 (OT)
Calgary 5, Boston 2
Washington 4, Winnipeg 3 (SO)
New Jersey 4, Detroit 1
Minnesota 5, Columbus 4
Nashville 3, Ottawa 2
St. Louis 6, Chicago 5
Florida 2, Arizona 1
Anaheim 4, Edmonton 3 (OT)

## WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

Buffalo at Colorado, 7 p.m.
Edmonton at Vegas, 9:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

## BLUES 6, BLACKHAWKS 5

Chicago	2	1	2	—5
St. Louis	1	1	4	—6

**IST:** 1, STL, Schenn 22 (Schwartz, Perron), 0:33 (pp). 2, CHI, Keith 2 (Toews), 10:55 (pp). 3, CHI, Murphy 5 (Kubalik, Toews), 14:09. **Penalties:** Murphy, Chi (trip), 0:11; Highmore, Chi (slash), 3:25; Scandella, STL (high stick), 10:51; Kyrou, STL (high stick), 19:28.

**2ND:** 4, CHI, Kane 28 (Kubalik, Keith), 1:13 (pp). 5, STL, Thomas 10 (Perron, Sanford), 7:38.

**Penalty:** Koekkoek, Chi (delay ), 17:05.

**3RD:** 6, STL, O'Reilly 12 (Schwartz, Schenn), 3:47. 7, STL, Sanford 14 (Thomas), 4:03. 8, CHI, Highmore 2 (Kampf, Keith), 5:16. 9, CHI, Saad 19 (Dach, Strome), 8:16 (pp). 10, STL, Faulk 5 (Pietrangolo, O'Reilly), 9:28. 11, STL, Sanford 15 (Thomas), 13:35 (pp).

**Penalties:** Parayko, STL (hold), 6:19; Dach, Chi (hook), 11:37; Sundqvist, STL (trip), 17:09.

**SOG:** Chi 10-10-10-30, STL 12-11-14-37.

**POWER PLAYS:** Chi 3 of 4; STL 2 of 4.

**GOALIES:** Chicago, Crawford 11-18-37 (37 shots-31 saves), St. Louis, Binnington 28-11-7 (30-25). **A:** 18,096 (19,150). **T:** 2:29.

## SOCCER

## MAJOR LEAGUE SOCCER

<b>SATURDAY'S GAMES</b>	
Colorado at D.C. United, noon	New England at Montreal, 2 p.m.
LA Galaxy at Houston, 2:30 p.m.	Toronto at San Jose, 4:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Dallas, 5 p.m.	Real Salt Lake at Orlando City, 5 p.m.
Atlanta at Nashville, 7 p.m.	Sporting KC at Vancouver, 9:30 p.m.
<b>SUNDAY'S GAMES</b>	
N.Y. City FC at Columbus, 11:30 a.m.	Cincinnati at N.Y. Red Bulls, noon
Chicago at Seattle, 2 p.m.	Inter Miami at Los Angeles FC, 4:30 p.m.
Minnesota United at Portland, 6:30 p.m.	

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

## HOW MEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED

- Kansas** (25-3) did not play. Next: at Kansas State, Saturday.
- Baylor** (25-2) beat Kansas State 85-66. Next: at TCU, Saturday.
- Gonzaga** (27-2) did not play. Next: vs. San Diego, Thursday.
- Dayton** (26-2) beat George Mason 62-55. Next: vs. Davidson, Friday.
- San Diego St.** (27-1) beat Colorado State 66-60. Next: at Nevada, Saturday.
- Florida St.** (24-4) did not play. Next: at Clemson, Saturday.
- Duke** (23-5) lost to Wake Forest 113-101 (20T). Next: at Virginia, Sat.
- Kentucky** (23-5) beat Texas A&M 69-60. Next: vs. No. 15 Auburn, Sat.
- Maryland** (22-5) did not play. Next: at Minnesota, Wednesday.
- Creighton** (22-6) did not play. Next: at St. John's, Sunday.
- Louisville** (23-6) did not play. Next: vs. Virginia Tech, Sunday.
- Villanova** (21-6) did not play. Next: vs. St. John's, Wednesday.
- Seton Hall** (20-7) did not play. Next: at No. 19 Marquette, Saturday.
- Oregon** (21-7) did not play. Next: at Oregon State, Thursday.
- Auburn** (24-4) beat Mississippi 67-58. Next: at No. 8 Kentucky, Sat.
- Penn St.** (20-7) did not play. Next: vs. Rutgers, Wednesday.
- BYU** (23-7) did not play. Next: at Pepperdine, Saturday.
- Iowa** (19-9) lost to Michigan State 78-70. Next: vs. No. 16 Penn State, Sat
- Michigan** (18-9) did not play. Next: vs. Wisconsin, Thursday.
- West Virginia** (19-7) did not play. Next: vs. Oklahoma, Saturday.
- Colorado** (21-7) did not play. Next: at California, Thursday.
- Texas Tech** (18-10) lost to Oklahoma 65-5. Next: vs. Texas, Saturday
- Ohio St.** (18-9) did not play. Next: at Nebraska, Thursday.
- Michigan St.** (19-9) beat No. 18 Iowa 78-70. Next: at No. 9 Maryland, Sat.
- Houston** (21-7) did not play. Next vs. Cincinnati, Sunday.

## TUESDAY'S SCORES

<b>EAST</b>		
Albertus Magnus 82, Suffolk 79	Anna Maria 82, St. Joseph's (Maine) 66	
Assumption 84, Franklin Pierce 73	Baruch 70, Lehman 57	
Brooklyn 57, John Jay 55, OT	Chatham 72, Waynesburg 64	
Dean 89, Elms 77	Eastern Nazarene 74, Becker 70, OT	
Geneva 79, Washington & Jefferson 77	Ithaca 64, St. Lawrence 54	
Lancaster Bible 77, Penn College 73	Mass. College 80, Fitchburg St. 78	
Mass.-Boston 89, Rhode Island Coll. 82	Molloy 74, New Haven 67	
Morrisville St. 100, Cazenovia 88	Muhlenberg 84, Washington (Md.) 72	
Nichols 80, Roger Williams 78	Oneonta 81, Geneseo 54	
Oswego St. 74, Cortland 67	Penn St.-Altoona 81, Hilbert 73	
Plymouth St. 72, Keene St. 70, OT	S. Connecticut 94, Adelphi 78	
S. New Hampshire 70, St. Michael's 54	Salem St. 89, Bridgewater (Mass.) 78	
St. Anselm 94, Bentley 55	St. Augustines 66, Lincoln (Pa.) 61	
St. Joseph (Conn.) 97, Regis 75	St. Rose 75, American International 73	
St. Vincent 88, Westminster (Pa.) 78	Union (N.Y.) 72, Vassar 62	
<b>SOUTH</b>		
Averett 75, NC Wesleyan 65	Belmont Abbey 110, Mount Olive 95	
Benedict 93, Paine 75	Central St. (Ohio) 89, Lane 64	
Chowan 82, Limestone 75	Covenant 83, Maryville (Tenn.) 81, OT	
Davidson 74, La Salle 49	Ferrum 87, Emory & Henry 84	
Fort Valley St. 82, Clark Atlanta 80, 20T	Georgia Tech 68, Clemson 59	
Hampden-Sydney 72, Bridgewater 59	Mississippi St. 80, Alabama 73	
Morehouse 59, Albany St. (Ga.) 50	North Carolina 85, NC State 79	
Tuskegee 83, Spring Hill 79	<b>MIDWEST</b>	
Ball St. 71, W. Michigan 61	Bowling Green 78, Akron 60	
Chicago 64, Drake 60	Concordia (Wis.) 68, Illinois Tech 63	
Denison 75, Washburn 69	Elmhurst 71, Wheaton (Ill.) 58	
Illinois Wesleyan 74, Carthage 67	Iowa St. 65, TCU 59	
Kent St. 74, Miami (Ohio) 61	Milwaukee Engineering 79, Lakeland 76	
Mount Union 75, Otterbein 57	N. Illinois 73, E. Michigan 71	
Ohio 80, Buffalo 69	St. Mary's (Minn.) 72, Bethel (Minn.) 59	
St. Olaf 76, Augsburg 68	Toledo 92, Cent. Michigan 81	
Valparaiso 89, Missouri St. 74	Wooster 92, Allegheny 66	
Xavier 78, DePaul 67	<b>SOUTHWEST</b>	
SMU 58, Memphis 53	Tulsa 62, Tulane 57	
Heidelberg 75, Baldwin Wallace 69	Nevada 73, Wyoming 68	

## WOMEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED

- South Carolina** (27-1) did not play. Next: at Florida, Thursday.
- Baylor** (26-1) did not play. Next: vs. Kansas State, Saturday.
- Oregon** (26-2) did not play. Next: vs. Washington State, Friday.
- Stanford** (24-4) did not play. Next: at No. 13 Arizona, Friday.
- Louisville** (25-3) did not play. Next: vs. Boston College, Thursday.
- UConn** (23-3) did not play. Next: at Cincinnati, Wednesday.
- Maryland** (24-4) beat Purdue 88-45. Next: at Minnesota, Sunday.
- N.C. State** (23-4) did not play. Next: vs. Syracuse, Thursday.
- UCLA** (23-4) did not play. Next: vs. Colorado, Friday.
- Mississippi State** (23-5) did not play. Next: vs. Arkansas, Thursday.
- Gonzaga** (27-2) did not play. Next: at Portland, Saturday.
- Texas A&M** (22-5) did not play. Next: vs. Alabama, Thursday.
- Arizona** (22-5) did not play. Next: vs. No. 4 Stanford, Friday.
- Northwestern** (25-3) beat Ohio St. 105-55. Next: vs. Illinois, Saturday.
- Kentucky** (20-6) did not play. Next: vs. Georgia, Thursday.
- DePaul** (25-4) did not play. Next: at Marquette, Sunday.
- Oregon State** (20-8) did not play. Next: vs. Washington, Friday.
- Iowa** (22-5) did not play. Next: vs. Minnesota, Thursday.
- Florida State** (21-6) did not play. Next: vs. Clemson, Thursday.
- South Dakota** (26-2) did not play. Next: vs. North Dakota, Saturday.
- Missouri State** (23-3) did not play. Next: at Illinois State, Thursday.
- Indiana** (21-7) did not play. Next: vs. Nebraska, Thursday.
- Princeton** (22-1) beat Penn 80-44. Next: vs. Brown, Friday.
- Arizona State** (19-9) did not play. Next: vs. California, Friday.
- TCU** (20-5) did not play. Next: vs. Texas, Wednesday.

## TUESDAY'S SCORES

<b>EAST</b>	
Duquesne 74, Fordham 63	George Washington 73, Rhode Island 56
Maryland 88, Purdue 45	Princeton 80, Penn 44
<b>SOUTH</b>	
Campbell 43, Charleston S. 42	Gardner-Webb 85, UNC-Asheville 55
High Point 79, Presbyterian 71	Radford 78, SC-Upstate 57
S. Florida 81, E. Carolina 52	Winthrop 63, Longwood 60
<b>MIDWEST</b>	
Northwestern 69, Ohio St. 55	

## TENNIS

## ATP DUBAI DUTY FREE

<b>R1 at Dubai, U.A.E.; outdoors-hard</b>
#2 Stefanos Tsitsipas d. Pablo Carreno Busta, 7-6 (1), 6-1.
Daniel Evans d. #4 F. Fognini, 3-6, 6-4, 7-5.
Jan-Lennard Struff d. #5 Roberto Bautista-Agut, 7-6 (2), 7-5.
#8 Benoit Paire d. M. Cilic, 2-6, 7-5, 7-6 (1).
Dennis Novak d. P. Gunneswaran, 6-4, 6-3.
Yasutaka Uchiyama d. Yen-hsun Lu, 3-6, 6-1, 6-2.
Alex Bublik d. Hubert Hurkacz, 6-2, 7-5.
Filip Krajinovic d. Joao Sousa, 4-6, 6-3, 6-3.
Pierre-Hugues Herbert d. Yoshihito Nishikita, 7-5, 6-2.
Nikoloz Basilashvili d. Ricardas Berankis, 5-7, 7-6 (2), 6-3.

## ATP CHILE OPEN

<b>R1 in Santiago; outdoors-Red clay</b>
#5 Juan Ignacio Londero d. Federico Coria, 6-4, 6-2.
#7 Federico Delbonis d. Martin Klizan, 6-1, 7-6 (5).
#8 Thiago Monteiro d. Leonardo Mayer, 6-7 (0), 6-3, 6-4.
Alejandro Davidovich Fokina d. Andrej Martin, 2-6, 7-6 (5), 6-3.
Salvatore Caruso d. Jozef Kovalik, 6-2, 6-3.
Juan Pablo Varillas d. F. Horansky, 6-4, 6-2.
Renzo Olivo d. Pedro Sousa, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.
Alejandro Tabilo d. Paolo Lorenzi, 6-3, 6-4

## ABIERTO MEXICANO TELCEL

<b>Acapulco, Mexico; outdoors-hard</b>
<b>MEN'S FIRST-ROUND SINGLES</b>

## WHITE SOX

## WHITE SOX TAKEAWAYS

## Sanchez faces his old teammates

BY LAMOND POPE

GLENDAL, Ariz. — The White Sox scored twice in the ninth to beat the Giants 4-3 Tuesday in a split-squad game at Camelback Ranch.

Adam Engel drove in the tying run with a one-out double. Seby Zavala followed with the winning hit, a single to center.

Center fielder Luis Robert went 1-for-3 with a triple to right-center field and a run in the fifth inning. The team's top prospect grounded out to short in the second and struck out in the sixth.

Eloy Jimenez had a single and an RBI. The Giants scored their three runs in the third against reliever Kelvin Herrera.

Here are three takeaways from Tuesday.

### 1. Former Sox infielder Yolmer Sanchez received a warm reception.

Yolmer Sanchez came to bat in the second inning with a runner on first base for the Giants.

The crowd at Camelback Ranch gave the former Sox second baseman a nice reception.

One fan yelled, "We love you Yolmer. Hit into a double play."

Sanchez drew a walk. He grounded out to first base in his other plate appearance.

Sanchez was a fan favorite while spending portions of six seasons with the Sox. He won the American League Gold Glove Award for second basemen in 2019.

But he was projected to make \$6.2 million in arbitration, according to mlbtraderumors.com. And with prospect Nick Madrigal among the second base options for 2020, the Sox went in another direction. The team waived Sanchez in December, and he signed a minor-league deal with the Giants.

Sanchez had a .252/.318/.321 slash line in 2019 with two home runs and five stolen bases.

"To be honest, in September I knew I was at the front for a Gold Glove and I think that gave me a bit of a chance to come back," Sanchez said. "But it is what it is. I think I didn't do enough with the offensive side. I can't control that. I'm just happy to be here in this organization. They gave me an opportunity and I'm happy right now."

Sanchez said he wasn't disappointed with the process.

"That's part of the business," Sanchez said. "That's their decision. My focus right now is prepare myself to put a good performance every day in this organization, and I feel good."

Sanchez did not find it weird playing against his former team.

"I'm a professional, and you have to imagine at some point in your career that this is going to happen," Sanchez said. "I feel good to see them, the guys, and to play against them. It was a cool moment."

### 2. Yermín Mercedes won't get cheated at the plate.

Catcher Yermín Mercedes laughed when someone mentioned the description of his swing as "hard, harder and hardest."

"Yes, hard, hard, hard, every time," Mercedes said Tuesday. "Every time I'm going to swing hard in the practice and in the game, too."

Mercedes connected Monday, hitting a mammoth solo home run to left field in the seventh inning of the 2-2 tie against the Dodgers at Camelback Ranch.

While there was no official estimate, teammates joked about the distance of the blast after the game.

"Everybody said, 'I think 800 feet,'" Mercedes said with a laugh.

Mercedes hit 23 home runs between Double-A Birmingham and Triple-A Charlotte in 2019.

Asked if he was disappointed by not getting called up last September, Mercedes said, "It just wasn't my time."

He is a possible option for the 26th spot on the roster. Mercedes went 2-for-2 on the home run and a single Monday. On Tuesday he went 0-for-1 with a walk in a 10-2 loss against the Indians in a split-squad game in Goodyear, Ariz.

"The whole organization is very excited about him," Sox manager Rick Renteria said. "He's made a nice impact on the organization since he's come over."

The Sox selected Mercedes in the minor-league phase of the 2017 Rule 5 draft.

"He's grown, he's developed into what the organization likes to see him doing offensively," Renteria said. "He's a pretty nice receiver to throw. He's a little bit of a complete package, and hopefully continues to have a nice spring."

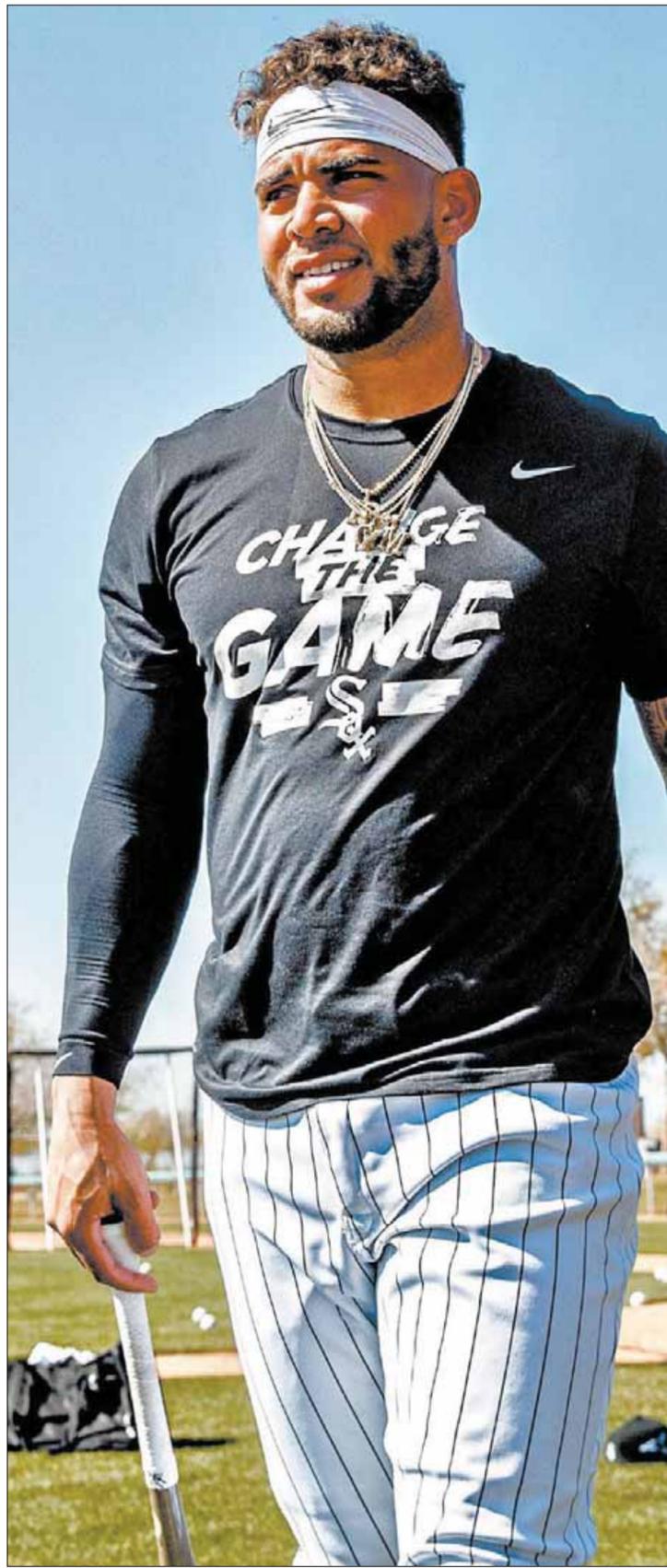
### 3. The slider was a big part of Lucas Giolito's bullpen session.

Lucas Giolito worked on his slider as part of a bullpen session Tuesday. It was the right-hander's second session in four days after being slowed by a muscle strain in his rib-cage area.

"His last side (Saturday) was a little better than this one (in terms of command), but they were able to incorporate sliders (and) curveballs," Renteria said. "He's moving along very well. He's moving in the right direction."

Giolito's next session is planned for Friday.

"In terms of him getting ready to open on (March) 26 with the club, he's got to do some work here in terms of facing some batters," Renteria said. "So that's progressing to that point. And (Tuesday) was another nice step. The side on Friday will take us even closer. As (pitching coach Don Cooper) says, 'Healthy, happy, climbing.'"



ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

White Sox infielder Yoan Moncada knows his time will come in terms of getting a long-term contract extension.

# Building for future

Moncada could be next to receive long-term contract extension

BY LAMOND POPE

GLENDAL, Ariz. — Outfielders Eloy Jimenez and Luis Robert and pitcher Aaron Bummer have signed long-term contracts with the White Sox in the last 12 months.

Is Yoan Moncada next? The 24-year-old third baseman addressed the possibility Tuesday.

"Honestly, I don't pay too much attention to that," Moncada said through an interpreter. "My focus is just on the game, prepare myself to be in the best position that I can be for the season and just work hard. That's my goal and where my focus is."

Moncada had a breakout season in 2019, setting career highs in home runs (25) and RBIs (79) and finishing third in the American League with a career-best .315 batting average. He improved his average 80 points from 2018, the fourth-best jump in franchise history, while cutting his strikeouts from 217 to 154.

He isn't in line to become a free agent until after the 2023 season. But the topic of an extension has come up, including a fan asking general manager Rick Hahn about extensions for Moncada and pitcher Lucas Giolito in January at SoxFest.

"It certainly is a priority for this organization to keep this group together as long as possible and make all the pieces fit for as long as we can," Hahn said then. "When we presented the blueprint for the rebuild a few years back to (Chairman) Jerry (Reinsdorf), one element of it was our economic strategy and that included continuing to be aggressive trying to sign young players, perhaps being even more aggressive than we have before, as you saw with Eloy and Luis, signing them before they had a big-league (at-bat).

*"It certainly is a priority for this organization to keep this group together as long as possible."*

— Sox general manager Rick Hahn

"It continues to be a priority for us, but it does take two to tango. Sometimes players prefer to go year to year and maintain their own flexibility to hit free agency as soon as possible. We're not going to convert on everyone, but we're going to go down swinging on the ones we really want."

James Fox, senior editor of the website FutureSox, tweeted Monday that discussions of an extension for Moncada were underway.

Asked if he was aware of talks between the Sox and his agency, Moncada said, "No, not right now."

Moncada said he's comfortable with the Sox. He joined the organization in December 2016 as part of the Chris Sale trade with the Red Sox.

"I actually see myself on this team for a very long time," he said.

The Sox have been active in securing several members of their young core.

Last spring, they reached a six-year, \$43 million deal with Jimenez. They came to terms with Robert on a six-year, \$50 million deal on Jan. 2. And Saturday, they announced a five-year, \$16 million extension with Bummer.

"If my agent calls me and tells me there is something, then we'll consider it," Moncada said. "For now, I'm just focusing on my game and my preparation."

Moncada will make \$627,000 in 2020, the Sox announced Saturday.

"What motivates me is just playing baseball," Moncada said. "That's what gives me real joy. Obviously money is a big part of our career, but that's not my concern right now. I just want to play baseball and enjoy the game and do great things."

## Sullivan

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was always on base. He does a lot for the lineup, and I feel comfortable with that back-to-back combo."

Madrigal stole 35 bases last year and Robert stole 36. Imagine two young hitters getting on base and wreaking havoc for all the big dogs behind them. It could jumpstart the crowds at Sox Park and provide the kind of spark the team has lacked during the rebuild.

"It was fun," Madrigal said. "There's a lot of action when we get on base."

Would Madrigal have the green light to steal? Depends on the situation.

"I think I am one of the guys where, if the time comes, they'll free me up," he said. "If it's a close game, I probably won't run as much. It all depends on if the pitchers are slide-stepping. There are some great catchers in the league. I'll definitely have to do a lot of scouting and pick my times to go."

Manager Rick Renteria already said he won't use Robert in the leadoff spot at the outset so the rookie doesn't have too much on his plate. Madrigal isn't even assured of making the team out of spring training, despite hitting .341 at Double-A Birmingham and .331 at Triple-A Charlotte last year.

But if he doesn't make the opening-day roster, he should be up soon and eventually figures to move into the No. 2 hole or the No. 9 spot as a second leadoff man.

Madrigal, who turns 23 on March 5, is listed at 5-foot-8 and 175 pounds. His style of play will remind those of a certain age of Sox legend Nellie Fox.

"I've definitely heard the name," Madrigal said. "I haven't followed his numbers that closely, but I have heard his name a ton. I know how great of a player he was. People have mentioned it to me."

Fox, a left-handed hitter listed at 5-10 and 160 pounds, played 14 years for the Sox in the 1950s and '60s, teaming with Luis Aparicio to provide a jolt at the top of the lineup. It's still easy to envision Aparicio leading off with a single, stealing second and scoring on a Fox single to right to give the Sox an early lead.

They were known back then as the "Go-Go Sox," and though younger fans may be unfamiliar with the names, they've probably heard the old song, "Let's Go, Go-Go White Sox," that's still played at the park. It first became popular during the pennant-winning 1959 season, when Fox won the American League Most Valuable Player award, and the song enjoyed a resurgence during the 2005 World Series championship season.

Fox struck out only 216 times in 10,351 plate appearances, never fanning more than 18 times in a season. In his first two minor-league seasons, Madrigal struck out a total of 21 times in 705 plate appearances.

In the era of launch angles and a swing-for-the-fences mentality, Madrigal is a throwback to a different era. Developing those contact skills over the years has made him one of baseball's more intriguing prospects.

"Every year you gain more and more knowledge," he said. "You pick up different styles of the game, the way pitchers are approaching things. Like in today's modern era, pitchers are trying to work at the top of the zone with how hard they're throwing, and fastballs are rising."

"That's more popular now, and before it was something they didn't (do) because of all the home runs allowed at the top of the zone. Just picking up things here and there. Scouting reports are getting better every year."

Moncada cut down on strikeouts last year from a league-leading 217 in 2018 to 154 and raised his average from .235 to .315. But his power and run production make him a better fit down the lineup. Anderson led the majors with a .335 average in 2019 but drew only 15 walks.

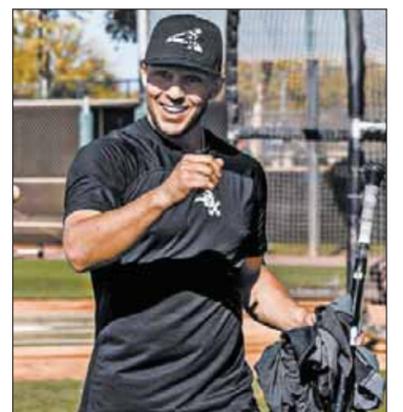
Like Anderson, Madrigal rarely walks; he had 44 in 120 games last year. But his bat control and lack of strikeouts make him the best choice near the top of a lineup, especially if Robert is getting on base ahead of him.

"It's not a huge deal to me," Madrigal said of his low strikeout percentage. "It'd be more important for me to do more things for my team, be more productive or get more walks. If I led in one of those categories to help the team win, I'd be more happy with that, rather than just putting the ball in play."

For now, making the team is the only thing concerning Madrigal. Everyone knows he'll be up at some point this season, but making it out of spring training would mean he forced the Sox to adjust their plans because of his performance.

"Some people might think it's crazy, but last year I thought I had a great chance to break camp (with the Sox)," he said. "Even though I was still in high-A at the time, I truly thought there was a chance."

"People might laugh at that, but that was my mindset. And it's kind of the same this year, even though I'm a lot closer."



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Second baseman Nick Madrigal has potential to be near the top of the batting order.

## CUBS



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Cubs starting pitcher Jon Lester gives the ball to manager David Ross as he is pulled from Tuesday's game in the second inning.

# Lester roughed up

Veteran lefty looking to get things straightened out before start of season

BY MARK GONZALES

MESA, Ariz. — Perhaps it was fitting David Ross returned from a bout of the flu Tuesday to take the ball from longtime friend and teammate Jon Lester for his first pitching change as Cubs manager.

"Sounds about right," Lester said. "Just like any other day I didn't pitch well. He has to come out and get the ball."

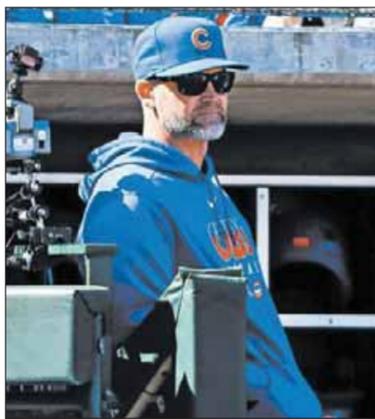
Fortunately for all parties, this marked Lester's first start of the spring with plenty of time to find the sharpness that deserted him during his one-plus inning stint against the Rockies in the Cubs' 12-6 loss at Sloan Park.

Lester, 36, appears lined up to perhaps make his first start of the regular season in the Cubs' second game on March 28. There is some wiggle room for an adjustment, but Yu Darvish threw two innings of live batting practice Monday and will make his exhibition debut Saturday against the Brewers.

"A lot can happen in a month," Lester said. "When Rossy and (pitching coach) Tommy Hottovy sit us down and tell us what we're going to do going forward, then we'll have that answer."

In the meantime, Lester will try to avoid instances when Ross, his teammate and personal catcher with the Red Sox (2008, 2013-14) and Cubs (2015-16) takes the ball from him in the middle of a rocky inning.

"People are making a big deal of it more than me and him are," Lester said. "I don't want to downplay it to be absolutely nothing. We've been friends for a long time



David Ross made his spring-training debut as Cubs manager Tuesday afternoon against the Rockies.

and have that relationship.

"Any time, regardless of spring training, you hit your pitch count, it's never good when they take that ball from you. So that's the kind of way I look at it."

Lester was pulled after failing to retire the first three batters of the second inning with his pitch count around his prescribed total of 30. Lester allowed five runs (three earned), three hits (two doubles) and two walks without a strikeout.

A small part of the Cubs' optimism regarding their pitching staff stems from the belief their arms should be fresher after missing the postseason for the first time since 2014.

But Lester, who pitched in six consecutive postseasons prior to last season, didn't see any benefits.

"It's all kind of the same," Lester said.

"I've had years where you've had longer rest, and you're worse. And years where I've had shorter rest and felt better.

"I think it's all how your offseason goes and how you kind of feel getting into that everyday feeling of spring training. So far, I physically feel better than last year."

A fielding error by first baseman Robel Garcia led to two unearned runs in the first. But Lester was more adamant about pitching aggressively and admittedly lacked command of his fastball, which mostly was in the high 80s mph.

"I was just missing (the corners), just off, just down," Lester said. "When you feel that, you back yourself in the corner mentally where I got to be on the plate a little more, and that's when you give up the hits. That's neither here nor there.

"My curve is nothing without my fastball. I'll continue to work on that, build arm strength. I felt pretty strong.

"I don't know where my velocity was at, but I feel like I'm in a better place now physically than say last year. Hopefully I will continue to work on that (arm) angle and get some better results next time."

Lester emphasized the importance of first-pitch strikes and gradually trying to entice hitters to expand the strike zone, "as opposed to expanding early, and then you have to walk yourself back on the plate, and that's when you get hurt."

Lester hopes that mission will help him achieve his goal of 33 or 34 starts and 200 innings pitched. Lester hasn't pitched 200 innings since 202 2/3 in 2016.

"I feel if I make my turns and stay healthy, the innings will line up," Lester said. "The last couple years I haven't thrown the ball as well as I would have liked, and the innings don't add up. Hopefully that changes this year."

## BASEBALL

## Severino won't pitch this season

Associated Press

Luis Severino will miss the season with an elbow injury that requires Tommy John surgery, and the Yankees rotation no longer looks all that imposing.

The Yankees announced Tuesday that the 26-year-old right-hander has a partially torn ulnar collateral ligament, a development that means the two-time All-Star will miss all of 2020 after being sidelined for nearly all of 2019.

Left-hander James Paxton already was projected to miss the first two months of the season following back surgery on Feb. 5. Domingo German must serve the final 63 games of an 81-game suspension for violating Major League Baseball's domestic violence policy. He's eligible to return June 5, barring any postponements.

Severino's injury leaves the AL East favorites with a rotation of newly signed ace Gerrit Cole, Masahiro Tanaka, J.A. Happ and two openings. The usual recovery time for Tommy John surgery is a year or more.

"I don't want to sugarcoat the fact that being without Sevy, that's a blow, but it doesn't change our expectations and what we're truly capable of," manager Aaron Boone said. "So, no, nothing changes."

Lefty Jordan Montgomery, who came back in September from Tommy John surgery, has been throwing at up to 94 mph and is the leading candidate for one slot. Jonathan Loaisiga and rookies Deivi Garcia and Michael King are possibilities along with Luis Cessa.

"We're always looking for upgrades anyway," GM Brian Cashman said. "But this time of year you always look from within and see and give opportunities for what you have and typically that's how it shakes out, especially until after the June draft regardless, so you keep relying on depth."

The Yankees won the AL East with a 103-59 record last year, their best in a decade, and lost to the Astros in the AL Championship Series.

Severino went 19-8 with a 3.39 ERA in 2018 and was given a four-year, \$40 million contract. He was scratched from his first scheduled spring training appearance March 5 because of rotator cuff inflammation in his right shoulder. The Yankees said April 9 he had strained his latissimus dorsi muscle. He didn't make a minor league injury rehabilitation appearance until Sept. 1 and didn't make his first appearance for the Yankees until Sept. 17.

Severino was 1-1 with a 1.50 ERA over 12 innings in three regular-season starts for the Yankees, then was 0-1 with a 2.16 ERA over 8 2/3 innings in a pair of postseason outings.

**Judge not far off?** Yankees All-Star outfielder Aaron Judge could be ready to play in his first spring training game next week after being limited by right shoulder soreness.

"I would say no playing for sure this week," Boone said.

Judge has increased his throwing to 120 feet and is hitting off a tee and taking soft toss in an indoor cage. He first experienced the shoulder soreness during early workouts at the Yankees minor complex and was shut down from hitting a week spring training started.

**Freeman sits:** All-Star first baseman Freddie Freeman didn't play in the Braves' spring training game against the Twins on Tuesday because of irritation in his right elbow.

Freeman felt discomfort Monday and again Tuesday.

"We're trying to nip it in the bud. He's been throwing balls and doing things," Braves manager Brian Snitker said. "It's better that it's in February than the end of March."

Snitker said he isn't sure how long Freeman will be out.

Freeman had arthroscopic surgery on his right elbow Oct. 18. The entire right elbow joint was cleaned during the procedure, which included removing three fragmented loose bodies and cleaning up multiple bone spurs.

Freeman played with the injury for part of last season. Despite that, he set career highs in home runs (38), RBIs (121) and runs (113). He was 4-for-20 with a home run in the playoffs.



MATT SLOCUM/AP

Yankees starting pitcher Luis Severino will undergo Tommy John surgery.

## CUBS TAKEAWAYS

## Ross loses spring-training debut as manager

BY MARK GONZALES

MESA, Ariz. — Here are three takeaways from Cubs camp Tuesday.

### 1. David Ross returns from illness to manage his first game.

David Ross thought he would miss only the Cubs' Cactus League opener Saturday night because of his flu-like symptoms.

"I tried to push it," Ross said Tuesday morning. "My body had a different idea."

Ross said he spent four to five hours Sunday at Osborn Medical Center in Scottsdale under the supervision of team doctor Stephen Adams to receive fluids and eventually "turned the corner." He made his long-awaited managerial debut Tuesday afternoon in a 12-6 loss to the Rockies at Sloan Park.

"As a player, I only had to show up for Jon Lester's starts, so I figured today was a good day to get back," Ross quipped, citing his status as Lester's personal catcher with the Red Sox and Cubs.

Ross said he felt fine, but only after taking some good-natured ribbing from an array of Cubs, from general manager Jed Hoyer to slugger Anthony Rizzo.

"A buddy of mine texted me, 'You quit already?'" Ross said.

Ross did say "What goes around, comes around" in response to Hoyer telling a television audience that he told Ross he's "no Lou Gehrig," referring to the Yankees'

durable first baseman from 80 years ago.

"Just so you know, Jed is a little under the weather today," Ross said. "That's karma. I wish I could have been there (at the games). Trust me."

Ross said he felt bad missing the first three Cactus League games and that he has stressed accountability to his players.

"You give all these talks to guys, and I'm in there talking about I want everyone in there the first game in the dugout," said Ross, who watched two of the first three games on TV. "I'm sitting at home watching 62 dudes in the dugout, guys are hitting home runs, and I'm wondering, 'How am I not there?'"

"I'm holding everyone accountable here, and I'm not only one not there. That was tough."

Ross said didn't recall missing many games as a player, especially because of illness.

He felt well enough to watch Yu Darvish and Craig Kimbrel throw live batting practice Monday at the Cubs' complex but didn't make the 40-minute trek to Peoria for the game against the Mariners.

Ross said the coaching staff kept him updated on the personnel.

"Things definitely ran seamlessly," Ross said. "It was easy to see (Monday) when I came in for the short bit how well things were running. I'm super thankful for that group."

### 2. Jose Quintana overcomes his bout with the flu.

Left-hander Jose Quintana also returned after missing a few days because of flu-like symptoms. Quintana went through a light workout with the possibility of throwing live batting practice by the end of the week.

Quintana was scheduled to throw live BP before falling ill Sunday.

In other news regarding pitchers, left-handed reliever Brad Wieck received an excused absence and could rejoin the team by the end of the week. Colin Rea will start Thursday against the Rangers in Surprise, and Tyler Chatwood will face the Padres Friday night in Peoria.

### 3. Infield depth gets a long look.

The Cubs infield featured Daniel Descalso at third base, Hernan Perez at shortstop and Robel Garcia at first base.

Garcia didn't snag a high but catchable throw from Descalso in the first inning for an error that resulted in two unearned runs. Perez is being evaluated as a backup shortstop in addition to playing second.

Second baseman Jason Kipnis ranged to his left to retire Ryan McMahon in the first.

Second base is Descalso's natural position, but the Cubs are trying to examine their options when Kris Bryant plays a position other than third base.

One veteran scout at Tuesday's game said a few teams were still looking at Bryant as a trade possibility.

# — eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE —

## Kerr brings her views to TV

By DOUG FERGUSON  
Associated Press

Cristie Kerr returns to action this week on the golf course without her clubs: Golf Channel is using the 20-time LPGA Tour winner for the Honda Classic.

This is more dipping toes in the water instead of a plunge.

"I struck up a friendship with Golf Channel recently thinking that I'm going to get into broadcasting, but I don't know when that is," Kerr said. "I've never had a problem talking, to be honest. There's not a lot of things you can put your skill set to use at."

This will be her third appearance with Golf Channel. She was in the Orlando, Florida, studio during the Sony Open last year, and she was in the booth with Judy Rankin and on the ground with Jerry Foltz in November for the LPGA Tour's season-ending CME Group Tour Championship.

A break in the schedule made the Honda Classic work. The LPGA Tour is off for a month because three Asia events were canceled because of the viral outbreak that began in China, though Kerr would not have been eligible for them, anyway.

"I thought about when it was good to work it into the schedule when it wouldn't impact my playing schedule," she said. "I'd like to try to work thing in a couple of times a year so I didn't have to start from scratch."

Kerr, who is about \$165,000 away from becoming the third LPGA Tour player to crack \$20 million in career earnings, finished 80th on the money list last year. She had not finished that low since her rookie season in 1997, which she attributed in part to adjusting with a growing family — Griffin, her second son, was born in August 2018, and she continues to develop her burgeoning Kerr Cellars wine business.

So why not explore more TV opportunities?

"At the end of last year, when a lot of things came to a close, I started anew. The time off made me realize how much I love golf and how much I want to win," Kerr said. "I could have said, 'Oh, I'm just done,' and moved into broadcasting. But it had the opposite effect."

The Honda Classic is at PGA National, where Kerr won the Girls Junior PGA Championship in 1995.

Kerr has never had a problem speaking her mind, sometimes without a filter. She admired Johnny Miller, saying he has "an air of confidence that few people have."

Rankin was a ground reporter for ABC at World Golf Championships and other events through the mid-2000s. Dottie Pepper is with CBS, which broadcasts the majority of PGA Tour events. Similarly, Kerr will be reporting on the men.

"Dottie has been doing a great job," Kerr said. "She's gritty, and she's got a lot of salient points."

As for Kerr? She hopes to have a filter until she finds her footing.

"I'm not putting myself out there until I know what the right and wrong things are," she said. "But I'll still have a point of view."

### Tiger's menu

Tiger Woods is sticking to his roots — California — and his history at Augusta National for the Champions Dinner the Tuesday before the Masters.

The Masters champion gets to choose the menu for the dinner of past champions and club chairman Fred Ridley.

Woods said Tuesday that fajitas and sushi were "part of my entire childhood" growing up in Orange County. Besides, that's what he served in 2006 after his previous Masters victory.

"So we'll have steak and chicken fajitas, and we'll have sushi and sashimi out on the deck," he said.

As for dessert? He thought back to his first time as Masters Club host.

"I'm debating whether or not to have milkshakes as dessert because that was one of the great memories to see Gene Sarazen and Sam Snead having milkshakes that night in '98," he said.

### Ishikawa future

Ryo Ishikawa won three times on the Japan Golf Tour to earn a spot in the Mexico Championship, and he felt he lost an opportunity when he shot 43 on his opening nine and never recovered.

Ishikawa's goals are to get back to America and to try to earn one of two spots for Japan in the Olympics, and both are lofty. The bad start led to 68th place and no



CHRIS CARLSON/AP

Cristie Kerr will be part of Golf Channel's broadcast team at the Honda Classic this week.

world ranking points. He slipped to No. 87 in the world.

"I completely lost concentration that first nine holes," Ishikawa said. "Maybe I was nervous playing with top players in the world (Bubba Watson and Louis Oosthuizen)."

He gets another chance at the Honda Classic, which gave him a sponsor exemption. Otherwise, he says he will contemplate trying for the Korn Ferry Tour.

"I always want to come back to the U.S. and PGA Tour, and Korn Ferry Tour, as well," he said. "I need to go step by step. Playing on the PGA Tour isn't everything, so maybe to go to try the Korn Ferry the next few years. Because looking at other players, they're playing good and there's always a reason. It's different between my golf and their golf."

### Traveling man

Zach Murray won his first pro tournament a year ago this week at the New Zealand Open, and he

looked forward to defending his title. He just didn't realize then how much travel would be involved for the 22-year-old Australian.

That victory propelled him to No. 2 on the Order of Merit on the PGA Tour of Australasia to earn a European Tour card. It also got him into his first World Golf Championships in Mexico City — the week before the New Zealand Open.

He couldn't leave Mexico until Monday afternoon, an itinerary that takes him to Los Angeles, then Auckland and over to Queenstown. He was due to land about lunchtime on Wednesday, and then tee it up on Thursday.

"No pro-am, no practice rounds," Murray said. "But at least I know the courses."

The last 18 months have seemed like a blur. Murray was all square with Cole Hammer in the fourth round of the 2018 U.S. Amateur at Pebble Beach until the Texan pulled away. He won the

WA Open Championship as an amateur, turned pro and won the New Zealand Open seven starts later.

Last week, he found himself hitting balls next to Rory McIlroy, too shy to introduce himself.

"I didn't know what to expect," Murray said. "I had some goals to play well. But the best way for me to play my best is just go out there and play. You have to learn how to get your mind to do that, and it's difficult to do. But I've learned so much the last few years. Eighteen months ago, I was playing the U.S. Amateur. Things change quickly."

### Divots

Morgan Hoffmann has been selected to receive the PGA Tour Courage Award. Hoffmann was diagnosed in 2016 with a form of muscular dystrophy. The award is for players who overcome extraordinary adversity, such as injury or illness, to make significant contributions to the game. Previous winners were Gene Sauers

(2017), the late Jarrod Lyle (2015) and Erik Compton (2013) ... Charles Howell III went over \$1 million for the 20th consecutive PGA Tour season. Only Phil Mickelson at 24 has more consecutive seasons at \$1 million or more. ... The R&A has rescheduled the Women's Amateur Asia-Pacific to Oct. 7-10 in Thailand. It was postponed because of the coronavirus outbreak. ... The Mexico Championship had two Mexican players for the first time, and both finished in the top 20. Abraham Ancer tied for 12th and Carlos Ortiz tied for 16th.

### Stat of the week

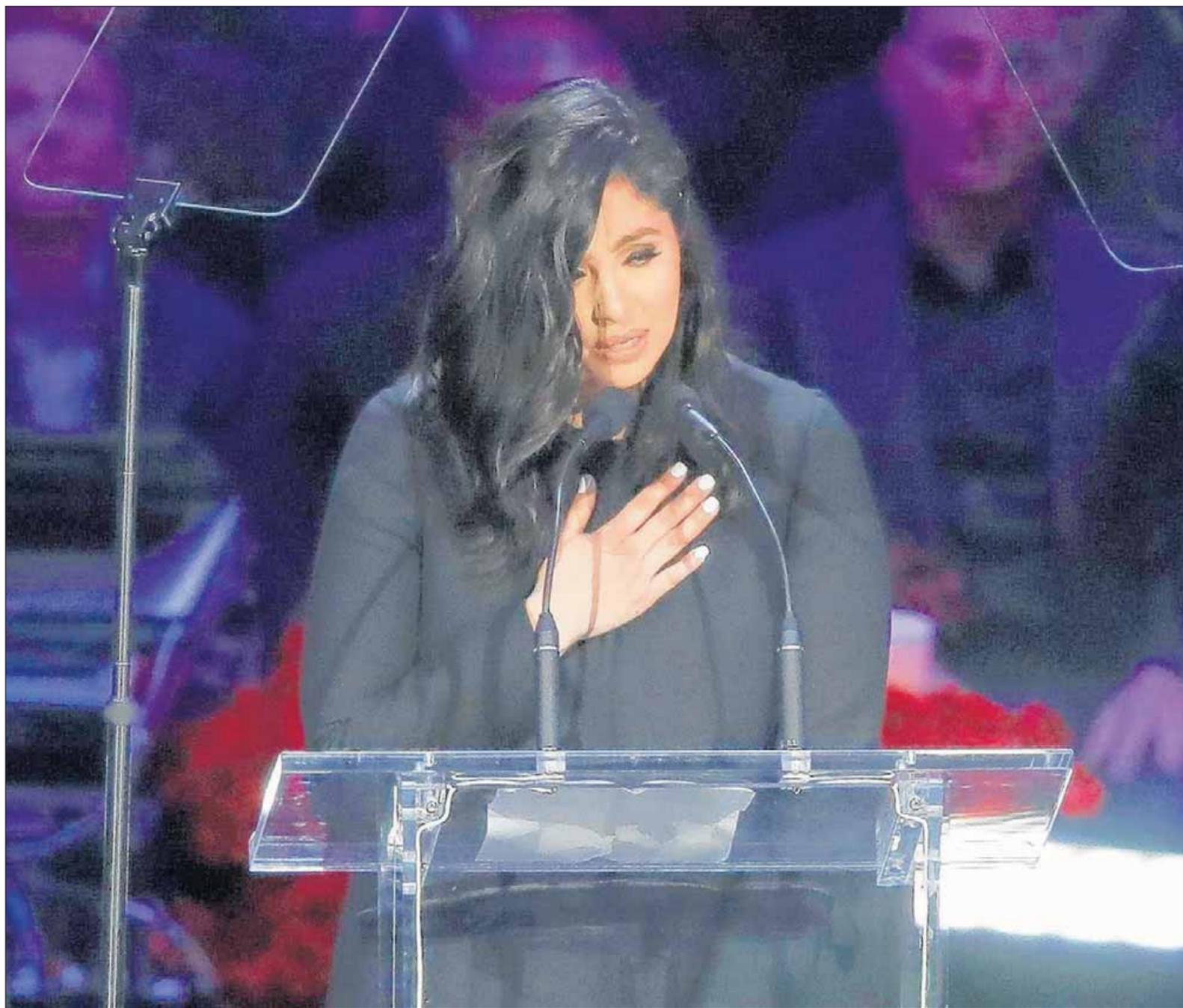
Sunday in Mexico City was the 10th time in 13 rounds after the cut this season that Jordan Spieth started on the back nine.

### Final word

"We're gamers, just like the men. We just don't hit it as far or make as much money."  
— Cristie Kerr.

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Vanessa Bryant speaks during a celebration of life for her husband Kobe Bryant and daughter Gianna on Monday at Staples Center in Los Angeles.

## Vanessa Bryant's honest words, emotions connect all the world to Kobe, Gianna

BY BILL PLASCHKE  
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — For two decades, Kobe Bryant owned the Staples Center court with courage under pressure.

For seven minutes Monday morning, Vanessa Bryant did the same.

Where he once amazingly flew, she stood strongly still. Where he once pumped a fist in triumph, she clutched a tissue in survival.

"I'd like to talk about both Kobe and Gigi," she said after stepping up as a surprise first speaker at the Kobe and Gianna Bryant Celebration of Life.

What ensued was as compelling as five NBA titles, as inspiring as an 81-point game, as impressive as any last-second shot.

"I'll start with my baby girl first," she began. "My baby girl Gianna Bryant is an amazingly sweet, gentle soul. ... she would always kiss me good night, kiss me good morning."

Few people thought Vanessa Bryant would talk. She has barely spoken publicly during her 20-year marriage to Bryant. She is extremely private. She was always in the background. She was his silent partner.

"OK, now for my soul mate," she continued after a few minutes talking about Gigi. "To me, he was Kobe-Kobe, my boo-boo, my bay-boo, my papi chulo."

It was stunning, such composure coming less than a month since she lost her husband and 13-year-old daughter in a helicopter crash that claimed the lives of seven others. How exactly does one speak to a crowd of 19,000 about that? What does one say?

Her black hair swept into her tear-stained eyes as she continued to fight back sobs. But, with the same determined grace her late husband repeatedly showed in virtually the same midcourt spot she stood, she pushed through the pain to share intimate stories of laughter and love.

"They were funny, happy silly and they loved life," she said of Kobe and Gianna. "They were so full of joy and adventure. God knew they couldn't be on this earth without each other. He had to bring them home to heaven together."

In a two-hour event filled with basketball royalty, entertainment



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Late Lakers legend Kobe Bryant, his daughter Gianna, wife Vanessa and daughter Natalia Diamante Bryant take in a UCLA-UConn women's game in 2017. Bryant was a big advocate for women's basketball.

icons and 35,000 roses, it was the simple words of this grieving widow and mother that captured the moment.

Beyonce crooned, Michael Jordan wept, Shaquille O'Neal cursed, women's basketball legends Diana Taurasi and Geno Auriemma inspired, but it was Vanessa Bryant's honest emotion that truly connected.

She started by describing Gianna not as simply the young basketball star that has been portrayed in the media, but as an ordinary 13-year-old girl.

"Last August, she made a beautiful birthday cake for daddy," she said. "It had fondant and looked like it had blue agate crystals. ... She made the best chocolate chip cookies. ... She loved watching cooking shows and 'Cupcake Wars' with me. ... She loved watching 'Survivor' and NBA games on TV with her daddy. ... She also loved watching Disney movies with her sisters."

She talked about Gianna's "secret talent."

"She had Kobe's ability to listen to a song and have all the lyrics memorized after listening to the song a couple of times," she said, adding, "And Gigi loved her Tik-

Tok dances."

At certain points when Vanessa was describing her daughter, the crowd quietly gasped. How difficult this must have been. How did she find the strength? Could this brave woman have been the long-hidden source of Kobe's strength? She talked about her daughter's brains as only a wonderfully bragging mother can do.

"Gianna was smart," she said. "She knew how to read, speak and write Mandarin. She knew Spanish."

She also talked about her daughter's appearance, as if Gianna were standing right there, a description only a carefully attentive mother could give.

"Wearing a white tee, black leggings, a denim jacket, white high-top Converse, and a flannel tied around her waist, and straight hair was her go-to style," she said.

She concluded her love letter to Gianna with words that brought many in the crowd to tears.

"She gave the best hugs and the best kisses," she said. "She had gorgeous soft lips like her daddy. She would hug me and hold me so tight. I could feel her love me."

The crowd could feel that love, and that feeling continued when

she talked about her husband not as a basketball player, but as a partner and father.

"He was my sweet husband, and the beautiful father of our children," she said. "He was mine. He was my everything."

Earlier in their marriage, their relationship endured tough times that included Bryant's public confession of cheating, rape charges that were eventually dropped, and a divorce filing by Vanessa that was later withdrawn. To hear her speak of him in such glowing terms was powerful and healing. It completed the narrative that Bryant's life had a fulfilling second chapter. It delivered a compelling message about the strength of forgiveness.

"I was his first girlfriend, his first love, his wife, his best friend, his confidant and his protector," she said. "Kobe loved me more than I could ever express or put into words."

She said he was "truly the romantic one in our relationship" and then told the story of an iconic anniversary gift.

"He gave me the actual notebook and the blue dress Rachel McAdams wore in 'The Notebook' movie," she said. "When I asked

him why he chose the blue dress, he said it was the scene when Allie comes back to Noah. We had hoped to grow old together like the movie."

Since Bryant's death, considering the way he doted over his four daughters, there has been much public admiration about Bryant's role as a "Girl Dad." In words that should resound with every girl's dad, Vanessa wonderfully detailed that role.

"Kobe was the MVP of girl dads, or MVD," she said. "He never left the toilet seat up. He always told the girls how beautiful and smart they are. He taught them how to be brave and how to keep pushing forward when things get tough."

Vanessa also marveled over how Kobe did the hands-on work of a dad, even claiming he showed up an hour and 20 minutes early to be first in the kids' school carpool line.

"He helped me bathe Bianka (3) and Capri (8 months) almost every night," Vanessa said. "He would sing the silly songs in the shower and continue making them laugh and smile as he lathered them with lotion and got them ready for bed. He had magic arms that could put Capri to sleep in only a few minutes. He said he had it down to a science, eight times up and down our hallway."

Vanessa was not only revealing about the intimate past moments, but also the horrors of her present reality. Through her words, a city was reminded that this is about far more than the loss of a celebrity athlete and his daughter, it's about the gaping hole in a family's future.

About Kobe, she said, "He isn't going to be here to drop Bianka and Capri off at pre-K or kindergarten. ... He isn't going to be able to walk our girls down the aisle or spin me around the dance floor while singing 'PYT' to me."

She concluded with the words of grief, yet another statement of incredible strength. And here's hoping this is not the last Los Angeles hears from Vanessa Bryant.

"Babe, you take care of our Gigi, and I got Nani, BB and Koko. We are still the best team. We love and miss you Boo Boo and Gigi. May you both rest in peace, and have fun in heaven until we meet again ... forever and always, Mommy."

# Weinstein case has fueled key reforms

Here are 5 things that have changed in Hollywood

BY RYAN FAUGHNDER AND STACY PERMAN  
Los Angeles Times

Once known for Oscar winners like “Shakespeare in Love,” disgraced producer Harvey Weinstein’s most lasting legacy will surely be the rise of the #MeToo movement triggered by his downfall.

On Monday, a New York jury convicted Weinstein of two of five counts. Weinstein was found guilty of one count of rape and one count of committing a criminal sexual act, with each crime connected to an individual allegation made by Mimi Haley or Jessica Mann. He was acquitted on the more serious charges of predatory sexual assault, which each carried a potential life sentence.

More than two years after accusations of sexual harassment and assault ended Weinstein’s career as a movie mogul, the ripple effects of the revelations



JOHN MINCHILLO/AP

Harvey Weinstein, at a courthouse Monday in New York, was convicted of one count of rape and one count of committing a criminal sexual act.

continue in casting meetings, executive suites and writers rooms. Weinstein, who also faces charges in Los Angeles, denied all allegations of nonconsensual sex.

The #MeToo movement, launched by Tarana Burke years before it became a rallying cry of hashtag activism, has ended or stalled the careers of powerful men, including actor Kevin Spacey, former CBS chief Leslie

Moonves, TV host Charlie Rose, producer Brett Ratner and comedian Louis C.K. Industry organizations, including trade guilds, the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences and talent agencies have taken steps to address the dangers and discrimination women face in Hollywood. Groups like Time’s Up have transformed the energy of #MeToo into practical solutions.

Structural problems, such as Hollywood’s persistent lack of women in positions of power and key creative roles, will take years to adequately address. Still, on top of the specific changes to industry practices, advocates say there’s a strong sense that the underlying standards of behavior toward women in the industry have changed in significant ways, despite rumblings of backlash from people (mostly men) who say the movement has gone too far.

“The bottom line is, the tectonic plates of the industry have shifted completely,” said Melissa Silverstein, publisher of Women and Hollywood. “There is always going to be this understanding that egregious things have happened across multiple parts of this industry and people can see that.”

Here’s what’s changed.

## New guidelines

The Weinstein allegations sparked much-needed reforms within Hollywood guilds and agencies — institutions that are supposed to protect their members and clients from being taken

advantage of, but instead were criticized for not doing enough to prevent abuse.

Over the last two years, unions and agencies have taken steps to curb practices that make women vulnerable to sexual harassment. Performers union SAG-AFTRA in 2018 called on producers and executives to refrain from requesting meetings in “high-risk locations” such as private homes and hotel rooms as part of a seven-page code of conduct. Talent representatives have increasingly cautioned clients against taking meetings in such places.

The changes continued this year when SAG-AFTRA released a four-page guide on the use of intimacy coordinators to prevent abuse while filming nude and simulated sex scenes. The use of such specialists has become more common, with HBO in 2018 announcing it would hire intimacy coordinators to monitor sets of its programs.

“These guidelines didn’t exist before, so they’re incredibly meaningful,” Silverstein said. “I think what we need to understand is that every little piece

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Sarah Lo and David Goodloe, who plays the title role in “Mlima’s Tale,” which runs through March 21 at Raven Theatre.

IN PERFORMANCE ‘Mlima’s Tale’ ★★★

# An elephant tells us a wrenching story

Overtly political play raises consciousness of those animals’ plight

BY CHRIS JONES

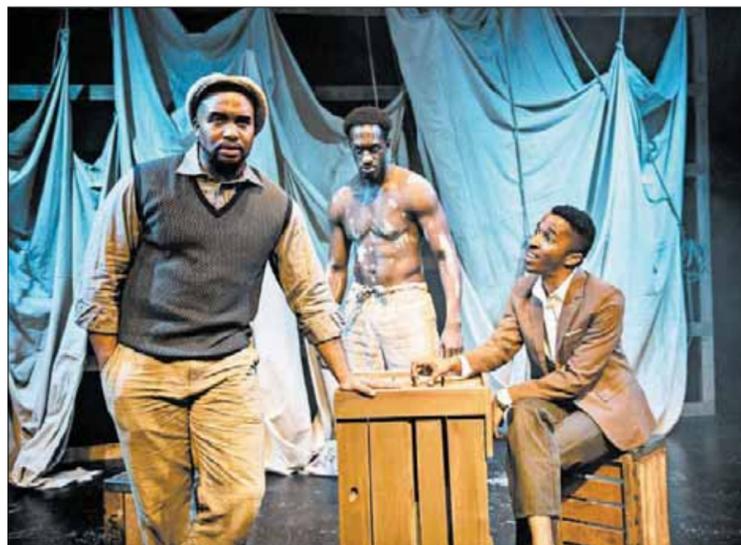
Ever seen a play narrated by an elephant? I thought not.

But the title character of Lynn Nottage’s highly unusual and rather beguiling drama is, indeed, a pachyderm. In his opening monologue, Mlima speaks of the fragility of life for so large a creature and the need to always be listening to the wind, the rain, the night.

To fail to pay attention, he tells us, is to court your own death.

In Nottage’s play, performed to critical acclaim at the New York Public Theater in 2018 and now staged with ritualistic roots by the Griffin Theatrical Company in Chicago, Mlima is indeed hunted quarry. Even though he lives on a game reserve in Kenya, where you might think he would be safe, his oversize tusks are prized items, even though their acquisition costs him his life.

This is not a play about a quest for survival, though. Mlima is no match for those who wish him ill. But in this fiercely anti-poaching drama, Mlima cannot be



Lewon Johns, David Goodloe and Michael Turrentine in a scene from “Mlima’s Tale.”

confined by his own death. Even as those great ivory tusks pass through middlemen, shippers, buyers, aesthetes, government and bribers, Mlima continues to haunt part of his own body, a constant reminder of their culpability.

You might think of this overtly political play, a consciousness-raising work designed to wake us all up the fate of many African elephants, as a

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FOX

“Auditions kind of terrify me,” actress Tamara Taylor says.

## MY WORST MOMENT

# No saving face after she almost fell on it

Taylor’s near trip before audition hamstrung her

BY NINA METZ

On the Netflix series “October Faction,” which premiered last month and is based on the graphic novel of the same name, Tamara Taylor plays a monster hunter.

Though Deloris is an expert in the supernatural, strangely enough the character has a lot in common with Camille Saroyan, the scientist Taylor previously played for 10 years on the forensic drama “Bones.”

“Deloris is a monster hunter, but as unconventional as she is, I think she’s a believer in the system — until she’s not,” Taylor said in a recent phone interview. “Being on Netflix, you’ve got a little more freedom in terms of the language and the joint smoking, but I think in terms of approach, Cam and Deloris are both technicians. I kind of see them approaching their work in a very similar way. Cam was very methodical, and I think Deloris has that too.”

Taylor’s trademark as these two characters is her poise. But when she auditions, sometimes her nerves get the best of her.

When asked to share a worst moment in her career, she replied, “I didn’t have to think too hard. This humiliating story stood out in neon. I kind of relish this one.”

Here’s an edited transcript of what she told me.

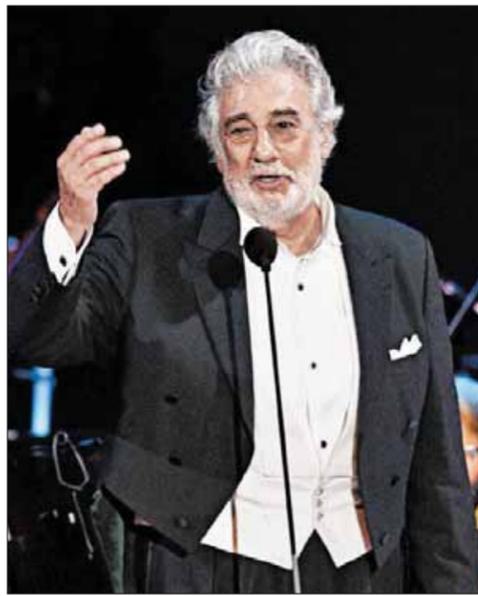
## My worst moment ...

“I was maybe two or three years into living in Los Angeles, I’m going to say this was 1995. I was doing the acting thing, going on auditions. I had a couple roles

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Spanish tenor Plácido Domingo has faced a series of sexual harassment allegations beginning last summer.

## Domingo sorry for 'hurt that I caused'

LOS ANGELES — Fallen opera star Plácido Domingo released a statement late Monday apologizing for the behavior that led to a series of sexual harassment allegations last summer and culminated in his resignation as general manager of Los Angeles Opera in October.

"I have taken time over the last several months to reflect on the allegations that various colleagues of mine have made against me. I respect that these women finally felt comfortable enough to speak out, and I want them to know that I am truly sorry for the hurt that I caused them," Domingo said.

"I accept full responsibility for my actions, and I have grown from this experience. I understand now that some women may have feared expressing themselves honestly because of a concern that their careers would be adversely affected if they did so. While that was never my intention, no one should ever be made to feel that way."

The statement came as the Associated Press reported the American Guild of Musical Artists, which represents opera performers, was preparing to release findings of an ongoing investigation. The AP, citing anonymous sources, said guild lawyers spoke with more than two dozen people who said they were harassed or had witnessed improper behavior by Domingo. The guild concluded that the investigation "showed a clear pattern of sexual misconduct and abuse of power by Domingo spanning at least two decades," the AP said.

— Los Angeles Times



MICHAEL TRAN/GETTY

**Hall of famer:** Paul Williams — singer, actor, writer of hits ranging from "We've Only Just Begun" to "Rainbow Connection" — will be honored at the 51st Annual Songwriters Hall of Fame induction with the Johnny Mercer Award. The highest honor bestowed by the hall is "exclusively reserved for a songwriter or songwriting team who has already been inducted in a prior year, and whose body of work is of such high quality and impact, that it upholds the gold standard set by the legendary Johnny Mercer." Williams, whose songs have been recorded by artists ranging from Elvis Presley and Frank Sinatra to David Bowie, Barbra Streisand, Ella Fitzgerald and, of course, Kermit the Frog, was inducted into the Hall in 2001. "It feels so great," Williams said of the honor. "There are a few lyricists who are simply beyond the pale in terms of their elegance and expertise, and the pinnacles are Lorenz Hart, Johnny Burke and of course Johnny Mercer."

**'Stupid' single:** Lady Gaga announced on social media that her next single, "Stupid Love," the first new material she has released since the "Star Is Born" soundtrack, is dropping at midnight Friday. An early version of the song that leaked onto the internet last month is a disco-infused anthem that harks back to Gaga's "Born This Way" album.

**Feb. 26 birthdays:** Actor-director Bill Duke is 77. Singer Mitch Ryder is 75. Singer Michael Bolton is 67. Actor Greg Germann is 62. Actor Mark Dacascos is 56. Actress Jennifer Grant is 54. Singer Erykah Badu is 49. Singer Corinne Bailey Rae is 41.



# ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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## Puppy's pee pushes parent out of bed

**Dear Amy:** My husband and I got a new puppy when she was about 10 months old.

She likes sleeping on the bed with us, but sometimes jumps off and goes into her crate to sleep. My husband is crazy about her and loves it when she sleeps/cuddles in bed.

Unfortunately, she leaks urine in the bed, soaking through the sheets and mattress pad, and I am continuously washing bed linen. It smells terrible!

I washed everything yesterday, and this morning everything was soaked, stained and smelly again.

My husband says I am being too picky.

Am I crazy that I don't want to sleep with the smell of dog urine?

Shouldn't our pup be crated at night?

— Hates the Smell

**Dear Hates:** If you are waking up to urine-soaked bedding, you should assume that your dog is doing more than "leaking." A healthy dog should not be leaking urine.

Your puppy seems to be peeing in the bed. I assume that she leaves your bed and retreats to her crate because, like you, she does not want to lie in urine.

The most obvious solution would be for your husband to take this precious baby out to pee one last time before bedtime.

I ran your question past Dr. Lacey Rosenberg, a veterinarian with Cornell University. Dr. Rosenberg emphasized, "If you have not already seen a veterinary professional regarding your dog's incontinence, it is important to see someone soon."

Yes, you have the right

to wake up in a urine-free bed. Yes, your pup should sleep in her own bed.

The fact that you are posing this question at all means that you and your husband are on vastly different planes regarding the dog and — I assume — other things.

**Dear Amy:** My 14-year-old son has a group of friends that routinely gets together on Friday and Saturday nights at each other's homes. The kids take turns hosting, but nothing is set in stone in terms of a rotation, etc. The group size varies between four and six kids.

The issue is that one kid never hosts and never offers to host.

This has been going on for well over a year. It is clearly not a question of money or too small of a house or parent/sibling chronic illness or broken home, etc.

I'm frankly sick of it.

Recently I told my son to tell this kid that it's his turn to host. The boy responded that his parents were out of town. My son tells me that he and the other boys talk about the issue, but not in front of the no-host kid.

I know the mom, but not well. What would you suggest?

— Fed Up Parent

**Dear Fed Up:** You absolutely do not want your son and his friends to spend the night at the home of parents who a.) aren't home or b.) don't want them.

Fourteen-year-olds are not in charge of overnights at their households. You should not pressure your son to pressure this boy to host this overnight.

You should assume that this particular teen probably has a very good reason (probably overlapping reasons) not to want to host this group. His folks might be hoarders, drinkers, disruptive, ill, abusive, night-shift workers or — any combination of a myriad of possibilities.

This friendship with this particular friend group might be the very best thing in this boy's life, and his presence in your (and other) homes might be a lifesaver for him.

I know it's a lot of work. I know it's an annoying burden. But within a couple of years, all of this will be over. I hope you will continue to model generous and loving parenting — whenever possible — to your son and his friends.

**Dear Amy:** Your response to "Bad Friend," who was fed up with her friend's complaining (about how difficult the first year has been with baby twin boys) was spot on!

My daughter gave birth to (spontaneously conceived) triplets 16 years ago. The first year was very difficult, even with lots of help.

We did not realize until later that she was suffering from postpartum depression. The kids are now beautiful, healthy teenagers, and we couldn't be prouder of them!

— Sharon, in California

**Dear Sharon:** That first year with multiples is really about survival.

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# Moment

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under my belt, so I wasn't completely green, but I hadn't done a movie yet.

"And I got called in — I'm not remembering the specifics, but I think it was for a Morgan Freeman movie and I was being called in to play his daughter. I want to say it was for 'Kiss the Girls,' but I don't know. I think I blocked it out because this experience was so humiliating.

"Auditions kind of terrify me. The waiting-room experience is usually a pretty treacherous one for me. I contemplate running out and screaming, just disappearing.

"And this particular waiting room was extremely full. There were probably about 30 people, and we're all trying to stay in our own little bubbles of focus. And I'm just trying to pray the nerves away. I'm



Tamara Taylor and J. C. MacKenzie play a husband and wife who hunt monsters on the Netflix series "October Faction."

like, 'Breathe. You can do this.' It was a solid 45 minutes of waiting, and as the minutes tick on I'm getting more and more nervous.

"For some reason, I

thought there were five people ahead of me, but the casting director comes out and says my name. And I was so shocked I kind of jumped up and my keys go

flying one way and my sides — which are the loose pieces of paper that your scenes are on — go flying the other way. So now everyone is looking at me as I pick up my keys and pick up my sides.

"And I was wearing Chuck Taylors at the time, and I guess they didn't like the rug very much because I took a few steps, tripped and fell. And it was amazing because I didn't allow myself to just fall on the ground.

"For some reason, I was close enough to grab onto the casting director's lapels — I feel like she was wearing lapels, but it might have been a T-shirt — and I grabbed hold of her and was just kind of staring up at her, holding on for dear life. After that, I sort of picked myself up, took a deep breath and thought: *God, I really want to disappear now.* The whole waiting room was laughing, and then I went in and had to audition. And I stunk.

"There was no regaining composure. I was shaking like a leaf. I just said the words and then kind of shrugged like, *That's all I have*, and I left. Needless to say, I'm shocked I didn't get the role (*laughs*)."

**What was the casting director's reaction when**

**Taylor used her to break her fall?**

"The amazing thing is, one would hope for a laugh — and that's not what I got. She just looked down at me and stood still until I pulled myself up (*laughs*) and dusted myself off. There was no, 'Are you OK?' Nothing. I don't think she was pleased because I almost took her down with me.

"I drove home in my little Ford Falcon that had no windshield wipers and contemplated just packing it in and moving back to Toronto because I clearly didn't have what it took. Maybe I should just rethink everything. Maybe archeology is something that I should investigate seriously because the acting thing, I don't have the nerves for it.

"And then I called my mom crying and I said, 'OK Mom, what's going on? I can't handle the pressure out here.' And my mom kind of laughed and said, 'It'll be a great story one day, honey.' And I don't know how she did it, but she found a greeting card that I have to this day that has an illustration of a woman who is crumpled in a heap at the bottom of some stairs and the caption says, 'I've fallen and I can't get up.'

"So it was my mom's encouragement and my

best friend (and 'A Different World' alum) Cree Summer, who just howled — she thought it was the funniest thing she'd ever heard — and her wise words were, 'This is not the end. And it's not the worst story you'll tell. Just keep on trucking.'

"I never wore Chuck Taylors again to an audition. I had my next audition about a week later, so I had a couple of days to eat ice cream and cry a bit and then get over it. And I took very, very careful steps — I was probably walking like an exaggerated cartoon because I was not going to trip ever again."

**The problem with nerves ...**

"I was auditioning for a Hank Azaria show and something similar happened again, where the nerves were starting to build in the waiting room. I love Hank Azaria. And he passed by when I was in the waiting room, and I realized, *Oh God, Hank Azaria's going to be in the room* — I wasn't expecting this.

"I thought it was just going to be the casting director. So the palpitations start, the flop sweat begins. I go in the room and I'm sweating so hard — it was like that scene in 'Broadcast News,' and I was shaking so hard that the sides I was holding were shaking.

"And Hank Azaria said, 'Honey, are you OK?' And I said, 'Yeah, yeah, I'm totally great!' And he said, 'Do you want to start over?' He was trying to give me a fair shot.

"And of course it got no better; the nerves only got worse. I was drenched in sweat, I was beet red and shaking like a leaf.

"So I had a few of those doozies."

**The takeaway ...**

"It feels like your life is over in the moment. Like, *I don't have what it takes!*

"But no matter how hard it gets — or how ridiculous it gets — just keep going. It's not that deep."

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Employee Heath Bodine prepares records for shipping at the Brooklyn phono vinyl record production facilities in New York. In 2019, vinyl sales grew by 14.5% across the United States.

# Blaze could derail vinyl LP boom

Factory made 75% of key component used to make discs

By RANDALL ROBERTS  
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — On Feb. 6, just after 8 a.m., as Sarabjeet Ubbu was starting the day behind the counter of his 7 Star Food Store in Banning, California, he noticed black smoke billowing from the roof of the building across the street.

The unassuming beige facility houses Apollo Masters. Owner of a manufacturing plant and a closely held formula for making and mounting a specific mix of lacquer onto aluminum discs, the company supplies a reported 75% of the world's blank lacquers, the shiny circular plates essential for the production of vinyl records.

The vinyl sector is a small but vital part of the music industry. Though it was impossible to know from where Ubbu stood, the smoke pouring from the windowless plant signaled a kind of doomsday scenario. The business of selling vinyl albums, in the midst of an unexpected 14-year surge in sales, could have been facing its biggest existential threat since the rise of the compact disc.

Luckily, no one was injured in what eventually became a three-alarm inferno, and within a few hours firefighters had extinguished it. By then, however, the Apollo facility was little more than a shell.

Ubbu spent the next

morning removing black goop from the 7 Star parking lot. At some point a few people he knew to be Apollo employees stopped by to watch, but when he asked if they'd been in the plant, they told him they'd been recently laid off.

News of the fire quickly spread throughout the close-knit vinyl production community.

"It sucks, man," says Rick Hashimoto, plant manager at Record Technology Inc., a Camarillo, California-based record pressing plant. Even before the fire, Hashimoto says, many had concerns about Apollo's dominance.

"It's something that everybody in the industry has talked about: 'What if something happens to Apollo? What if they go under?'" he says. "But I don't think anybody ever actually said, 'What if they have a fire?'"

How did one Southern California company end up monopolizing the global market for blank lacquer discs? What happens now that it's out of commission? From an environmental perspective, can such a facility even exist in California anymore?

"This is not something that's going to be easily handled emotionally, financially, aesthetically (or) artistically," says Len Horowitz, audio engineer and owner of History of Recorded Sound, a Culver City studio devoted to restoring and preserving recording and audio technologies.

"It's a billion-dollar industry. (Apollo) has tenta-

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cles everywhere."

The only other lacquer maker in the world, MDC in Japan, is operating at peak production and isn't taking on new clients.

The demand for a rebuild is there.

In 2019, U.S. vinyl sales grew by 14.5%, part of a decade-plus uptick, for a total 18.8 million records. Still, vinyl accounted for just 4% of all U.S. music sales, compared with 82% for streaming and the remaining 14% for digital downloads and CD purchases.

Horowitz, who as part of his 50-year involvement in the recording technology business has served as a consultant for Apollo, says the money's out there too.

"You could start a GoFundMe page right now and raise a million dollars from this industry," he says, "and they'll put that plant back in that building as fast as you think. Nobody would hesitate to throw money at it."

The question? Does Apollo want to?

Founded in New York in the mid-1930s as Apollo Disc, over the years the company devised and perfected its own process for making blank discs. During the 1960s and '70s vinyl boom times, it was owned by Capitol Records.

After the rise of compact discs in the late '80s,

Capitol sold Apollo to GC International, a Camarillo-based precision parts foundry and manufacturer. The company's owner, Terry Carlson, whose father founded the company, did not reply to requests for comment.

Other than a general statement posted to Apollo's website, the company has remained mum.

Until last week, only the most devoted audiophiles appreciated Apollo's place in the vinyl supply chain. Unlike uploading a newly recorded project to a streaming service such as Spotify, manufacturing records relies on techniques, processes and machines honed over the decades.

In filmmaking terms, a blank lacquer is the original negative. It's the fresh cement into which you carve your initials. Made with what Horowitz describes as "the purest of absolutely flat aluminum, ultrasonically cleaned and prepared," the disc is then coated, like icing onto a doughnut, with a micro-thin layer of lacquer made with Apollo's secret formula. After undergoing a six-week drying and curing process, followed by another six weeks repeating the steps for side B, each blank disc comes out as smooth as a mirror. A box of 25 costs about \$900.

Horowitz likens Apollo's

production methods to "painting a Rolls-Royce every minute. You can't have any ripples. You can't have any orange peels (dents). You can't have any bubbles. They have to be absolutely perfect because it makes a mold that's going to be on the planet forever."

Blanks are only needed for new, previously unpressed albums. Reorders don't require a new lacquer. Last year the top-selling vinyl LPs were catalog titles by Queen, the Beatles, Pink Floyd and Amy Winehouse, none of which required use of a blank.

Once a blank is on the cutting lathe and the studio tape is cued up, a mastering engineer employs an Apollo-made sapphire-tipped needle to cut a single long, intricate groove of sound waves onto the rotating disc. After a magical but boring process involving nickel-plating, reverse stampers and more, the microscopic spiral carved into the lacquer is pressed onto 12-inch albums.

More than a week after flames consumed the 35,000-square-foot building at 101 W. Lincoln St., pressing plants and mastering engineers are assessing the future. Some have expressed fear that the fire will disrupt the global production of new album releases and slow the seemingly endless supply of

reissues that major labels churn out.

The block housing Apollo is still closed to traffic. The cause of the fire remains under investigation, according to Fernando Herrera, Banning Fire Dept. public information officer.

Herrera says that Banning officials have told Apollo that it won't be permitted to rebuild until the property has undergone hazardous waste remediation. Given the chemicals used to produce the lacquer, it's not clear whether current California environmental laws would even permit the company to rebuild.

In the short term, consumers and labels will be OK, Hashimoto says. Many of the established companies and mastering engineers buy their lacquer stock annually and have backups warehoused.

The concern is that a shortage will threaten new releases and boutique reissues in 2021 and beyond, after the stock has been depleted. At that point, Hashimoto says, "It's going to affect the whole industry until somebody comes up with an alternative."

Still, Horowitz says that the greatest loss rests in the institutional knowledge that has driven Apollo's business.

"The skill level of the people who were in that place?" he says. "We have to keep in touch with them because no matter what happens, putting this back together requires their exact knowledge."

## Elephant

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conservationist's revenge fantasy, one shared by many. Who among us did not wish that Cecil the Lion, cut down for fun by an American dentist in 2015, did not possess a great spirit capable of roaring over every subsequent filling or orthodontic procedure his killer might perform?

Maybe he did. Or does. "Mlima" means "mountain" in Swahili, but we all know that bulk is no protection against a bullet — or, in this case, a poisoned arrow. Nottage's play makes, I think, a special case for elephants, those sentient and noble creatures capable of emergency teamwork and that seem to mourn their own dead. She does so by following what happens to Mlima's prized tusks,

charting their journey across the globe as their origins are lauded as carefully as a mobster changing bills with a friendly teller.

As is the case with everything from poaching to human trafficking, everything here is upstream from demand: When there is a market with people willing to pay top dollar, at least some of those with fewer resources will find the temptation irresistible. And thus what is left of Mlima can end up in a penthouse in Beijing.

Although consistently creative, inventive and bold, director Jerrell L. Henderson's Griffin production sometimes struggles to fully convey the breakneck momentum I think Nottage intended with a play designed to have the structure of a thriller rooted in international espionage. That's mostly a pacing and fluidity problem, for the leading

**When:** Through March 21

**Where:** Raven Theatre, 6157 N. Clark St.

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

**Tickets:** \$33-\$38 at griffintheatre.com

performances, led by David Goodloe in the title role, are rich and fully realized pieces of work, especially when combined with Jacinda Ratcliffe's gutsy choreography.

As actor Michael Turrentine especially seems to understand here, these kinds of criminals often do have a nagging sense of the moral bankruptcy of their communal act of exploitation. They just prefer not to listen to the wind.

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## Shemekia Copeland headlines opening night at Blues Fest

By HOWARD REICH

Shemekia Copeland, Jimmy Johnson with Billy Branch, John Primer, Lurrie Bell and Catherine Russell will headline the 37th annual Chicago Blues Festival, running June 5-7 in Millennium Park, Rosa's Lounge and other locations.

The Pritzker Pavilion in Millennium Park, at Randolph Street and Michigan Avenue, will be the main stage, with an array of Chicago and visiting headliners.

Among the Pritzker Pavilion highlights:  
**■ June 5:** Nick Moss Band, 5:45 p.m.; Jimmy Johnson and Billy Branch, 7 p.m.; Shemekia Copeland, 7:50 p.m.  
**■ June 6:** John Primer



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Chicago Blues Fest headliner Shemekia Copeland performs at Blues on the Fox at RiverEdge Park in Aurora.

and Steve Bell, 7 p.m.; Candi Staton, 7:50 p.m.  
**■ June 7:** Catherine Russell, 4:30 p.m.; Lil' Ed & the Blues Imperials, 5:45 p.m.; Erwin Helfer and Katherine Davis, 7 p.m.; Eric Gales, 7:50 p.m.

All performances are free, and the park will be open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.

each day, with attractions on several side stages.

For complete schedule, visit [www.chicagobluesfestival.us](http://www.chicagobluesfestival.us)

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# 'I thought I might as well kill myself'

BY MIKAEL WOOD  
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Huey Lewis remembers his first encounter with the sound that would help make him one of the biggest pop stars of the 1980s.

Already in his early 30s, with a flop debut and a moderately successful follow-up behind him, the singer was hard at work on a do-or-die third album with his Bay Area band, the News, at the Record Plant in Sausalito. Also at the now-shuttered studio were the members of Jefferson Starship, who'd enlisted Peter Wolf — not the J. Geils Band frontman but the Austrian producer — to punch up their music with various synths and drum machines.

"They were doing gongku-gongku-gongku-gongku," Lewis said, imitating the mechanized rhythm of the just-introduced LinnDrum sequencer, "and I was like, 'This is what I've been looking for.'" The image calls to mind that scene from "Back to the Future," the film for which Lewis would later write the chart-topping "The Power of Love," where Chuck Berry's cousin calls him from the principal's office to report that he's discovered rock 'n' roll. "So on a break I said, 'Peter, how do we get this thing going?'"

The result was "Sports," Huey Lewis & the News' ultra-slick 1983 LP that set Lewis' gruff white-soul vocals over crisp digitally enhanced grooves — and spun off five hit singles on its way to seven-times-platinum sales. "Sports" looks like a bar-band record, but it was assembled and perfected and overdubbed and tweaked and over-mixed," Lewis said, coming close to quoting Patrick Bateman's famous praise of the band's "consummate professionalism" from "American Psycho." "We aimed every song right at Top 40 radio."

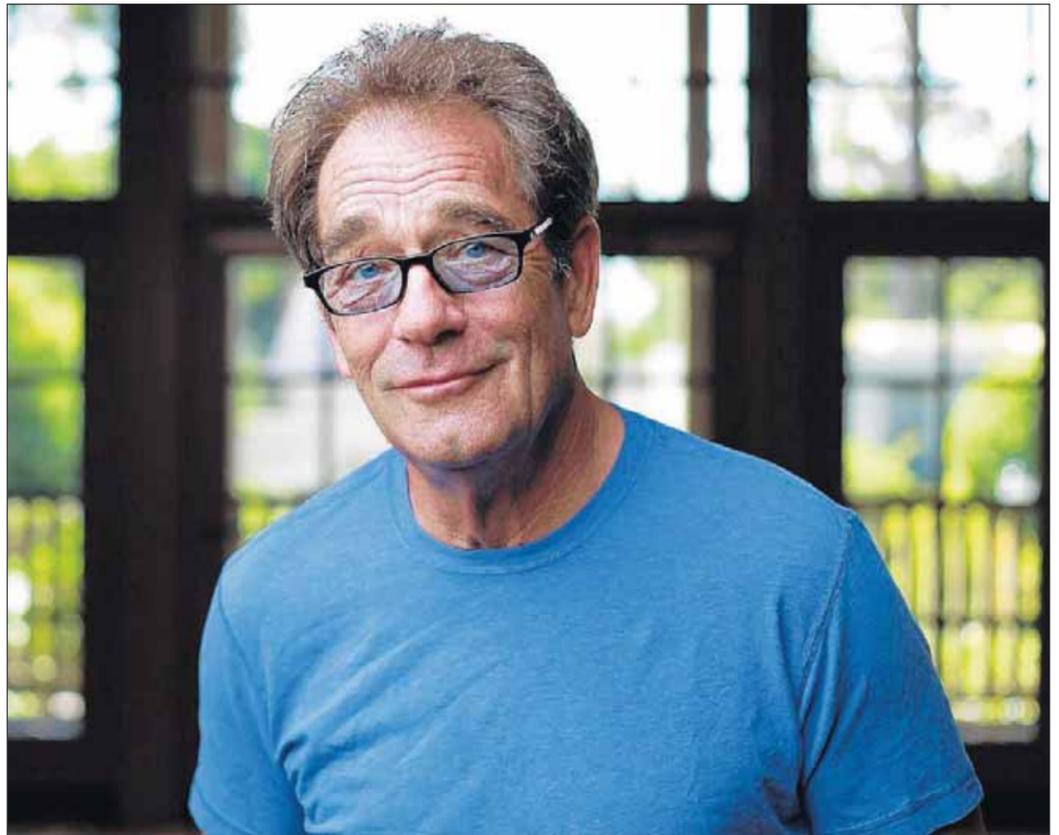
What strikes you about this story is that four dec-

ades ago Lewis could hear the future down the hall at the Record Plant. While today he can barely hear at all.

In early 2018, Lewis was diagnosed with Meniere's disease, a poorly understood disorder of the inner ear. He's not deaf; the condition fluctuates, so on some days conversation is relatively easy with the assistance of a hearing aid. But music now sounds to him like little more than distortion, which makes finding his pitch too difficult for him to be able to sing.

"It's brutal. When it first happened, I thought I might as well kill myself," Lewis said on a recent visit to Los Angeles from his adopted home of Montana, where he lives on a sprawling ranch and can fly fish to his heart's content. ("More cheese, less rats," he said of what initially drew him there from his native Marin County.) Sitting on a bench in MacArthur Park — a handsomely grizzled version of the lovable all-American hunk once inescapable on MTV — he explained that he was having a pretty good day, hearing-wise. "1 to 10, I'm a 6," he said. "When I'm bad, though, I almost can't hear anything."

Perhaps one of the more tragic aspects of the situation is that it happened just as a late-career moment was shaping up for Lewis, who will turn 70 in July. A jukebox musical based on his durable golf-bro '80s classics — among them "The Power of Love," "Hip to Be Square" and, of course, the thumping opener from "Sports," "The Heart of Rock and Roll," after which the production is titled — premiered a year and a half ago at San Diego's Old Globe Theatre and is aiming for Broadway. Younger musicians such as Vampire Weekend's Ezra Koenig (who hosted Lewis on his Beats 1 radio show last year) have encouraged a reconsideration of an object of only begrudging



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Music now sounds to Huey Lewis like little more than distortion, which makes finding his pitch too difficult for him to sing.

critical respect back in the day.

And for the first time in nearly 20 years, Lewis and the News — never less than a reliable live draw on the road — were working on an album of original tunes. Now, with his prospects as a performer uncertain, Lewis is releasing a half-finished version of that record: the seven-track "Weather," which collects the material he and the band had completed before his hearing gave out.

"These songs, they're great fun," Lewis said of new cuts like the breezy "While We're Young" and "Her Love Is Killin' Me," a tidy blues number with a music video featuring cameos by some of his pals and admirers from music, Hollywood and the sports world, including Brandon Flowers of the Killers, Jimmy Buffett, Jimmy Kimmel, Andy Garcia, Joe Montana and former San Francisco Giants manager Bruce Bochy. "It's incredibly frustrating not to be able to sing 'em."

As a kid, Lewis had frequent earaches. "My old man was a doctor, and he told me, 'You got crappy eustachian tubes,'" he recalled as a cameraman

hovered nearby, collecting footage for an upcoming documentary on the singer. ("Everybody's doing it," he figured of the life-on-film approach. "But we're gonna kick Linda Ronstadt's ass.") After he lost much of the hearing in one of his ears in the mid-'80s, Lewis learned to get by with the remaining one. But then came "that notorious day in Dallas," as Johnny Colla, who has played guitar and saxophone with the News since the beginning, put it over the phone.

It was Jan. 27, 2018, and Lewis could tell something was wrong even before he got onstage for a private gig. He'd had trouble hearing his bandmates talk in a business meeting earlier in the day; everything was muffled, like "listening through a blown speaker," he said. "Then we get up there and it's a real disaster." Colla remembered. "Huey apologized after the show. 'Get it together, man — this is our career!' Later, the mood changed."

Lewis says he's consulted every medical expert he can find, including folks from the House Ear Institute, the Stanford Ear Institute and the Mayo Clinic.

"I've talked to Dr. Steven Rauch, the big daddy of them all, at Mass General Eye and Ear. Tried chiropractic, acupuncture, low-salt, all-organic, no caffeine, no chocolate, essential oils, all the holistic stuff," he said. "None of it works."

The best he can hope for is stabilizing somewhere near the upper end of that 1-to-10 scale; one time, he said, he went 21 days without dropping below a 5.

Having weathered the initial blow of his diagnosis, though, Lewis is surprisingly upbeat for a man whose livelihood hangs in the balance. The night before our chat, he had a ball trading music-biz stories over dinner with Phil Carson, the old-school record exec known for his relationships with Led Zeppelin and AC/DC. And in MacArthur Park, his eyes crinkled behind a pair of tinted glasses as he joked about golf and basketball and the latest outrage by President Trump, whom he referred to as "the big orange dummy."

Kimmel, who frequently fly fishes with Lewis in Montana, said he wondered if he'd been a bad friend when he read that the singer had had suicidal

thoughts. "It made me think I needed to be in closer touch," said the late-night host. "But Huey's not a guy who burdens you with his worries or his emotions. He's very much a rub-a-little-dirt-on-it kind of guy."

Looking ahead, Lewis — who separated from his wife years ago after having a son and a daughter, both now in their 30s — is more optimistic about working again in the studio than onstage, where the music has to be louder than he can currently handle. The same goes for Colla, who points out that promoters are reluctant to take a chance on a legacy act that may not deliver. The guitarist recently convened the News for a small rehearsal to check on Lewis' progress; it lasted seven minutes, he said.

As Lewis stood from the park bench to head to his next appointment, he found he'd been sitting on a religious pamphlet advertising the value of God's help. He took a quick look and placed it back on the bench.

"Let him work on somebody who might show a little improvement," he said with a laugh.



MUSEUM OF SCIENCE AND INDUSTRY

The Thing takes a load off in the "Marvel: Universe of Super Heroes" exhibition.

## 'Must-see' Marvel Universe exhibit heads to MSI this fall

BY STEVE JOHNSON

Spider-Man, Black Panther, Hulk, Captain America and the gang are coming to the Museum of Science and Industry this fall.

The South Side science temple will present "Marvel: Universe of Super Heroes," a comprehensive look at the Marvel Comics and movies universe, beginning Oct. 8. The exhibit has been popular in previous stops, and the Chicago museum promises "iconic costumes, props and original art" and is offering early information and presale tickets to attendees at this weekend's Chicago Comics and Entertainment Expo (C2E2).

In a foreword to the exhibition's official book,

Stan Lee, the late Marvel overlord, promised "guaranteed fun" for "dyed-in-the-wool Marvelites" and even "folks who wouldn't know Iron Man from a steam iron." Elsewhere the curators, all scholars of comics tell of striving to honor the characters' comic-book origins.

Reviewing the show at its April 2018 debut in Seattle, the online journal Ars Technica said it offers "two things at the same time: a shameless advertisement for Marvel Studios' film and TV output; and a must-see dive into some of the rarest, decades-old Marvel material imaginable."

The 300-artifact exhibition, developed by Marvel Entertainment, Seattle's

Museum of Popular Culture and SC Exhibitions, a German firm, has since been mounted at Philadelphia's Franklin Institute and in an Edmonton science museum. It opens in late March at the Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn, Michigan.

The exhibition drew 375,000 visitors in just over 10 months in Seattle and 300,000 in five months in Philadelphia, according to its organizers.

At the Feb. 28-March 1 C2E2, attendees can visit the museum's booth to learn more about the show and buy advance tickets.

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## 'Windy City Rehab'-tied home is facing foreclosure

BY TRACY SWARTZ

Belmont Bank & Trust has initiated foreclosure proceedings on a Bucktown home connected to the popular HGTV renovation series "Windy City Rehab."

The bank is seeking \$925,000 plus additional interest from 1727 W. Ellen LLC, which is managed by "Windy City Rehab" contractor Donovan Eckhardt and real estate broker William Fisher for mortgage due at 2147 W. Moffat St., according to a lawsuit filed last month in Cook County Circuit Court. A hearing is set for March 9. The bank says 1727 W. Ellen LLC defaulted on its loan when it failed to make a payment due Oct. 5, 2019. The Ellen LLC purchased the single-family home on Moffat in September 2017 and refinanced the mortgage twice — the last time a year ago for an \$865,000 loan, according to the lawsuit. The full amount now owed includes interest and late fees, the lawsuit states.

Fisher, Eckhardt and an attorney for Ridge Development Partners, the legal holder of the mortgage, did not respond to Tribune requests for comment. "Windy City Rehab" host Alison Victoria Gramenos was not named in this lawsuit.

Various financial documents were filed with the lawsuit, including mortgage paperwork that featured notary public Adriana Rodriguez's signature and seal.

Gramenos has accused



TRACY SWARTZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

This home at 2147 W. Moffat St., which is connected to the "Windy City Rehab" TV show, is the subject of a foreclosure lawsuit in Cook County Circuit Court.

Rodriguez of forging her name on financial documents related to other "Windy City Rehab" properties in a separate Cook County lawsuit filed last week. Rodriguez denied Gramenos' allegations, but agreed not to sign Gramenos' name to any paperwork or notarize any documents that contains Gramenos' purported signature. A court date has been set for April 16 in that case. Attorneys for Rodriguez and Gramenos declined to comment after appearing in court Friday.

It's unclear if 2147 W. Moffat will be part of the second season of "Windy City Rehab" which follows Gramenos and Eckhardt as they flip homes around Chicago. A neighbor recalled seeing cameras outside the Moffat home last year. It was one of more than a dozen addresses where the Chicago

Department of Buildings said it found violations when it temporarily suspended Eckhardt's general-contractor license over the summer.

Permit problems and legal woes have plagued the "Windy City Rehab" team in the last year. The city held a hearing last week on four "Windy City Rehab" properties it had deemed "dangerous and unsafe." The properties are to be kept vacant and secure until an April court hearing. A Lincoln Square couple, meanwhile, is suing Gramenos and Eckhardt over defects they say they found in their \$1.36 million home, which was featured on the first season of the show.

"Windy City Rehab" has been renewed for a second season, which is expected to premiere in the summer. tswartz@chicagotribune.com

## WATCH THIS: WEDNESDAY



David Boreanaz

**"SEAL Team"** (8:01 p.m., CBS): The military drama returns for its winter premiere with a two-hour premiere called "Siege Protocol: Part 1; Siege Protocol: Part 2." Set against a background of several life-altering moments on the homefront, the first hour finds Jason (David Boreanaz) and Bravo Team traveling to Caracas to extract a CIA agent who is being held hostage by Venezuela's Special Police.

**"The Goldbergs"** (7 p.m., ABC): Adam (Sean Giambrone) finds himself torn between the opposing forces of parental rules and peer pressure in the new episode "Body Swap," as he yearns to sneak off-campus with his friends to grab lunch at a mall food court, a move forbidden by mom Beverly (Wendi McLendon-Covey). Elsewhere, after he uses Barry's (Troy Gentile) college ID to get food at the dorm, Geoff (Sam Lerner) starts going overboard.

**"The Real Housewives of New Jersey"** (7 p.m., 9 p.m., Bravo): Season 10 wraps up tonight with a finale called "Family Reunion," which delivers an ultimate test to Margaret and Teresa's long friendship. Teresa and the girls make a trip to visit with Joe after he leaves ICE for Italy. The occasion prompts an emotional discussion between Joe and Teresa about the future of their relationship, if any.

**"Party of Five"** (8 p.m., FREE): An unanticipated family reunion in "Mexico" (also the title of this new episode) exposes cracks in the happy faces worn by both the Acosta children and their parents. Meanwhile, back in Los Angeles, Emilio (Brandon Larracunte) teams up with Natalia (Sol Rodriguez) to work on a new song, as well as bond over their respective romantic histories.

**"Good Trouble"** (9 p.m., FREE): In the new episode "Truths and Dares, Jamie (Beau Mirchoff) tries to protect Callie (Maia Mitchell), although it's not clear whether she really wants him to. Mariana (Cierra Ramirez) is surprised when she learns the identity of the person who wrote the anti-woman manifesto at work, while Malika (Zuri Adele) has an unexpected family reunion.

**"It's Personal With Amy Hoggart"** (9 p.m., TBS): You may have seen British comedy performer Amy Hoggart in her sly earlier work in the BBC America mockumentary series "Almost Royal," but more recently she's been a correspondent on TBS's "Full Frontal With Samantha Bee." Bee is the executive producer on this funny new venture that casts Hoggart as a completely unqualified life coach.

## TALK SHOWS

**"Conan"** (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Wanda Sykes.\*

**"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon"** (10:34 p.m., NBC): Former professional soccer player David Beckham; chef Guy Fieri; Doja Cat performs.\*

**"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert"** (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actor Jason Segel; journalist Charlotte Alter.\*

**"Jimmy Kimmel Live!"** (10:35 p.m., ABC): Actor Bob Odenkirk; comic Iliza Shlesinger; Soccer Mommy performs.\*

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	<b>MeTV</b> 26.3	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	Green Acres	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett
<b>H&amp;I</b> 26.4	Star Trek: "Arena." ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek ♦	
<b>Bounce</b> 26.5	Meet the Browns (PG-13,08) ©		♦ ♦ Tyler Perry, Angela Bassett. ©		What's Love Got to Do ♦			
<b>FOX</b> 32	The Masked Singer (N) ©		(8:01) LEGO Masters: "Movie Genres." (N) ©		Fox 32 News at Nine (N)		Modern Family ©	
<b>Ion</b> 38	Blue Bloods ©		Blue Bloods ©		Blue Bloods: "Blues."		Blue Blood ♦	
<b>TeleM</b> 44	♦ Exatlón EE. UU. (N)		La Doña (N) ©		Operación Pacífico (N) ©		Chicago (N)	
<b>MNT</b> 50	Chicago P.D. ©		Dateline (N)		Dateline ©		Chicago ♦	
<b>UniMas</b> 60	Enamorádonos				Noticiero (N)	Sin miedo a la verdad		
<b>WJVS</b> 62	Salem Baptist Church		Joyce Meyer	Robison	Coach's Cor.	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	
<b>Univ</b> 66	Ringo (N)		Amor eterno (N)		Rubí (N)		Noticias (N)	
CABLE	<b>AE</b>	PD Cam (N)	PD Cam (N)	America's Top Dog (N)		PD Cam	PD Cam	PD Cam ♦
	<b>AMC</b>	Ghostbusters (PG, '84) ♦ ♦ ♦ Bill Murray, Dan Aykroyd. ©				Ghostbusters II ('89) ♦ ♦ ♦		
	<b>ANIM</b>	I Was Prey: Under Attack: "No Safe Place." (N)				I Was Prey: "Night Terror."   I Was Prey ♦		
	<b>BBCA</b>	X-Men: The Last Stand (PG-13, '06) ♦ ♦ Hugh Jackman. ©				X-Men: The Last Stand ♦		
	<b>BET</b>	♦ Daddy's Little Girls ♦ ♦		Tyler Perry's Sistars (N)		BET Star Cinema		Killer ♦
	<b>BIGTEN</b>	♦ College Basketball (N)		College Basketball: Maryland at Minnesota. (N) ©				Postgame
	<b>BRAVO</b>	Housewives/NJ (Season Finale) (N)		Summer House (N) ©		Watch (N)	Housewives/NJ	
	<b>CNN</b>	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)		CNN Tonight (N)		Tonight (N) ♦
	<b>COM</b>	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	Nora (N)		Daily (N) ♦
	<b>DISC</b>	Expedition Unknown: "Ancient Ancestors Revealed." (N) ©						BM Tri. ♦
	<b>DISN</b>	Bunk'd ©	Gabby	Sydney-Max	Roll With It	Coop	Sydney-Max	Bunk'd ©
	<b>E!</b>	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	The Soup (N)	Nightly (N)	Botched ♦
	<b>ESPN</b>	♦ NBA Basketball: Mavericks at Spurs (N)				NBA Basketball: Celtics at Jazz (N)		
	<b>ESPN2</b>	♦ College Basketball (N)		College Basketball: LSU at Florida. (N) (Live)				SportCtr (N)
	<b>FNC</b>	Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News
	<b>FOOD</b>	Guy's Grocery Games		Guy's Grocery Games (N)		Guy's Grocery Games		Grocery ♦
	<b>FREE</b>	(5:30) 21 Jump Street (R)		Party of Five (N) ©		Good Trouble (N) ©		700 Club ♦
	<b>FX</b>	Daddy's Home (PG-13, '15) ♦ ♦ Will Ferrell. ©				Daddy's Home (PG-13, '15) ♦ ♦ ♦		
	<b>HALL</b>	Sister of the Bride (NR, '19) Becca Tobin. ©				Love on the Sidelines (NR, '16) © ♦		
	<b>HGTV</b>	Extreme Makeover (N)		100 Day Dream Home (N)		Property Brothers (N)		Hunt Intl (N)
	<b>HIST</b>	Forged in Fire: Epic Weapons: "Top Axes." (N) © ♦						
	<b>HLN</b>	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic
	<b>IFC</b>	♦ (6) Gladiator (R, '00) ♦ ♦ ♦ Russell Crowe, Joaquin Phoenix. ©				Year (N)		Watchmen ♦
	<b>LIFE</b>	Married at First Sight: "The L Word." (N) ©				Bride & Prejudice (Season Premiere) (N)		Bride ♦
	<b>MSNBC</b>	All In With (N)		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)
	<b>MTV</b>	Catfish: The TV Show (N)		True Life Crime (N) ©		Ridic. (N)	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous. ♦
	<b>NATGEO</b>	Locked Up Abroad ©		Locked Up Abroad (N) ©		To Catch a Smuggler ©		Smuggler ♦
	<b>NBSCH</b>	College Basketball: Evansville at Northern Iowa. (N)				World Class Champ Boxing (N)		
	<b>NICK</b>	♦ Journey 2-Mysterious Isl. Friends ©		Friends ©		Friends ©		Friends ♦
	<b>OVATION</b>	♦ (6) Sleepy Hollow (R, '99) ♦ ♦ ♦		The Silence of the Lambs (R, '91) ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦				
<b>OWN</b>	20/20 on OWN		20/20 on OWN		20/20 on OWN		20/20 ♦	
<b>OXY</b>	Snapped: "Rose Chase."		Snapped ©		Snapped: "Colette Reyes."		Snapped ♦	
<b>PARMT</b>	Four Brothers (R, '05) ♦ ♦ Mark Wahlberg. ©				68 Whiskey (N) ©		Four Bros ♦	
<b>SYFY</b>	♦ (6:30) Twister (PG-13, '96) ♦ ♦ ♦ Helen Hunt. ©				The Magicians (N) ©		Pride ♦	
<b>TBS</b>	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Hoggart (N)	Big Bang	Conan (N)	
<b>TCM</b>	Swing Time (NR, '36) ♦ ♦ ♦ Fred Astaire. ©				Royal Wedding (NR, '51) ♦ ♦ ♦			
<b>TLC</b>	My 600-Lb. Life: "Seana's Story." (N)				My Feet Are Killing Me		Save-Skin ♦	
<b>TLN</b>	Baptist	King	Focus on	The Three	Life Today	Exalted	Marriage ♦	
<b>TNT</b>	All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite (N) (Live) ©				All Elite Wrestling		Immortals ♦	
<b>TOON</b>	Home Movie	Burgers	Burgers	Rick, Morty	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Family Guy	
<b>TRAV</b>	Paranormal Ca.		Paranormal Caught on Camera (N) ©				Paranom. ♦	
<b>TVL</b>	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	King	King	
<b>USA</b>	WWE NXT (N) (Live) ©				Miz & Mrs	Miz & Mrs	Mod Fam ♦	
<b>VH1</b>	Black Ink Crew (N) ©		Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	
<b>WE</b>	Law & Order: "Crashers." ©		Law & Order ©		Law & Order: "Immortal." ©		Law ♦	
<b>WGN America</b>	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	
PREMIUM	<b>HBO</b>	The Outsider: "Foxhead." ©		Annabelle Comes Home (R, '19) ♦ ♦ ♦		Avenue 5		Pope ♦
	<b>HBO2</b>	The New Pope ©		REAL Sports Gumbel		Last Week		Alita: Battle Angel ♦ ♦ ♦
	<b>MAX</b>	BlackKkLansman (R, '18) ♦ ♦ ♦ John David Washington. ©				(9:15) Bad Times at the El Royale ♦		
	<b>SHO</b>	♦ (6:15) Shaft (R, '90) ♦ ♦ ♦		House Party (R, '90) ♦ ♦ ♦ Robin Harris. ©		(9:45) House Party 2 ♦		
	<b>STARZ</b>	♦ (5:35) Forrest Gump ('94)		Pulp Fiction (R, '94) ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ John Travolta. © ♦				
<b>STZNC</b>	♦ (5:07) The Aviator ♦ ♦ ♦		Lethal Weapon 3 (R, '92) ♦ ♦ ♦ Mel Gibson. ©				Rocky ♦	

## Weinstein

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counts."

The Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences instituted new standards of conduct for its members and ejected Weinstein, Bill Cosby and Roman Polanski from its ranks.

Studios, meanwhile, have become more cautious when hiring directors and actors who may have a history of offenses. Distributors and streaming services have increasingly placed "morality clauses" in contracts that allow them to pull out of projects if people involved are exposed for wrongdoing. Those clauses can be very broad, said Akin Gump entertainment lawyer Vanessa Foltyn Roman. "The first drafts we're seeing could cover everyone from the lead actor to the makeup artists," she said.

## Legal changes

The allegations against Weinstein have not only changed our society, but also the law.

Last year, the National Women's Law Center published a report noting that since 2017, 15 states have passed new laws protecting employees from sexual harassment and gender discrimination, including banning or placing limits on the use of nondisclosure agreements and extending the statute of limitations for victims seeking to file civil lawsuits against their abusers.

"This culture of secrecy and protecting harassers and marginalizing women once they've complained is much harder now," said Nancy Erika Smith, a partner at the Montclair, New Jersey, law firm Mullin & Smith, who has represented former Fox News anchor Gretchen Carlson and Weinstein accuser Rowena Chiu.

California was among the first states to restrict the use of NDAs when outgoing Gov. Jerry Brown



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Jennifer Lee, the HUMANITAS Family Feature Film award winner for Frozen 2, was named Disney Animation Studios' chief creative officer after the ouster of John Lasseter.

signed a bill that went into effect last year prohibiting nondisclosure provisions in settlements involving claims of sexual assault, harassment or discrimination based on sex. Advocates have held that NDAs, routinely used in settlement agreements, helped enable predators to continue to abuse and harass women.

Weinstein, Cosby and former Fox News personality Bill O'Reilly used NDAs when settling claims of sexual misconduct.

A number of states have expanded statutes of limitations for sex crimes. California passed legislation in 2018 giving victims of sexual violence 10 years instead of two to file a civil action against their abusers. Last year, both California and New York passed laws, allowing even more time for victims of child sexual abuse to file civil lawsuits against their assailants.

Advocates and legal experts point to the fact that Weinstein stood trial in Manhattan for multiple sexual assault charges (he also faces four counts of rape and sexual battery in Los Angeles) as an important shift.

Calling his prosecution a "sea change," Debra Katz, a partner at law firm Katz, Marshall & Banks, said: "This is a direct reflection of societal changes since #MeToo took place. The New York D.A. chose to

bring this case and charge Mr. Weinstein with the most serious of felonies. As a result of this societal reckoning, we are bringing people to account when they assault women."

In Hollywood, where actresses are often at the mercy of the male-dominated power structure for their next job, it's no longer business as usual.

"I think this notion that you can simply invoke the casting couch culture as an excuse for rape, those days are over," said Katz.

## Corporate upheaval

Allegations of harassment and other sexual misbehavior brought corporate upheaval at multiple major media companies, which became increasingly intolerant of questionable workplace behavior after Weinstein's implosion.

"Frozen" co-director Jennifer Lee was named chief creative officer of Walt Disney Animation Studios after the ouster of John Lasseter, who lost his job after he acknowledged "missteps" in his treatment of employees. Amazon in 2018 brought in Jennifer Salke to run its entertainment studio, replacing Roy Price, who left due to sexual harassment allegations. Ann Sarnoff last year became the first female CEO of the Warner Bros. film and TV studio, replacing

Kevin Tsujihara, who was pushed out following a sex scandal.

Putting women in positions of power is key to real change in the entertainment industry and beyond, Smith said.

"There have been changes, but nothing has changed until women share power, and I mean everywhere, in Hollywood and every other industry," Smith said. "If they remain male-dominated, men will continue to harass, abuse and retaliate against women."

Some men have begun to wage comebacks. Lasseter last year joined David Ellison's Skydance Media as head of its growing animation division. Weeks after Moonves' ouster from CBS, the embattled executive started a company in West Hollywood called Moon Rise Unlimited.

## Social activism

The hashtag #MeToo became more than a rallying cry, it launched a social movement, leading to the formation of several organizations to address sexual abuse and harassment in the entertainment industry. Outside of raising awareness, measurable successes have been mixed.

In 2017, a group of powerful entertainment figures launched the Hollywood Commission for Eliminating Sexual Harassment and Advancing Equality. Led by Anita Hill, who ignited sexual harassment awareness during the 1991 Senate confirmation hearings of Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, its mission is to "tackle the broad culture of abuse and power disparity."

The commission, backed by Lucasfilm President Kathleen Kennedy among others, has partnered with several major Hollywood organizations including Amazon, Netflix, Paramount and ICM. Last year, it initiated a survey to evaluate workplace culture within the entertainment industry.

Vowing to fight discrimi-

nation and sexual harassment and give voice and support to victims, 300 women came together in January 2018 to found Times Up. They took out "Dear Sister" newspaper ads and enlisted A-list actresses to dress in black at the Golden Globe Awards, where Oprah Winfrey used her speech to slam "a culture broken by brutally powerful men."

The group says it has raised over \$22 million for a legal fund to assist women. But its mission, efforts and internal dynamics have fallen short of its stated goals. Last February, Lisa Borders, former president of the Women's National Basketball Association, resigned as Time's Up president and chief executive after sexual misconduct allegations were levied against her son.

Still, activists have kept these issues in the public eye.

"What I do see is a consciousness that hadn't been there before and community building, particularly among women," said producer and former studio executive Amy Baer, board president of Women in Film. "There's a lack of trepidation about speaking up and speaking out for people with powerful voices like actresses and filmmakers, and that's been an amazing thing."

## Representation

The #MeToo movement resulted in a broader focus on female representation in Hollywood, especially the lack of opportunities for women in the director's chair and in top executive roles. For the second year in a row, no women were nominated for best director at the Oscars, despite numerous acclaimed female-led movies, including Greta Gerwig's "Little Women" and Lulu Wang's "The Farewell."

Though disparities remain, studios are slowly beginning to hire more female filmmakers. A January study by USC's Annenberg Inclusion Initiative found that 10.6% of the

directors of last year's 100 highest-grossing movies were women, up from 4.5% in 2018. In television, according to the Directors Guild of America, 31% of episodes during the 2018-19 season were directed by women, compared with 25% in the prior year.

The 2020 film schedule includes a few female-directed big-budget franchise films. Both of this year's Marvel Studios films are directed by women: The long-awaited "Black Widow" from Cate Shortland, and "The Eternals," led by Chloé Zhao. Patty Jenkins is returning for the DC sequel "Wonder Woman 1984," and the recent female villain movie "Harley Quinn: Birds of Prey" was helmed by Cathy Yan and written by Christina Hodson.

"If there's ever a time for women to break down doors and for women to get female-led stories out there, it's now," said "Once Upon a Time ... in Hollywood" producer Shannon McIntosh. She is producing a modern version of "Cinderella," directed by Kay Cannon ("Blockers"), for Sony Pictures. "Before, it was, 'Oh, no one wants that kind of movie,' and now people are saying, 'You have more of that kind of movie? Great!'"

#MeToo-related stories have even made it to the big screen, including "Bombshell," about the women of Fox News who took down Roger Ailes, which was nominated for two Oscars and won for makeup and hairstyling. "On the Record" Kirby Dick and Amy Ziering's new documentary about the numerous accusations of sexual misconduct and assault against music mogul Russell Simmons, was picked up by streaming service HBO Max at Sundance Film Festival after Apple TV+ dropped it.

Appropriately enough, the release of writer-director Kitty Green's "The Assistant," a movie with clear parallels to the Weinstein case, expanded its release to 157 domestic locations last weekend.

### Horoscopes



**Today's birthday** (Feb. 26): Expect professional growth this year. Teamwork strengthens foundations for common good. Your community scores a major goal this winter, before romantic and professional plot twists next summer inspire love, family and fun.

Relocation or renovation next winter incites new career heights. Share and collaborate to win.

**Aries** (March 21-April 19): Today is a 9. When you're ready, make your move. Keep your temper. Stifle impulsive outbursts. Watch for the perfect opportunity to advance a personal project. Lasting benefits result.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20): 7. Wait to see what develops. Don't get rushed. Plan and implement carefully. Consider consequences before taking action. Rest and review the options again.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20): 9. Connect with your community for shared stability and strength. Friends provide motivation, inspiration and encouragement. You can get farther together.

**Cancer** (June 21-July 22): 8. A professional challenge requires extra action. Things may not go according to plan. Adapt strategies for the current situation.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. An educational barrier could stall your plans. Talk with advisors and crew. Make adaptations and rearrange your itinerary as needed.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 9. Reassess your shared financial situation. Consider upcoming expenses and income. Look for ways to increase profits and minimize risks.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. If you can avoid an argument, you and a partner can take huge ground on a collaborative project. Don't get hooked. The prize is worth it.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Don't try to force a physical barrier. Use finesse and gentle pressure. Careful moves generate positive ripples. Slow for curves and obstacles. Show up.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Reality may not imitate a romantic fantasy. Composed talk and action help you past a temporary barrier. Resist impulsive outbursts. Keep your cool.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Cook up something delicious at home. Domestic creations nurture your family. Provide comfort and savory flavors. Clean up after for extra points.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 9. Prepare and edit creative projects. Document your research. Defend your position. Navigate a paperwork or bureaucratic hurdle. Share a compelling story to a wider audience.

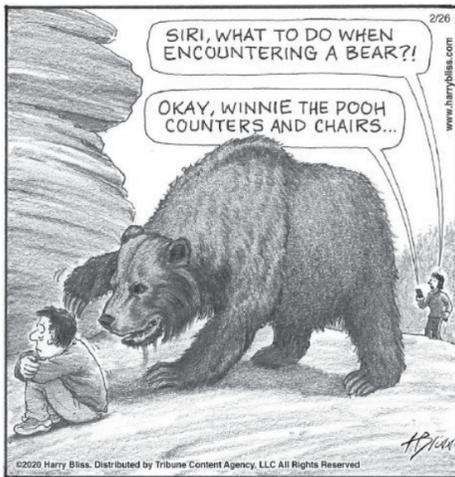
**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): 9. Keep your customers satisfied. The profit potential keeps growing. Don't dig into savings. Provide valuable services and invoice for them.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

### The Argyle Sweater



### Bliss



### Bridge

Both vulnerable, South deals

**North**  
 ♠ A K 8 7  
 ♥ J 4  
 ♦ J  
 ♣ Q J 10 7 5 4

**West**  
 ♠ Q 10 6  
 ♥ 9 6 2  
 ♦ A K 10 8 7  
 ♣ K 3

**South**  
 ♠ J 9  
 ♥ A K 5 3  
 ♦ Q 9 5 4  
 ♣ A 8 2

**East**  
 ♠ 5 4 3 2  
 ♥ Q 10 8 7  
 ♦ 6 3 2  
 ♣ 9 6

Eric Greco, one of the USA's leading players, was West in today's deal. It looks like declarer has 10 easy tricks on this deal, but Greco's remarkable defense defeated the contract by three tricks!

Greco got the discouraging two from partner on his ace of diamonds lead. He continued with the seven of diamonds to declarer's nine. South crossed to dummy with the ace of spades and ran the queen of clubs, smoothly ducked by Greco. South was afraid to play the ace and another club at this point in case East started with three

**The bidding:**

South	West	North	East
1♦	Pass	2♣	Pass
2NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
3NT	All pass		

**Opening lead: Ace of ♦**

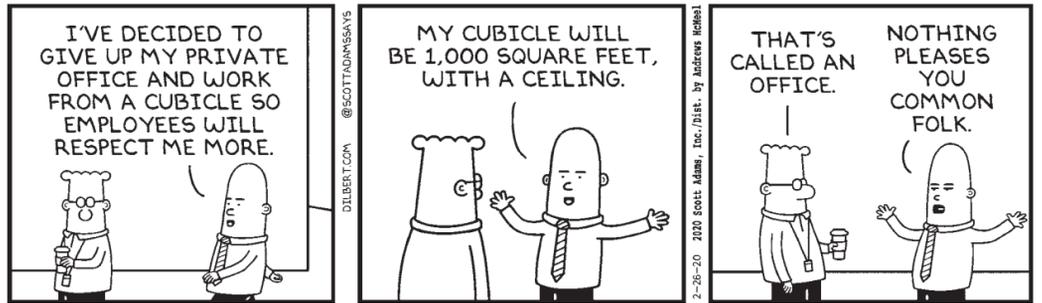
to the king. East would win and lead a diamond through declarer to defeat the contract. South ran the jack of clubs and lost to Greco's now singleton king.

Greco shifted to the queen of spades! This punned South's jack and at the same time cut declarer off from dummy while the clubs were blocked. Declarer countered by ducking the queen of spades. Had Greco led another spade, South would have won and discarded his ace of clubs to unblock the suit. Greco, however, shifted to a heart and there was nothing left for declarer to do. South was held to one spade, two hearts, one diamond, and two clubs. Down three!

Note that Greco had made the right play in all four suits. Well done!

— Bob Jones  
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### Dilbert



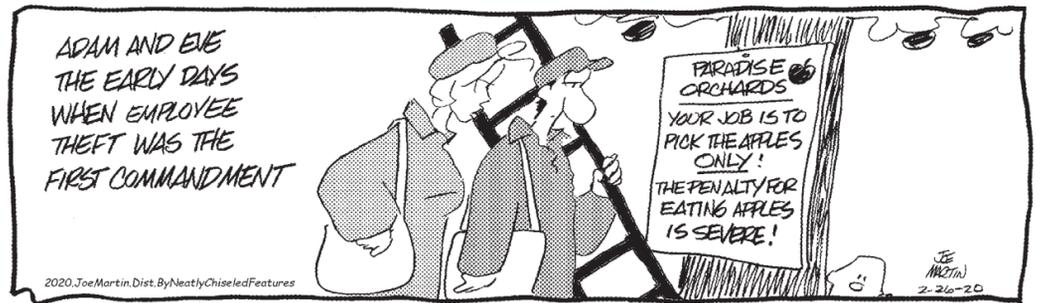
### Baby Blues



### Zits



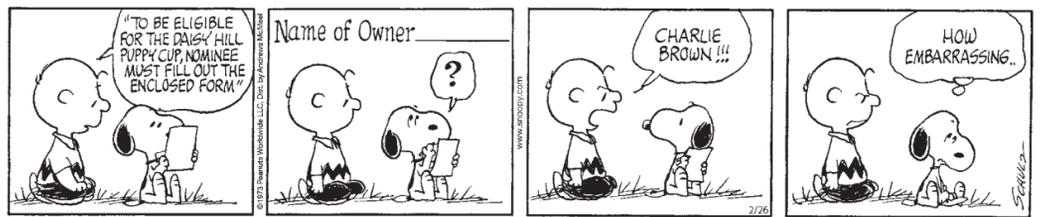
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### Frazz



### Classic Peanuts



### Pickles



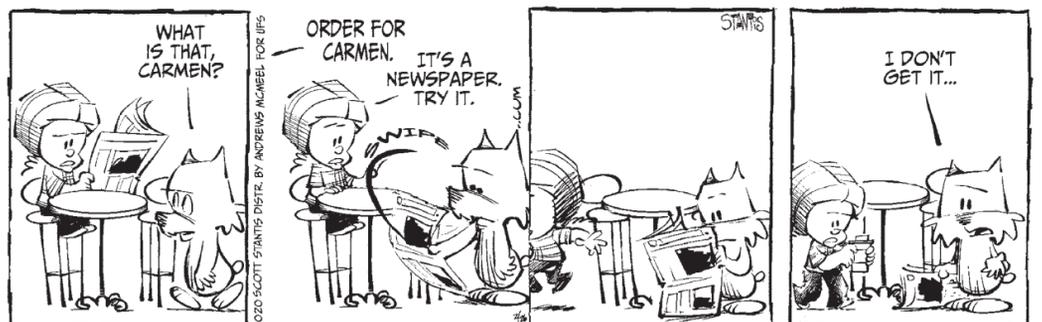
### Dick Tracy



### Animal Crackers



### Prickly City



**Dustin** By Steve Kelley and Jeff Parker



**For Better or for Worse** By Lynn Johnston



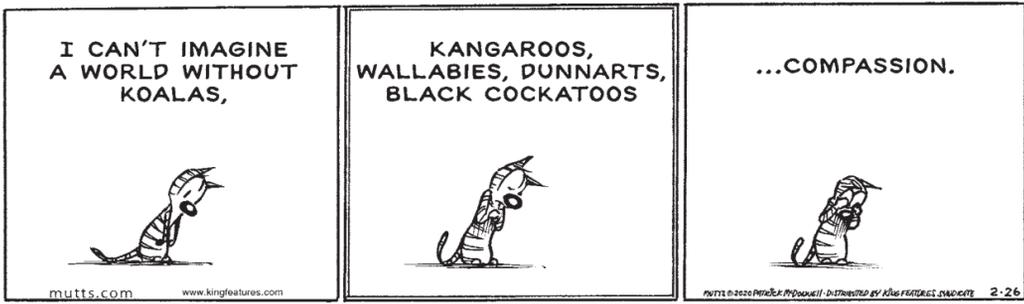
**Blondie** By Dean Young and John Marshall



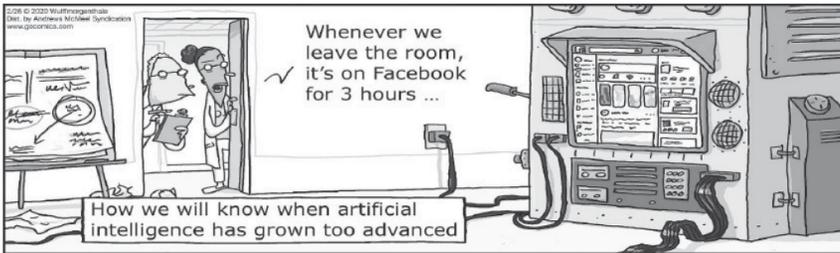
**Hägar the Horrible** By Chris Browne



**Mutts** By Patrick McDonnell



**WuMo** By Mikael Wulff and Anders Morgenthaler



**Sherman's Lagoon** By Jim Toomey



**Brewster Rockit: Space Guy!** By Tim Rickard



**Broom-Hilda** By Russell Myers

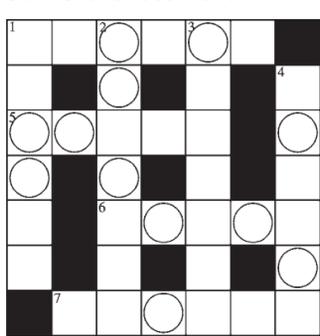


**Trivia Bits**

**In 2004, Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia joined what international group?**  
 A) European Union  
 B) NATO  
 C) OPEC  
 D) United Nations

Tuesday's answer: Antelope Island in Great Salt Lake is home to free-range bison herds.  
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**Jumble Crossword**



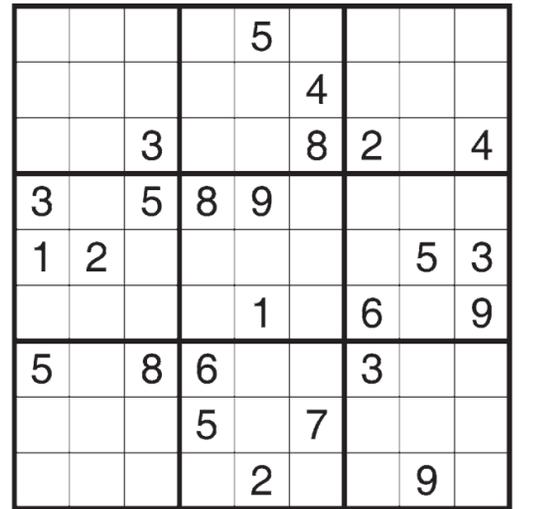
- CLUE ACROSS ANSWER**
- Level, flat
  - Suggest, hint
  - Build, put up
  - Beneficial
- CLUE DOWN ANSWER**
- Fragment, piece, slice
  - Subjugate
  - "Physician, heal \_\_\_\_"
  - "\_\_\_\_ Kombat"

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

**BONUS** [Grid]

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 ANSWERS: 1-A-SMOOTH 2-B-OPPRESS 3-D-TROUBLE 4-F-VEGETAL 5-A-FRUIT 6-A-FRUIT 7-A-IMPY 8-A-SMOOTH 9-A-SMOOTH 10-A-SMOOTH 11-A-SMOOTH 12-A-SMOOTH 13-A-SMOOTH 14-A-SMOOTH 15-A-SMOOTH 16-A-SMOOTH 17-A-SMOOTH 18-A-SMOOTH 19-A-SMOOTH 20-A-SMOOTH 21-A-SMOOTH 22-A-SMOOTH 23-A-SMOOTH 24-A-SMOOTH 25-A-SMOOTH 26-A-SMOOTH 27-A-SMOOTH 28-A-SMOOTH 29-A-SMOOTH 30-A-SMOOTH 31-A-SMOOTH 32-A-SMOOTH 33-A-SMOOTH 34-A-SMOOTH

**Sudoku** 1 2 3 4



7	1	3	9	5	8	2	4	6
6	9	4	2	1	7	8	5	3
2	8	5	6	3	4	9	1	7
5	2	9	8	4	6	7	3	1
8	7	6	1	9	3	4	2	5
4	3	1	7	2	5	6	9	8
1	4	8	3	7	2	5	6	9
9	5	7	4	6	1	3	8	2
3	6	2	5	8	9	1	7	4

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

**Tuesday's solutions**

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**Jumble**

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.

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 LOOCR  
 MRIEMS  
 UNDOEF

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**Answer here**

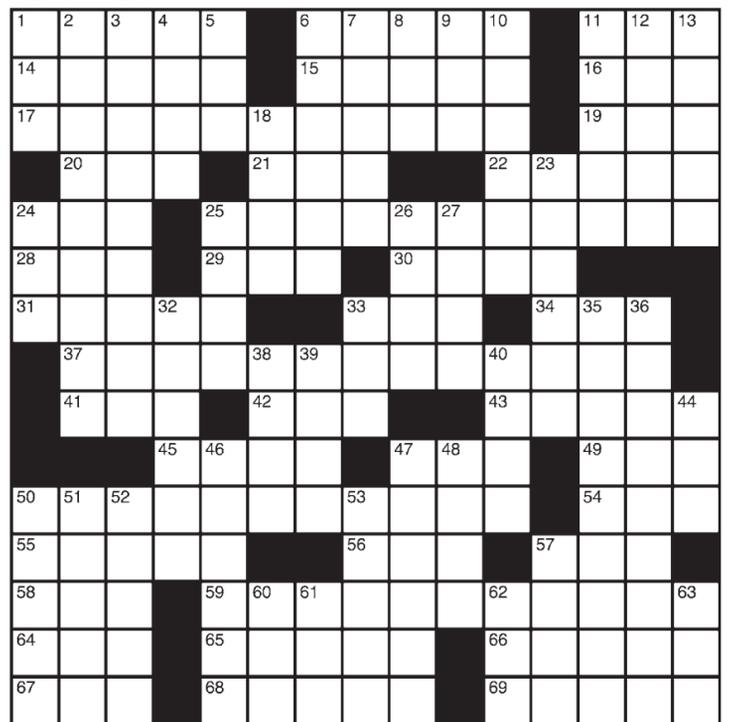


**Tuesday's answers**

Jumbles: INPUT LOFTY SAILOR AGENDA  
 Answer: The pessimist had such a negative attitude, that everyone considered him to be a - "NO"-IT-ALL

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**Crossword**



- Across**
- Commerce pact to be replaced by USMCA when it's ratified
  - 6 \_ circus
  - 11 Cook quickly
  - 14 Fluffed-up dos
  - 15 Apple music players
  - 16 Actress Longoria
  - 17 \*Top brass
  - 19 Outlaw
  - 20 Iraq War concern: Abbr.
  - 21 New beginning?
  - 22 Spine-tingling
  - 24 Farm female
  - 25 \*Response to wild applause
  - 28 Almost on "E"
  - 29 Biblical mount
  - 30 Attend
  - 31 "The Art of Loving" author Erich
  - 33 Cubs' home
  - 34 Fort Collins sch.
- Down**
- 37 \*Political metaphor about dealing with bureaucracy
  - 41 Wild blue yonder
  - 42 Unagi, e.g.
  - 43 Beyond angry
  - 45 Membership fees
  - 47 "Help!" at sea
  - 49 P-like letter
  - 50 \*Market-based pollution-control policy
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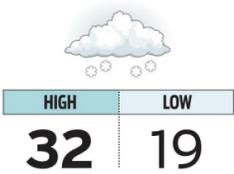
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WEDNESDAY, FEB. 26 NORMAL HIGH: 39° NORMAL LOW: 24° RECORD HIGH: 64° (2000) RECORD LOW: -1° (1963)

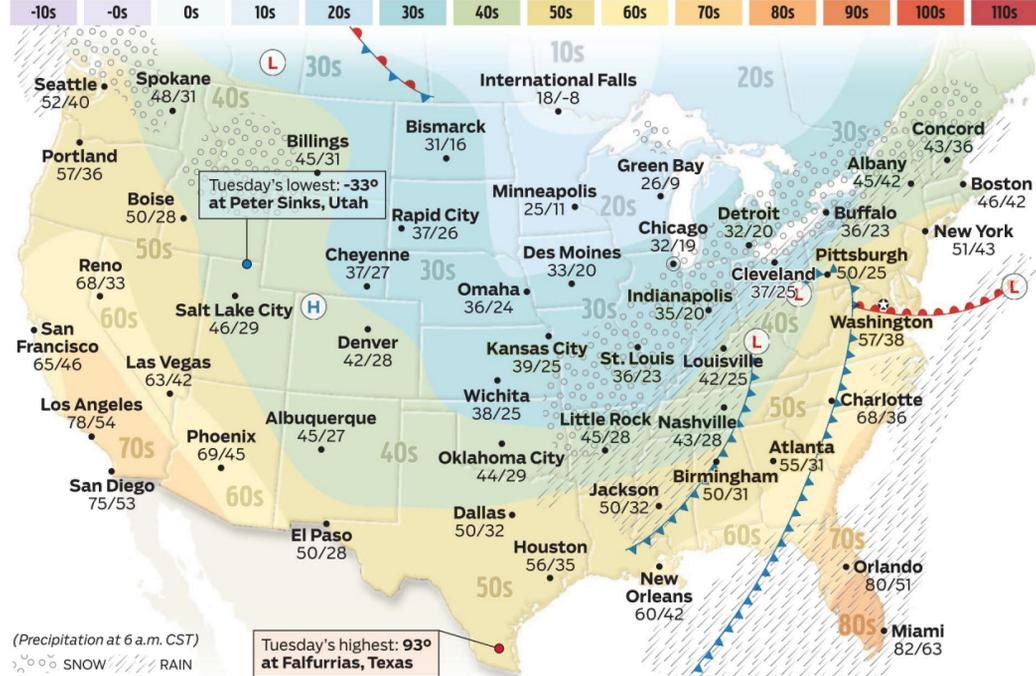
## Snow ends but cold winter winds remain

### LOCAL FORECAST



■ Winter weather advisory in effect through 6 p.m. WED. Lakeshore flood warning in effect through 3 p.m.  
 ■ Snow in the morning will taper to flurries and then end by early afternoon.  
 ■ Snow totals likely to be a dusting to 1" in the counties along the Wisconsin border, 1 to 4" from the city south with the higher totals south of the city. NW Indiana may have spots with up to 6".  
 ■ Very windy and colder. NNE winds turn NNW 16-30 mph with gusts to 35 mph.  
 ■ Breaks in the clouds overnight; windy.

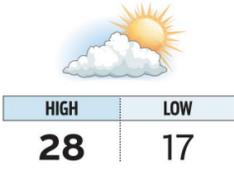
### NATIONAL FORECAST



The storm track that had threatened a more significant snow event shifted south, producing the greatest snowfall impact in the far south suburbs and northwest Indiana. Light snow will end early today with NW Indiana the last to see an end to snowfall. Strong NNE winds will turn NNW, helping keep high temperatures in the low 30s, well below the normal high of 39. Breezy northerly winds will be in place through Saturday, keeping wintry temperatures and wind chills in place until a warmup begins Sunday when winds shift to the south. Temps should reach the 40s early next week.

A gale warning is in effect for Lake Michigan until 9 p.m. tonight, producing waves up to 16 feet in height. A winter weather advisory and a lakeshore flood warning are also in effect.

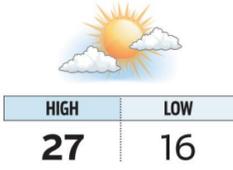
### THURSDAY, FEB. 27



Partly sunny, breezy and colder. Gusty WNW winds 12-24 mph. High in the upper 20s, more than 10 degrees below normal. Decreasing clouds overnight. Nighttime winds diminish. Cold low in the mid to upper teens.



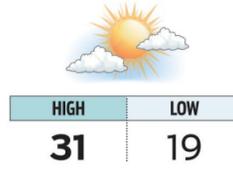
### FRIDAY, FEB. 28



Mostly sunny and continued cold. High in the mid to upper 20s. NW winds 10-18 mph keep daytime wind chills in the teens. Winds diminish overnight. Scattered nighttime clouds. Low about 5 degrees below normal.



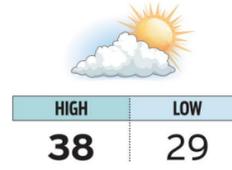
### SATURDAY, FEB. 29



More sun than clouds. Breezy NW winds 8-15 mph. Still chilly but warmer with a high in the low 30s. Winds diminish and turn west after sunset. Scattered clouds overnight.



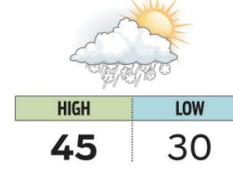
### SUNDAY, MARCH 1



Morning sun, then increasing clouds. S winds increase with gusts to 17 mph, helping warm temperatures to the upper 30s. Mostly cloudy overnight with a chance for flurries. Warmer nighttime with a low near 30.



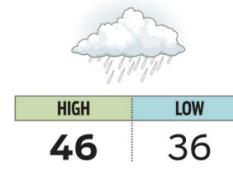
### MONDAY, MARCH 2



Mostly cloudy with a chance for an early wintry mix, becoming scattered rain showers by late morning. High in the mid 40s but cooler at the lakeshore with southeast winds 5-10 mph. Light rain overnight.



### TUESDAY, MARCH 3



Cloudy with a high again in the mid 40s but also cooler lakeside. Light rain early becomes steadier later in the day. Rain continues after sunset and may mix with or change to snow overnight.



### ASK TOM

Dear Tom,  
 I've heard of "killer asteroids" in the solar system. What is the chance of one striking the Earth?  
 Marissa Dowler

Dear Marissa,  
 The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has classified about 21,000 asteroids and 100 comets as near-Earth objects. Of that group, 2,000 are considered to be "potentially hazardous," meaning they are in orbits that come within 4.5 million miles of the Earth and large enough to cause massive devastation, should they strike. None has been found to pose a threat to the Earth in the next 100 years. However, astronomers have found only an estimated 40% of near-Earth objects. In July of 2019, a previously undetected asteroid that was 424 feet in diameter came within 45,000 miles of Earth. Had it struck, it would have gone off like a very large nuclear bomb.

Write to: ASK TOM  
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 Chicago, IL 60618  
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## Heaviest snows in southern areas; lakeshore flood warnings

### TUESDAY'S WINDS

Highest wind gusts\*  
 Through 4 p.m.

Waukegan	41 mph	NE
O'Hare	40 mph	NE
Midway	40 mph	NE
Wheeling	39 mph	N
W. Chicago	37 mph	N
Aurora	34 mph	NE
Rockford	33 mph	NE
Lockport	32 mph	NE
Monee	30 mph	NE
Kankakee	29 mph	NE
Schaumburg	28 mph	NNE
Lansing	25 mph	NNE

\*At area airport locations

### OVERNIGHT AND WEDNESDAY MORNING

Estimated total snowfall  
 Heaviest totals south



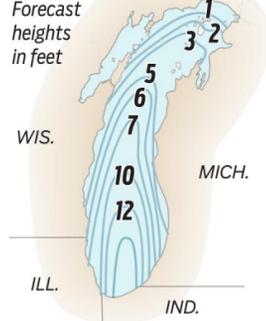
### WEDNESDAY

Lake Michigan's south shoreline being pounded

■ Lakeshore Flood Advisory  
 ■ Lakeshore Flood Warning



### 4 P.M. WED. WAVE HEIGHTS



### WINTER TEMPS IN CHICAGO

Warmest meteorological winters  
 Dec. 1 through Feb. 25 since 1933

TOP 5 WARMEST (MEAN AVERAGE TEMP)

2012	32.7°
2002	32.7°
1998	32.5°
1954	32.1°
2020	31.7°

### CHILLY DAYS AHEAD

Chicago's predicted high temperatures—and daily departures from normal

FORECAST

DATE	WE	TH	FR	SA	SU	MO	TU
26	32°	28°	27°	31°	38°	45°	46°
	-7°	-11°	-12°	-3°	-2°		

SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, NWS archives

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### CHICAGO DIGEST

#### TUESDAY TEMPERATURES

LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	41	32	Midway	39	33
Gary	37	34	O'Hare	41	34
Kankakee	36	32	Romeoville	40	33
Lakefront	37	32	Valparaiso	37	33
Lansing	36	32	Waukegan	37	33

#### CHICAGO PRECIPITATION

PERIOD	2020	NORMAL
Tue. (through 4 p.m.)	Trace	0.08"
February to date	0.61"	1.56"
Year to date	3.41"	3.29"

#### CHICAGO SNOWFALL

PERIOD	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Tue. (through 4 p.m.)	Trace	0.1"
Season to date	25.2"	24.0"
Normal to date	28.7"	29.9"

#### LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
Wind	N 25-35 kts. NW 15-25 kts.
Waves	8-16 feet 4-7 feet
Tue. shore/crib water temps	40°/38°

#### U.S. SNOW COVER

FEB. 26	2020	2019
Area covered by snow	29.3%	49.4%
Average snow depth	4.3"	7.8"

#### TRACKING THE COLD

SINCE OCT. 15	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Sub-32° highs	22 days	19 days
Subzero lows	1 days	1 days

#### CHICAGO AIR QUALITY

Tuesday's reading: Good  
 Wednesday's forecast: Good  
 Critical pollutant: Particulates

#### WEDNESDAY RISE/SET TIMES

Sun	6:30 a.m.	5:36 p.m.
Moon	8:13 a.m.	8:35 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY PLANET WATCH

PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	6:18 a.m.	5:42 p.m.
Venus	8:11 a.m.	9:21 p.m.
Mars	3:27 a.m.	12:29 p.m.
Jupiter	4:14 a.m.	1:29 p.m.
Saturn	4:46 a.m.	2:14 p.m.

#### BEST VIEWING TIME DIRECTION

PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	Not visible	
Venus	6:15 p.m.	33.5° WSW
Mars	5:30 a.m.	16° SE
Jupiter	6:00 a.m.	14.5° SE
Saturn	5:45 a.m.	9° SE

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## HEALTH &amp; FAMILY



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# Heart risks during pregnancy

BY ALISON BOWEN

Cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death during pregnancy and the postpartum period, and U.S. health experts are working to better understand why so many moms are dying.

But many women might be unaware of their heart risks while pregnant — and the importance of taking steps to improve heart health is becoming clearer in light of a new study.

On Feb. 17, Northwestern Medicine researchers published what they say is the first study to examine the cardiovascular health of pregnant women in the United States.

Using 15 years of data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, the *Journal of the American Heart Association* article analyzed records of 1,117 pregnant and 8,200 nonpregnant women, assessing key factors including diet, exercise and blood pressure.

Among pregnant women, the study found 4.6% had high cardiovascular health, 61% had moderate cardiovascular health and 35% had low cardiovascular health. Younger women and African Americans were most affected.

Such figures mean doctors need to do more to assess the heart health of pregnant patients, said James Martin, chair of the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists' Pregnancy and Heart Disease Task Force.

"We must think of heart disease as a possibility in every pregnant or postpartum patient we see, to detect and treat

**Fewer than 5% of pregnant women have good cardiovascular health, Northwestern study finds. Experts say doctors need to do more in response.**

at-risk mothers," Martin said in a statement.

Black women are particularly at risk while pregnant; in Illinois, they were six times more likely to die from pregnancy-related conditions, according to a 2018 review of cases. The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, while recommending in 2019 that all women be assessed for heart disease while pregnant, noted black women's risk of dying from cardiovascular disease was 3.4 times higher than that of white women, a disparity it attributed in part to racial bias and racism in the health care system.

During pregnancy, the heart works harder and pumps more blood, which can reveal underlying heart issues or lead to conditions like a heart attack, chest pain or stroke. Some patients already know they have issues like congenital heart disease, but many others develop problems while pregnant.

"Sometimes women don't know they have heart disease, and because of these changes in pregnancy, lo and behold, they start having problems," said Marla Mendelson, medical director of Northwestern Medicine's Heart Disease and Pregnancy Program at the Bluhm Cardiovascular Institute, which includes maternal-fetal medicine, anesthesia and obstetrics specialists.

It's not only an important time for the baby's health, but also for the mother's health after birth, said Amanda Marma Perak, preventive cardiologist at Lurie Children's Hospital.

"A lot of women don't know, and far too many women neglect their heart health," Perak said.

In Illinois, 22% of 140 maternal deaths studied from 2002 to 2011 were related to cardiovascular disease, according to a 2019 article in the *American Heart Association's* journal *Circulation: Cardiovascular Quality and Outcomes*. The state's 2018 maternal mortality review included several examples of women with cardiac conditions.

Despite these risks, heart issues among women are still not fully understood. In part, this is because of a lack of research; it can be difficult to study pregnancy, which includes many changes in the body. But, Perak said, it is not impossible.

"Obviously it is a really important time," Perak said. "I think we're improving in our knowledge of it, but we still have a long way to go."

Cardiologists are only now beginning to realize their role in assessing heart health during pregnancy, said Nandita Scott, a cardiologist and co-director of the Corrigan Women's Heart Health Program at Massachu-

setts General Hospital.

Cardiologists do not get extensive training regarding pregnancy — Scott said she didn't receive much — and only recently has the field of cardio-obstetrics emerged.

The American Heart Association recommends creating more cardio-obstetrics teams, which could include experts from cardiology, obstetrics, maternal-fetal medicine, anesthesia and nursing. In 2018, the American Heart Association and the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists released a joint advisory stressing the need for medical providers to team up to better identify heart risks.

In Kansas City, Missouri, St. Luke's Hospital is beginning a Heart Outcomes in Pregnancy Expectations, or HOPE Registry, which will collect and study data to better understand maternal heart disease.

A number of factors impact heart health among pregnant women. Patients with diabetes or high blood pressure can be at higher risk; other factors include being overweight, getting pregnant later in life or having a multiple gestation pregnancy.

The risk does not end after childbirth. Women can be vulnerable for weeks, and even months, after giving birth. Patients with hypertension during pregnancy, for example, should continue to have their

blood pressure monitored, Mendelson said.

The six weeks following childbirth is a high-risk time for complications, but many women don't see their doctor during that time. The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists has recommended earlier follow-up visits, and health experts also say home visits by a nurse after birth can make it easier to spot and assess issues for both mom and baby. For patients with hypertensive disorders or heart disease, a follow-up with a provider within 14 days is recommended.

"Also, realize that you need to advocate for yourself," Scott said of mothers, noting that even tennis star Serena Williams said she had to alert doctors when something felt off, ultimately revealing blood clots in her lungs after her daughter was born in 2017.

Women can reduce their risk for heart issues by entering pregnancy, when possible, in their best physical shape. Plan a heart-healthy diet: lots of fruits and vegetables, lean proteins like fish and low-fat dairy. Limit processed foods like soda and packaged snacks, which have a lot of sugar and salt. Talk to your doctor about exercise, which is often safe and beneficial. Even a brisk walk for 20 or 30 minutes can get your heart rate up.

And know the symptoms of heart issues.

"The things that we really watch out for: difficulty breathing when lying down; any type of chest pain should be evaluated; rapid heart rate," Mendelson said. "These are signs that there may be a problem."

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Donna Feaster, a registered nurse, administers flu shots during a free flu shot clinic in Chicago in 2018.

## Illinois bill would end religion exemption for vaccinating kids

BY KATE THAYER

Under newly introduced state legislation, parents in Illinois would no longer be able to claim religion as a reason to refuse vaccinations for their children — a move backed by public health officials as a way to stave off outbreaks of diseases once thought to be eradicated, and shunned by groups vocal about their objections to vaccines.

The bill introduced on Feb. 14 would also limit the reasons allowed for a medical exemption for the immunizations required to enter all Illinois schools, and

would allow students as young as 14 to obtain a vaccine without the consent of their parents. If passed, Illinois would become the sixth state to remove religious exemptions, effectively making only certain medical conditions or reactions a way for students in Illinois schools to avoid vaccination.

"People don't recall the dangers of these (diseases) and what can happen," said state Sen. Heather Steans, D-Chicago, the main sponsor of the legislation. "We've been going in the wrong direction. Our population is going down, and the number of kids

who are not vaccinated is going up."

In 2016, the state tightened the rules surrounding religious exemptions, requiring that health care providers sign off and verify that they had provided vaccine education. Despite that, religious exemptions have increased for several vaccines, according to state records. Exemptions based solely on personal or philosophical beliefs are not allowed in Illinois.

Medical experts say high vaccination rates — usually 95% or

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# What to do if a home health agency ditches you

BY JUDITH GRAHAM  
Kaiser Health News

Craig Holly was determined to fight when the home health agency caring for his wife decided to cut off services Jan. 18.

The reason he was given by an agency nurse? His wife was disabled but stable, and Medicare was changing its payment system for home health.

Euphrosyne “Effie” Costas-Holly, 67, has advanced multiple sclerosis. She can’t walk or stand and relies on an overhead lift system to move from room to room in their house.

Costas-Holly wasn’t receiving a lot of care: just two visits every week from aides who gave her a bath, and one visit every two weeks from a nurse who evaluated her and changed her suprapubic catheter, a device that drains urine from a tube inserted in the abdomen.

But even that little bit helped. Holly, 71, has a bad back and is responsible for his wife’s needs 24/7. Her urologist didn’t have a lift system in his office and had told the couple it was safer to have Costas-Holly’s catheter changed regularly at home.

Holly wasn’t sure what to do. Call his congressman and lodge a complaint? Write a letter to the director of the home health agency owned and operated by Hartford HealthCare Corp., one of the largest health care systems in Connecticut?

Things snapped into focus when Holly attended a presentation about Medicare’s home health services by Kathleen Holt, associate director of the Center for Medicare Advocacy.

If you’re told Medicare’s home health benefits have changed, don’t believe it: Coverage rules haven’t been altered and people are still entitled to the same types of services, Holt told the group.

All that has changed is how Medicare pays agen-



Craig Holly and wife Euphrosyne “Effie” Costas-Holly, who has advanced multiple sclerosis.

cies under a new system known as the Patient-Driven Groupings Model, or PDGM. This system applies to home health services for older adults with original Medicare. Managed-care-style Medicare Advantage plans, which serve about one-third of Medicare beneficiaries, have their own rules.

Under PDGM, agencies are paid higher rates for patients who need complex nursing care and less for people with long-term chronic conditions who need physical, occupational or speech therapy.

Holly got lucky. When he reached out to Holt, she suggested points to bring up with the agency. Tell them your wife’s urologist wasn’t consulted about a possible discharge from home health, doesn’t agree with this move and is willing to recertify Effie for ongoing

home health services, Holt advised.

Within hours, the agency reversed its decision and said Costas-Holly’s services would remain in place.

A Hartford HealthCare spokesman said he couldn’t comment on the situation, citing privacy laws. “Our goal is to continue to provide the right care at the right place at the right time with the orders reflecting the specific treatment goals and medical needs of each patient,” he wrote in an email.

“No patients have had services reduced as a result of Medicare’s implementation of the PDGM program.”

But therapists, home health agencies and association leaders say patients across the country are being told they no longer qualify for certain services or that services have to be

cut back or discontinued.

What should you do if this happens to you? Experts have several suggestions:

**Get as much information as possible.** If your agency says you no longer need services, ask your nurse or therapist what criteria you no longer meet, said Jason Falvey, a physical therapist and postdoctoral research fellow in the geriatrics division at Yale School of Medicine.

Does the agency think skilled services are no longer necessary and that a family member can now provide all needed care? Does it believe the person receiving care is no longer homebound? (To receive Medicare home health services, a person must be homebound and in need of intermittent skilled nursing or therapy services.)

“If the therapist or the agency says that Medicare doesn’t cover a particular service any longer, that should raise red flags because Medicare hasn’t changed its benefits or clinical criteria for home health coverage,” Falvey said.

**Enlist your doctor’s help.** Armed with this information, get in touch with the physician who ordered home health services for you.

“Your physician should be aware if you feel you’re not getting the services you need,” said Kara Gainer, director of regulatory affairs for the American Physical Therapy Association.

“Doctors should not be sitting on the sidelines; they should be advocating for their patients,” said William Dombi, president of the National Association for Home Care and Hospice.

**Take it up the chain of command.** Meanwhile, let people at the home health agency know that you’re contesting any decision to reduce or terminate services.

When someone begins home health services, an agency is required to give them a sheet, known as the “Patient Bill of Rights,” with the names and phone numbers of people who can be contacted if difficulties arise. Contact the agency’s clinical supervisor.

“Call us and trigger a conversation,” said Bud Langham, chief strategy and innovation officer at Encompass Health, which provides home health services to 45,000 patients in 33 states.

Also, contact the organization in your state that oversees home health agencies and let them know you believe your agency isn’t following Medicare’s rules, said Sharmila Sandhu, vice president of regulatory affairs for the American Occupational Therapy Association.

**Contact Medicare’s ombudsman.** Unlike nursing homes, home health agencies don’t have designated long-term ombudsmen who represent patients’ interests. But you can contact 1-800-Medicare and ask a representative to submit an inquiry or complaint to the general Medicare ombudsman. The ombudsman is tasked with looking into disputes brought to its attention.

**File an expedited appeal.** If a home health agency plans to discontinue services altogether, staff are required to give you a “Notice of Medicare non-coverage” stating the date on which services will end, the reason for termination and how to file a “fast appeal.” (This notice must be delivered at least two days before services are due to end.) You have to request an expedited appeal by noon of the day after you receive this notice.

A Medicare Quality Improvement Organization will handle the appeal and generally get back to you within three days. In the meantime, your home health agency is obligated to continue providing services.

**Shop around.** Multiple home health agencies operate in many areas. Some may be for-profit, others not-for-profit.

While this may not be possible in smaller towns or rural areas, in urban areas many choices are typically available.

**Contact an advocate.** The Center for Medicare Advocacy has been hearing from patients who are being given misinformation related to Medicare’s new home health payment system. Advocates such as the Center for Medicare Advocacy or the Medicare Rights Center (help line: 800-333-4114) can help you understand what’s going on and potentially intervene on your behalf.

## Vaccines

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more, depending on the disease — are necessary to protect those who cannot be vaccinated due to autoimmune disorders or other medical reasons. But distrust in vaccines has caused some Americans to refuse vaccines for their children despite wide availability. This, in part, is blamed for the re-emergence of some diseases like measles, according to the World Health Organization, which considers vaccine hesitancy a global health threat.

This has sparked policies like the Illinois bill across the country, aimed at increasing vaccination rates by limiting the reasons students can be exempt and still enroll in school.

“Vaccination is the best way to protect children from numerous diseases that can cause severe illness and death. Last year, the U.S. responded to the worst outbreak of measles in 25 years, largely due to pockets of unvaccinated people,” Melaney Arnold, spokeswoman for the Illinois Department of Public Health, said in a statement. The department is backing the legislation as a way to increase vaccination rates across the state “and reduce the risk of severe illness among our most vulnerable populations.”

And in another bill introduced on Feb. 11, the HPV vaccine would be added to the schedule of immunizations required by all Illinois schools. The vaccine — a series of two or three shots, depending on the age of the child — was introduced in 2006 and, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, can prevent about 90% of cancers caused by the human papillomavirus, a sexually transmitted disease experts say nearly every sexually active adult has been exposed to. The virus lies dormant in some, but

in others can cause genital warts or six types of cancer: cervical, throat, penial, anal, vaginal and vulva, according to the CDC.

Despite public education campaigns touting its cancer-preventing ability, the HPV series, which usually begins at age 11, has lower compliance rates compared with other vaccines, though the number is on the rise, according to the CDC. In Illinois, about 66% of students ages 13 to 17 in 2017 had received at least the first shot in the HPV series, according to the most recent CDC data.

Requiring the first HPV shot to enter sixth grade, and completion of the series by high school, would improve rates throughout the state, said state Rep. Robyn Gabel, D-Evanston, sponsor of the bill.

“This is the only vaccine that prevents cancer,” she said. “If this is part of the school requirement, we expect rates to go up to 80% or 90%, which is where they need to be.”

But a coalition of several parent groups whose members oppose some or all vaccines for a variety of reasons are opposed to both pieces of legislation. They’re taking to social media and contacting Illinois legislators, voicing their complaints. Some vow to leave the state should the bills pass.

Medical choice should be left up to parents and families, not the government, said Christina Giunta, a Naperville mom and senior legislative liaison for the Illinois Vaccine Awareness Coalition.

Giunta said she believes her 20-year-old son’s reactions to vaccines in his infancy caused medical problems. She eventually obtained a medical exemption for him to enter school, and stopped immunizations. Her 16-year-old daughter has received no vaccines and also has a medical exemption, which Giunta said would no longer qualify if the legislation passes.

She said parents like her are worried about the

ingredients in many vaccines, including the HPV series. And Giunta also cites a 1986 federal act that precludes litigation against drug companies for bad reactions to vaccines given in childhood, instead funneling claims into a fund that pays families.

“You have got state government, as a requirement of school attendance, mandating a liability-free product,” she said. “I do believe there should be choice. There should be medical choice.”

“We will leave,” Giunta added. “They’ll see lots of families leave Illinois.”

But the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Academy of Family Physicians, the American Medical Association and other professional medical groups say vaccines are safe, despite misinformation and myths. For the HPV vaccine, specifically, some parents don’t understand that the vaccine is not only safe, but most effective when given early, even if that’s long before a child is sexually active, said Dr. Sean O’Leary, associate professor of pediatrics and infectious diseases at the University of Colorado School of Medicine.

“If you think about that argument as you think about other vaccines and prevention, you do preventive measures way before it’ll be an issue,” he said. “When do you have (kids) put their bike helmet on? Before they get on the bike or when they’re about to get into a wreck?”

Dr. Edward Pont, an Elmhurst pediatrician and government affairs chair of the Illinois chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics, said he’s seen more awareness in recent years of the benefits of the HPV vaccine, but both pieces of legislation are designed to improve the overall health of the state.

“I don’t see these efforts as punitive,” he said. “I see these efforts as promoting public health.”

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## Q&A

### Lifestyle changes, medication help in treatment of gout

Mayo Clinic

**Years ago, I had gout in my toe, but I didn’t need medication other than ibuprofen. After it went away, I never had any other issues. But over the past few weeks, it has come back and is painful. Is there anything that I can do to reverse it at this point? What treatments are available?**

Gout is a common form of inflammatory arthritis that can flare up quickly, causing intense pain. Successfully treating gout involves a combination of lifestyle changes and medication. Maintaining those changes over time can help keep gout at bay, and you may need to take medication long term too.

Gout develops as a result of urate crystals building up in a joint. Those needle-like crystals form when you have high levels of uric acid in your blood. Your body produces uric acid as it breaks down purines — substances found naturally in the body, as well as in certain foods and beverages. Normally, uric acid dissolves in your blood and passes through your kidneys into the urine. But in some cases, your body makes too much uric acid, or your kidneys flush out too little uric acid, and it builds up to form urate crystals.

Although gout can affect any joint, it most often occurs at the base of the big toe. Symptoms include significant joint pain, swelling, tenderness and redness. Gout symptoms usually develop quickly, and can linger from several days to several weeks.

There are steps you can take to ease gout symptoms and lower your risk of future flare-ups. First, assess your diet. To reduce your gout risk, eat fruits, vegetables, whole grains, and fat-free or low-fat milk products. Get your protein mainly from low-fat dairy products, which may have a protective effect against gout. Limit the amount of meat, fish, seafood and poultry that you eat.

Second, drink plenty of fluids: 8 to 16 cups, or 2 to 4 liters, of fluid daily, with at least half of that water. Limit or avoid alcohol, especially beer, which can increase the risk of gout.

Third, exercise regularly and maintain a healthy weight. If you’re overweight, your body makes more uric acid, and your kidneys have a harder time eliminating it. But even though losing weight may decrease uric acid levels, avoid fasting or rapid weight loss. That may temporarily raise uric acid levels and worsen gout symptoms.

Gout treatment also

involves medication. An acute gout attack often can be managed with over-the-counter nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, or NSAIDs, such as ibuprofen. In severe cases, your health care provider may recommend a more powerful prescription NSAID, such as indomethacin or celecoxib.

The overall goal of gout treatment is to reduce the level of uric acid in the blood to less than 6 milligrams per deciliter. In people with long-standing, aggressive disease, the target is less than 5 milligrams per deciliter. To achieve that, your health care provider may recommend a medication called allopurinol and adjust the dose until your blood uric acid level is at the goal.

The specific type of gout medication that’s right for you depends on your medical history and current health status. Your health care provider can work with you to decide what’s best for your situation.

— Ronald Butendieck Jr., M.D., Rheumatology, Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville, Florida

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# Seven foods with more vitamin C than an orange

BY LAUREN WICKS  
Health.com

The orange has become the poster child for vitamin C intake. And while it is an excellent source, there are plenty of other foods that pack an even bigger punch.

While vitamin C deficiencies have become more uncommon in the U.S., winter is an especially important time to ensure you're getting enough of this immunity-boosting nutrient, especially when there's a nasty flu going around. These seven foods make meeting the daily requirement (90 mg) an easy feat, and they all have more vitamin C than an average-size orange.

**1. Bell peppers.** Bell peppers are the greatest vegetable source of vitamin C, and depending on the color, they can pack almost 150 mg in a half-cup serving. Cooked red and green peppers give you the most vitamin C, while red and yellow are best for consuming raw. The best thing about bell peppers is their versatility; they can be seen across all cuisines from stir-fries to fajitas. They also make a great snack when served alongside your favorite hummus.

**2. Guava.** There are several tropical fruits on this list, but guava earns the top spot with 206 mg of vitamin C per fruit. While guava is not a terribly common ingredient in American cuisine, it should find its way into your kitchen — it's a great source of potassium and fiber, which aid in digestion and heart health. Try it in your next baking venture or add some to your morning smoothie.

**3. Chile peppers.** Chile peppers make a huge impact on your vitamin C intake, and just one green chile pepper contains 109



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Bell peppers, top, and guava have more vitamin C than an average-size orange.

mg. Poblano and ancho chile peppers are two of the most popular varieties and make great additions to soups, tacos, condiments and more. If you don't like the heat, opt for bell peppers instead.

**4. Strawberries.** Just 1 cup of strawberries gives you more than enough vitamin C for the day. While we love a good orange in winter, strawberries are perfect during those warmer months when they are at their sweetest and brightest. We love using these red berries in everything from sweet treats to salads, as they are full of fiber and help satisfy a sweet tooth.

**5. Kiwi.** The cute little kiwifruit doesn't mess around when it comes to keeping your immune system happy and healthy. One large kiwi provides 80

mg of vitamin C, which nearly meets the daily requirement. Besides being an excellent immunity booster, kiwi is great for your eye health — its nutrients help prevent cataracts and macular degeneration.

**6. Kale.** One cup of raw kale provides 80 mg of vitamin C and also packs hefty doses of vitamin A, vitamin B and calcium. We love thinking outside the box when it comes to serving this healthy green veggie (like turning leaves into delicious, crispy chips!)

**7. Papaya.** Famous in skin care for its anti-aging properties, but it also boasts anti-cancer and anti-inflammatory abilities. Like the other tropical fruits on this list, you can usually find it in a Latin American grocery store if not at your local supermarket.

## PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

# Eating 'stressed plants' may be way to good health

BY JOE GRAEDON AND TERESA GRAEDON  
King Features Syndicate

**Q: You interviewed a doctor on your radio show who recommended eating stressed plants. What does that mean? Where would I find them? And what is the point?**

**A:** Dr. David A. Sinclair, author of "Lifespan: Why We Age — and Why We Don't Have To," is an expert on the factors that contribute to good health in later years. He has studied the effects of plant compounds, such as resveratrol and sirtuins, on aging in mice.

Plants make a range of such defensive compounds when insects start eating them or they don't have enough water. So the stressed plants you seek would be grown in your backyard or at the farmers market. Organically grown fruits and vegetables have to work harder to defend themselves, so they might be a good choice at the supermarket.

**Q: For years I took tons of over-the-counter aids such as Zantac or Prilosec and ate Tums like candy. So do all my family members.**

**Somewhere I came across a tip to drink apple cider vinegar to diminish heartburn. Drinking ACV was gross. However, in less than a week, I noticed less heartburn. I kept it up (drinking about 2 tablespoons a day). Once it stopped hurting, I switched to ACV pills. Anyway, it has been 10 years now and I no longer take two or three (300 mg) pills a day. Usually I need them just a few times a week or even a month, but if that old burn starts bubbling up, I swallow three and within an hour I'm all better.**



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You can find stressed plants at your local farmers market.

**My family members still pour down lots of Tums, Prilosec and the like because they won't listen to me. I am the first to admit it seems crazy.**

**A:** We agree that it's hard to understand how this popular remedy for indigestion is working. Nonetheless, we have heard from many other readers who have found it helpful.

Scientists have not studied this approach to understand how or even whether it works. However, two investigators have written about apple cider vinegar and other remedies for esophageal symptoms (Current Gastroenterology Reports, July 10, 2019). They note: "A substantial gap persists between anecdotal and empirical understandings of the majority of non-pharmacologic remedies for esophageal symptoms. This landscape of popular treatments nevertheless raises several interesting mechanistic hypotheses and compelling opportunities for future research."

**Q: Do you have any information about honokiol, a magnolia bark derivative used for some centuries in regions of Asia? I started taking it to treat thickening of the heart muscle and found that it helped my chronic**

**pain leftover from Guillain-Barre syndrome 30 years ago.**

**Further reading led me to claims that it repairs cellular damage. Finally, something has provided me with the first relief in many years from raw nerves and constant discomfort.**

**A:** Thank you for bringing this compound from Magnolia officinalis to our attention. It has been used in traditional Chinese medicine to treat depression and anxiety.

We found quite a few basic science studies indicating that honokiol can reduce pain and inflammation, but we didn't discover any clinical trials (Frontiers in Pharmacology, March 20, 2018). There is also substantial research indicating that it has anti-cancer activity. Here again, however, we haven't seen that it has been tested in humans.

One of the best sources of information about dietary supplements online is Examine.com. According to that website, investigators are currently studying honokiol as an add-on to cancer therapy.

In their column, Joe and Teresa Graedon answer letters from readers. Send questions to them via peoplespharmacy.com.



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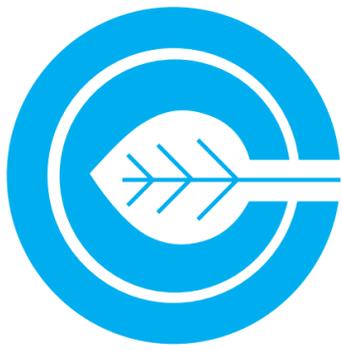
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Spicy chile crisp is a great way to punch up a chicken dinner. Try this recipe for chile crisp chicken with shallots and green beans.

**CRAVING** Spicy foods

# Winter warmup

Spicy chile crisp — so good you'll lick the spoon — heats up chicken dishes



**JEANMARIE BROWNSON**  
*Dinner at Home*

Chiles, fresh or dried, sweet or killer-hot, have been central to my food career for more than 25 years. I didn't fully realize how the kick and sass of spice permeates my home life until recently. Just for fun, I counted all the containers of chile-spiked condiments in my refrigerator. More than 10 — everything from tubs of Korean gochujang to sliced jalapenos, Mexican chipotle paste and pepperoncini.

The spice drawer continues the story with more than 17 different options for upping the ante on home-cooked or takeout dinners. The freezer boasts bags of roasted green and red chiles from New Mexico, habaneros from the neighbor's garden, and all manner of jalapeno, serrano and finger peppers from our market days.

Curious, no Sriracha in sight. I prefer less sweet, less vinegary, more savory condiments and hot sauces. Indonesian sambal oelek, North African harissa and Mexican salsa macha, for example.

Tops on my current heat list: spicy chile crisp. This not-too-hot combination — red chile flakes, toasted shallots, oil, Sichuan pepper and a touch of sugar — tastes so good I eat it on a spoon.

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**REVIEW** Stolp Island Social ★★

## Amy Morton's latest a comfortable fit in Aurora

BY PHIL VETTEL

Amy Morton has two successful restaurants in Evanston, so I was more than a bit surprised when she opted to base her third restaurant, three-month-old Stolp Island Social, in west suburban Aurora, nearly 50 miles from her other properties.

What inspired this long commute? An influential critic, it turns out. Just, ahem, not this one.

"My girls, husband and I are hugely into musical theater," Morton said. "And (Tribune theater critic) Chris Jones was writing all these incredible things about the Paramount, and so we went. And we couldn't find a place to eat.

"A year and a half or so later, a developer contacted me," she

said. "It took about a year of talking and structuring to see if this was something I could take on, and I literally fell in love with the area. The city of Aurora is so incredibly committed to a renaissance, especially downtown."

In the heart of the downtown area is Stolp Island, a patch of land about four blocks long in the middle of the Fox River. The Paramount Theatre sits there, as does the Hollywood Casino. And now, so does Stolp Island Social, which opened right after Thanksgiving.

Stolp Island Social is adjacent to the theater, so that catering to the preperformance crowd is, forgive me, paramount. The restaurant is built for speed, based on the understanding that,

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Branzino fillets are served with a lovely brown butter and caper sauce at Stolp Island Social.

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## Beef goulash packs flavor in single pot

BY KELLI FOSTER  
 TheKitchn.com

broth. Here are a few tips for making beef goulash:

Did you love Hamburger Helper as a kid? This one-pot dinner is basically a homemade version that checks all the comfort-food boxes: saucy macaroni, crumbles of ground beef and generous pockets of creamy, melted cheddar.

When you hear the word "goulash," there's a chance you envision something a little different than a pot loaded with ground beef and macaroni. That's because there are two distinctly different styles of goulash: classic American goulash and Hungarian goulash.

American beef goulash is what you see here: a one-pot meal made with ground beef, pasta, tomato sauce and cheese. Hungarian goulash, on the other hand, is more of a stew, prepared with cubes of beef (often chuck roast) and vegetables swimming in a paprika-kissed tomato

**Swap the water for broth.** While some one-pot pastas call for water, this version swaps in broth to bring even more flavor to the table. Beef or chicken broth both work well here; use whichever one you have handy.

**Don't forget to stir.** After adding the macaroni to the pot, don't forget to give it a good stir every once in a while, and scrape the bottom and corners of the pot. This will guarantee that the pasta doesn't stick or clump together.

**Grate the cheese yourself.** It can be tempting to grab a bag of cheddar to minimize prep, but the pre-shredded stuff contains stabilizers, which means it doesn't melt nearly as well. You'll have much better results if you start with a block of cheese and grate it yourself.



JOE LINGEMAN

One-pot goulash is easy to make on a busy weeknight.

### Beef goulash

**Makes:** 4 servings

- 1 medium yellow onion
- 2 cloves garlic
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 pound lean ground beef
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1 tablespoon tomato paste
- 1 (15-ounce) can fire-roasted diced tomatoes
- 1 (15-ounce) can tomato sauce
- 1 1/2 cups low-sodium beef or chicken broth
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 tablespoon dried Italian seasoning
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 cup dried elbow macaroni (about 4 ounces)
- 4 ounces sharp cheddar cheese, shredded (about 1 cup), plus more for serving

1. **Dice one medium yellow onion** and mince two garlic cloves.
2. **Heat 1 tablespoon olive oil** in a 6-quart Dutch oven or heavy-bottom pot over medium-high heat until shimmering. Add the onion and cook, stirring occasionally, until softened, about 5 minutes. Add the garlic and cook 1 minute more.
3. **Add 1 pound lean ground beef** and season with 1 teaspoon kosher salt and 1/2 teaspoon black pepper. Cook, breaking up the meat into smaller pieces with a wooden spoon, until browned, beginning to crisp, and cooked through, 5 to 7 minutes.
4. **Add 1 tablespoon tomato paste** and cook, stirring, until well-incorporated and darkened slightly in color, 1 to 2 minutes. Stir in one can fire-roasted diced tomatoes and their juices, one can tomato sauce, 1 1/2 cups beef or chicken broth, 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce, 1 tablespoon dried Italian seasoning and two bay leaves. Bring to a boil.
5. **Stir in 1 cup elbow macaroni.** Reduce the heat to medium-low and simmer uncovered, stirring occasionally to prevent sticking, until the pasta is just tender, 15 to 18 minutes. Meanwhile, shred 4 ounces sharp cheddar cheese, plus more for serving if desired.
6. **Remove and discard the bay leaves.** Stir in the cheese until well-incorporated. Top with more grated cheese for serving, if desired.

**Recipe notes:** Leftovers can be stored in an airtight container in the refrigerator for up to three days.

# Riojas beginning to be shaped by time

BY ERIC ASIMOV  
The New York Times

It's been widely accepted in the wine world for years that people can no longer be expected to age wines as they might have half a century ago.

For one thing, the wine-drinking public has changed enormously. Where once the market for wines that aged along glorious arcs was small, wealthy and dynastic, interest in wine today has become far more democratic.

Wine lovers no longer necessarily have cellars. Those who would enjoy drinking age-worthy wines are much more likely to live in fourth-floor walk-up apartments in Brooklyn or Tokyo than they are to occupy stately manors.

Restaurants could once be relied on to hold bottles in their own cellars until the wines were ready. Now, sommeliers must rush them to the wine list as soon as they are purchased, as they cannot risk delayed returns on their investments.

The world is awash in fascinating wines that require little or no aging at all. While many of these wines have ancient origins, their appearance in the global economy is relatively recent. And they are generally much less expensive than bottles for aging.

Confronted with these new realities, many producers of age-worthy wines changed their thinking. Rather than advise consumers to wait 10 years until they opened, say, a good Bordeaux — as was the old custom — they have altered their methods of production in an effort to make wines that can be enjoyed younger, that are no longer as tannic, astringent or impenetrable as they once were.

Even so, getting to know aged wines is a crucial step, if only to understand how aging affects wine.

For that, it's worth tast-

ing wines at all levels of aging, from young through adolescence and middle age to doughty senescence. This is by no means easy or inexpensive, though certainly possible with long-term planning.

Even though many wines that once demanded aging — whether Bordeaux, Barolo, Napa cabernet sauvignon or Burgundy — can now be consumed younger, these wines still benefit from additional aging. Some, like Pomerol and Bandol, would certainly have been better with a few more years under their corks.

One category, however, tries to make life easier for all lovers of aged wine. That would be Rioja Gran Reserva, in which the rules of the appellation require that wines be aged at least five years by the producers before they can hit the market. Many are even older than that by the time they are sold.

This system of equating quality with age is out of step with current thinking that the potential of a wine is more a function of the distinctiveness of its terroir.

Within Rioja, a debate over this point drags on. More than a few producers no longer employ the official terms indicating a wine's aging before release, like crianza (three years), reserva (four years) and gran reserva.

Instead, some label wines simply by their provenance, as is now the custom in so many other parts of the world. Since these wines generally don't use label terminology like gran reserva, they are not bound to age the wines before sale, so they don't.

We are sympathetic to arguments in favor of terroir. Yet we also cherish traditional styles. And we are grateful that some of the greatest Rioja producers, like R. López de Heredia, are simultaneously traditional and progressive. López ages his gran reservas



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Faustino I Rioja Gran Reserva 2006, from left, La Rioja Alta Rioja Gran Reserva 904 2009 and Bodegas Riojanas Rioja Gran Reserva Monte Real 2010. It's now widely accepted that people can no longer be expected to age wines as they might have half a century ago.

longer than any other producer before they are sold, but these wines are also identified as products of single vineyards.

I recommend three good examples of the wine: Faustino I Rioja Gran Reserva 2006, Bodegas Riojanas Rioja Gran Reserva Monte Real 2010 and La Rioja Alta Rioja Gran Reserva 904 2009.

Even with the presale aging in the cellars of the producers, these wines, still seemed relatively young. Yes, they can all be consumed with pleasure now, but their potential will not have been explored. Even gran reservas are generally

purchased with the idea of aging them further.

So why are we opening these bottles now?

Well, they are at least a little older, the Faustino I more so than the others. And they convey a notion of what can happen early in the aging process.

They all share one characteristic that I love in gran reservas: a mellow, cushioned texture and flavor. That is, rather than the firm, possibly rugged, astringent tannins from grape and oak that you might sense in younger, age-worthy wines, the tannins in these wines feel as if they've been sanded down

by time to a softer, more comfortable state.

In general, I don't much like the overt presence of oak in any wine, whether the darker tones of French oak, as is often encountered in more modern expressions of Rioja, or the paler, more herbal American oak, which is more typical of old-school Riojas.

But American oak seems to meld seamlessly with the fruit of traditional Riojas, which primarily comes from the tempranillo grape, often augmented by graciano, mazuelo or garnacha. Those last two grapes are better known to Americans by their French names,

carignan and grenache.

This combination of grapes, oak and age gives gran reservas their characteristic burnished feeling, like a comfortable old leather chair in a warmly lighted, wood-paneled room.

The 2010 Monte Real, the youngest of the three wines, was 100% tempranillo. It was medium-bodied and not particularly concentrated, though its spicy, herbal flavors lingered in the mouth, as did its tannins. I liked its grace, and imagine it will develop complexity, but it did not strike me as a wine that would improve for decades.

How long might a Monte Real evolve? At a tasting of many old Monte Reals last year, bottles from 1942, 1955 and 1964 were absolutely gorgeous. I don't think the 2010 will make it that far.

The 2009 La Rioja Alta 904, 90% tempranillo and 10% graciano, was likewise spicy and herbal, with a soft fruit flavor, yet it had more concentration, complexity and intensity, with an underlying earthiness. This was a lovely wine now, but I think it will get much more interesting over the next 20 years.

The 2006 Faustino I — 86% tempranillo, 9% graciano and 5% mazuelo — was the oldest of the three. Judging by the color of the wine, just beginning to fade around the edges from ruby to brick, it was, not surprisingly, the most evolved.

Its tannins were still wound up, but the aroma was getting interesting, spicy with dried flowers and balsam. On the palate, it had the mellow fruit-and-oak combination I love, with a tobacco, mineral component as well.

I decanted each of these wines and drank them over the prolonged course of four days, just to see what would happen. They all improved, a further indication that these were still young, sturdy wines.

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# Anchovies in starring role

Use them as starting point in pasta dish

By MELISSA CLARK  
The New York Times

Most anchovy pastas are minimalist things, born out of desperation with ingredients from the pantry. The assumption is that if you had anything else in the house, you'd surely cook that instead.

But true anchovy lovers beg to differ. For us, when anchovies are the starting point of a dish, they're also the star, making pasta so compelling that you won't want to relegate them to those nights when there's nothing in the fridge. You'll want to make them all the time.

I certainly do, loading anchovies into my pasta pot at least two or three times a month. (Actually, rare is the pasta that doesn't contain them.) I cook myriad variations, but the basic formula goes like this: Melt some anchovies and garlic into a pan of oil, then use that as the foundation for whatever sauce I want to build on.

In summer, there might be ripe tomatoes and herbs, or eggplant and peppers. In the fall, maybe mushrooms, butternut squash and Brussels sprouts. In winter, I like to use sturdy greens like broccoli raab, kale or spinach, which add vibrancy to the anchovies' umami funk.

In that last version, I also mix in some chopped cherry tomatoes for a little sweetness and color. Although I cook the anchovies and garlic in olive oil at the beginning of the dish, I stir in some butter at the end, which mellows the inherent bitterness of broccoli raab and rounds out the sauce.

A fat dollop of ricotta gives the pasta some creaminess, which I always crave when the weather gets cold, but it's not at all essential. And, while I love the saline tang of the capers, you can skip them if they are just one ingredient too many. With all those anchovies in the pan, you probably won't even miss them.

About those anchovies, for a dish like this, you need to get the good ones. I think the reason so many people are anti-anchovy is that there are a lot of bad, fishy ones on the market. Look for those packed in olive oil, and sample different brands until you find one you like. Then, stock up. After all, a pantry filled with anchovies is the beginning of many amazing future meals — no matter what other ingredients you have in the house.



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## Pasta with garlicky anchovies and broccoli raab

Makes: 4 servings Total time: 30 minutes

Kosher salt

12 ounces short pasta, such as shells, wagon wheels or rigatoni

2 packed cups parsley, leaves and tender stems

10 anchovy fillets, preferably packed in olive oil (one 2-ounce tin)

1 small bunch scallions, white and green parts, chopped

2 tablespoons capers, drained (optional)

3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil, plus more for drizzling

4 garlic cloves, finely grated or minced to a paste

1 (1-pound) bunch broccoli raab, trimmed and chopped into 1-inch pieces

½ cup chopped fresh tomato (plum, cherry or grape work well)

2 tablespoons unsalted butter, cut into pieces

¾ teaspoon grated lemon zest

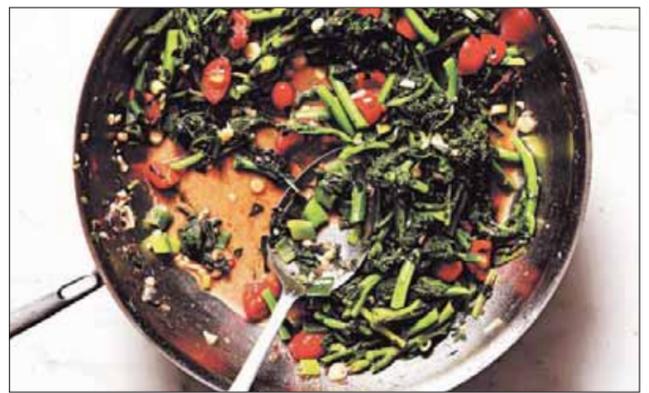
Pinch of red-pepper flakes

Freshly ground black pepper

Ricotta, for serving (optional)

**1. Bring a large pot** of heavily salted water to a boil. Cook pasta according to package instructions until 1 minute shy of al dente. Use a coffee cup or measuring cup to save some pasta water, then drain pasta.

**2. While the pasta cooks**, coarsely chop the parsley, six anchovy fillets, scallions, capers (if using) and a pinch of salt. You can chop it all together on a cutting board, or pulse everything briefly together in the food processor; just make sure to keep it coarse.



Chopped cherry tomatoes add sweetness and color to the dish.

**3. Heat a large skillet** over medium. Add oil, remaining four anchovies and half the garlic, and let cook, stirring, until anchovies start to dissolve, about 1 minute.

**4. Stir in broccoli raab**, tomato, about two-thirds of the parsley mixture and a pinch of salt to the pan. Sauté until the raab is tender, 5 to 8 minutes, adding splashes of pasta water as the pan dries out. Taste and season with more salt if necessary.

**5. Add pasta** to pan along with butter, lemon zest, remaining garlic and red-pepper flakes. Toss until the butter melts and the pasta is combined with the vegetables, adding more pasta water if the mixture seems dry. Season with salt and pepper to taste.

**6. Divide pasta** among bowls and sprinkle with remaining parsley mixture. Drizzle with olive oil and serve with ricotta, if you like.

## For ultimate grilled cheese, use both stovetop and oven

By ELIZABETH KARMEL  
Associated Press

Grilled cheese is the ultimate comfort food, an adult treat that harks back to childhood. I never met a grilled cheese sandwich I didn't like.

Where I grew up, there was an old-fashioned drug store with a lunch counter. When the weather was good, my best friend and I would ride our bikes there and order grilled cheese and made-to-order orange-ades. The grilled cheese was made with fluffy white bread and American cheese on a griddle. It had one slice of cheese between the bread slices and was as thin as a sandwich can possibly be, as the bread was compressed during grilling. Still, I have a vivid and mouthwatering taste memory of this grilled cheese, as if I ate it yesterday.

At home, grilled cheese mostly meant Swiss cheese and rye bread, or Roman Meal bread stuffed with sharp cheddar and grilled in a pan. I loved them both. When I lived in Chicago and needed comfort food, I would go to a Greek diner and order a grilled Swiss cheese on rye with bacon —

### Other combinations

- Jalapeno jack, tomato and avocado on whole wheat bread
- Ham and gruyere on brioche or Martin's potato bread
- Pesto, mozzarella and prosciutto on Italian bread with a sesame seed crust
- Brie and fig jam on country bread
- Blue cheese, walnuts and sliced pear on raisin bread
- Sharp cheddar and apple on rye bread
- Monterey jack, spinach and sliced almonds on whole grain bread

enough said!

Recently, I have mashed up the best grilled cheese sandwiches of my memory to come up with the ultimate grilled cheese recipe.

I use a sturdy white bread; Pepperidge Farm original white is my top choice. I use one slice of American cheese, aka melty cheese, on each side to hold everything together and then add a thick slice of whatever cheese I have on hand. It is usually Muenster, Swiss or sharp cheddar

— but you can even use pimento cheese if it doesn't have too much mayo in it.

I used to butter the bread and try to "grill" the sandwich on the stovetop in a non-stick skillet. But invariably, the cheese was still cool in the middle when the outside of the bread was brown. Making grilled cheese in a panini maker solved these problems, but then it wasn't a grilled cheese per se. It was a crisp, flattened cheese bread.

I wanted to re-create the perfect drug-store grilled cheese, but with more and better cheese.

So instead of spreading the bread with butter or mayo, I took a note from the drugstore griddle and put a small bit of butter in the pan. Once it was melted, I swirled the bread in the butter, adding a thin coat to one side of the bread. I removed one piece of bread, stacked the cheese on the other, and then topped it with the first slice — butter-side out.

If you're adding other ingredients, such as bacon, tomato, mushrooms, caramelized onions, etc., now is the time to do it.

Quick tip: I keep my bread in the freezer and



ELIZABETH KARMEL/AP

start out with frozen bread. The rigid bread helps keep the structure of the sandwich intact before the cheese starts to melt and hold everything together. Using frozen bread also slows down the browning (burning) of the bread.

Don't turn the heat higher than medium. I let the sandwich toast for 1-2 minutes, or until it's crisp and lightly brown, and then flip it to brown the other side. Do this carefully, because the cheese isn't

melted yet and the sandwich won't hold together on its own. But if it slips apart, don't worry: At this stage, you can easily realign the bread.

Next, I pop the sandwich and nonstick skillet into a preheated 350-degree oven for 2-4 minutes, depending on the thickness of the cheese and bread. This lets the cheese melt completely without the bread burning. It takes 3-4 minutes for the cheese to melt, and then your grilled cheese is ready.

Remove it from the heat, and slice on a plate or cutting board. You will have a super melty, gloriously brown and crispy grilled cheese sandwich with a buttery but not greasy crust.

Whatever cheese you choose, I recommend at least one slice of melty cheese to hold things together. American cheese comes in white and yellow, and if I am making a grilled cheese with a fancy cheese too, I opt for the white.

# Chile

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For the family, I employ the deep red, chunky, crispy condiment on omelets, in stir-fries and over vegetables. For snacks, we spread it over rice cakes, crackers and toasted bread by itself or with cream cheese or peanut butter. A dollop on salad, in chicken soup and over buttered noodles adds zest to the mundane. There's internet proof that some folks like it on ice cream.

Serious Eats has an excellent homemade version of spicy chile crisp. Though time-consuming to prepare, the recipe makes plenty, about 4 cups.

Technically, it keeps refrigerated for several weeks, but the flavor proves so addictive that I have to hide it from the snack king I married, lest it be gone in a few days.

Mostly, I order imported spicy chile crisp online; you also can find it in many Asian markets. Imported from China, the original Lao Gan Ma brand has such excellent flavor and crunch that it's grown into quite the foodie thing. Beware that it contains the umami punch of monosodium glutamate, an ingredient some prefer to avoid.

Trader Joe's sells an MSG-free version called Chile Onion Crunch; it works well here, but does not have near the complexity of flavor as the Lao Gan

Ma or the homemade. Crunch Dynasty, of Virginia, sells pouches of a hot topping with a similar flavor, sans oil; it's yummy on rice bowls and over steamed vegetables.

Marinate chicken thighs (on the bone with skin) with the oily version and then roast for an easy way to break up chicken monotony. Or, toss diced chicken thighs with the condiment before braising them with bead molasses, fish sauce and shallots. Or, substitute the fish sauce with soy mixed with unsweetened rice vinegar, if you prefer. Bead molasses is available in the Asian section of most large supermarkets; date syrup (made from medjool dates) makes a fine substitute, as do light molasses or

dark corn syrup. Served with green beans and piles of rice noodles or cooked rice, this umami-packed, slightly hot dish proves worthy of the effort.

Chicken soup makes the perfect winter warmup — especially when red chile garnishes the bowl. I love to spend a Sunday afternoon making Eileen Yin-Fei Lo's wonton and whole chicken soup from her 2009 classic book "Mastering the Art of Chinese Cooking." For weeknight meals, I simply enrich store-bought chicken broth with chicken breasts, ginger, dates and vegetables, then add baby bok choy and frozen wontons. Oh, and plenty of spicy chile crisp. Everything feels warm now.

## Chile crisp chicken with shallots and green beans

**Prep:** 30 minutes **Cook:** 30-40 minutes **Makes:** 8 servings

Frozen green beans work here in a pinch. Be sure to use skinny whole beans, such as Earthbound Farms organic green beans; cook uncovered according to package directions, just until crisp-tender, but not soft.

**3** pounds boneless skinless chicken thighs (usually 6 to 8 pieces)

**3 to 4** tablespoons spicy chile crisp or sambal oelek or 1 tablespoon hot chile oil, plus more for serving  
Salt

**2** packages (12 ounces each) fresh skinny green beans, such as Trader Joe's haricot vert

**1/3** cup bead molasses, light molasses, date syrup or dark corn syrup

**1/2** cup low-sodium chicken broth

**1/3** cup fish sauce (or **1/4** cup reduced sodium soy sauce and **1 1/2** tablespoons unsweetened rice vinegar)

**6** shallots (or 1 medium red onion), peeled, very thinly sliced

**1** chunk (2 inches long) fresh ginger, peeled, cut into very thin matchsticks

**Half** of a 14-ounce box thin (1/4-inch wide) rice noodles OR 4 cups cooked rice

Chopped fresh cilantro and green onion tops

French-fried onions, optional

**1. Trim** any pockets of fat from the chicken. Cut the chicken into 1 1/2-inch pieces. Put into a bowl and toss with the chile crisp. (Refrigerate covered up to 2 days.)

**2. Heat** a large pot of salted water to a boil. Add the green beans and cook uncovered, stirring often, until bright green and crisp-tender, 5 to 7 minutes. Drain well and cool. (Once they are cool, beans can be refrigerated covered up to 2 days.)

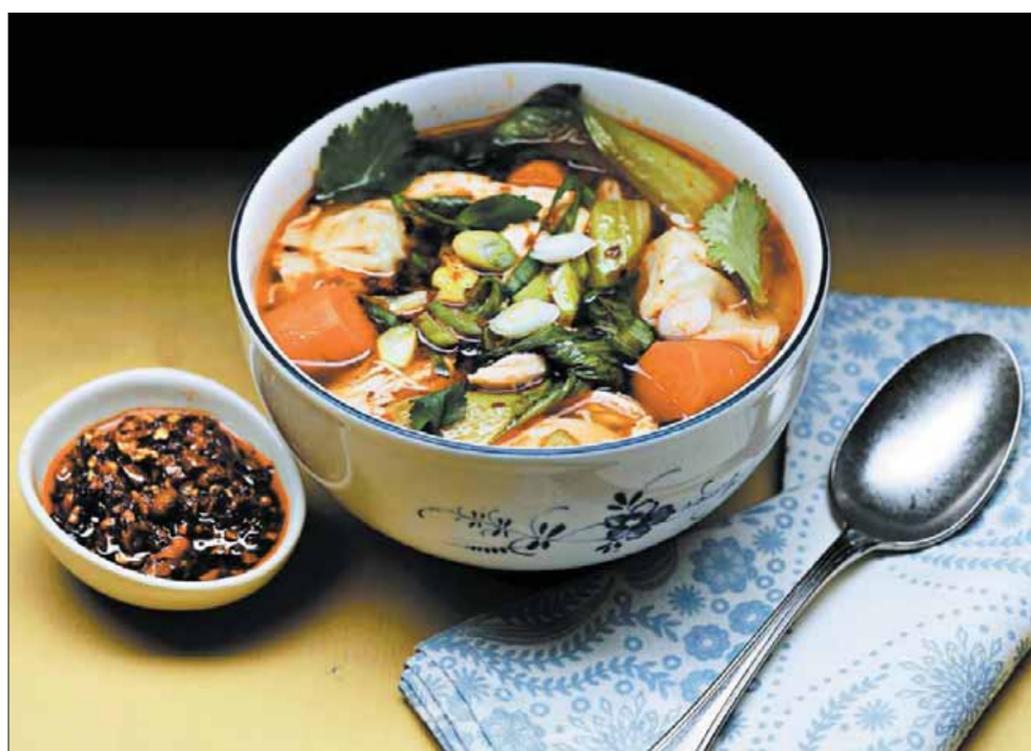
**3. Mix** molasses, chicken broth, fish sauce, shallots and ginger in a large (12-inch) nonstick skillet. Heat over medium heat. Cover the pan and cook until shallots are tender, 3 to 4 minutes. (Recipe can be made up to this point 2 days in advance, refrigerate covered.)

**4. Soak** noodles in a bowl of very hot water to cover until tender to the bite, about 15 minutes. Drain well.

**5. Meanwhile, add** chicken to shallot mixture. Heat over medium to a gentle simmer. Cover pan and cook, stirring once or twice, until chicken is nearly tender, about 10 minutes. Uncover and turn heat up under pan so liquid boils vigorously. Boil, stirring often, until pan juices are reduced enough to coat the chicken, about 10 minutes. Stir in green beans to coat well with the sauce.

**6. Pile** drained noodles (or cooked rice) onto a warm platter. Top with chicken mixture. Sprinkle generously with the cilantro, green onions and optional fried onions. Pass more chile crisp for guests to add to their liking.

**Nutrition information per serving:** 427 calories, 14 g fat, 3 g saturated fat, 156 mg cholesterol, 43 g carbohydrates, 13 g sugar, 32 g protein, 1,124 mg sodium, 2 g fiber



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Keep warm with wonton soup with chicken and bok choy — particularly with spicy chile crisp on the side.

## Wonton soup with chicken, bok choy and chile

This recipe was inspired by Eileen Yin-Fei Lo's classic book "Mastering the Art of Chinese Cooking."

**Prep:** 20 minutes **Cook:** 45 minutes **Makes:** 8 servings

The dates may seem strange here, but they almost melt, adding a subtle sweetness to the broth.

**4** chicken breast halves on the bone with skin, about 2 1/2 pounds

**1** quart low-sodium chicken broth

**1** chunk (1 inch long) fresh ginger, peeled, finely chopped

**2** ribs celery, cut into 1-inch pieces

**2** skinny carrots, peeled, cut into 1-inch rounds

**1** large yellow onion, peeled, cut into 1-inch chunks

**6** dried pitted medjool dates, optional

**1** tablespoon spicy chile crisp or sambal oelek or 2 teaspoons Asian hot chile oil, plus more for serving

**2 to 3** teaspoons low-sodium soy sauce, to taste

**2** heads (total 6 ounces) baby bok choy, cut into 2-inch chunks, well rinsed

**1** package (8 ounces to 12 ounces) frozen chicken wontons

**2** green onions, chopped

Chopped fresh cilantro

**1. Put** chicken, chicken broth, ginger, celery, carrots, onion and dates, if using, into a large saucepan or Dutch oven. Add enough cool water to submerge chicken, usually about 4 cups. Heat to a boil. Reduce heat to low and partly cover the pot. Simmer gently, 30 minutes. Turn off heat. Let chicken cool in the broth if you have time.

**2. Transfer** chicken with tongs to a cutting board. When cool enough to handle, remove and discard skin and bones from chicken. Tear chicken meat into large shreds.

**3. Return** chicken broth to a simmer. Add 1 tablespoon chile crisp (or the alternative) and soy sauce to taste. Add bok choy and chicken and return to a simmer. Add wontons; simmer gently just until they are warmed through, about 3 minutes.

**4. Serve** soup in wide bowls topped with green onions and cilantro. Pass more chile crisp to add to your liking.

**Nutrition information per serving:** 241 calories, 6 g fat, 1 g saturated fat, 82 mg cholesterol, 12 g carbohydrates, 3 g sugar, 33 g protein, 320 mg sodium, 2 g fiber

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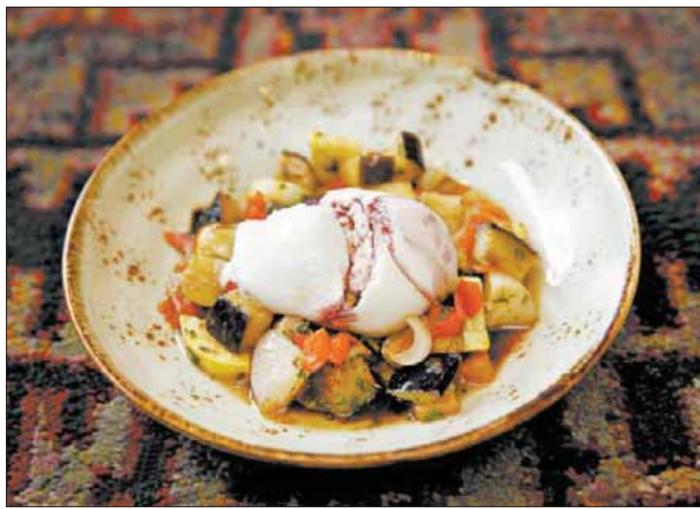
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Burrata & ratatouille is on the Stolp Island Social menu.



The twice fried chicken wings feature a honey-lemon sauce and smoked chilies.

## Morton

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in the 90 minutes before curtain time, the dining room will be a madhouse.

"It's literally, everybody walks in at once," said Debbie Gold, executive chef at Found Kitchen in Evanston, and who has some supervisory duties at Stolp Island. "There's a quiet moment in the kitchen, and then all the orders roll in."

The menu abounds with dishes the kitchen can deliver in a hurry. Snacks such as deviled eggs and marinated olives appear instantly; more composed plates include burrata cheese on a bed of ratatouille, lamb meatballs with minted yogurt and pistachio pesto, and a colorful composition of hummus topped with cherry tomatoes, watermelon radish, cauliflower and smoked heirloom carrots.

My favorite starter is also the messiest. Twice-fried chicken wings are lacquered with a sticky, sweet-tart, honey-lemon sauce with enough smoked chiles to get your attention, and the wings are exceptionally meaty, so there's plenty to share. I'd order this every time.

There are 10 steaks on the menu — one could hardly expect otherwise from the daughter of Arnie Morton, founder of the eponymous steakhouse chain — but the list has an eye for value. The five "reserve" steaks represent the same premium beef served at The Barn, Amy Morton's Evanston steakhouse, but there are also five "house" steaks, slightly smaller, priced about 25 to 30% less than their reserve counterparts.

The steaks, which include smashed potatoes, are good (my rib-eye was slightly past medium-rare), but I'd direct you instead to entrees such as the roasted branzino, presented as two golden fillets over a lovely brown butter and caper sauce; and a very good bone-in pork chop, sourced from a downstate farm and loaded with rich flavor.

There are three pastas on the menu. The lamb bolognese offered a meat-



Owner Amy Morton, left, and chef Debbie Gold at the central bar at Stolp Island Social in Aurora.

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Arnie's Chocolate Velvet Cake features an airy texture and dense flavor.

rich sauce that was first rate, but it was applied to spaghetti noodles (thicker spaghetti) that had been drastically overcooked. Better luck might accompany the chile-sparked crab spaghetti, or the vegetarian mushroom pappardelle.

The prix-fixe menu, available every day, is a budget-friendly option. The \$35 deal includes a trio of small starters (including that good hummus), choice of entree (small steak, branzino or mushroom pappardelle) and dessert. Ah, dessert. I'm told the

dessert list is in flux, but two sweets are almost guaranteed to stay on the list. One is Arnie's Chocolate Velvet Cake, airy in texture but dense in flavor, and the same velvet cake that graces the menu at The Barn. The other is the plain cheesecake, which

## Stolp Island Social

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**Tribune rating:** ★★

**Open:** Dinner Tuesday-Sunday, lunch Wednesday, brunch Saturday-Sunday

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**Noise:** Conversation-challenged

**Ratings key:** ★★★★★ outstanding; ★★★★ excellent; ★★★ very good; ★ good; no stars: unsatisfactory. The reviewer makes every effort to remain anonymous. Meals are paid for by the Tribune.

has the requisite graham-cracker crust and an air-whipped topping that dances on the tongue.

Lunch is served on Wednesdays, which coincides with Paramount Theatre matinee performances (and when guests, I'm told, arrive by the bus-

load). There's also brunch, served on Saturdays (another matinee time) and Sundays (pretty much because it's Sunday).

The dining area is long and spacious; windows on two sides let in whatever light is available. Pendant and track spotlights provide illumination, there are a few potted plants here and there, and mismatched chairs are comfortably padded.

The front-room staffers, which, Morton proudly boasts, are "98% from Aurora," run the room impressively well, even when the place is packed. I still recommend those without theater tickets to make reservations no earlier than 7:45 p.m., when the pretheater crowd is heading for the exit. The place won't be empty — Stolp Island is finding an audience apart from the theater crowd — but the servers will be more relaxed, as will you.

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# They're coveted, but are brown sugar boba ice cream bars good?

BY GRACE WONG

Boba drinks, one of the foremost symbols of Asian American identity, are tea-based beverages (aka bubble tea or pearl milk tea) varied in flavor and texture. However, one flavor has risen to the top in recent years: brown sugar boba, with its signature marbled appearance and distinct smoky flavor, paired with tapioca balls cooked in honey and more brown sugar. So when a frozen iteration of this well-loved drink was released by the Taiwanese company Xiao Mei, the Asian internet collectively exploded.

Over the past few months, brown sugar boba ice cream bars have flown off shelves and people have inundated social media with posts desperately searching for the coveted treats. I joined the hunt in December and reached out to friends on Twitter and WeChat, asking where in

Chicago I could get my hands on a box. Many of them claimed Chinatown markets were the place to go, but after three months of looking, I remained empty-handed. So when I stopped in at the H Mart location downtown last weekend and saw that the store had clearly just restocked the coveted item, I stood in shock in front of the freezer case, slack-jawed at my luck, before hastily buying a box.

According to the Xiao Mei Chinese-language website, the key ingredient of its bars is milk from New Zealand and Australia, plus the caramel brown sugar and the "Q" texture (a culinary term used to describe a springy yet chewy food texture beloved in East Asia) of the boba balls. This texture is notoriously difficult to achieve and requires fresh batches of tapioca bubbles every few hours during production, otherwise they seize up and get hard. Not very Q.

I was skeptical of the bars. After all, good boba drinks are few and far between in the Midwest, so how could a frozen item even come close to achieving the same result?

To help me taste the bars, I recruited the help of fellow Food & Dining reporter Nick Kindelsperger, a noted sweets hater, and Louisa Chu, who enjoys boba from time to time, along with Tribune data reporter Cecilia Reyes, a self-described boba lover who gets cravings so strong that she's willing to pay to get a drink delivered to her when the mood strikes. Each person was asked to describe what they thought of the bars, including their thoughts on appearance, flavor and texture.

I'm happy to report that every single person enjoyed the boba bars and would want to buy them. And why not? It's a beautiful product, with brown sugar ribbons marbling smooth, creamy white ice cream.

Kindelsperger said it was refreshing and Chu praised the bar for its tannic tea flavor and super-concentrated aroma. The bar is balanced with the semi-bitter tea and the delightfully fatty, milky dairy. I enjoyed how floral the tea was and how its flavor lingered, cutting through the creaminess of the milk. Reyes complimented the bar for its clean aroma.

But we were the most impressed by the perfect Q texture of the boba balls. Although Kindelsperger said the boba in the ice cream bar was not as exciting as getting one in a drink, he still thought it was fun. Reyes saw the evenly dispersed tapioca balls as a good thing for people who perhaps don't enjoy the surprise of sucking one up when drinking boba in liquid form. Every bite is accompanied with a little chew and the ice cream bars aren't too sweet or cloying. We agreed that both adults and kids would



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Brown sugar boba ice cream bars transform one of the most popular flavors of bubble tea into frozen treats, and part of the fun is trying to find the popular sweet.

enjoy them.

My only mistake was buying just one box.

It's \$8.99 for a box of four ice cream bars at H Mart, 711 W. Jackson Blvd. Although your instincts may tell you to call first, I'd rec-

ommend walking into the store. My calls only seemed to confuse the person who picked up. I consoled myself by saying that part of the fun is the hunt.

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## DRINK

# Honoring man who taught Jack Daniel

Uncle Nearest Whiskey named after black distiller

BY ZAK STAMBOR

The idea behind Uncle Nearest Premium Whiskey was simple: to honor Nathan “Nearest” Green, the relatively unknown enslaved man who taught Jack Daniel how to make whiskey.

Of course, the gulf between the formation of an idea and the execution of said idea is often vast. That was particularly true when it came to Uncle Nearest Premium Whiskey, given that the person with the idea was an author (of the “Happy Wives Club: One Woman’s Worldwide Search for the Secrets of a Great Marriage”) and real estate investor rather than a spirits industry insider.

The challenge was all the greater given that she was seeking to gain traction in an environment in which hundreds of distilleries open every year, and that she was seeking to launch the brand in about one-quarter of the time it takes most spirits brands to roll out their first products.

But that didn’t stop Fawn Weaver, who discovered Green’s story in 2016 while on vacation in Singapore. Learning Green’s story was “jarring,” she says, given that it meant an enslaved person’s labor and technique were crucial ingredients behind one of the world’s most iconic spirits brands.

Earlier that year Brown-Forman Corp. made the high-profile decision to adjust the story they told about Jack Daniel to a story about Nearest (who is sometimes referred to as Nearis, in error) Green, rather than about Dan Call,



TERRY ALLEN

Fawn Weaver said she has been “singularly focused on a mission to cement” the legacy of master distiller Nearest Green.

a preacher, grocer and distiller, who had previously been credited with teaching Daniel to run a whiskey still. Green had been loaned to Call.

Even so, Weaver believed there was more to Green’s story. And she aimed to be the one to tell it; within months of her discovery, she was renting a house in Lynchburg, Tennessee, and working with a number of researchers to produce a book and documentary.

“We were singularly focused on a mission to cement Nearest’s legacy,” Weaver says. “We were driven by passion rather than profit.”

She collected thousands of documents and interviewed dozens of Green’s descendants. That work enabled her to assemble a more well-rounded understanding of Green.

Born in Maryland, Green somehow ended up in Tennessee, where he came to operate Call’s still. Even after Call turned over his distillery to Daniel, and after the Civil War when Green was a free man,

Green continued in that role until 1884. Weaver claims Green was the first black master distiller on record in the United States and that he helped perfect the so-called “Lincoln County Process,” a technique in which bourbon is filtered through (or steeped in) charcoal chips before going into casks for aging.

It was in the midst of an interview with one of Green’s descendants that the idea for the whiskey brand came about.

“I asked, ‘How would you like to see (Nearest Green) honored?’ ” she says. “The answer was: with his name on his own bottle.”

But that’s easier said than done — especially since Weaver and Green’s ancestors sought to produce a unique, high-end whiskey that would appropriately honor him.

After all, Tennessee whiskey requires time to age, time that Weaver believed could be better spent building a brand. And so she sought to launch the brand with sourced whiskey and then, after the brand was getting established, it would begin producing its own.

There were only a couple distilleries that had Tennessee whiskey stock that fit her needs. And because she wanted whiskey in line with her research that suggested Green’s whiskey was 110 proof, she narrowed her options to one distiller who had several mash bills and barrel chars from which to choose.

“We had to define what flavor profile Uncle Nearest would find acceptable,” she says.

The sweet spot, she says, was between 8 and 9 years old. After settling on a blend, Weaver released



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1856, a caramel-colored whiskey with notes of cinnamon and caramel corn plus a hint of apple cider and toffee.

She followed that release with 1884 Small Batch, which features a delicate nose of cherries, bananas and licorice. The whiskey has notes of marshmallows, tobacco, cherries and a slight pepper spice.

“Even though we’re sourcing our whiskey, we make it a point to ensure

that our whiskey doesn’t taste like anyone else’s whiskey,” Weaver says.

That’s particularly true of 1820, its single-barrel distillery-only releases that have won countless plaudits from Whiskey Advocate, which over the summer declared Barrel US-2 its “mature whiskey at its most refined.”

While Uncle Nearest took an unusual path to being, it has quickly cemented its place within the

whiskey ecosystem. In 2½ years it expanded into all 50 states and 12 countries. The fourth quarter of 2019 was the fifth straight quarter in which the brand generated at least 100% year-over-year growth and the eighth straight in which its quarter-over-quarter growth exceeded 35%.

That’s a tribute to Weaver’s vision.

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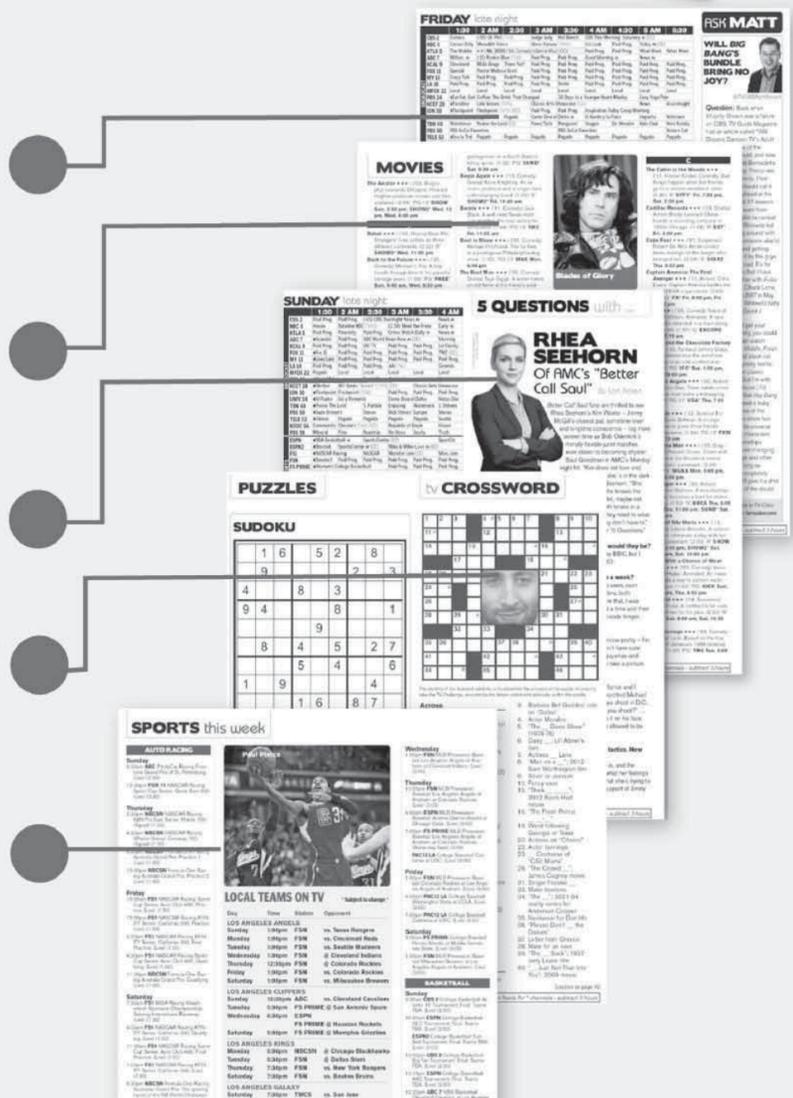
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