



Gang guide bedeviled by flaws set for repairs

Police leaders say new database to use only vetted, timely info

BY ANNIE SWEENEY AND JOHN BYRNE

The Chicago Police Department on Wednesday announced a plan to create a new gang database that department officials promise will be more fair and useful, hoping to answer critics who have long complained the current version is flawed.

The new Criminal Enterprise Information System, which will officially be announced Thursday, comes after more than a year of stinging criticism, lawsuits and a scathing Chicago inspector general report that found the department's decadeslong practice of collecting gang data to be inaccurate, racially biased and ineffective for crime reduction.

The new system will use only timely and vetted information, police leaders said. Under the new rules, there will be stricter criteria for entering names into the database, and all submissions will be checked by supervisors and police district intelligence officers, the department pledged.

There will be an appeals process for people to get off the list, and the database will be regularly purged, retaining names generally for only five years, police said. The information will not be shared with immigration officials, and access by other law enforcement agencies will require the signing of an agreement committing to that restriction as well.

Interim Chicago police Superintendent Charlie Beck said the changes aim to strike a balance between using all available data to respond to daily shootings that are rooted in street gang conflicts and the need to avoid false labels for individuals and over-criminalizing communities.

"There is no one tool that will

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President Trump wraps up a news conference after addressing the coronavirus crisis Wednesday. The U.S. has 60 coronavirus cases.

Trump picks Pence to lead US virus response

President says country 'very, very ready for this, for anything'

BY LAURAN NEERGAARD AND RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump declared Wednesday that the U.S. is "very, very ready" for whatever the coronavirus threat brings, and he put his vice president in charge of overseeing the nation's response.

Trump sought to minimize fears of the virus spreading widely across the country, saying, "I don't think it's inevitable."

But standing next to him at a White House news conference were health authorities who reiterated that Americans need to get ready for what could become a wider outbreak requiring such steps as school closures.

"Our aggressive containment strategy here in the United States has been working and is responsible for the low levels of cases we have so far. However, we do expect more cases," said Dr. Anne Schuchat of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

CHICAGO AREA: Local officials say 'all preventable steps' being taken. **Chicagoland, Page 4**
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More than 81,000 cases of COVID-19, an illness characterized by fever and coughing and sometimes shortness of breath or pneumonia, have occurred globally since the virus emerged in China.

The National Institutes of

Health's top infectious disease chief cautioned a vaccine won't be ready for widespread use for a year or more — but said the virus might return, so researchers have to push ahead.

NIH's Dr. Anthony Fauci called it "quite conceivable" that the virus will "come back and recycle next year. In that case, we hope to have a vaccine."

Trump said Vice President Mike Pence will be working with CDC, NIH and other govern-

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CPS art seen as racist may end up unseen

Dated, offensive depictions in murals could be removed under new policy

BY HANNAH LEONE

When the Chicago Board of Education proposed a new policy on artwork adorning its buildings, people weighed in on a particular set of pieces they want gone: murals at a district office building that depict indigenous people and white settlers.

"Please remove all the artwork in (the Garfield Park offices)," implored one person on a

comment forum on the CPS website. "It is insulting and triggers me. ... We need to stop upholding the narrative of European settlers building this country and educating the Native/Indigenous Tribes. We need to tell the truth about this country so our children and families can feel validated and a part of history in a positive way."

Many commenters were more direct, calling the art racist,

dated and offensive.

In one mural in question, Native Americans steer canoes for a white man, who is standing, while one man, wearing a head-dress, gestures across the water.

"Unless CPS plans to show the slaughter of indigenous Americans and white invaders passing out Small Pox infected blankets, enslaved Africans in chains being whipped, raped and sold, then remove it all," another person wrote. "The days of painting early white Americans as saviors are over. Tell the whole truth."

The Board of Education voted Wednesday to adopt the new policy for acquiring, maintaining and potentially removing art. In a similar vein, several audience members at the board meeting spoke in favor of ending the observance of Columbus Day in CPS in favor of Indigenous Peoples Day. The district has been using both labels for the October holiday but also voted Wednesday, though with two dissenters, to change the holiday to Indigenous Peoples Day.

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City hoping new devices, lighter touch reduces lead

Program was paused after installation of old meters led to big spike

BY MICHAEL HAWTHORNE

Looking to resume a program that conserves water drawn from Lake Michigan, Mayor Lori Lightfoot's administration is enlisting Chicagoans to help determine if a new type of meter can be installed without causing high concentrations of brain-damaging lead to flow out of household faucets.

Randy Conner, commissioner of the Chicago Department of Water Management, told the Chicago Tribune on Wednesday that city officials want to collect water samples from at least 150 single-family homes. Tap water from each home will be analyzed before workers install a water meter, then two and six weeks afterward.

Homeowners who agree to have their water tested will be given free filters to protect them from possible lead exposure, Conner said.

The announcement comes less than a year after Lightfoot ordered Conner to pause the aggressive water meter program launched during the early days of Mayor Rahm Emanuel's eight years in office. Installations continued under Emanuel even though top aides revealed they had known since June 2018 that city workers had found high concentrations of lead in several homes where the work has been conducted in recent years.

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Quintana works to improve in 2020

The pitcher hopes that fixing his changeup can lead to more sustained success in what could be his final season with the Cubs. **Chicago Sports**

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Police: Gunman kills 5 in Milwaukee

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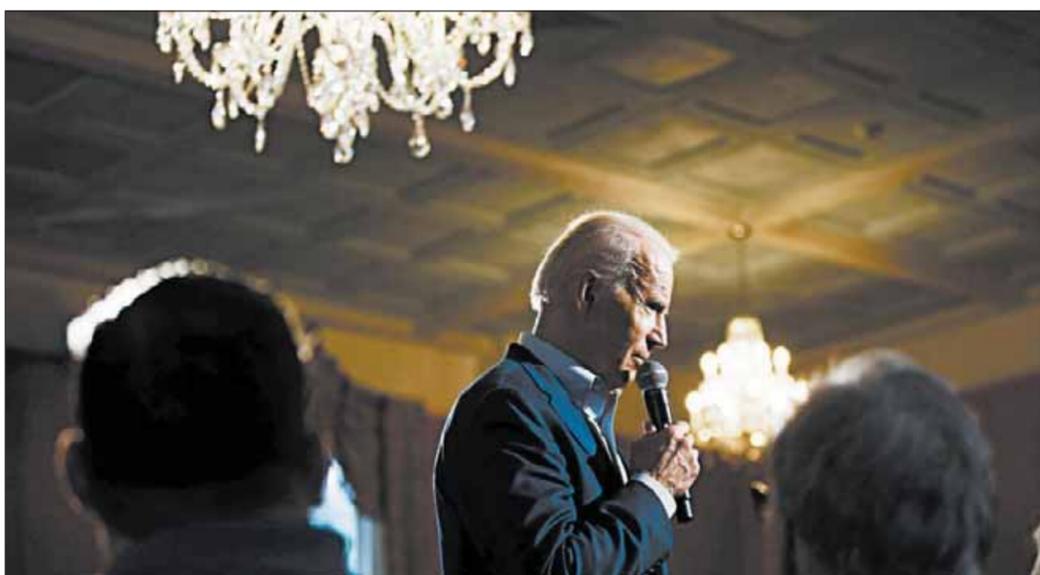
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Democratic presidential candidate former Vice President Joe Biden speaks during a campaign event in Charleston, S.C.



JOHN KASS

Biden's lie about Mandela and the dog that didn't bark

There was much angry barking directed at Bernie Sanders during the Democratic presidential debate. But the Bernie Bros shouldn't worry, because it still looks like their guy is on his way to securing the Democratic nomination.

That's not the only story from the debate in South Carolina. There is more to politics than the barking for TV. Listen for what you don't hear, think of what's being avoided, look for the negative space between the dancers. The silence that tells you the story.

Like that dog that didn't bark at Joe Biden over his lie about Nelson Mandela.

And the silence of conventional wisdom, as pundits decide which Democratic presidential candidate to deem a "moderate," as if any of them are moderates in a party leaning wildly to the left. Conservative radio host Dan Proft has zeroed in on this phenomenon on his national radio program. He likens it to the rivalry between the Bolsheviks and the Mensheviks in Russia early in the last century.

Proft has a dog named Hayek. And it also barks. But for now, let's deal with the silent dogs.

First, Biden. He may win in South Carolina, he may not. Either way his campaign is dying. He's a bad candidate, a serial fabulist undone by his Ukrainian exploits, and like some drunk at the end of the bar at 4 a.m., Biden is always the hero of his own epic tale.

But the death of the Biden campaign, and the desperate pandering lie that Biden has been telling African American voters about Nelson Mandela, is most instructive.

Pandering to black voters is what white Democrats do for a living. The party has been completely consumed by identity and grievance politics. Without black votes, there is no Democratic Party. And such pandering is evidence that white Democrats who play the game hold their most loyal, core constituency in contempt.

Biden's lie about Mandela was wrapped in silence on that debate stage. It wasn't mentioned by his rivals

and was studiously avoided by the hapless CBS debate moderators who lost control. No one thought to bring it up as a question, though the Biden lie had been exposed by The New York Times and other news organizations.

Biden told it repeatedly in South Carolina as black voters breached his so-called firewall and began warming to Bernie Sanders.

"This day, 30 years ago, Nelson Mandela walked out of prison and entered into discussions about apartheid," Biden told voters in Columbia, South Carolina, on Feb. 11, in a story about his time as the Democratic senator from Delaware. "I had the great honor of meeting him. I had the great honor of being arrested with our U.N. ambassador on the streets of Soweto trying to get to see him on (Robben) Island."

With Sanders reaching black voters, Biden retold his lie about Mandela at a black history awards brunch in Las Vegas, and even added some Bidenesque embellishments.

"He threw his arms around me and said, 'I want to say thank you,'" Biden told supporters. "I said, 'What are you thanking me for, Mr. President?'" He said: "You tried to see me. You got arrested trying to see me."

Mandela, the liberating force who ended South African apartheid, was that country's first black president and died in 2013.

Andrew Young was the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations and traveled with Biden to South Africa. He scoffed at the notion that members of Congress had been arrested.

"No, I was never arrested, and I don't think he was, either," Young was quoted by the Times as saying.

That's polite political speech for "Joe is a big fat liar pandering for black votes."

Media clearly likes Biden. Until a few months ago, he was the Democratic Party establishment hope for defeating President Donald Trump. Then Nancy Pelosi's ill-advised Trump impeachment Theater backfired, exposing Biden and his son Hunter's lucrative dealings with a politically connected natural gas com-

pany in Ukraine.

Now the Biden campaign is sheepishly walking back Joe's story about his arrest in South Africa. What would Biden call himself — a "lying dog-faced pony soldier"?

And what of that other silent dog at the debate?

The common media wisdom, expressed by the silky Mayor Pete Buttigieg, was that Sanders is too "radical" as compared with other Democratic candidates. Sanders deconstructed that as pure nonsense. Mayor Pete could see where it was going and began babbling, trying to talk over the older man. Sanders wouldn't back down.

"Let us be clear," Sanders said. "Do we think that health care for all, Pete, is some kind of radical communist idea? Do we think raising the minimum wage to a living wage, do we think building millions of units of affordable housing, do we think raising taxes on billionaires is a radical idea? Do we think criminal justice reform is a radical idea? Do we think immigration reform is a radical idea? Truth is, Pete, the American people support my agenda, that is why I am beating Trump in virtually every poll and that is why I will win."

Do Democrats running for president oppose those ideas? No.

That's why Proft and other conservative intellectuals have discussed this "moderate" Democrat business in the context of the Russian Bolsheviks and their rivals, the Mensheviks.

They were both going in the same direction, but the Mensheviks were timid and wanted to go at a slower pace. The Bolsheviks thought them weaklings and wanted to get there in a hurry. And so does Bernie.

This is shaping up to be a fantastic campaign, just as long as the dogs bark, occasionally.

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Mothers in prison should still get to be parents



HEIDI STEVENS
Balancing Act

The stories are gut-wrenching. The woman who learned her son was living with a person who had sexually abused her as a child, and was powerless to do anything about it.

The woman who is desperate to receive a drawing from her child, but can't receive mail with any crayon markings on it.

The woman who said her children stopped coming to visit because they were told by correctional staffers that asthma inhalers were prohibited.

They're contained in a new Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago report, released Wednesday, that looks at the experiences of incarcerated mothers and the barriers they face in their attempts to parent from prison. Lead authors Amy Dworsky and Gina Fedock conducted the research to inform the development and implementation of policies that will better address the needs of mothers in Illinois prisons and reduce the negative impacts on their children.

Dworsky and Fedock interviewed 42 incarcerated mothers at Logan Correctional Center in Lincoln, Illinois, about 30 miles north of Springfield.

"Their grief during the interviews was palpable," Fedock told me Tuesday.

The mothers interviewed had served an average of four years in prison and had an average 8.5 years left to serve before their projected release date. They had an average of two children, and the children ranged in age from infants to 17 years old. Fifty-nine percent of the mothers were serving time for a violent offense, while 41% were serving time for a nonviolent offense.

Forty-eight percent of the mothers interviewed identified as white, 40.5% identified as black, 9.5% identified as Latinx and 2% identified as Asian. Compared with the racial makeup of Illinois as a whole, the prison demographics show women of color are disproportionately affected. Between 75% and 80%, Fedock



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The women expressed an acute desire to stay connected to their children during their time in prison and a litany of obstacles that prevent them from doing so.

said, experienced intimate partner violence before arriving in prison.

In addition to conducting interviews at Logan Correctional Center, the U. of C. study's authors had researched programs and policies at other prisons across the country and interviewed advocates and experts about the needs of incarcerated mothers and their children.

"My hope is that we start to think more about providing better forms of service and support and safety for this population of women throughout their lives," Fedock said. "Inside and outside of prison."

The women expressed an acute desire to stay connected to their children during their time in prison and a litany of obstacles that prevent them from doing so.

Only 1 in 3 mothers reported that their children live within two hours of the prison, and many of the children live with relatives who are unable to drive them the necessary distance to visit. When their children can visit, mothers

worry they'll be traumatized or physically harmed by the conditions they witness: pervasive mold, broken toilets, raccoon and other pest invasions, lead paint.

Mothers can't send their children self-addressed stamped envelopes because those letters will be rejected as mail from another inmate when they're sent back. Prisoners can't receive packages or envelopes marked with crayon.

Many of the phones available to prisoners to call home are broken, leaving the functioning phones with up to two-hour waits. Prisoners spend their entire allotted phone time waiting to use the phone, and the allotted phone times often don't line up with their children's schedules.

"If you only have phone access between 12 and 2 and your child is in school until 3 or 4," Fedock said, "when are you going to be able to talk to them?"

Prisoners also have to pay for their phone calls out of a \$10 per month allowance, which also has to cover their mail supplies (en-

velopes, stamps), snacks and toiletries. (A 15-minute phone call from a prison in Illinois costs around \$7, according to the Prison Policy Initiative.)

"One of the things that really stood out to us," Fedock said, "was women talking about having multiple caregivers for their children and having to pay for phone calls to two different houses."

I asked Fedock and Dworsky how they'll respond to the inevitable shrugs (or worse) from people who will read their research and see it as nothing more than justice. *Don't do the crime if you can't handle the time.*

"The first thing to point out is their children did nothing wrong," Dworsky said. "We know from research that children with incarcerated parents have a variety of developmental issues in terms of educational attainment, physical and mental health, across every domain you want to look at it. Even if someone is not sympathetic to the circumstances of the parents, I think there's an argument to be made about trying to

mitigate the harm to the children who are involved."

The number of women in state and federal prisons grew by close to 800% between 1978 and 2016, the report notes. The authors attribute that spike in large part to tougher sentencing laws. More than 60% of the women in state and federal prisons are mothers of minor children, the report states, and incarcerated mothers are far more likely than incarcerated fathers to have been their children's primary caregiver prior to prison.

"When we think about our criminal justice system, what do we consider punishment and what do we consider rehabilitation?" Fedock said. "Do we feel as though we have to punish people every single minute of their time in prison in order to feel some sense of justice has been served? It brings up much deeper moral and ethical concerns."

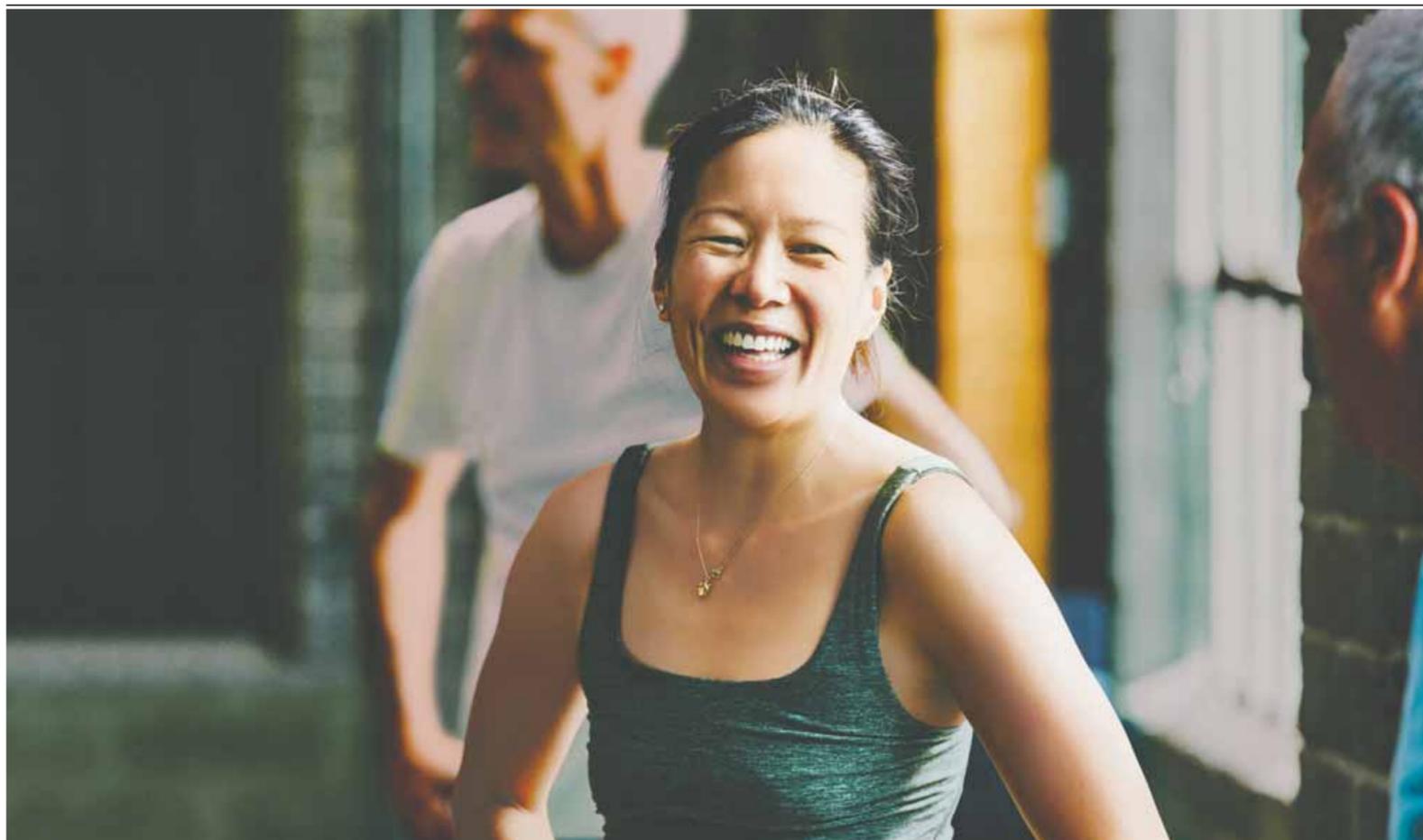
It also makes me wonder what consideration we're giving to the women's post-prison lives. How much harder will it be to meaningfully reunify a family that hasn't been able to stay close during their separation? How much harder will it be for children to trust and rely on a newly released mother who couldn't call or write from prison? How must post-traumatic stress does a mother carry with her after her sentence is complete?

I'm grateful Dworsky and Fedock undertook this project, which shines a light where too few of us want to look and forces us to ask ourselves — and our elected officials — whether we should reassess these blanket policies that place barriers between women and the children they want to love and guide to the best of their ability.

"We can prevent this type of separation," Fedock said. "We can think about policies that stop tearing families apart and stop intergenerational harming and improve wellbeing and think about safety instead of just thinking about further punishment." We can. And we should.

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CHICAGOLAND

For polar plunge, this little chicken feels warm inside



REX W. HUPPKE

Thousands of people will line up along the lakeshore at North Avenue Beach this weekend and run in what I consider the wrong direction.

They'll be running toward the water and plunging into the icy waves

of Lake Michigan for an annual event aptly named the Chicago Polar Plunge.

It's the plunge's 20th year, which is either a testament to the organizers' good intentions or overwhelming evidence of humankind's capacity to make the same mistake over and over and over again.

I have much to say on this, but let's get a few matters out of the way first:

■ Sunday's plunge raises money for Special Olympics Chicago, an organization that works with more than 7,500 Special Olympians across the city. That's a great thing.

■ I will not be plunging. I'm busy that day, and will also be busy on any other day that involves jumping into a frozen lake from now until the end of time.

■ I'm from Florida, and I'm a coward. More on that later.

This particular polar plunge started in 2001 with about 40 human Popsicles raising \$26,000. The goal this year is for the roughly 4,500 plungers to raise \$2 million. The event is Special Olympics Chicago's biggest annual fundraiser, providing more than half the organization's funding for the year.

Chicago has always had a unique connection to the Special Olympics — the first-ever games were held at Soldier Field in 1968. I didn't know much about the organization until 2007, when I spent the better part of a year reporting on a young Chicago man with autism who went on to compete in the Special Olympics World Games in Shanghai.

Until you go, you can't fully appreciate how much these events — whether they're local, national or international — mean to the athletes and their families. The training, the camaraderie and the quality of the competitions are overshadowed only by the remarkably inclusive spirit of the games. Meeting and observing people from Illinois and around the world during that year of Special Olympics Games was one of the greatest experiences of my life.

I spoke with Matt O'Shea, president of Special Olympics Chicago, about why he got involved with the organization: "As a young boy, my family would take me up to Misericordia to volunteer, so I had experience with how important supporting and helping our developmentally disabled community is."

A plunger himself for 19 years running, O'Shea has watched the Polar Plunge evolve into an event that attracts everyone from high school students to celebrities. One high-profile guest this year is Al Roker, the weather anchor on NBC's "Today," or as I like to call him, "not quite Tom Skilling." Past plungers have included Jimmy Fallon, Vince Vaughn and Lady Gaga.

Special Olympics Chicago has programs in nearly 150 Chicago Public Schools and 27 parks and works with more than 15 other agencies in the city. It holds more than 70 events annually that include 22 different sports and activities for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

"There are Special Olympics athletes in all 77 communities in our city, and we should all do more to support them," O'Shea said.

One of the teams in this year's plunge is led by Packy McGowan, Joe Panatera and Matt Hayes. The three South Siders have been friends since they were kids. McGowan and Panatera each have a child with Down syndrome, born about a month apart. McGowan's son is Marty, 18 months, and Panatera's daughter is Reese, 16 months.

Hayes works for the Chicago Park District and last year he told McGowan and Panatera about the Polar Plunge. They formed a team — "Marty and Reese's Warriors" — and quite literally dove in.

Sunday will be their second year of plunging and they've already raised about \$25,000.

"A lot of people have never met anyone with Down syndrome or met a family with a baby with Down syndrome," Panatera said. "I think now a lot of people that have met our team and met Marty and Reese, it has probably changed their perspective a lot. There's not much difference between Marty and Reese and anybody else."

Amen to that.

I asked the trio of friends how they summoned the courage to jump into water that is definitely not meant to be jumped in.

"It was awesome," Hayes said. "I think the cold made it that much better."

Which brings us back to me, the extremely non-brave native Floridian whose brain can't process the idea of entering an extremely cold body of water.

Florida is best known for alligator wrasslin' (it's not "wrestling," that's for Yankees and other disreputable types), swamp-based methamphetamine production and people who don't like cold water. My DNA prevents me from dipping a toe in a chilly pool, much less hurling my fit-from-gator-wrasslin' carcass into an icy lake.

I love the Special Olympics. And I admire the heck out of people like O'Shea, McGowan, Panatera, Hayes and anyone willing to defy a couple hundred thousand years of evolution and run toward hypothermia.

But I am very much the lesser man here. I'd wade through a gator-filled swamp nekkid — sorry, whenever I write about Florida, my native dialect kicks in — before I'd do that plunge.

In fact, I think someone should start a Polar Plunge team that embraces my unique brand of aquatic cowardice. A team where people pledge money to keep a person OUT of the water.

Just a thought.

If you want to prove yourself better than me, you can still sign up for the plunge as an individual or as a team at <http://chicagopolarplunge.org> or at North Avenue Beach this weekend. All you have to do is raise or donate a minimum of \$200.

I wish all the plungers good luck Sunday. I'd be there but ... I've got a thing. You know — stuff.

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In wake of CDC warning, mayor takes measured tone

Coronavirus plans ready, she says, but panic unwarranted

By ANGIE LEVENTIS LOURGOS, LISA SCHENCKER AND KAREN ANN CULLOTTA

Illinois health officials said Wednesday that they're taking "all preventative steps available" to guard against any threat of coronavirus, following a warning by national experts that spread of the disease to American communities is all but inevitable.

But Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot, who said her city is prepared to take "extraordinary measures" if necessary, said Wednesday the warning from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention should not be a reason for people to be fearful.

Lightfoot said Wednesday she was "very disappointed" with comments from the CDC, which said people should prepare for significant disruption to their lives.

"So far in Chicago, we've had two cases," Lightfoot said at an event in the Austin neighborhood.

"Now am I going to sit here and say with absolute certainty that we won't have any other cases? No, I will not, but I want to make sure that people understand as they continue to go about their normal lives, we have extremely well thought-out, well-planned responses in the event that the virus

appears again in anyone else in Chicago."

State officials also say they are prepared.

"The Illinois Department of Public Health is working with health care providers and local public health officials, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and other state agencies to coordinate a robust response and take every possible step we can to prepare," state health department Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike said in a statement.

State health officials are conducting hospital assessments to determine available capacity in case more people need medical care, and the department is evaluating the availability of personal protective equipment like gloves, gowns, and masks for health care workers, the agency said.

The CDC has also implemented a screening process at O'Hare International Airport to "proactively identify at-risk travelers" and measures to actively monitor those travelers as well as any suspected cases in the community, the Chicago Department of Public Health said in a statement.

While local experts say the threat of contracting coronavirus remains low, officials at the CDC on Tuesday announced that the illness, which originated in Wuhan, China, but has sickened thousands globally will almost certainly begin spreading in U.S. communities.

"It's not so much a question of if this will happen

anymore, but rather more a question of exactly when this will happen and how many people in this country will have severe illness," Dr. Nancy Messonnier, director of the CDC's National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases.

Messonnier raised the possibility of closing schools and educating students via "teleschooling" in the case of a pandemic. She also suggested adults could work from home and communities might want to postpone or cancel mass gatherings.

When asked Wednesday about what Chicago schools might do in such a scenario, Lightfoot said, "Let's not get ahead of ourselves."

"In the event we need to take extraordinary measures, whether it's in schools or it's in businesses, in government, we're prepared to do that, but I don't want to get ahead of ourselves and suggest to the public that there's a reason for them to be fearful," she said.

As of Wednesday, the World Health Organization was reporting more than 81,000 cases worldwide, including 2,918 cases in 37 countries outside China.

More than 2,700 people have died from the virus, which is known as COVID-19.

There have been 15 confirmed cases in the nation, as well as 45 cases among repatriated citizens, according to the CDC. In Illinois, there have been two coronavirus cases, but both

patients have been treated and discharged; 66 suspected cases in Illinois have come back negative, while two are still pending, according to state health department statistics.

U.S.-based airlines stopped offering flights to and from mainland China after the U.S. government issued a "do not travel" warning for China. Travel restrictions have been placed on foreigners who've visited China, and Americans who've recently traveled to Hubei province face mandatory two-week quarantines before entering the U.S.

Area hospitals are also standing by in case more cases emerge in Illinois.

The virus has had an effect on Chicago-area schools.

At Barrington Community Unit School District 220, Superintendent Brian Harris said officials have heard from parents who were worried about their children's proximity to teachers with the district's Chinese Immersion program, some of whom have traveled recently to China.

"Parents were concerned and asked a lot of questions, and I think our principals managed the situation really well," Harris said.

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Lack of financial investment in properties' upkeep is cited as a grave threat to this Michigan Avenue corridor in Roseland.

Meet some of most endangered city buildings

By JAVONTE ANDERSON

A Chicago preservation group Wednesday released its annual list of buildings or areas the group considers most at risk of demolition.

The James R. Thompson Center and Jackson Park are two of the marquee names Preservation Chicago named as among the seven most endangered in 2020.

"This year we continue to see the threat to our public resources, which is of great concern — from the potential sale of the (Thompson Center), to the loss of 20 acres of Lakefront parklands in Jackson Park, the Midway (Plaisance) and the South Shore Cultural Center for the Proposed Obama Presidential Center," Ward Miller, the group's executive director, said in a release.

The annual list serves to turn a spotlight on historic buildings, sculptures and sites that face the threat of demolition.

Buildings and districts on the list are:

The James R. Thompson Center: The group is concerned about the potential

sale of the Loop office building, designed by Helmut Jahn and important in establishing the Chicago-based German American architect's reputation.

"The potential loss or destruction of the Thompson Center would also be a huge embarrassment to both the City of Chicago and the State of Illinois, as this building is well documented, published and recognized as a landmark in many architectural circles," the group said.

State officials said they don't care what the new owner does with the building.

Jackson Park, the South Shore Cultural Center and the Midway Plaisance: The construction of the Obama Presidential Center and the consolidation of two existing golf courses that could lead to the removal of trees has landed these sites on the most endangered list for the fourth time.

Central Manufacturing District: The district on Pershing Road began to take

form in 1902 with the construction of the U.S. Leather Co. building on Morgan Street and expanded west along Pershing Road, ultimately covering more than 250 acres. Sheathed in red brick, terra cotta and limestone, the district's buildings were constructed in a variety of architectural styles. During the district's peak, more than 200 companies, from Wrigley to Goodyear to Westinghouse, occupied the buildings.

Now, with many of the district's buildings vacant, Preservation Chicago says many of the structurally sound buildings face the threat of demolition and alterations unless the city of Chicago designates it as a landmark district. Part of the district already is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Union Station Power House: Amtrak, which owns the building, has plans to demolish the structure — situated on the Chicago River at 301 W. Taylor St. — to make room for a new maintenance shed, Preservation Chicago said.

Chicago Town & Tennis Club: 1925 W. Thome Ave. The 3.5-acre site in the West Ridge neighborhood was recently sold for \$7.5 million to Misericordia, a nonprofit organization that supports people with developmental disabilities. The company plans to demolish the historic building and construct a residential building, Preservation Chicago said.

Washington Park National Bank: 63rd Street and Cottage Grove Avenue. Anchored in the West Woodlawn neighborhood, this building made the list for the second time.

Roseland Michigan Avenue Commercial District: on Michigan Avenue between 107th and 115th streets. The historic buildings along this strip are in fair or poor condition, Preservation Chicago said. Lack of financial investment in the upkeep of the properties is the biggest threat to this corridor, the group said.

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A truck towing two vehicles prepares to enter a city of Chicago auto pound on Wednesday. The city can sell or destroy an impounded vehicle after 21 days.

Lawsuit challenges Chicago's selling of impounded vehicles

Plaintiffs decry city's disposal of cars over tickets

BY JOHN BYRNE

Chicago's practice of selling cars impounded for unpaid parking tickets is unconstitutional, according to a new federal lawsuit that's the latest attempt to curb the long-running practice.

Attorney Jacie Zolna wants the city to pay back thousands of people who've lost their cars because they couldn't come up with hundreds of dollars in ticket costs and other fees to get them out of city impound lots. Often, the city sells the impounded cars to its towing company for pennies on the dollar, Zolna said.

"These vehicles were a part of no crime. They were parked legally," Zolna said Wednesday at a news conference to announce the suit. "They weren't posing a safety hazard to anyone. They were simply towed because the people who owned the vehicles couldn't afford to pay the parking tickets."

Joseph Walawski, a plaintiff in the suit, said his 2016 Nissan was booted by

the city, then towed while it was legally parked in the Hermosa neighborhood in 2018 because he owed \$500 for three parking tickets.

When he couldn't come up with part of that money plus hundreds more in towing and impound fees, the city sold the car for \$204 to its towing company, United Road Towing Inc., Walawski said.

He still owed more than \$17,000 on the Nissan when it got towed, Walawski said.

"I had \$20 in my pocket at the time. I couldn't come up with the money the city wanted," said Walawski, who added he had just started a new job as a pizza delivery driver when he lost the car and had to give up the job. "It crippled me. It left me in a bad state."

"They could have sold the car back to me for \$204 and called it even," he said.

Having a vehicle towed can get costly quick, depending on how much it weighs.

For vehicles that weigh less than 8,000 pounds, the tow fee is \$150, along with a \$20 daily storage fee the first five days that jumps to \$35 per day afterward. The towing fee for heavier vehicles is \$250, on top of a \$60 daily storage fee for the first

five days, which then increases to \$100 per day.

The city can sell or destroy an impounded vehicle after 21 days, but vehicle owners can request a 15-day extension to pay the fines and fees, according to the city's website.

Mayor Lori Lightfoot has said she plans to reform the city's system of fines and fees because they're regressive and do the most harm to low-income residents.

"While we have not seen and therefore cannot comment on this suit, it's important to note that the administration is actively working to evaluate the city's complex impound systems to find ways to enhance them and ensure that residents aren't losing their cars simply due to inability to pay," mayoral spokeswoman Lauren Huffman said in a statement.

The lawsuit comes as the U.S. Supreme Court has set arguments this April in a separate case where a group of Chicagoans argue the city must return their impounded vehicles to them if they file bankruptcy.

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Feds want 3 years in prison for Vrdolyak's co-defendant

Attorney already pleaded guilty to tax evasion

BY JASON MEISNER

Federal prosecutors are asking for a prison sentence of about three years for a Chicago lawyer accused of scheming with former Ald. Edward Vrdolyak to reap millions of dollars in legal fees from the state's massive settlement with the tobacco companies despite having done no work on the case.

Daniel Soso, 67, pleaded guilty last year to one count of income tax evasion for his role in the scheme, which prosecutors said netted Soso and Vrdolyak at least a combined \$10 million in illicit payments from the historic \$9.3 billion settlement beginning in 1999.

Soso is scheduled to be sentenced next week by U.S. District Judge Robert Dow. Vrdolyak, 82, who also pleaded guilty, faces up to about 2½ years in prison when he is sentenced April 2.

In a court filing Tuesday, prosecutors said that sparing Soso from a significant term behind bars would "contribute to the current climate of cynicism that well-heeled white collar criminal defendants and the politically connected are held to a different standard than others."

Assistant U.S. Attorney Amarjeet Bhachu wrote that a sentence of probation — as requested by Soso's attorneys — would also "call into question why anyone should hesitate before cheating on their taxes when all that lies ahead is a possible lecture" from a judge if they get caught.

In his own court filing last week, Soso's attorneys, Jeffrey Steinback and Vadim Glozman, said Soso has already paid dearly for his crime, including losing the respect of colleagues and the legal career he

spent a lifetime building. "Mr. Soso now stands before this court a broken and defeated man," Steinback said. "He is extraordinarily humbled and contrite, deeply ashamed and angered with himself; that his actions have not only affected his life, but also the lives of his closest loved ones."

They also laid much of the blame at Vrdolyak's feet, claiming the former alderman cut off payments owed to Soso after receiving a levy notice from the IRS in 2005, leaving Soso without means to pay his back taxes.

According to court records, Vrdolyak's role in the tobacco settlement came after then-Illinois Attorney General Jim Ryan negotiated a contingency arrangement promising 10% of the payout to four law firms that handled the litigation. That figure was dramatically reduced after years of court arbitration, but in the end, several law firms were to share in a total of \$188.5 million.

One of those firms was Seattle-based Hagens Berman, which was headed by attorney Steve Berman. Identified only as Individual B in the indictment, Berman entered into a secret agreement in 1996 to pay Vrdolyak and Soso fees from the settlement and hide the payments from the attorney general and tobacco companies, the charges alleged.

Berman was not charged with wrongdoing.

Vrdolyak's lawyers have argued in court filings that not only was Vrdolyak's cut of the settlement above-board but it also was blessed by key players, including Ryan.

But prosecutors said Vrdolyak's name was purposefully left off the settle-

ment paperwork because he was a controversial figure.

"Indeed, it is easy to include that news that a political insider like Edward Vrdolyak and his associate were going to pocket \$65.4 million would have raised all sorts of red flags," Bhachu wrote in his filing Tuesday.

Meanwhile, evidence uncovered in the probe showed that efforts to keep the deal under wraps became frayed over time.

In 2014, Soso emailed both Berman and Vrdolyak to vent his frustration that Vrdolyak had been withholding money he was

owed. He also threatened to sue Vrdolyak, warning that the legal action would make "front page news and most definitely open a can of worms that I would rather stay closed," according to a copy of the email quoted in Bhachu's sentencing filing.

Bhachu also revealed for the first time in Tuesday's filing that Ryan was issued a "non-tar-

get letter" by prosecutors and was interviewed several times about his recollection of the tobacco settlement.

"Ryan stated that if Vrdolyak was involved in the tobacco litigation, it was behind his back," Bhachu wrote.

After "questions arose" about Vrdolyak's possible involvement, Ryan said he instructed his then-chief of staff to investigate, but no record of any deal was uncovered, Bhachu said.

"Ryan further stated that if he had found out Vrdolyak had received money from the litigation, Ryan would have tried to get the money returned," Bhachu said.

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CPS art

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The murals have prompted debate about how certain art should be used and whether the answer is different inside a public school than in a museum or on the side of a building — or, in this particular case, in a building that houses CPS' American Indian Education Program.

When students or families visit the building, some see the artwork and raise questions, said the program's manager, Lisa Bernal. The American Indian Education Program moved into the Garfield Park building a couple of years ago, and at first she tried to tolerate the art that offended her, but it's hard to see it every day, she said. She is frustrated by false portrayals of her community's relationships with "colonizers, or any non-natives."

"It's kind of hard to consider this artwork and how its supposed to show maybe some honor, it's supposed to show some type of a positive reflection of the first contact with indigenous people here, but when you go beyond just that first contact, then you have where we are constantly being demeaned," Bernal said.

Many of the murals in CPS and in other local public buildings that have created controversy in recent years were painted during the 1930s and '40s, often through President Franklin D. Roosevelt's Works Progress Administration or other New Deal programs. Some preservationists have argued that such art should be retained for its historic and aesthetic value, and as useful lessons in how attitudes and depictions have changed, with explanations of why the work is now viewed differently.

With newer art at CPS schools, officials have been intentional about reflecting the district's diverse student body.

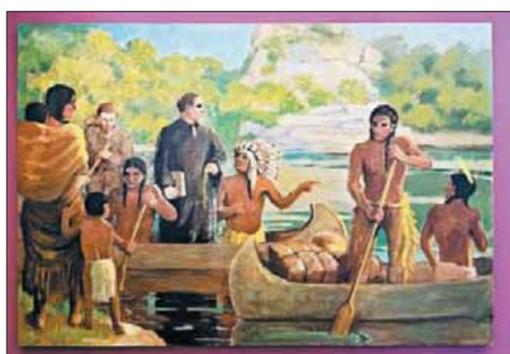
A mural at the new Englewood STEM High School, for example, combines words community members used to describe Englewood with STEM symbols and traditional West African art patterns.

A CPS spokeswoman said the district is committed to fostering a supportive environment that embraces the city's diversity.



Murals in the cafeteria of Lane Tech College Prep High School are seen Friday.

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CHICAGO PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Some staff and community members have called for the removal of this mural displayed at a CPS office building.

CPS collected public feedback "on a comprehensive new policy that will ensure communities have a voice in determining the works of art that are displayed in their schools and offices," spokeswoman Emily Bolton said in an email.

The old policy for art acquisition, ownership, conservation and maintenance was established in 2000. Bolton said it doesn't address equity in a meaningful way, which is a key value and priority for the district.

The new policy includes the creation of a steering committee to "evaluate concerns raised about specific works of art to ensure equi-

ty and cultural responsiveness." The committee will make recommendations to the board on how to address any concerns or complaints.

"The district recognizes that some works of art in schools do not reflect the district's values of diversity and inclusion," a district statement said.

Recommendations could include removing art, adding contextual information or commissioning new "culturally responsive" art to hang alongside the existing work.

"There are so many things, from the very practical to the ethical, that I think they are taking into account," said Jacqueline

Terrassa, who works in museum education at the Art Institute of Chicago.

Terrassa said CPS arts education office asked the Art Institute to help bring more perspectives and knowledge to the process of drafting a new policy. "Policies can either create or limit access, opportunities for fair or unfair representation or engagement, and I appreciate that they are thinking about those questions."

Terrassa's recommendations included making a clear statement about the purpose of the collection, and including artists and CPS teachers on the committee.

In line with the new policy, the district plans to update its artwork inventory. As dozens of schools have closed in recent years, some of the art decorating their walls has been moved to other CPS buildings or put in storage. One mural in question at the West Garfield Park offices was once housed at Trumbull Elementary.

The school district has the largest remaining collection in the U.S. of murals painted between 1904 and 1943, according to the Chicago Conservation Center. The center has helped CPS

with the preservation of 440 such murals, and dozens of works at Lane Tech High School are among those documented in a 2002 book by Heather Becker, "Art of the People: The Rediscovery and Preservation of Progressive and WPA-era Murals in Chicago Public Schools."

Complicating matters, though, the Board of Education doesn't own WPA art in its collection, and CPS cannot legally move or remove these pieces unilaterally, according to the district. Works created through the Works Progress Administration, whose name was later changed to the Work Projects Administration, can only be moved or removed in consultation with the federal government, which the district said it intends to do based on guidance by the steering committee.

Sarah Dennis, a CPS alumna who is now a social justice advocate, consultant and an adjunct professor of education, suggested that problematic art could still be blocked from view if not removed. She also noted that some WPA-era murals depict only white children, sending the wrong message about who belongs in the school.

"The district recognizes that some works of art in schools do not reflect the district's values of diversity and inclusion."

— A district statement

Though most criticism has been aimed at the Garfield Park office murals, Dennis said they're not the only ones that raise questions, recalling a field trip she took her education students on to Bateman Elementary, where they saw a mural depicting characters from children's literature. She questioned some of the portrayals, such as a boy in a headdress and others depicted in head coverings.

"We went out into the hallway and stared at it," Dennis said. "I asked them, 'What do you see? What kind of message does it send to the children who attend here, about who is important?'"

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Database

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reduce gang violence in a city as complicated as Chicago," Beck said in an interview with the Tribune. "You have to have a number of tools. Some are intervention, community-based. But some are enforcement-related. We have a small minority of individuals who are involved, who are extremely violent, who are killing people literally on a daily basis, and we need to have investigative tools."

The existence of any such database, however, continues to be met with opposition.

Sheila Bedi, a professor at Northwestern University's Pritzker School of Law, questioned whether the continued warehousing of gang information will really help reduce crime.

"There is a much bigger issue, which is the (Inspector General's Office) said they should evaluate whether this is a legitimate tool," Bedi said. "Or whether these gang databases are essentially useless, and the city has failed to engage in that inquiry. This really suggests a missed opportunity to bring policing in Chicago into the future and address some of the unconstitutional and racist policing practices that have haunted our communities."

The department has for years gathered gang data from multiple places — arrest reports, gang cards and contact cards, for example — and warehoused them in its massive computer information network. The end result was an out-of-date, inaccurate and racially biased list of known gang members that swelled to more than 130,000 names, according to lawsuits and the report from city Inspec-

tor General Joseph Ferguson's office.

Critics have said the past practice of designating someone as a gang member was too subjective, based on who some city residents associated with or what they might have been wearing when they came into contact with police officers.

And because the information was readily available departmentwide — and to outside law enforcement agencies — there have been devastating consequences for people on the list. Some critics have said people have been ordered for deportation based on falsely being labeled as gang members, for example. Some classified by the city as gang members have reported struggling to find work after the affiliations popped up on background checks, community groups have said.

Beck said he expected it would take six months to a year to bring the new database fully up to speed. It could partially rely on existing gang information in the department's computer system, but only if it passes a vetting.

Going forward, the criteria for gang designation will include either recorded admission by a person that they are affiliated, police said, or reliance on a combination of two of the following criteria: information from confidential informants who have provided reliable information, identification by another penal institution or law enforcement agency, conviction of a crime where gang membership was a part of the crime. Gang clothing can also be considered — but not as a standalone criteria.

The new safeguards in place also include that only officers trained on the new system will have access to the database, Beck said.

Mayor Lori Lightfoot's



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Sonia Orozco, left, Irma Morales and others attend an anti-police gang database rally at Chicago City Hall on April 11, 2019.

office praised the move Wednesday, saying the proper safeguards were being put in place.

"Mayor Lightfoot has been clear that completely overhauling and reforming the way in which the Chicago Police Department collects, maintains, and shares information on gangs and criminal enterprises is a necessary step toward building greater transparency, accountability and trust between our law enforcement and the residents they serve," spokesman Patrick Mullane said in a statement. "The department's reformed Criminal Enterprise Information System fulfills that commitment by allowing CPD to better prevent, investigate, and solve gang-related crime while also protecting the constitutional rights of citizens."

Ald. Chris Taliaferro, 29th, who chairs the City Council Public Safety Committee, said the proposed changes that allow for people to try to get their names removed from the database

are important.

"I think a key will be this increased checks and balances and transparency," Taliaferro said. "Under the proposal I saw, you would be able to fill out an application, for lack of a better word, to find out if your name is in the database. And if it is, you would be able to appeal to have it removed."

Taliaferro said he hopes to hold an evening meeting about the newly created database at Malcolm X College or another neighborhood site so residents can easily attend. And he said he's optimistic activists opposed to the database can get their ideas considered if they're willing to engage in the process rather than simply insist the database be shut down.

Bedi was among the critics still questioning whether the new system will avoid the pitfalls of the past. She said she is not yet convinced the department will have a strong enough vetting process or adequate training to make sure there are no civil rights violations.

"I think there is not enough assurances that there will be the kind of rigor behind these processes," she said. "We don't have information about how police officers are going to be trained, how supervisors are going to be trained."

Community groups who oppose the collection of gang data by police also launched an online campaign Wednesday to renounce the idea, knowing the announcement of a new system was imminent.

In a news release, the groups said that public comments gathered around the issue by the department show that nearly 90% of respondents did not want any new database created.

"Reading through the comments I realized an overwhelming number of suggestions urged the city to consider investing resources in communities instead of creating a new gang database," said Veronica Rodriguez, youth organizer with Brighton Park Neigh-

borhood Council. "I believe people know the issue here is about CPD's inappropriate use of these databases and the fact that it can't be easily solved only by tweaking the system. People want to see more investment in public education and mental health resources in our neighborhoods instead of more surveillance and criminalization."

The information released by the community groups Wednesday included more than 400 individual statements made by community members at meetings held by the city challenging the existence of any such database. Many of the comments said the old database unfairly targeted people of color and was filled with errors and names that were unfairly included.

The groups are encouraging aldermen to continue considering abolishing the database all together. Ordinances have been introduced at City Council aimed at curtailing or stopping use of the system.

"We were told that the Chicago Police Department would consider the comments made by the public last spring regarding the proposed Criminal Enterprise Database," Chaz Lee, an organizer at HANA Center, a Chicago-area organization that focuses on social service and advocacy, including around immigration, said in a news release Wednesday.

"We now know that an overwhelming majority of those that submitted feedback oppose the implementation of the new gang database. We ask City Council to move forward with our proposed ordinance and stop the implementation."

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Criticism mounts of poverty summit

In response, mayor blasts those who don't 'step up'

BY GREGORY PRATT

At a City Hall news conference Wednesday, community activists slammed Mayor Lori Lightfoot's efforts to address poverty as incomplete and said she left out key groups from her poverty summit.

The activists spoke nearly a week after Lightfoot hosted a daylong conference to help address poverty, one of the city's chronic issues. Her administration convened policy experts, academics, union leaders and others to talk about ways to tackle the problem, but some community groups said they felt excluded.

"If she wanted to address the issues of poverty, she should've had us there in the room," said April Harris, an activist with the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless.

Lightfoot has been in a dispute with activists who want her to keep a campaign pledge promising an increase on the real estate transfer tax that would go toward fighting homelessness. She's opposed increasing the tax to make a mandated revenue stream, saying she doesn't want to permanently tie the funds to any one issue.

Other activists said her plans to prevent displacement and preserve affordable housing in Woodlawn near the proposed Obama Presidential Center don't go far enough and criticized the mayor for her long-held opposition to rent control.



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Eulas Arrington, center right, joins advocates for the homeless and community groups targeting poverty issues.

"If you are not addressing rent, you are not addressing poverty," said Marsha Cole with the Jane Addams Senior Caucus.

The news conference also was attended by Ald. Carlos Ramirez-Rosa, 35th, a democratic socialist who has been a regular Lightfoot critic dating to the 2019 mayoral campaign.

Chicago features one of the country's great downtown areas and a number of wealthy neighborhoods. But in many parts of the city, particularly on the West and South sides, children rely on their schools for the only real meal of their days and people live in deep poverty.

Lightfoot previously said she hosted the summit to show "we're no longer going to look the other way."

At an unrelated news conference to announce loans for West Side businesses before the activists spoke, Lightfoot was asked about the criticism from some aldermen and community groups that they're being left out of the discussion.

"Poverty didn't get invented by this administration and the focus on poverty didn't just start with the poverty summit last week," Lightfoot said. "Elected officials, particularly ones who have been in

office for a long time — I would be embarrassed if I was an elected official and standing up and saying, 'the mayor didn't give me my golden ticket to investing and talk about poverty.' That's ridiculous."

She added: "People need to step up. What I have said is we are committed to making sure that we solve poverty in our city in a generation. We need an all-hands-on-deck approach. Nobody needs a golden ticket to talk about the fact that one in five of our people are suffering. People are living on \$8.50 a day. My goodness. That is a disgrace. If you want to be in on this, step up and lead. That is what people have elected you to do."

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Illinois House passes red-light cam ban in many communities

BY JAMIE MUNKS

The Illinois House on Wednesday overwhelmingly passed legislation banning controversial red-light cameras in many Illinois communities, advancing a measure similar to one blocked in 2015 by a senator who has since resigned and pleaded guilty to taking bribes from a red-light camera company.

The bipartisan approval of a bill sponsored by Republican state Rep. David McSweeney would ban red-light cameras in non-home rule communities in Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake and Will counties, as well as in Madison and St. Clair counties east of St. Louis. Non-home rule communities — generally those with 25,000 or fewer residents — have more limited powers under state law. Chicago would not be affected by the ban.

The bill now moves to the Senate.

McSweeney sponsored a similar measure five years ago that passed the House but was stopped in the Senate by former Sen. Martin Sandoval, head of the powerful Transportation Committee.

Sandoval, a Chicago Democrat, pleaded guilty

in federal court this year to accepting upward of \$70,000 in bribes to act as a "protector" in Springfield for red-light camera company SafeSpeed.

Federal scrutiny of Sandoval's dealings with SafeSpeed are part of an ongoing corruption probe that has touched a range of high-powered interests from Chicago to Springfield. The probe has sparked more discussions about the controversial cameras in Springfield, and also led to a push for tighter ethics rules for state government.

In 2012, the Tribune uncovered a \$2 million bribery scandal that led Chicago to cut ties with its red-light camera vendor, which later agreed to pay \$20 million to the city to settle its lawsuit over the company's admitted fraud.

McSweeney called red-light camera programs "corrupt," and said related traffic fines disproportionately affect lower-income people and that they are geared more toward generating revenue than improving safety. Some other lawmakers questioned the reason for pushing a red-light camera ban in some communities when other proposed legislation

would ban them altogether.

The House vote was 84-4 in favor of the legislation, but the measure will likely continue to face pushback in the suburbs and the Illinois Municipal League.

Rep. Diane Pappas, a suburban Democrat, said the measure is less a red-light camera issue and more a "local control issue."

"What we're doing by passing this bill is not banning evil red-light cameras, we are depriving non-home rule communities of rights that home rule communities will continue to have," Pappas said. "People will continue to be ticketed for running red lights in home rule communities but not in non-home rule communities."

SafeSpeed has acknowledged it is the firm named in Sandoval's federal plea deal, but officials have said they did not know about any bribes paid by one company representative, who has been identified as co-owner Omar Maani.

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Lead

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Water department officials now think the type of meter they used for years could have triggered the problems.

"We noticed there were no changes to the water when we used the other type of meter in some homes," said Andrea Putz, a deputy commissioner.

But a recently retired expert from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said the real problem is city officials still fail to recognize that any disruption of lead pipes can substantially increase concentrations of the toxic metal in tap water.

"If they have come up with some goofy excuse, taking care not to manhandle lead pipes from now on, that may allow them to say 'See, we aren't seeing high lead since we switched to these new meters,'" said Miguel del Toral, who led a 2013 EPA study of Chicago homes that revealed how lead levels in tap water could spike for months — or even years — after pipes had been disturbed by street work or plumbing repairs, including the installation of water meters.

"Lead service lines are a risk, period," said del Toral, who played a key role in identifying the health threats to people in Flint, Michigan, and East Chicago. "No further studies are required."

Chicago has the most lead service lines in the United States, largely because the city's plumbing code required the use of lead to connect single-family homes and two-flats to street mains until Congress banned the practice in 1986.

Yet Emanuel and water department officials repeatedly denied the nation's third-largest city has a widespread problem with lead in drinking water.

The study of metered homes and results from thousands of free testing kits distributed by the city show Emanuel not only was wrong, his own programs likely made the problem worse.

Of 510 homes tested between 2017 and 2019, 22% had elevated lead levels in tap water after a meter installation, the city found. About 7% saw lead levels spike higher than 15 parts per billion — three times

greater than the Food and Drug Administration's standard for bottled water.

The free testing kits — provided by the city upon request — show that lead-contaminated water has been found in at least one home in all 77 community areas.

A city contractor analyzed more than 8,400 kits between January 2016 and March 2019. Tap water in 13% of the homes sampled had lead concentrations above 5 parts per billion, the maximum allowed in bottled water by the FDA, according to a Chicago Tribune analysis.

Emanuel borrowed more than \$481 million for projects intended to conserve the limited amount of water the city is allowed to draw from Lake Michigan, including the installation of household meters and new water mains. The city doubled water rates to pay back the 20-year loans.

Shortly after Lightfoot took office last year, the city began offering free water filters to anyone who had a meter installed. Her administration later quietly extended the offer to people living on streets where the water main has recently been replaced.

But Lightfoot and water department officials have so far resisted calls to replace lead service lines at the same time crews are digging up streets to replace water mains. Other cities have launched programs that split the cost of replacing the pipes with property owners, often on a sliding scale intended to ease the burden on low-income residents.

Del Toral suggested the city could kick-start its own program by waiving costly permits and requiring the removal of lead service lines when homes are sold.

"Get them out during water main work and save us all a lot of money since the equipment is already there and we don't have to dig it up (and repave) the streets twice," del Toral said. "We all get different benefits in one way or another from public expenditures, and of course this is the right thing to do."

Last year, a state appeals court revived a lawsuit filed on behalf of residents seeking to force the city to dig up lead service lines. The Lightfoot administration has asked the Illinois Supreme Court to throw out the case.

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A stabbed brother. A fateful choice.

'Do I hold my brother for his last dying breaths' or go find attacker?

BY ALICE YIN

Santiago Bueno hurled his fists at a red punching bag. It made it easier to talk about his younger brother, just days after seeing him die.

"That's the only way it's going to get anything out," said Bueno, a trained mixed martial arts teacher.

In between wide swings and quick jabs, Bueno said the night his brother Kenneth Paterimos was killed began as a celebration.

Bueno had just been offered three jobs, two of them coaching at high schools and another as a trainer at Floyd Mayweather's upcoming boxing gym. He immediately knew how he wanted to share his good fortune Friday night: with his younger brother. After locating him through



Paterimos

Snapchat, he met up with him at Richard's Bar in West Town.

Paterimos, 23, first tried to give his brother a shot of liquor. Bueno said he just laughed and swatted the glass out of his hand. On hearing the news about the job offers, Paterimos gave his brother a tight hug and a kiss on the cheek. Then he darted off to dance with a group of women.

Bueno was chatting with their other brother and his girlfriend when a man with a heavy build bumped into him. He said the man, visibly intoxicated, shot him an aggressive look, a "mean mug" face, which he ignored.

Soon afterward, Bueno said, he heard a commotion on the dance floor and looked over to see his little brother pinned under the man who had nudged him

earlier. He pulled the man off Paterimos, pushed him against the jukebox and told him to leave, which he did after much resistance, Bueno said.

When the man left, Bueno told employees at Richard's Bar that the other man had been the aggressor, and the staff said Paterimos could stay. But Paterimos was agitated. "I just need a cigarette," Bueno recalled his brother saying before walking out.

Bueno said he realized his brother's attacker had just left through the same exit minutes earlier, so he scrambled to follow him. Before making it to the door, he saw Paterimos stagger into the bar.

His younger brother fell into his arms, bloodied, and Bueno said he sensed that Paterimos was going to die.

"As I'm coming out, he bunches in the door, a bloody mess," Bueno said. "I held him for as long as a handful of seconds until I had to realize — which I would never wish any human being to feel — do I hold my brother for his last dying breaths on earth or go find the guy who did this to him?"

Bueno bolted outside and saw the man walking down the street while holding a knife. He grabbed the man's collar, hooking his foot behind his heel and yanking him down. The man began to raise his hand with the knife, and Bueno said he bent the man's arm until he heard it snap. All the while, Bueno was screaming at people who had followed him to call 911.

Chicago police officers arrived and detained the man, who they said was 30



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Santiago Bueno trains at the Sam Colonna gym on West 35th Street this week while thinking of his brother.

years old. Paterimos was taken to Stroger Hospital, where he died. Doctors counted eight stab and slash wounds: one in the left ear, three in the back of the head, two in the right arm, one in the left chest and one in the back collarbone, according to police. A box cutter was recovered at the scene, a police source said.

No charges as investigation continues

As Bueno recounted the harrowing details, the cadence of his jabs picked up and beads of sweat rolled down his forehead. Sometimes he paused and focused on pummeling the punching bag. The hits ebbed once he finished reliving the scene, tempering into an even drumbeat as he remembered the man his brother was.

A barista at Step Down Cafe in Pilsen, Paterimos was a peaceful, easygoing person who could be counted on to lift any grim mood with his jokes, Bueno said. His energy seemed to burst from his slight frame.

Paterimos dreamed of one day growing and brewing his own coffee beans. He loved living in Chicago and nursed a special love for the Austin neighborhood,

where he had recently moved. "He just wanted to be happy, everything to be positive and just a good time," said his younger brother, Anthony Paterimos, 21. "In this dark world, my brother was my light."

Kenneth Paterimos had recently come out as bisexual, and his family wonders if his sexual orientation had something to do with his death. An officer asked the family if he was gay, and said witnesses related that the man had yelled homophobic slurs during the fight inside the bar, Bueno said.

Bueno didn't hear any slur, but he said his brother does not tolerate such language and would likely have been angry.

"If he called him a homophobic slur, yeah, you can absolutely look at that as a hate crime," Bueno said. "It just, it throws me off that things like this are real. ... What's there to really hate unless you're just extremely rude and you're resentful of your own life?"

Police have released the 30-year-old without charges, saying they are still investigating the man's claim of self-defense and are working to corroborate other details of the attack. There is no indication in police records that Paterimos had a weapon. The

records also say witnesses reported the slur.

"We are currently in a position where we need to corroborate statements that were given to detectives concerning a potential self-defense claim," Chicago police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi said in a statement. "As we have said and the state's attorney confirmed, charges have not been declined in this case and the investigation is continuing."

When a suspect is taken into police custody, the Cook County state's attorney's office has up to 48 hours to file charges in the case before the individual must be let go, except under extraordinary circumstances.

As the investigation continued over the weekend with no charges, Bueno said he felt detectives were treating him as the suspect, questioning him over and over about the injuries the 30-year-old suffered.

"Chicago already has enough murders and homicides that go on with (no consequences)," Bueno said. "This is the situation where we have the guy, and we have the weapon, and we know it was in his hands. I'm telling you this because I caught him."

Guglielmi declined to comment further. The state's attorney's office declined comment, citing the continuing police investigation.

Skepticism about self-defense

Two witnesses to the bar fight, who requested anonymity due to safety concerns, told the Tribune they believed the 30-year-old was the instigator of the bar fight. They recalled him threatening Paterimos before leaving.

Neither said they heard the initial argument or any

homophobic slurs because they were sitting too far away at the bar. But both said that, as the 30-year-old was leaving, he told Paterimos he would rip out his nose ring.

One of the witnesses said he began applying pressure on Paterimos' wounds while Bueno left to search for the attacker. "I had thought he had died right there in my hands," the witness said. "I saw him pass out with his eyes open, and he was lifeless at that moment."

Citing the heavy intoxication of the 30-year-old and the difference between his size and Paterimos', the two witnesses said they were perplexed at the self-defense claim.

"It says everything about our justice system," said the witness who had stayed with Paterimos. "The murder weapon was found outside on the floor. Do they check for fingerprints anymore? It doesn't make sense."

Under Illinois law, a person is justified in the use of force if they reasonably believe the action is necessary to defend against "imminent use of unlawful force." It may only be applied to prevent "imminent death or great bodily harm" or the commission of a forcible felony such as murder, rape, arson or burglary. It is not justified if the person using force provokes the other individual with the intent to use force as an excuse to inflict bodily harm.

As Bueno finally voiced some optimism that he will see his brother's killer in court, he stopped working the punching bag. In those moments, he said, he can hear his brother encouraging him.

"Don't," he heard his brother say, encouraging him not to cry. "I'm OK."

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Judges eye public charge rule

Trump admin lawyers grilled as rules take effect

BY ELVIA MALAGÓN

President Donald Trump's "public charge" rule — which could penalize immigrants who seek public benefits — faced a bombardment of critical questions Wednesday from federal appeals judges hearing Cook County's legal challenge to the change.

Just days after the U.S. Supreme Court allowed the rule change to go into effect, three judges on the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals in Chicago, including one who participated by video, grilled Gerard Sinzduk, the attorney representing the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, on the definition of public charge. U.S. Appellate Chief Judge Diane Wood pressed for evidence to support changes in the rule, saying some of it seemed to be plucked "out of thin air" and not from data on immigrants.

Federal immigration authorities started implementing the rule Monday after the Supreme Court reversed an injunction issued in Cook County's legal challenge, though Justice Sonia Sotomayor wrote a sharp dissent. But the legal challenges continue, and Wednesday's arguments will determine if the appellate court will rule against the change.

"Public charge" refers to immigrants who are primarily dependent on some form of public assistance, which advocates of the rule-tightening say puts an undue and unfair burden on limited tax resources. The new rule broadens that definition, meaning the agency could deny the application of someone who entered the country legally and is seeking permanent residency. It also applies to those seeking to apply or extend a visa.

Under the rule, people could have their applica-



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Militz Pagán, an attorney with the Shriver Center on Poverty Law, speaks during a news conference in Chicago on Wednesday.

tions rejected if they used or are likely to use programs such as Supplemental Security Income, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, some forms of Medicaid and certain housing programs.

Officials also weigh other factors when reviewing visa or green card applications, such as a person's age, health, family status, overall assets, employment and their ability to speak English. Certain immigrants will be exempt from the rule, such as refugees, asylees and certain crime victims.

Immigrants would not be penalized for using programs including disaster relief, national school lunch, Head Start, and subsidized student and mortgage loans.

On Wednesday, the judges posed several scenarios, trying to gauge how soon the government would deem an immigrant a public charge. According to U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, a person would be a public charge if they received benefits for more than 12 months in a 36-month period.

But under questioning from the judges, Sinzduk said it was possible for someone to be deemed a public charge if they received multiple benefits in less than 12 months. He pointed out that Homeland Security narrowed down the benefits to food, housing and medical care.

"Only the most important things a person needs," Wood said in response.

Wood also brought up the threat of the coronavirus, questioning if the rule might stop an immigrant from seeking medical attention out of fear, thus costing the government more money if the virus spreads.

"If the government wants to create a pandemic, go ahead," Wood said. "It seems very foolish."

Sinzduk responded that immigrants could seek private care and pay for it themselves.

Another question raised was why the government didn't instead seek reimbursement from people sponsoring immigrants who used public benefits. Sinzduk said that while the government can seek that form of reimbursement, it is

costly and time consuming.

David Morrison, an attorney representing Cook County, said the county could end up with higher medical costs and lower federal reimbursements if fewer immigrant patients apply for Medicaid out of fear.

He also argued the rule has a chilling effect similar to when Trump's administration sought to place a citizenship question on the 2020 census. Morrison said the rule will cause people to choose between health care and their immigration status.

The court of appeals is expected to issue a ruling within a few weeks. Militz Pagán, an attorney with the Shriver Center on Poverty Law who is working with Cook County and the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights on the legal challenge, said if the court rules in favor of their original injunction, they expect the government could seek review from the U.S. Supreme Court.

"We think that the rule is discriminatory and it's unjust and a cruel public charge rule," Pagán said.

The rule was initially supposed to go into effect Oct. 15, but it was entangled in challenges, including Cook County's. In January, the U.S. Supreme Court reversed a ruling out of New York that placed a nationwide hold on the rule. For the time, the government could not implement the rule in Illinois. Then last week, the U.S. Supreme Court reversed the injunction in Illinois.

The arguments heard Wednesday stem from the lawsuit filed in September by Cook County and the immigration coalition challenging the public charge rule. In the original complaint, county officials argued the public charge rule would have a chilling effect in immigrant communities, leading to more families not enrolling in health programs and instead placing a great financial burden on county agencies.

Friday's decision by the high court to reverse the Illinois injunction meant at least one Chicago-based law firm spent the weekend scrambling to submit applications before Monday's implementation of the rule.

Kathleen Vannucci, a Chicago-based immigration attorney, said that in about 24 hours, her law firm finished 43 applications to ensure they were postmarked Sunday. The Supreme Court reversal happened Friday night, but USCIS didn't allow a grace period for Illinois, she said.

"These were individuals that absolutely would have had a very difficult time getting approved with the new public charge rule," Vannucci said. "It was life or death for these clients."

Inhe Choi, the executive director of the Chicago-based HANA Center, said while the rule went into effect Monday, they've heard of immigrants opting out of public benefits for over a year out of fear of what it could mean to their case. In one case, a naturalized citizen was still scared of enrolling her child in the program.

"Over a year it's been like this," Choi said by phone Tuesday. "... The fear and confusion has already been out there."

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State policy on ICE coordination is under fire from sheriffs group

BY JAMIE MUNKS AND ANTONIA AYRES-BROWN

The Illinois Sheriffs' Association and Republican lawmakers on Tuesday blasted what they said is a state policy change to stop coordinating with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement when undocumented immigrants are released from state custody after completing felony sentences.

Before the change, the Kankakee County sheriff's office transported undocumented felons who were leaving an Illinois Department of Corrections facility but still had a federal immigration detainer to the Jerome Combs Detention Center in Kankakee, under a contract with ICE, Kankakee County Sheriff Mike Downey said.

Downey said he was notified Jan. 30 that the state was canceling the process "indefinitely, upon the advice of legal counsel."

In 2017, then-Gov. Bruce Rauner, a Republican, signed into law the Trust Act, which prohibits state and local police in Illinois from arresting or detaining a person solely because of their immigration status, or based on a federal immigration detainer. Under the law, authorities are able to hold someone if a judge has issued a warrant.

Gov. J.B. Pritzker's administration is working closely with the Department of Corrections to review existing policies, "build on the progress" made under the Trust Act and "ensure the protection of immigrant families and all Illinois communities," Pritzker spokeswoman Jordan Abudayyeh said in an emailed statement Tuesday.

"As this work moves forward, the Department of Corrections will pause the majority of its interactions with ICE," Abudayyeh said. "The governor has made it abundantly clear that Illinois will be a firewall against the president's at-

tacks on immigrant communities."

The issue of immigration has become a political flashpoint nationally under President Donald Trump, who has pushed for strict border policies including a wall along the southern border of the United States, and has sharply criticized "sanctuary" cities and states, where local and state laws limit law enforcement cooperation with ICE.

Under the Trust Act, the Department of Corrections cannot detain someone "solely on the basis of an immigration detainer or non-judicial immigration warrant," department spokeswoman Lindsey Hess said in an email.

"All incarcerated individuals are released at the expiration of their sentence," Hess said.

In 2019, 223 individuals were transferred to the Jerome Combs Detention Center in Kankakee after serving out sentences for felony convictions at a state Department of Corrections facility under a contract with ICE, Downey said.

It was not clear how many of those individuals faced deportation after their release from state correctional facilities.

The transfers the Kankakee County sheriff's office carried out at the request by ICE last year included people who had been convicted of sexual offenses involving minors, murder or attempted murder and aggravated driving under the influence, law enforcement officials said at Tuesday's news conference.

"We wanted to have a justice system that can quickly and swiftly determine the status of these individuals without risking the safety of the general public, or communities where they were serving a sentence," Downey said.

The move "raises the stakes for a dangerous or violent altercation to occur in our communities," Downey said.

Fred Tsao, senior policy counsel for the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights, said the policy seems in line with the Trust Act's purpose of enabling immigrant communities to feel more comfortable interacting with local law enforcement.

"This policy can be seen in that light — that the state is carrying out the policy embodied in the Trust Act of setting its own limits with respect to its own interactions with federal immigration enforcement," Tsao said.

Tsao also pointed out that prior to the policy change, the Illinois Department of Corrections already released "many individuals into the community regardless of their immigration status" after those people served time for felony offenses.

A call to a spokesperson at the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement office in Chicago was not returned on Tuesday, but ICE earlier this month detailed the agency's arrest of a man at Chicago's Union Station following his release from an Illinois prison.

ICE's Enforcement and Removal Operations unit had filed a detainer with the state Department of Corrections last year for Yoni Cruz-Lopez, a Guatemalan citizen who lives in Mount Prospect, following a felony DUI conviction.

Cruz-Lopez was released from Vandalia Correctional Center Feb. 5, according to the ICE news release.

"Late last month, IDOC cut off all communication with ICE and refuses to turn over convicted felons," the news release states, going on to say that such policies "leave ICE with no choice, but to increase enforcement to effect arrests to include neighborhoods and public places."

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Mourning meets anger as mom of slain teen arrested at hospital

BY DEANESE WILLIAMS-HARRIS AND WILLIAM LEE

It was a day of mourning and a day of anger for the family of Jaya Beemon, a promising 18-year-old nursing student gunned down as she was picking up snacks with her date at a South Side convenience store.

Not only had they lost a “great spirit” with a glowing smile who was following the footsteps of her mother and her aunt who are both nurses. But when her mother collapsed at the hospital at the sight of her dead daughter, Chicago police officers dragged her away and jailed her before the mother could find out exactly what happened at the store.

“There was no empathy. There was no sympathy. They treated us horribly,” said Tiana Beemon, as her sister Nyisha Beemon slept after spending much of the night in police custody.

They last saw Jaya Beemon when she left on a date with a fellow nursing student at Malcolm X College on Tuesday. The couple spent the day at the Shedd Aquarium before traveling back to the South Side by bus. Beemon and her date stopped at the store at 7901 S. Avalon Ave. for snacks.

Shortly after they arrived, around 5:20 p.m., two men and a woman walked up, looked inside and fired nearly 20 times, killing Beemon and wounding four other people.

Beemon was taken to University of Chicago Medical Center with a wound to the neck. Her date was shot in the leg and stabilized at Northwestern Memorial Hospital. The three others wounded were a 17-year-old girl shot in the arm, chest and ankle; an 18-year-old woman shot in the back; and a 63-year-old man shot in the leg.

The store with narrow aisles of merchandise was packed with about seven or eight customers when the

shots rang out, the owner said. The person believed to be the target fled out the back. Store surveillance video was turned over to police, he said. Late Wednesday, police released video of the three shooters firing into the shop.

Chicago police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi said “detectives are working around the clock on this horrific act of gun violence and we’ve gotten positive leads from area surveillance video.”

When Beemon’s mother arrived at the hospital, she was escorted into the emergency room to see her daughter, who had already been pronounced dead. Relatives said Nyisha Beemon screamed and fell to the floor. They said hospital workers complained about her behavior and additional officers were called.

The family said officers literally dragged the grieving mother away and barred the other relatives from the hospital. They claim a security guard taunted them.

“We were treated like common criminals,” said Tiana Beemon, 37, who like her sister Nyisha works as a registered nurse.

Nyisha Beemon, 35, was charged with battery and resisting arrest, both misdemeanors, and was kept in custody for several hours.

Gathered the next day around the dining room table of the slain young woman’s home on a tree-lined street in the Park Manor neighborhood, more than a dozen relatives swung from sorrow to rage.

All around the brick bungalow’s living room were pictures of Jaya, who had hopes of becoming a traveling pediatric nurse.

“It don’t feel real,” Alecha Beemon, 32, said in a quiet voice on the living room couch.

The oldest of four children, Jaya began dreaming of moving to California for her career after a recent family trip there. “She in-

creased the morale of our entire family,” Tiana Beemon said.

Though motivated, Jaya remained childlike, her family said. Her date Tuesday with a 19-year-old Malcolm X classmate only happened after a thorough vetting by her mother.

“Her mother had a very hard interview process and if he passed it enough for (Mom) to let her go, he’s a good guy, because she’s hard,” Alecha Beemon said.

In the dining room behind her, Tiana Beemon and other relatives talked about how incensed they were at their family’s treatment, and wondered how they could trust police to solve their loved one’s killing.

“It was unimaginable to lose my niece how we have, and now we have to trust a police department who doesn’t even respect us,” the aunt said.

She demanded that Chicago police “take that same strength and tenacity that you used to be disrespectful and condescending and ... find justice for Jaya. Find those savage killers who decided to take my niece’s life.”

In a statement, a representative for the University of Chicago Medicine referred questions about the mother’s treatment and arrest to Chicago police. “The University of Chicago Medicine has the deepest sympathy for this family’s loss. The medical center has staff — including chaplains, patient experience team members, and violence recovery specialists — to help grieving family members in situations like this one.”

A spokesman for Chicago police said the department “will be reviewing the circumstances of the arrest,” adding that “we can’t imagine the amount of grief that the family is going through and we extend our deepest condolences.”

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Pelosi presses for Democratic unity

Some express fear of Sanders winning party's nomination

BY LISA MASCARO AND ALAN FRAM
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Speaker Nancy Pelosi on Wednesday urged party unity amid Bernie Sanders' surge in the presidential race, even as House Democrats worry about a volatile election season that could put a self-described democratic socialist atop the ticket and threaten their majority.

"I would hope that everyone would say, no matter who the nominee is for president, we wholeheartedly embrace that person," Pelosi, D-Calif., told the House Democratic caucus at a closed-door meeting. "We cannot show any division. This has to be about unity, unity, unity," she said, according to a Democratic aide who attended the session. The aide spoke on condition of anonymity.

Down-ballot jitters are apparent as the Vermont senator takes an increasingly commanding lead in early voting and withstands the constant pummeling by rivals who have been unable to slow his rise.

With South Carolina's primary Saturday, followed by the Super Tuesday contests March 2, House Democrats are navigating how best to hold onto their seats while opponents try to lasso them to Sanders' socialist label.

Many first-term Democrats are counting on their own well-crafted brands, not the party's eventual presidential nominee, who



House Speaker Nancy Pelosi trumpeted party unity — no matter the nominee — on Wednesday against President Trump.

ever that may be, to see them to reelection. The House majority was built by lawmakers who come from districts where President Donald Trump is popular, and his campaign operation will be turning out voters in fall. But in a campaign cycle full of unknowns as the party tries to unseat Trump, they are relying on the backgrounds that pushed them to office in the first place to do it again.

"I will go into my race with the same degree of confidence, no matter who is at the top of the ticket," said Rep. Tom Malinowski, a freshman Democrat from a competitive New Jersey district, who supports former Vice President Joe Bid-

en in the primary. Malinowski said he will "absolutely" support Sanders if the senator becomes the party's nominee.

But the congressman said Democrats need to simplify their message and seize the moment with a candidate who can topple Trump. "Why we would risk this extraordinary opportunity by nominating somebody who has a tendency to divide our own side is beyond me," he said.

Other Democrats, though, are more open about their fears of a Sanders' nomination.

First-term Rep. Elaine Luria, who defeated an incumbent Republican in 2018 in a swing district in

coastal Virginia, said a Sanders candidacy would be "incredibly divisive" and could endanger more centrist members of Congress like herself.

Her opponents are already trying to tag Luria, a former Navy commander and Naval Academy graduate, as a "socialist," she said. Luria rejects the label as "ridiculous."

"Bernie Sanders just adds fuel to that fire," Luria said. She has endorsed Biden, but had praise for former New York Mayor Mike Bloomberg, calling them politicians who "build bridges rather than break them down."

Hoping to propel Biden's lagging candidacy in a state

he has pledged to win, the No. 3 House Democrat, Rep. Jim Clyburn of South Carolina, an influential leader and the highest-ranking African American in Congress, announced his endorsement Wednesday.

Veteran Rep. David Price, D-N.C., said of Biden: "There's not a congressional district in this country he couldn't campaign in."

Divisions run deep among House Democrats, whose primary preferences span the party's ideological reach, from the most liberal and progressive members backing Sanders to those preferring Biden, Bloomberg or the other more centrist candidates.

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Police: Gunman kills 5 at Milwaukee brewery

BY CARRIE ANTLINGER AND GRETCHEN EHLKE
Associated Press

MILWAUKEE — An employee opened fire Wednesday at Milwaukee's Molson Coors complex, killing five fellow workers before taking his own life, police said.

The gunman was identified as a 51-year-old Milwaukee resident who died of a self-inflicted gunshot wound, police said.

"There were five individuals who went to work today, just like everybody goes to work, and they thought they were going to go to work, finish their day and return to their families. They didn't — and tragically they never will," Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett said.

Authorities offered no immediate motive for the attack.

Authorities did not immediately release details about the shooter or how the shooting unfolded.

President Donald Trump addressed the shooting before speaking at the White House with reporters about steps his administration is taking to combat the coronavirus.

"Our hearts break for them and their loved ones," the president said. "We send our condolences. We'll be with them, and it's a terrible thing, a terrible thing."

The attack occurred at a sprawling complex that includes a mix of corporate offices and brewing facilities. At least 600 people work at the complex, which is widely known in the Milwaukee area as "Miller Valley," a reference to the Miller Brewing Co. that is now part of Molson Coors.

Molson Coors CEO Gavin Hattersley called the shooter "an active brewery employee."

"Unfortunately, I am devastated to share that we



Milwaukee firefighters respond to the shooting Wednesday at the Molson Coors Brewing Co. in Milwaukee.

lost five other members of our family in this tragic incident," he said in a statement. "There are no words to express the deep sadness many of us are feeling right now."

He said the office would be closed the rest of the week and the brewery shuttered "for the time being" to give people time to cope.

James Boyles told the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel that his wife, Lasonya Ragdales, works at Molson Coors in the claims department. She was texting from inside the facility and told her husband that there was an active shooter and she was locked in a room with several co-workers, the Journal Sentinel reported.

"Miller Valley" features a 160-year-old brewery, with a packaging center that fills thousands of cans and bottles every minute and a

distribution center the size of five football fields. A massive red Miller sign towers over the complex and is a well-known symbol in Milwaukee, where beer and brewing are intertwined in the city's history.

The facility is also home to corporate customer service, finance, human resources and engineering. Tours take people to underground caves where beer was once stored, a saloon with intricate woodwork, a stein hall with stained-glass windows, a Champagne room meeting hall with leaded-glass windows, and an outdoor beer garden that can hold 300 people.

Before Wednesday's shooting, there had been three mass killings nationwide in 2020, with 12 total victims. All have been shootings. In 2019, there were 44 mass killings, with 224 total victims.

House votes 410-4 to make lynching a federal hate crime

BY MATTHEW DALY
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Sixty-five years after 14-year-old Emmett Till was lynched in Mississippi, the House has approved legislation designating lynching as a hate crime under federal law.

The bill, introduced by Illinois Rep. Bobby Rush and named after Till, comes 120 years after Congress first considered anti-lynching legislation and after dozens of similar efforts were defeated.

The measure was approved 410-4 on Wednesday. The Senate unanimously passed virtually identical legislation last year, although that bill wasn't named for Till. President Donald Trump is expected to sign the bill, which designates lynching as a federal hate crime punishable by up to life in prison, a fine or both.

Rush, a Democrat whose Chicago district includes Till's former home, said the bill will belatedly achieve justice for Till and more than 4,000 other lynching victims, most of them African Americans.

Till, who was black, was brutally tortured and killed in 1955 after a white woman accused him of grabbing her and whistling at her in a Mississippi grocery store. The killing shocked the country and stoked the civil rights movement.

"The importance of this bill cannot be overstated," said Rush, a member of the Congressional Black Caucus. "From Charlottesville to El Paso, we are still being confronted with the same violent racism and hatred that took the life of Emmett and so many others. The passage of this bill will send a strong and clear message to the nation that we will not tolerate this bigotry."

Rep. Bennie Thompson, D-Miss., who represents the area where Till was abducted and murdered,



Standing by a photo of Emmett Till, Rep. Bobby Rush speaks about the anti-lynching act approved Wednesday.

called the anti-lynching bill long overdue, but said: "No matter the length of time, it is never too late to ensure justice is served."

House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, D-Md., used similar language to urge the bill's passage. "It is never too late to do the right thing and address these gruesome, racially motivated acts of terror that have plagued our nation's history," he said, urging lawmakers to "renew our commitment to confronting racism and hate."

The bill was unanimously supported by Democrats. Three Republicans — Reps. Louie Gohmert of Texas, Thomas Massie of Kentucky and Ted Yoho of Florida — opposed the bill, along with independent Rep. Justin Amash of Michigan.

Gohmert said he supported the bill's concept, but preferred that those accused of lynching in Texas be tried in state court, where they could face the death penalty.

Massie said he opposed the expansion of federal hate-crime laws. "A crime is a crime, and all victims deserve equal justice," he said in a statement. "Adding enhanced penalties for 'hate' tends to endanger other liberties such as freedom of speech."

Democratic Rep. Karen

Freshman Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez, D-N.Y., is one of Sanders' most high-profile backers in the House, an electrifying campaign surrogate. Rep. Ro Khanna, D-Calif., is a Sanders campaign co-chairman.

Many liberals say Sanders is the only candidate able to energize base voters and take on Trump. His commitment to curbing income inequality and his bold policy proposals, including "Medicare for All" and tuition-free college, are galvanizing voters, they say. They point to Sanders' strong showing in Nevada as a snapshot of the coalition he could build nationwide against Trump.

Campaigning Wednesday in South Carolina, Sanders warned that a "conventional campaign" like Biden's won't defeat Trump.

In Tuesday night's presidential debate, candidate Pete Buttigieg warned of the potential down-ballot consequences in Congress if Sanders won the nomination. Senate Democrats are struggling to flip the chamber from Republicans, who have a slim majority, while House Democrats are working to retain their advantage.

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Bass of California, who chairs the Congressional Black Caucus, called lynching a lasting legacy of slavery.

"Make no mistake, lynching is terrorism," she said. "While this reign of terror has faded, the most recent lynching (in the United States) happened less than 25 years ago."

Although Congress cannot truly rectify the terror and horror of these acts, Bass said, a legislative body that once included slave owners and Ku Klux Klan members will belatedly "stand up and do our part so that justice is delivered in the future."

Democratic Sens. Kamala Harris of California and Cory Booker of New Jersey applauded House passage of the bill, which mirrors legislation they co-sponsored in the Senate along with Sen. Tim Scott, R-S.C. The three are the Senate's only black members.

"Lynchings were horrendous, racist acts of violence," Harris said in a statement. "For far too long Congress has failed to take a moral stand and pass a bill to finally make lynching a federal crime. This justice is long overdue."

Booker called lynching "a pernicious tool of racialized violence, terror and oppression."



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Pedestrians wear protective masks Wednesday in San Francisco's Chinatown. An outbreak that began in China has infected over 81,000 people globally.

New coronavirus cases explode across the globe

From Iran to Italy, daily infections are 'deeply concerning'

Associated Press

BEIJING — South Korea and China each reported hundreds more virus cases Thursday as the new illness persists in the worst-hit areas and spreads beyond borders.

South Korea reported 334 more cases, bringing its total to 1,595. Most of the new cases were in the country's fourth-biggest city, Daegu, where the outbreak has hit hardest and the national government has mobilized public health tools to assist the region's overwhelmed medical system.

But there are signs the virus is spreading further in South Korea with 55 cases reported in the capital, Seoul, and 58 in the second-largest city, Busan. The country also confirmed its 13th death Thursday, with most in and near Daegu.

China reported 433 new cases along with 29 additional deaths on the main-

land. Thursday's updates bring the country's totals to 78,497 cases, and 2,744 deaths.

Of the new cases, 383 were in the epicenter of the city of Wuhan, where the virus first emerged in December. Wuhan also accounted for 19 of the new deaths.

Global worries about the COVID-19 illness were multiplying, as the epidemic expanded geographically and for the first time caused more new cases outside China than inside the country. With Brazil on Thursday confirming Latin America's first case, the virus has reached every continent but Antarctica.

"The sudden increases of cases in Italy, the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Republic of Korea are deeply concerning," WHO director-general Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus said Wednesday.

In Europe, where Germany, France and Spain were among the places with a growing caseload, an expanding cluster of more than 440 cases in northern Italy was eyed as a source for transmissions. Italy re-

corded 78 new infections Wednesday and Greece became the newest country to see a case of the virus.

In the Middle East, where cases increased in Bahrain, Kuwait and Iraq, blame was directed at Iran, which had 19 deaths, the highest toll outside China.

And in the United States, which has 60 cases, President Donald Trump declared that the U.S. was "very, very ready" for whatever threat the coronavirus brings, and he put Vice President Mike Pence in charge of overseeing the country's response.

Shortly after Trump spoke, health officials identified what could be the first community spread U.S. case. The patient in California was not known to have traveled to a country with an outbreak or had ties to a known patient.

Most of the previously confirmed U.S. cases had traveled to China, were evacuated from the virus-stricken Diamond Princess cruise ship, or were family members of those cases.

Though the virus pushed into countries both rich and poor, its arrival in

places with little ability to detect, respond and contain it brought concern it could run rampant there and spread easily elsewhere.

"We're going to be trying to slow down the spread so that our hospitals are not overwhelmed in one big gulp, one big hit," said Ian Mackay, who studies viruses at the University of Queensland in Australia.

Saudi Arabia announced precautions including temporarily stopping tourists from places with confirmed outbreaks from entering the country, as well as pilgrims coming for the Umrah or to visit the Prophet's Mosque in Medina.

Major gatherings around the world were eyed warily, with schools closing, churches moving services online, food deliveries booming and many business conferences and sporting events canceled. Looming largest of all are the Olympic Games, whose opening ceremonies are scheduled for July 24 in Tokyo. Japan's top government spokesman said Olympics preparations

would proceed and the games would go on as planned.

After many countries restricted travel from China to try to prevent the illness from spreading, China itself is now heavily regulating arrivals from abroad.

State broadcaster CCTV reported South Koreans were being monitored after detecting fevers in five arrivals.

China's National Health Commission is also investigating how a released prison inmate from Wuhan evaded strict travel bans and arrived in Beijing on Feb. 22 after developing a fever five days earlier. Hundreds of prisoners have been sickened by the virus, some likely infected because guards used the same bus station as workers at a pulmonary hospital.

Indonesia said it evacuated 188 crew members from the World Dream cruise ship and planned to take them to remote Sebaru Island. The workers were released from quarantine in Hong Kong after finding no infections, but authorities mandated an additional observation period.

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ment agencies to coordinate the response. In previous outbreaks, the White House has appointed a "czar" to pull together the different departments' work.

"We're very, very ready for this, for anything," even if it's "a breakout of larger proportions," Trump told a news conference.

Shortly after Trump spoke, the CDC announced a worrisome development: Another person in the U.S. is infected — someone in California who doesn't appear to have traveled abroad or been exposed to another patient. If the CDC confirms that, it would be a first in this country and a sign that efforts to contain the virus' spread haven't been enough. That brings

the total number of infected people in the U.S. to 60, most of them evacuated from outbreak zones.

On Capitol Hill, senior lawmakers called for a bipartisan spending package that would give federal, state and local officials more resources. Trump had requested \$2.5 billion to fight the virus; Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., countered with an \$8.5 billion proposal.

Trump told reporters he was open to spending "whatever's appropriate."

Republican and Democratic lawmakers alike have questioned whether Trump's original request is sufficient.

House Appropriations chairwoman Nita Lowey, D-N.Y., said it's premature to put a price tag on the package. "We're working on it and we'll have a number but I'm not sure it's

going to be the number that Schumer's proposing," said Lowey, adding that she's working with lawmakers of both parties.

Aides said the House measure is likely to be unveiled next week. Bipartisan "four corner" meetings — Democrats and Republicans in the House and Senate — began Wednesday, a House Democratic aide said, with a bipartisan bill the goal.

Schumer has been critical of Trump's response to the outbreak, and his request — announced before the Democratic-controlled House Appropriations Committee has weighed in — rankled some Democrats hoping for quick, bipartisan action to address the crisis.

Arriving back in the U.S. early Wednesday, Trump immediately began to counter critics who say he should have acted sooner to

bolster the federal response to the coronavirus.

Trump's public efforts to project calm masked a behind-the-scenes focus.

During his 36-hour visit to India, Trump received briefings from staff and periodically checked the effect on Wall Street, tweeting at all hours to try to reassure Americans and the markets about the spread of the virus.

Trump expressed concern to aides about the effect on the markets, according to White House officials and Republicans close to the West Wing. He has tied his fortunes to Wall Street more closely than any of his recent predecessors and has made a strong economy his No. 1 argument for reelection.

Trump has been reluctant to blame China, where the virus originated, for fear of upsetting President Xi Jinping or damaging

ongoing trade talks.

But he is also fearful he could be accused of being unresponsive to the crisis. At the urging of a number of his internal and outside advisers, he directed the White House to adopt a more public presence, leading to a briefing by officials and emails to the news media emphasizing the administration's response.

Trump, who pilloried President Barack Obama over his response to the Ebola epidemic, now finds himself having to fend off criticism from Democratic presidential rivals who claim he has discounted science and has inadequate response plans.

Trump's budgets have proposed cuts to public health, only to be overruled by Congress, where there's strong bipartisan support for agencies like the CDC and NIH. Instead, financing has increased.

Drugs fail to slow mental decline

People given either scored about same as placebo group

By MARILYNN MARCHIONE
Associated Press

Two experimental drugs failed to prevent or slow mental decline in a study of people who are virtually destined to develop Alzheimer's disease at a relatively young age because they inherited rare gene flaws.

The results announced Monday are another disappointment for the approach that scientists have focused on for years — trying to remove a harmful protein that builds up in the brains of people with Alzheimer's, the leading cause of dementia.

"We actually don't even know yet what the drugs did" in term of removing that protein because those results are still being analyzed, said study leader Dr. Randall Bateman at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri.

But after five years on average, the main goal of the study was not met — people on either of the drugs scored about the same on thinking and memory tests as others given placebo treatments.

More than 5 million people in the United States and millions more worldwide have Alzheimer's. Current drugs only temporarily ease symptoms and do not alter the course of the disease.

The study tested solanezumab by Eli Lilly & Co., and gantenerumab by Swiss drugmaker Roche and its U.S. subsidiary, Genentech. Both drugs gave disappointing results in some earlier studies, but the doses in this one ranged up to four to five times higher, and researchers had hoped that would prove more effective.

The study was funded by the U.S. National Institute on Aging, the Alzheimer's Association and some foundations.

It involved about 200 people with flaws in one of three genes in the United States, Europe and elsewhere.

"If you get one of these genetic mutations, you're almost guaranteed to get Alzheimer's," typically in your 30s, 40s or 50s, said Dr. Eric McDade, another study leader at Washington University.

People like this account for only about 1% of Alzheimer's cases, but their brain changes and symptoms are similar to those who develop the disease at a later age. That gives a unique chance to test potential treatments.

"We know everyone will get sick, and we know about what time that is" in their lives, Bateman said.

Most study participants already had signs of the harmful protein in their brain even if they were showing no symptoms when the study started.

They were given either a gantenerumab shot, an IV of solanezumab or fake versions of the treatments every four weeks. The drugs made no difference in a combination score of four memory and thinking tests compared to placebo.

Side effects were not disclosed, but "there's no evidence of any drug-related deaths in the trial," McDade said.

Details will be given at a medical meeting in April.

Pope observes usual Ash Wednesday customs

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Pope Francis celebrated the Ash Wednesday ritual that marks the opening of the Catholic Church's Lenten season in traditional fashion while greeting the public in Rome as other Masses were canceled in northern Italy over fears of the coronavirus outbreak.

Francis and a long line of priests, bishops and cardinals walked in a procession through Rome's Aventine hill into the 5th-century

Santa Sabina basilica for a late-afternoon Mass. Neither the priests nor the faithful wore face masks, but Rome has largely been spared the virus as Italy's national case count grew to 400.

Other Catholic countries took Ash Wednesday precautions. In the Philippines — Asia's only majority Roman Catholic country — priests sprinkled ashes on the heads of the faithful rather than making the mark of the cross on their foreheads to avoid physical

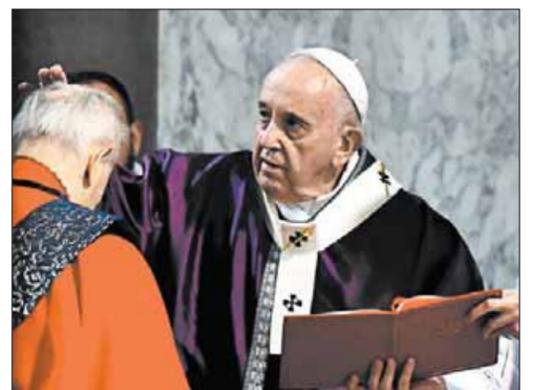
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"Wherever the ash is placed, on the forehead or on the head, the feeling is the same, it's uplifting," Editha Lorenzo, a 49-year-old mother of two wearing a face mask, told The Associated Press in Manila.

At the Vatican, Francis held his general audience as usual in St. Peter's Square and offered prayers to people sickened by the virus and the medical personnel treating them. In the crowd of thousands, a handful had masks on their faces.

"I want to again express my closeness to those suffering from the coronavirus and the health care workers who are treating them, as well as the civil authorities and all those who are working to help patients and stop the contagion," Francis said.

While Francis went ahead with his usual Ash Wednesday plans, the patriarchate of Venice canceled the Mass scheduled for St. Mark's Basilica, after a handful of elderly people in the lagoon city tested positive for the virus.



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Cardinal Jozef Tomko receives ashes from Pope Francis during Ash Wednesday Mass in Rome.

Ex-White House doctor takes a shot at House seat

Physician getting belated boost from Trump allies in run

BY ANNIE KARNI
The New York Times

WICHITA FALLS, Texas — Dressed in cowboy boots and jeans, with an American flag pin on his lapel, Dr. Ronny Jackson rolled up at the Red River Harley-Davidson outpost to make his pitch to voters.

“I just came from the White House,” Jackson, the former White House physician, told the small crowd gathered upstairs from the Harley showroom. “I’ve been working side by side with the president. I know all the Cabinet secretaries. I have their cellphones. I know the chief of staff, the national security adviser. I can pick the phone up and I can call them. They’re all friends of mine.”

Jackson left the West Wing in December after rising from President Donald Trump’s physician to his unlikely pick to lead the Department of Veterans Affairs to Trump administration roadkill when he was forced to withdraw his name from consideration amid allegations related to

his professional conduct.

Now he’s running for Congress in Texas’ 13th District, one of the most conservative in the country, and his argument is simple. In a primary field of 15 anti-immigrant, anti-abortion Republicans, Jackson is betting his personal connection with the president is enough to win the Republican nomination tantamount to election.

Standing alongside other candidates wearing cowboy hats and “Make America Great Again” caps at the forum Feb. 20, Jackson pitched himself as the only one “who can walk in the Oval Office unannounced and say, ‘Sir, I need you to stop what you’re doing and listen to me,’ and he will stop what he’s doing and listen to me.”

That access, he said, would make him a powerful replacement for Rep. Mac Thornberry, the Republican who announced last fall he would not seek reelection after representing his district for more than a quarter of a century.

But it is not clear if that connection, combined with his background as a Navy rear admiral, will be enough to help Jackson overcome some rookie mistakes as a

candidate. There have been more than a few.

His campaign organization, for one thing.

Jackson’s campaign manager, he said, is “a horse doctor” with a full-time job. He has one full-time staff member, a recent college graduate who is also working for free, and he has relied on his wife, Jane, to drive him around the Panhandle-encompassing district, which spans 41 counties. And despite having a power Rolodex, he has never reached into it to ask the right people for help.

Trump, who now generally adheres to rules put in place by his political shop about whom he endorses and what races he weighs in on, has been silent about Jackson’s campaign.

Jackson is now facing an uphill battle against two well-funded and connected opponents — Chris Ekstrom, a Dallas millionaire who recently moved to the district to run and is self-funding his campaign, and Josh Winegarner, a lobbyist who has the backing of the cattle industry he represents and Thornberry.

But Jackson’s connections to the Trump administration as well as the president and his family are real,



TAMIR KALIFA/THE NEW YORK TIMES

Dr. Ronny Jackson campaigns at the Monarch Motor Speedway in Wichita Falls, Texas.

even if they have not translated into much support.

Eric Trump has tweeted a supportive message, and Trump has privately encouraged Jackson to run. And Jackson is benefiting, if belatedly, from Trump allies and aides who have only recently realized he needed help and have pitched in, setting him up with a real online fundraising and phone prospecting operation, which helped to finally get him on air with a commercial — a 30-second spot made up entirely of old clips of Trump praising his character.

Jackson, 52, who served in the White House medical

unit under the past three presidents, grew close to Trump after delivering the results of a presidential physical in a briefing at which he promoted Trump’s “incredible genes,” said he did “exceedingly well” on a cognitive test and claimed that if he had adhered to a better diet over the past 20 years, he could have lived to be 200.

“That was the day I got the Trump stamp on me completely,” Jackson said. “I was no longer viewed as a nonpartisan physician on military orders, even though I still technically was. What I didn’t realize was that it made people

much more aggressive toward me when the VA nomination came up.”

At the time of the allegations against him — which included loosely dispensing strong drugs to lawmakers and political aides — Jackson was not allowed to respond because he was an active-duty military officer.

Jackson called the allegations against him “complete garbage.”

But for Jackson, the question will be whether the last-ditch help from Trump world has come too late — by Friday, more than half of the vote will already be in because of early voting in the March 3 primary.

Grandfather to plead guilty in toddler’s cruise ship death

BY RICK CALLAHAN
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — An Indiana man charged in his young granddaughter’s fatal fall from a cruise ship’s open window in Puerto Rico agreed to plead guilty in her July 2019 death, explaining that he was doing so “to try to help end part of this nightmare for my family.”

Salvatore “Sam” Anello, who was holding Chloe Wiegand when she slipped from his grasp and fell about 150 feet to her death from an

open 11th-floor window on Royal Caribbean Cruises ship, filed change of plea documents Monday in a Puerto Rico court in which he agreed to plead guilty to a negligent homicide charge in the 18-month-old’s death, said the family’s attorney, Michael Winkleman.

Under the plea agreement, Anello wouldn’t serve time behind bars and would serve his probation in Indiana, Winkleman said Wednesday, adding that a hearing in which a judge would consider the plea

hadn’t been scheduled.

“I took a plea deal today to try to help end part of this nightmare for my family, if possible,” Anello, of Valparaiso, said in his statement. “The support they continue to give me has been beyond overwhelming and I can’t tell you how grateful I am for them.”

Chloe Wiegand fell to her July 8 death from Royal Caribbean Cruises’ Freedom of the Seas ship, which was docked in Puerto Rico. Anello was charged last year in Puerto Rico with negli-

gent homicide in her death and initially pleaded not guilty.

Anello, 51, has insisted that he did not know the window was open when he lifted Chloe up to it, saying he did so to allow her to bang on the glass like she did at her brother’s hockey games. He told “CBS This Morning” in November that he was trying to stand Chloe on the window’s railing when she fell out of the window. He also said he is colorblind and that may be why he didn’t realize the

tinted window was open.

“From my point of view, at the moment the accident happened, it was as if this wall of protective glass disappeared. I was in complete disbelief,” Anello said in Wednesday’s statement. “It was a nightmare of the likes I could never have imagined before. I wasn’t drinking and I wasn’t dangling her out of a window. I just wanted to knock on the glass with her as we did together so many times before.”

Chloe Wiegand’s parents sued Royal Caribbean in

December, accusing the operator of negligence in her death by allowing the 11th-floor window in the ship’s children’s play area to be open.

Winkleman said Anello’s proposed guilty plea in Chloe’s death would have “little or no effect at all on the lawsuit,” noting that Anello is not a party to that case.

A message seeking comment on Anello’s plea agreement was left Wednesday with a spokeswoman for Royal Caribbean Cruises.

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In leaked data, China targets Uighurs

Hundreds detained by Beijing over religion, family ties

By Dake Kang
Associated Press

BEIJING — When a Chinese government mass detention campaign engulfed Memtimin Emer's native Xinjiang region three years ago, the elderly Uighur imam was swept up and locked away, along with three of his sons.

Now, a leaked database exposes in extraordinary detail the main reasons for the detentions of Emer, his three sons, and hundreds of others in their neighborhood: Their religion and their family ties.

The database profiles the internment of 311 individuals with relatives abroad in Karakax County, and lists information on more than 2,000 of their relatives, neighbors and friends. Each entry includes the detainee's name, address, national identity number, detention date and location, along with a dossier on their family, religious and community background, the reason for detention, and a decision on whether to release them.

Taken as a whole, the database offers the fullest view yet into how Chinese officials decided who to put into and let out of detention camps, as part of a crackdown that has locked away more than a million ethnic minorities, most of them Muslims.

The database shows that the state focused on religion as a reason for detention — not just political extremism, as authorities claim, but ordinary activities such as praying or attending a mosque. It shows that people with detained relatives are themselves more likely to end up in a camp, criminalizing entire families like Emer's in the process.

"It's very clear that religious practice is being tar-



Residents walk past a statue of late Chinese leader Mao Zedong near a square in Kashgar in China's Xinjiang region.

geted," said Darren Byler, a University of Colorado researcher studying Xinjiang. "They want to fragment society, to pull the families apart and make them much more vulnerable to retraining and reeducation."

The Xinjiang regional government did not respond to faxes requesting comment. Asked whether Xinjiang is targeting religious people and their families, foreign ministry spokesman Geng Shuang said "this kind of nonsense is not worth commenting on."

The Chinese government has said in the past that the detention centers are for voluntary job training, and that it does not discriminate based on religion.

China has struggled for decades to control Xinjiang, where the native, predominantly Muslim Uighurs have long resented Beijing's rule. After militants set off bombs at a train

station in Xinjiang's capital in 2014, President Xi Jinping launched a so-called "People's War on Terror," turning Xinjiang into a digital police state.

The leak of the database follows the release in November of a classified blueprint. Obtained by the International Consortium of Investigative Journalists, which includes the AP, the blueprint shows the camps are in fact forced ideological and behavioral re-education centers run in secret.

The database comes from sources in the Uighur exile community, and does not spell out which government department issued it or for whom. The detainees listed come from Karakax County, a traditional settlement on the edge of Xinjiang's Taklamakan desert where more than 97 percent of its roughly 650,000 residents are Uighur. The list was corroborated through interviews with former Karakax residents,

identity verification tools, and other lists and documents.

The database shows that cadres compile dossiers on detainees called the "three circles," encompassing their relatives, community, and religious background.

The detainees and their families are then classified by rigid categories. Households are designated as "trustworthy" or "not trustworthy." Families have "light" or "heavy" religious atmospheres, and the database keeps count of how many relatives of each detainee are locked in prison or sent to a "training center."

Officials used these categories to determine how suspicious a person was — even if they hadn't committed any crimes.

Reasons listed for internment include "minor religious infection," "disturbs other persons by visiting them without reasons," "relatives abroad," or

"thinking is hard to grasp."

Former student Abdullah Muhammad described Emer as one of the most respected imams in the region. He fed the hungry, bought coal for the poor, and treated the sick with free medicine.

But though Emer gave Party-approved sermons, he refused to preach Communist propaganda, Muhammad said, eventually running into trouble with authorities. He was stripped of his position as an imam in 1997.

Though he stopped attending religious gatherings, in 2017 authorities detained Emer, now in his eighties, and sentenced him to prison. The database cites four charges in various entries: "stirring up terrorism," acting as an unauthorized "wild" imam, following the strict Saudi Wahabi sect and conducting illegal religious teachings.

Muhammad called the charges false. Emer stopped

his preaching, practiced a moderate sect of Islam and never dreamed of hurting others, let alone stirring up "terrorism," Muhammad said.

Emer's three sons, too, were all thrown in camps for religious reasons, though they weren't charged with crimes. It shows their relation to Emer and their religious background caused officials to believe they were too dangerous to let out.

"His family's religious atmosphere is thick. We recommend he (Emer) continue training," notes an entry for his youngest son, Emer Memtimin.

But it wasn't just the religious who were detained. Pharmacist Tohti Himit was detained in a camp for having gone multiple times to one of 26 "key," mostly Muslim countries, the database said. A former employee said Himit was secular, keeping his face well-shaved.

"He wasn't very pious, he didn't go to the mosque," said Habibullah, who declined to give his first name out of fear of retribution against family still in China. "I was shocked by how absurd the reasons for detention were."

The database says Himit had gone to a mosque three times in 2008, once to attend his grandfather's funeral. In 2014 he had gone to another province to get a passport and go abroad.

That, the government concluded, showed Himit was "dangerous" and needed to "continue training."

Emer is now under house arrest due to health issues, Muhammad has heard. It's unclear where Emer's sons are. Though deprived of his mosque and his right to teach, Emer had quietly defied the authorities for two decades by staying true to his faith.

"He never bowed down to them — and that's why they wanted to eliminate him," Muhammad said.



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Drug lord's hippos a town's scourge

Animals are causing major issues in Colombia

By DAVIDDE CORRAN
Associated Press

DORADAL, Colombia — Maria Jaramilla awoke in the middle of the night to the sound of her panicked mule. When she looked out across her small yard, her confusion turned to shock: A hippopotamus had wandered down her driveway and was inspecting her house.

"It was a big fright for all of us," said Jaramilla, 41.

Since that night in 2018, the hippos have kept coming — wandering down the back streets of rural Doradal, a small Colombian town a four-hour drive from Medellín. Occasionally a hippopotamus will appear on the local soccer pitch to graze.

An estimated 80 hippopotamuses, perhaps more, live in the area around the Rio Magdalena, Colombia's principal river, which runs through the center of the country. They're descendants of four hippos brought to the country by infamous drug lord Pablo Escobar for his personal collection.

The rapid growth of their numbers has authorities worried that residents could be attacked — the 3-ton animals can be aggressive and kill more people per year in Africa than any other wildlife species. Scientists also worry that their presence threatens the area's native flora and fauna.

In the 1980s, during the height of his power, Escobar kept the hippos in a private zoo on his 5,500-acre estate, Hacienda Napoles. The zoo stocked with exotic animals such as elephants and giraffes.

Following Escobar's death in 1993 most of the animals were taken to new homes or died. But not the hippos — their size and cost to transport meant they



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A visitor feeds a hippopotamus earlier this month at the Napoles Park in Puerto Triunfo, Colombia.

were abandoned.

But while Escobar's estate fell into disrepair, the animals thrived.

The conditions around Hacienda Napoles are ideal for the hippos. They live in the area's large lakes and waterways, enjoy endless grass pastures to graze in and they have no natural predators.

Students at a small primary school behind Escobar's former estate arrive for class each day by passing a sign that reads "danger — hippopotamus present."

"It worries us," said Wilber Quinones who teaches at the school. "We have to lock ourselves inside with the children to try and avoid an accident."

So far, the hippos have refrained from attacking humans, but as their numbers grow and they expand into more populated areas, experts fear an attack could be inevitable.



Hippo key rings are displayed for sale at a souvenir shop near the Hacienda Napoles Park.

Yet the hippos are adored by many of Doradal's residents for their surprise visits and the economic boost their presence brings in the form of tourism. Each afternoon in the town's main park, children hang and play from statues of the hippos while shops throughout the town sell key rings and souvenirs of the animals.

The hippos are also having an effect on the native flora and fauna with indica-

tions the presence of the animals is displacing some local species.

A new study by researchers at the University of California, San Diego found the hippos are changing the quality of the water in which they spend much of their time. The hippos feed at night then spend the day cooling off in the water where they defecate, changing the chemistry in the lakes.

"That can have various negative consequences, from the outbreaks of harmful algae blooms and things like red tide bacteria," said Jonathan Shurin, a UCSD biologist who led the study.

"If their population keeps growing the way it is, the potential impact could be much more severe."

That has left local authorities scrambling to come up with a solution to the hippopotamus problem.

Cornare, the environmental agency that is responsible for the region where the hippos are currently located, has been tasked with finding a solution that residents are comfortable with but that also deals with the animals in a humane way.

"It's urgent," said Gina Serna, a specialist with Cornare who helps manage the hippopotamus issue.

"We already have a report of a family of hippopotamuses in the Magdalena

river. The Magdalena connects almost all of Colombia so they could move into any part of the country."

Now a plan has been hatched to sterilize the animals. Serna and a group from Cornare last year conducted an in-the-wild surgical sterilization of a female, the first in Colombia.

It's a complex procedure that requires luring and trapping a hippo in a corral before using sedatives to put it to sleep. Just cutting through a hippo's dense layers of skin, fat and muscle takes three hours. Then the animal is sterilized and stitched up and allowed to return to the wild while their recovery is monitored.

Later this year, Cornare will attempt multiple surgical sterilizations, as well as a chemical sterilization technique that has been successful in pigs.

But they acknowledge that won't be enough to contain a hippopotamus population that is estimated to quadruple over the next 10 years and could eventually reach into the thousands. For now, it's as much as they can afford.

"With more help and more money, we could be more effective," said Serna.

In the meantime, the locals are learning to live with their new neighbors.

For Giver Cardona, that means being extra careful when driving his wife to work on their motorbike along the dirt roads behind Hacienda Napoles.

One morning this year, Cardona was returning home from dropping his wife off before sunrise when he rounded a corner and collided with a large, dark object. It was a hippopotamus.

As the 31-year-old scrambled to his feet, he was relieved to see the hippo had the same response as him — to run away.

"Now when I pass by here in the mornings I go slowly and check around every corner," Cardona said. "They keep us worried."



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After riots, New Delhi firefighters check the burned remains of shops Wednesday.

A fiery speech sparks riots in one Indian neighborhood

By JEFFREY GETTLEMAN, SUHASINI RAJ AND SAMEER YASIR
The New York Times

NEW DELHI — To many in the eastern Delhi neighborhood where a convulsion of religious violence erupted this week, it all began with one man.

Kapil Mishra, a local politician with India's leading Hindu nationalist party, had just lost an election. Acquaintances in the area, which now feels like a war zone, said he had been looking for a way to bounce back.

Mishra, 39, is known for his outspoken views and flexible politics. As an upper caste Hindu from a political family, he had worked for Amnesty International and Greenpeace, and risen in the ranks of one of India's most progressive political organizations.

But several years ago he shifted allegiance across the political spectrum to the Bharatiya Janata Party, India's current governing party, which has deep roots in Hindu supremacist ideology.

On Sunday, he appeared at a rally against a group of protesters (most of them women) who were object-

ing to a new citizenship law widely seen as discriminatory toward Muslims. There he vented his anger in a fiery speech in which he issued an ultimatum to police: Either clear out the demonstrators, who were blocking a main road, or he and his followers would do it themselves.

Within hours, the worst Hindu-Muslim violence in India in years was exploding. Gangs of Hindus and Muslims fought each other with swords and bats, shops burst into flames, chunks of bricks sailed through the air, and mobs rained blows on cornered men.

"Kapil Mishra should be in jail," said Rupesh Bathla, a businessman who says he has known Mishra since they were teenagers. "He started communal riots. He planted hatred in other people's hearts."

By Wednesday, at least 24 people had died, hospital officials said, most from gunshot wounds. Several witnesses said the live fire came from the direction of the police officers, and the dead included Hindus as well as Muslims.

Though property belonging to Hindus was burned, the destruction was much heavier on the

Muslim side.

In Muslim areas, shop after shop was destroyed and entire markets were burned down. Dozens of Muslim residents have accused police officers of standing passively by while the destruction was underway.

With the violence cooling down for the moment, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who hosted President Donald Trump as the fighting raged, broke his silence Wednesday after Trump had departed, urging people in a Twitter post to "maintain peace and brotherhood at all times." He added: "Peace and harmony are central to our ethos."

But concerns lingered among many Indians, including Hindus, that Mishra and his Hindu nationalist supporters have weaponized a very dangerous mood.

Protests against the new citizenship law, which makes it easier for non-Muslim migrants to become full-fledged Indian citizens, have flared intermittently since December. But this past week was the first time the protests turned large numbers of Hindus and Muslims violently against one another.

FBI says neo-Nazis harassed journalists, Cabinet official

By MIKE BAKER, ADAM GOLDMAN AND NEIL MACFARQUHAR
The New York Times

SEATTLE — Federal prosecutors have charged five people tied to a neo-Nazi group with engaging in a campaign to intimidate and harass journalists and others, including a member of President Donald Trump's Cabinet, a university and a church.

The charges, announced Wednesday in Virginia and Washington state, are part of a broader recent crackdown by federal law enforcement on violent white supremacists in the United States. Authorities said the individuals were associated with the Atomwaffen Division, a small but violent paramilitary neo-Nazi group.

In the Virginia case, prosecutors accused John Cameron Denton, 26, whom they described as a former Atomwaffen leader, of harassment through a tactic known as "swatting" — calling police and falsely describing an imminent threat at a specific location, causing authorities to respond in force.

In one instance, prosecutors said, Denton targeted an investigative journalist at ProPublica because he was angry that the news organization had named him in its reporting on Atomwaffen.

In other cases in 2018 and 2019, prosecutors said, Denton and others placed swatting calls that targeted Old Dominion University, Alfred Street Baptist Church in Alexandria, Virginia, and an unnamed Cabinet official who authorities said was under Secret Service protection. Last month, prosecutors said, Denton met with an undercover FBI agent and described his efforts.

"Denton said that if he was 'raided' for swatting ProPublica, then it would be good for Atomwaffen Division because the swat-



GRANT HINDSLEY/THE NEW YORK TIMES

U.S. Attorney Brian Moran announces the arrests of members of a neo-Nazi group Wednesday in Seattle.

ting would be seen as a top-tier crime," Jonathan Myles Lund, an FBI agent, wrote in an affidavit. The affidavit named 134 law enforcement agencies that investigators believe received swatting calls from Denton and others.

Authorities said Denton operated with others, including two foreign nationals who live outside the United States, and another man, John William Kirby Kelley, who was arrested earlier and accused of playing a role in the swatting incidents. Kelley was a student at Old Dominion University.

In Seattle on Wednesday, prosecutors unsealed a conspiracy charge against Kaleb James Cole, 24, a leader of Atomwaffen's chapter in Washington, accusing him of sending threatening mail and cyberstalking. The others charged were Cameron Brandon Shea, 24, of Redmond, Washington, described as a high-level recruiter for the group; Taylor Ashley Parker-Dieppe, 20, of Spring Hill, Florida; and Johnny Roman Garza, 20, of Queen Creek, Arizona.

Authorities said the quartet devised an operation called Erste Saule, or "first pillar" in German, which Shea described in an encrypted chat room as an effort to target "journal-

ists houses and media buildings to send a clear message."

The goal, Shea said, was to "erode the media/states air of legitimacy by showing people that they have names and addresses, and hopefully embolden others to act."

Prosecutors said Cole and Shea were the "primary organizers." When members of Atomwaffen suggested Jewish or black journalists as possible targets, Shea and Cole offered praise. Shea said he wanted his victims to feel "terrorized." Cole suggested buying rag dolls and sticking knives through their heads and leaving them at the locations of their targets, according to the charges.

Authorities said Cole and Shea created posters that included Nazi symbols, threatening language and masked figures with guns and Molotov cocktails, then printed and delivered or mailed the posters to their targets.

Raymond Duda, the special agent in charge of the FBI's office in Seattle, said Atomwaffen surfaced on law enforcement radar in 2018, and members have gone on to participate in military-style training camps and "hate camps." He said the FBI was continuing to investigate the group around the country.

NEWS BRIEFING

Staff and news services

Congress warns Pentagon not to shift funds for Trump wall

WASHINGTON — Lawmakers from both parties told Pentagon leaders on Wednesday that the Defense Department is undermining its own efforts to get military money by diverting billions of dollars for the construction of President Donald Trump's U.S.-Mexico border wall.

The chairman of the House Armed Services Committee and the committee's top Republican warned Defense Secretary

Mark Esper that overturning congressional funding decisions will have consequences.

Rep. Mac Thornberry, R-Texas, said that Congress may place greater restrictions on the Pentagon's ability to shift money to meet military needs.

The chairman, Rep. Adam Smith, D-Wash., said: "The message it sends is the Pentagon has plenty of money," and "undercuts any arguments for any need for resources."

Trump campaign sues paper over 2019 opinion article

NEW YORK — President Donald Trump's reelection campaign sued The New York Times on Wednesday, accusing it of knowingly publishing false and defamatory statements claiming his 2016 election campaign had an agreement with Russia to exchange positive foreign policy for help defeating his rival, Hillary Clinton.

The suit, filed in New York State Court, alleges

that The Times published a defamatory opinion piece in March 2019 that claimed the campaign had an "overarching deal" with Russian President Vladimir Putin.

"The Times was well aware when it published these statements that they were not true," the campaign argues in the suit.

The Times published the piece because of its "extreme bias ... and animosity," the lawsuit said.

Spain cancels tenor Domingo's part in two opera dates in May

MADRID — Spain's Culture Ministry said Wednesday it canceled tenor Placido Domingo's participation in Madrid's La Zarzuela light opera theater in May, a day after the legendary singer said he accepted "full responsibility" for his actions that led to accusations of sexual misconduct.

It is the first time a performance by Domingo has been canceled in Europe since allegations sur-

facted of sexual misconduct by the singer.

The Culture Ministry's decision came a day after the U.S. union representing opera performers said its investigators found the opera star and former general director at Washington National Opera and Los Angeles Opera had behaved inappropriately over the course of two decades when he held senior management positions at the companies.



HAMADA ELRASAM/AP

A horse-drawn carriage carries the flag-draped coffin of former Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak on Wednesday in Cairo during a full-honors military funeral replete with cannon fire. Mubarak, 91, died Tuesday of complications from heart and kidney ailments.

Trial begins in Italy for jailed American pals in cop's slaying

ROME — Two former schoolmates from California sat impassively in a courtroom Wednesday for the start of their trial for the murder of a plainclothes Italian policeman while they were vacationing in Rome last summer.

In pretrial court documents, prosecutors alleged that Finnegan Lee Elder, now 20, thrust a 7-inch knife repeatedly into Carabinieri Vice Brigadier Mario Cerciello, while his friend, Gabriel Natale-Hjorth, now 19, scuffled with the officer's partner.

The jailed defendants have contended they didn't

realize the officers were plainclothes police but mistook them for criminals following a thwarted cocaine sale hours earlier in a Rome nightlife district.

Just a row behind them was the widow of Cerciello, who was killed only days after he returned to duty from his honeymoon.

Elder, according to pretrial documents, admitted to the stabbing but said he acted in self-defense when he feared the burly Cerciello was strangling him.

Natale-Hjorth has also told authorities he acted in self-defense, alleging that he and his friend were

assaulted by the police officers, so he scuffled with Cerciello's partner, Andrea Varriale. The partner suffered kicks and scratches, according to prosecutors.

According to judicial documents, Natale-Hjorth said he didn't know Elder had the knife. Prosecutors contend that after the stabbing, Natale-Hjorth hid the knife behind a ceiling panel in their hotel room.

Under Italian law, accomplices to an alleged murderer can also be charged with the murder itself. Italy's stiffest criminal punishment is life imprisonment.

Lawsuit: Miss. prison has 'abhorrent conditions'

JACKSON, Miss. — The Mississippi State Penitentiary at Parchman is a violent, rat-infested place where inmates live in "abhorrent conditions" and their medical needs are routinely ignored, attorneys say in a new lawsuit filed on behalf of 152 prisoners

The suit was filed in federal court Tuesday, and attorneys are asking for class-action status to cover all current and future inmates at Parchman. It eventually could be merged with a similar lawsuit filed in January on behalf of 33 other Parchman inmates. At least 19 inmates have

died in Mississippi prisons since late December, many from outbreaks of violence at Parchman and other prisons.

The U.S. Justice Department announced on Feb. 5 that its civil rights division would investigate Parchman and other Mississippi prisons.

Court sides with Trump in sanctuary grant fight

NEW YORK — The Trump administration can withhold millions of dollars in law enforcement grants to force states to cooperate with immigration enforcement, a federal appeals court in New York ruled Wednesday in a decision that conflicted with three other federal appeals courts.

The ruling by the 2nd U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Manhattan overturned a lower court's decision ordering the administration to release funding to New York City and seven states — New York, Connecticut, New Jersey, Washington, Massachusetts, Virginia and Rhode Island.

Federal appeals courts in Chicago, Philadelphia and San Francisco have ruled against the U.S. government by upholding lower-court injunctions placed on the enforcement of some or all of the challenged conditions.

In Wyoming: Sharpshooters in a helicopter killed 36 mountain goats in a contested effort to eradicate the nonnative animals from Grand Teton National Park.

Four days after Interior Secretary David Bernhardt intervened to stop the shooting on the day it began, park officials released the tally Tuesday.

About 100 mountain goats, descendants of animals introduced outside the park decades ago, inhabit the Teton Range. Using a combination of shooters in the air and eventually on the ground, park officials say they want to eradicate the goats because they compete with bighorn sheep for food and habitat and can spread diseases including pneumonia to the native animals.



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EDITORIALS

For appellate and Cook County judgeships

The Tribune begins endorsements today in contested primaries for Cook County judicial positions. Why do these matter? Because it's difficult, by design, to remove a bad judge. And Cook County certainly has had its share. So choose wisely.

To make the selection process easier for voters, the Tribune offers endorsements that rely on candidates' ratings from the Chicago Bar Association, the Chicago Council of Lawyers, the Illinois State Bar Association and the editorial board's own questionnaires and research. Yes, it's OK to clip this page and bring it into the voting booth. You can read all our endorsements up and down the ballot at chicagotribune.com/candidates.

First up, two state appellate court vacancies and countywide races for Cook County Circuit Court:



Hyman

1st Appellate, Neville Jr. vacancy: Four Democrats are running for this appellate court position. Current Appellate Court Justice **Michael Hyman** is rated as highly qualified by at least two bar

association groups. He is well-regarded for his knowledge of the law, integrity and experience. Also running: Circuit court judges Carolyn Gallagher and Sandra Gisela Ramos, and attorney Maureen Patricia O'Leary. The Illinois State Bar Association found all three not qualified due to lack of experience. But the reviews from other bar groups were mixed. Gallagher got high marks from the Chicago Bar Association, and Ramos was deemed qualified. Hyman is endorsed.



Griffin

1st Appellate, Simon vacancy: Three bar groups rated Appellate Court Justice **John Griffin** as more qualified than his Democratic opponent, Circuit Court Judge Sharon Johnson. Griffin is described as hard-

working, well-prepared and researched on the opinions he writes. Johnson was praised as hardworking and thoughtful. Griffin is endorsed.

Countywide races for Circuit Court:



Laytin

Bellows vacancy: The Illinois Supreme Court appointed Judge **Kerrie Maloney Laytin** to the bench in 2019 after a career with the city of Chicago's law department.

Several judicial evaluation groups consider her qualified to remain there. She's running against Cristin Keely McDonald Duffy, an experienced prosecutor who comes highly rated by the Chicago Bar Association. Tiesha Smith also is running but received negative ratings from three bar associations. In this Democratic matchup, we'll go with Laytin, who has earned more time on the bench.



Derico Jr.

Coghlan vacancy: Four Democrats are running for this vacancy, and they all are rated as qualified by various lawyer groups. Only one is a sitting judge — **James Derico Jr.**, whom the Illinois Supreme Court

appointed in 2019. The Chicago Bar Association described him as "well-regarded for his legal knowledge, ability, diligence and fine demeanor." He is endorsed among this strong batch of candidates who include solo practitioner Elizabeth "Beth" Ryan, who was praised for her litigation skills; prosecutor Aileen Bhandari; and public defender Kelly McCarthy. Derico Jr. is endorsed.



O'Meara

Ford vacancy: The Chicago Bar Association rates administrative law Judge **John O'Meara** as highly qualified for the bench. O'Meara is described as a skilled litigator with extensive trial experience. He is

endorsed over Laura Ayala-Gonzalez, a supervisor in the state's attorney's felony trial division who also received high marks from bar groups. A third candidate, U. O'Neal, received negative ratings.



Mays

Funderburk vacancy: Before being appointed by the Illinois Supreme Court in 2019, Judge **Celestia Mays** was in private practice specializing in family law. She comes recommended by the

Chicago Council of Lawyers for her integrity and practitioner skills. Also running: Jacqueline Marie Griffin, an assistant state's attorney; Daniel Collins, who spent several years at the state's attorney's office before entering private practice; and Mary Therese Quinn, an experienced former prosecutor now in private practice. Mays is endorsed.

Larsen vacancy: Judge **Levander "Van" Smith Jr.** was appointed to the bench in 2019 after working for the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services. His litigation skills



Smith

stand out among this field, and he is praised for his "work ethic, diligence and fine temperament." Also on the ballot are Democrats Suzanne McEneely, a career public defender; and Megan Kathleen

Mulay, an assistant state's attorney with extensive felony review experience. Both also received good reviews. But Smith has earned more time on the bench. He is endorsed.



Stacey

Mason vacancy: Six Democrats are running for this slot. Only one is highly rated by the Chicago Bar Association. **Chris Stacey** is described as an experienced private practice attorney with "excellent demeanor"

and strong command of the law. He is endorsed. Bar groups described attorney Jennifer Patricia Callahan, a former assistant state's attorney now focused on criminal defense, as a compassionate and talented litigator. The remaining four candidates received mixed reviews with one, Bonnie McGrath, receiving several "not recommended" evaluations.



Molina

McCarthy vacancy: Judge **Teresa Molina**, a former prosecutor, is seeking a full term after being appointed to the bench in July 2019. She has earned our nod. Molina has experience in criminal and civil case

law, and received good marks from bar groups. Also running is Michael O'Malley, an assistant state's attorney in the civil bureau.



Henry

Murphy Gorman vacancy: Four Democrats' names will appear on the ballot for this seat. Only one candidate met the standards of three key lawyer associations: Judge **Sheree Desiree Henry**. She was

appointed to the bench in 2019 after losing her election in 2018. We're not fans of the judicial appointment process going around voters. But Henry's opponents, Keely Patricia Hillison and Amanda "Mandy" Pillsbury, didn't meet the standards of at least one bar group. A fourth, Dan Walsh, was not recommended. Henry is endorsed.

O'Brien vacancy: Judge **Lloyd James Brooks** earns our endorsement to con-



Brooks

tinue serving on the bench. He was appointed in November 2018 after working in private practice. Bar evaluators described him as well-prepared, experienced and with "excellent" temperament.

His Democratic opponents — Heather Anne Kent, an experienced prosecutor, and Elizabeth Anne Walsh, who specializes in insurance defense work — also were rated as qualified. But Brooks has earned a full term. He is endorsed.



Murphy

Roti vacancy:

Two of three Democrats in this race were deemed qualified by three lawyer associations. One, Araceli Reyes De La Cruz, was found not qualified by the Illinois State Bar Association. In this

race, our endorsement goes to **Lorraine Mary Murphy**, an experienced prosecutor in the state's attorney's office, noted for her trial skills and experience in complex litigation. Also receiving high marks: private practice attorney James Patrick Crawley. Murphy is endorsed.



Hartigan

C. Sheehan vacancy: Of the three Democrats running for this post, former Judge **Russell Hartigan** received the highest marks from lawyer associations. They cited his breadth of experience in employment and

municipal law. His two opponents, Deidre Baumann and Maura McMahon Zeller; both received a "not recommended" rating from at least one bar group. The Chicago Bar Association raised concerns about Baumann's "professionalism, diligence and organizational skills." Supporters of Zeller objected to a negative rating from the Illinois State Bar Association and wrote letters of appeal, citing her experience in child advocacy. Hartigan is endorsed.



Quinn

K. Sheehan vacancy: Attorney **Jill Rose Quinn** is endorsed in this race for her experience in numerous areas of the law, including bankruptcy, probate and real estate. Her Democratic opponents, James Samuel Worley and Wendelin "Wendi" DeLoach, each received a negative rating from at least one bar group. Quinn is endorsed.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

There isn't an obvious unity ticket equivalent for the non-(Bernie) Sanders Democrats, but the dynamic between (Mike) Bloomberg, (Joe) Biden and (Pete) Buttigieg is worth watching. They are all positioned as moderate alternatives to the Sanders revolution, and after South Carolina and Super Tuesday one of them may look a lot more viable than the others. In which case two of the B's swiftly dropping out and just as swiftly campaigning and fundraising for (or simply funding, in Bloomberg's case) the third might be the only chance at a not-Sanders consolidation. ...

There's little stomach among party officialdom to work against a candidate who wins the most primary votes, and voters themselves are unlikely to sustain rival candidacies if they're clearly just playing for a brokered convention. ...

The Democrats' delegate apportionment rules do make a contested convention more likely, but Bernie is better-liked by most Democrats than Trump was by Republicans at this stage in '16. So my bet is that history will repeat itself: A world where Sanders is on track to get a clear delegate plurality in late March is probably a world where he gets a majority by May.

Which means that the long game of delegate accumulation and superdelegate machination is probably irrelevant, and the only question is whether it's possible to unite a not-Sanders vote across the first three Tuesdays in March.

To quote an ancient NeverTrump proverb: Good luck with that.

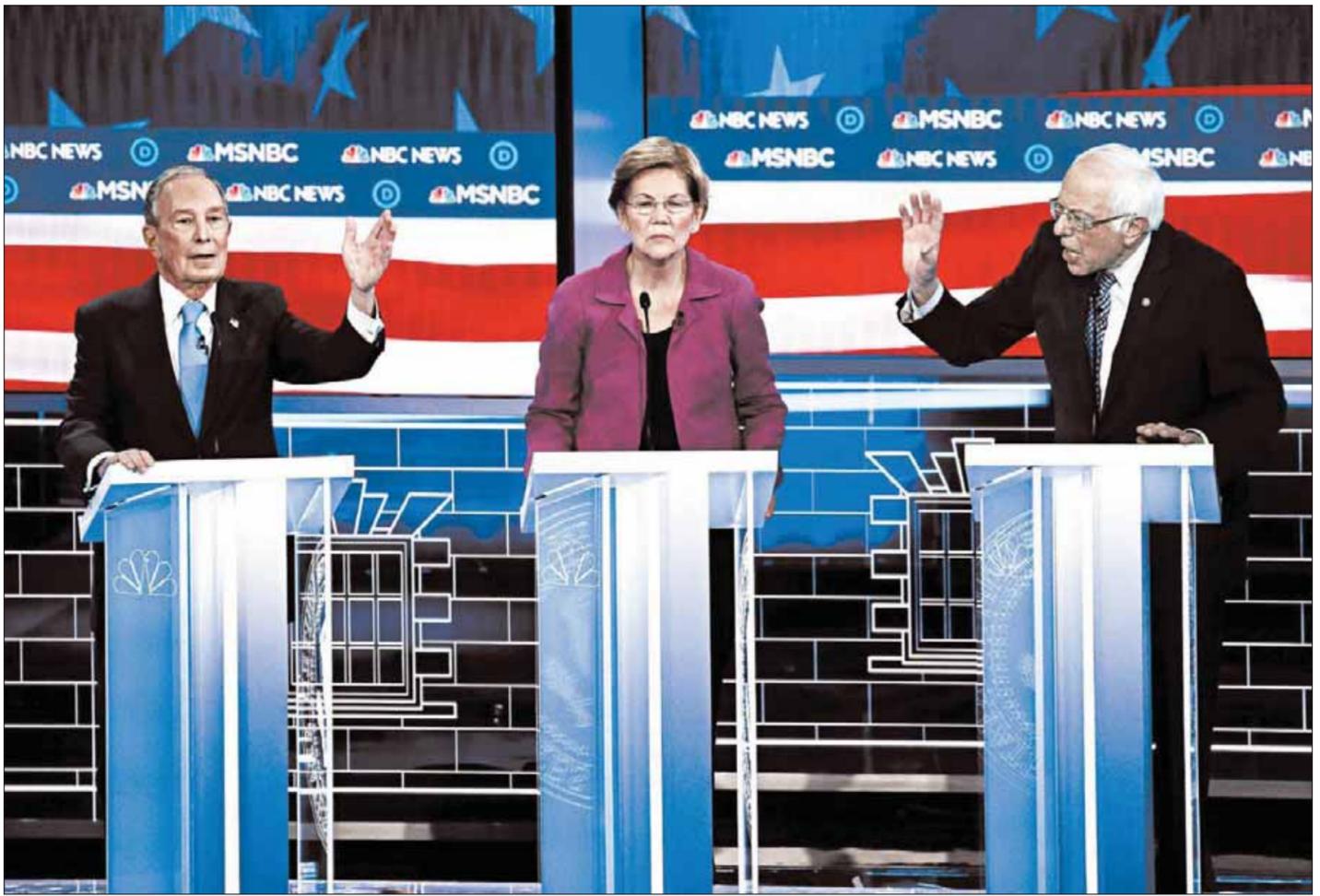
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Former New York City Mayor Mike Bloomberg, left, and Sen. Bernie Sanders speak as Sen. Elizabeth Warren looks on during a debate last week in Las Vegas.

Sanders and Bloomberg both want to run your life



STEVE CHAPMAN

The Democratic primary battle between Bernie Sanders and Mike Bloomberg could be easily resolved if they would realize how much they have in common. In fact, they would make a great ticket. Imagine the slogan: “Sanders-Bloomberg: Because you’re tired of running your own life.”

Being a moderate libertarian — or a libertarian moderate, I’m not quite sure — I’m partial to those passages in the Constitution that say, “Congress shall make no law.” I have a high regard for both free markets and civil liberties; for both abortion rights and gun rights; for a humane safety net and fiscal prudence. The best government is one that performs only clearly essential functions but performs those well — while recognizing its limits not only at home but also abroad.

Anyone of this general cast of mind, of course, can no more tolerate Donald Trump than a lamb could lie down with a *Tyrannosaurus rex*. It’s hard to remember a president so contemptuous of such a wide range of liberties.

Freedom of speech? He wanted NFL players banished for kneeling during the national anthem. Freedom of the press? He regards the media as “the enemy of the people.” Freedom from unreasonable search and seizure? Trump pulled back federal efforts to curb police abuses. Reproductive rights? Since the Supreme Court’s 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision, they have never been at greater risk.

He doesn’t like laissez-faire capitalism, as evidenced by his hostility to international trade, his bullying of corporations that don’t obey his commands and his bailouts of farmers. He has installed a legion of knaves, hacks and toadies to mishandle the indispensable tasks of the federal government — such as fighting global pandemics or protecting the environment. His fiscal record is a fright.

Either Sanders or Bloomberg would be an improvement, in the same way that it would be better to be trampled by beagles than by buffaloes. But each of these Democrats has plenty of debits on his record. Neither has much commitment to individual freedom as a matter of principle.

Sanders has only contempt for people who gain great wealth by creating something that people want. He wants to punish them even if they have made our lives better.

It’s unfair to suggest that his policies

would resemble communism. But his defense of Marxist regimes suggests a willingness to excuse harsh methods to advance what he sees as worthy purposes.

Sanders’ proposal for national rent control combines economic illiteracy with gross federal overreach. He believes in “Medicare for All” — and he does mean all, including those who would rather keep their private health insurance. It’s hard to escape the suspicion that in Sanders’ mind, the compulsory nature of his plan is not a necessary evil but a supreme virtue.

Then there’s the matter of paying for it. As *The New York Times* noted, he “estimated Sunday night on ‘60 Minutes’ that the price tag for his ‘Medicare for All’ plan would be about \$30 trillion over 10 years, but the revenue he identifies for it in the new outline totals about \$17.5 trillion.”

Bloomberg is overbearing and intrusive in his own way. As New York City mayor, he barred many businesses from selling sugary drinks larger than 16 ounces on “public health” grounds — though a court overruled him. He waged war on flavored tobacco products and trans fats and required chain restaurants to post calorie counts.

He even deployed full-court pressure tactics to get new mothers to breastfeed, regardless of their needs or desires. The presumption of personal

autonomy never found a place in Bloomberg’s heart.

His faith in coercion helps account for his support of stop-and-frisk tactics by New York police, which put a target on the backs of young Hispanic and African American men, the vast majority of them innocent. Under Bloomberg, the number of such encounters soared. Though he now claims credit for reducing them, the reality is that a federal judge ruled the practice unconstitutional.

When that decision came down, Bloomberg raised fears of “a lot of people dying.” In fact, crime declined after stop-and-frisk was drastically curtailed. Bloomberg put his instincts above the liberties of New Yorkers, and his instincts proved wrong.

What he and Sanders share is an eagerness to override individual freedom whenever it hinders their plans, and an impatience with limits on government authority. Their grand schemes are not as toxic or alarming as Trump’s. But under any of these three, the right to be left alone would be left in the lurch.

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LOOK WHO'S BACK

BY JOE "CAN'T SAY HE'S BEEN MISSED" FOURNIER



PERSPECTIVE



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Does Russia want Sen. Bernie Sanders to beat President Donald Trump, or is that just the latest misinformation campaign?

The Russians are coming! The Russians are coming! (Again.)



CAL THOMAS

The Russians are like the devil. Each gets blamed (or credited) with more than they are responsible for.

Intelligence officials recently went to Capitol Hill where, according to The Hill, “they briefed the House Intelligence Committee about Russia interfering in the presidential race in an effort to get Trump reelected.” The initial presumption was that Russian President Vladimir Putin favors Trump’s reelection. Why would he when he has someone more closely associated with his ideology than Trump? That would be the self-described democratic socialist, Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt.

But wait. Following closely on this unspecific leak to (where else?) The New York Times, we now hear that Russia wants Sanders as the next president. Perhaps it’s out of gratitude because he and his wife honeymooned in the Soviet Union. Ah, nostalgia.

The intelligence briefing was classified, but as with charges that Russia meddled in the 2016 election, no details have emerged that prove the Russian “collusion” narrative. Other than disinformation campaigns on social media (and plenty of disinformation has and will continue to be generated here at home through mainstream media) we have still not heard any

specifics on how Russia managed to change a single vote in 2016, or how it supposedly intends to do so this time around. Upon hearing of the intelligence briefing, Putin’s press secretary told Russian state-run media, “This is another in a series of paranoid reports, and we regret to say that their number will grow as the election approaches. They certainly have nothing to do with the truth.”

The reason Democrats are again raising the prospect of Russian interference is to undermine the credibility of this year’s election should Trump win again, as seems increasingly likely. Democrats have been unable to stomach not only his 2016 election but also his economic successes. They fear their party will lose what remaining but dwindling appeal it might still enjoy.

That’s why in the debates among Democratic presidential candidates one hears of an America that isn’t recognizable to most citizens. For them, America is a bad country, a place of racism, sexism, inequality and misery only they can fix, though previous Democratic presidents who have made similar diagnoses of America’s “faults” have done nothing to repair the damage to which they have arguably contributed. Trump appears to have stolen their issues and they have no fallback position.

As for the credibility of American intelligence, consider their record during George W. Bush’s administration, beginning with weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, which were never found, resulting in the deaths of many in the unnecessary war that followed.

This Russian interference claim seems

like a setup and an invitation for the House to conduct even more investigations and possibly new articles of impeachment after the election, assuming Democrats maintain their House majority. A recent Gallup Poll shows record high approval (49%) of the president’s policies. Meanwhile, 43% of independents polled now support the president — the highest percentage during Trump’s entire presidency. We’ll see if that translates into Republican victories in races for the Senate and House.

According to Gallup, “The latest survey finds a further increase in national satisfaction, with 45% now satisfied, the highest since February 2005.”

Democrats have always needed a boogeyman to run against. Recall “The Gingrich who stole Christmas” line disparaging then-House Speaker Newt Gingrich on a Time magazine cover in the 1990s. Democrats have also demagogued Republicans for not helping the poor and for being racist. That is a harder sell with the African American unemployment rate at record lows and wages rising for virtually all groups. According to the Census Bureau, the poverty level is as low as it’s been in 11 years.

Russia has become the default boogeyman of the left. That is what makes Bernie Sanders the ideal candidate for Russia and the other socialist-communist states he has praised, because in his heart he is at one with them.

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Schiff’s take on spending his days inside Trump’s head: ‘It’s pretty scary in there’

BY ROBIN ABCARIAN

President Donald Trump’s No. 1 nemesis invited me to visit him in Burbank, California, on Monday. How could I resist?

U.S. Rep. Adam Schiff had just returned from the annual Munich Security Conference, where he held bilateral meetings with various European defense ministers who are working with the U.S. on negotiations between Afghanistan and the Taliban. He also met with NATO officials in Brussels.

The meetings, said Schiff, “confirmed what we are hearing and seeing, which is that the Russians are continuing to engage in interfering in the 2020 election. They’ve never really stopped. Our allies are equally aware of the Russian threat to their own elections.”

The theme of the Munich conference was “Westlessness,” a depressing if catchy new word that describes the way the world is shifting away from liberal democracies, in the same way the moral authority of the United States is being eroded.

“There was a real sense that democracy has been on a downward trajectory over the past two to three years of the Trump presidency and the West is leaderless,” Schiff told me. “Trump is leading in a negative direction against the Transatlantic (Trade and Investment) Partnership and NATO, and others are rising in the void, like China. Russia is lashing out as much as ever.”

Schiff had come home to California a few days to cast his vote in the primary, touch base with constituents and appear on “Jimmy Kimmel Live!”

As Schiff and the House Intelligence Committee and the lead prosecutor against President Trump in both the House impeachment inquiry and the Senate trial, Schiff has become Trump’s virtually untouchable archenemy. The unflappable congressman is never far from the president’s mind, and the reverse

is true too.

“I spend half my day inside his head apparently,” Schiff joked with Kimmel. “And I gotta tell you, it’s pretty scary in there. It’s everything I can do to avoid all the marbles rolling around.” (Cue the rimshot.)

In his closing statement at the trial, before the Senate vote, Schiff predicted that if Trump were acquitted of having violated the Constitution, he would be unleashed in potentially terrifying ways. He was right; since the vote, Trump has gone off the deep end, purging his administration of enemies real and imagined.

For instance, when Trump learned that Joseph Maguire, his acting intelligence chief, had allowed an election security expert to tell the House Intelligence Committee last month that Russia had a “preference for Trump,” he blew a fuse. He claimed he’d never heard the information and suggested that Schiff should be investigated for leaking it, which Schiff said he did not.

Even crazier, Trump insisted that the information was wrong, that the intelligence community was “being played,” as The Washington Post put it, and that Democrats had just been handed political ammunition to use against him.

Trump fired Maguire and replaced him with the supremely unqualified Richard Grenell, a Trump loyalist and former U.S. spokesman at the United Nations who currently serves as the American ambassador to Germany.

Many elected officials and journalists know Grenell as a once-prolific Twitter antagonist; in fact, I first came to know his name a few years ago when he tweeted sarcastically at me.

“So the Twitter trolls are now running the intelligence agencies,” Schiff said.

On Monday morning, I joined Schiff in a black SUV for the ride from his district office in Burbank to his polling place a couple of miles away.

In the car, I pressed him on his choice

for the Democratic presidential ticket.

Schiff, who has not endorsed a candidate, refused to say. However, like so many Democrats, he said his main criteria was “electability.” Which means what, exactly, I asked.

“To me, what that means is they can both excite the base of our party and they can win over swing voters,” Schiff said. “That’s what Bill Clinton was able to do, and it’s what Barack Obama was able to do. If I were advising anyone in the field, I would say run on two things: Run on meeting the economic needs of those who have been left behind — the Trump-Obama voters — and run on a return to basic decency.”

He will support the eventual nominee “110%,” he said, no matter who that is. He’d support anybody over Trump.

“I say this without any hyperbole — you could pluck someone off the street at random and they would be a better president than Donald Trump,” Schiff said. “Because someone chosen completely at random off the street would be patriotic, they would be decent and if they didn’t know something, they would have the good sense to ask someone who did.”

My last question for Schiff was something I had to ask. Given that Trump was acquitted by the Republican-majority Senate, did he have any regrets or second thoughts about how he’d handled the whole impeachment?

He did not.

Not even when he paraphrased Trump’s shakedown phone call with the Ukrainian president to make him sound even more like a Mafia don than he already does?

“No,” said Schiff, “if mocking the president got under his skin, that’s just another benefit.”

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Optimism in Chicago

Regarding Doug Deering’s letter (“Still concerned about Chicago,” Feb. 25), in which he writes to Chicago, the lover he dumped, to share how much better his life is without the city and to remind it of its myriad flaws that chased him away: The problems in Chicago are well and continuously documented, giving publications like the Chicago Tribune ample editorial material.

Much of the criticism is well-deserved, and I will not minimize the significance of Chicago’s challenges. However, I tire of the tone represented by Deering’s letter with its complaints and not one suggestion for improvement. Observations on solutions are appreciated.

Perhaps Deering is interested in a few examples of how his “unrequited love” also has moved on since his departure. Inc. Magazine recognized numerous entrepreneurs in Chicago with young and successful companies in its 2019 Fastest Growing Companies list. Uber has announced plans to establish its freight headquarters in Chicago with 2,000 jobs and \$200 million in annual workforce investment. Tech stalwarts such as Google, Facebook and Glassdoor have announced expansions here.

So not everyone is “leaving in droves.” Would I rather the city grew? Sure. But the hysteria about flight is exaggerated.

Chicago also has a new mayor since Deering’s departure. I appreciate her emphasis on neighborhood redevelopment and her successful partnership with the financial community in Chicago to reimagine long-neglected areas. The Obama Presidential Center will continue this momentum. Mayor Lori Lightfoot valiantly tries to change business as usual in the City Council, and I have confidence that she will continue her headway.

Yes, the problems that caused Deering to dump Chicago remain. Instead of focusing on those who left, I am grateful for the community leaders, business leaders, public servants and citizens who love their relationship with this city enough to stay and rebuild it. Heck, even the White Sox will give it a go this year.

— Susan Kelly, Evanston

Why Chicago is a beloved city

Reading Doug Deering’s letter about leaving his beloved Chicago home, I am sad that he couldn’t choose to remain in Chicago and be not only a participant in the good things, but also a supporter of the things changing for the good. And believe me, there are many.

For every negative item he mentions, I would be happy to point out a positive one.

I grew up in the Chicago area and live in the suburbs now. I take the buses and the subway often. Of course, I must be alert, as in any city.

It is Deering’s choice to live in Minnesota, and I’m glad he is happy with his decision.

As for me, I am very happy to be a White Sox fan, take the subway to the park and enjoy Chicago, its people, its places and the many personalities that make it a very beloved city.

— Mary Doolen, Lisle

Are Trump’s actions defensible?

Regarding Pamela J. Pugh’s letter (“Christian explains party loyalty,” Feb. 23): She writes, “Complain about Trump’s style if you will” and then proceeds to bemoan incivility in general and Democratic rigidity in particular, while defending her support as a Christian for President Donald Trump in spite of what she describes as his lamentable comportment.

As one Christian to another, I’d ask Pugh if she also accepts Trump’s behavior when he apparently advertises his readiness to sell pardons and commutations to white-collar criminals convicted of fraud. Does she accept his cut in funding for the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention? His rollback of the Environmental Protection Agency regulations that have been keeping our air and water clean? His climate denial and his withdrawal of the U.S. from the Paris accord created to address climate change? His dismissal of courageous administration officials who speak truth to power, who put loyalty to country above loyalty to the boss? His so-called tax reform that has forced our government to borrow billions to subsidize the wealthy?

For the record, I’m a pro-life independent voter who hasn’t voted Republican in a national race since the revelations of the torture at the Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq that occurred under the previous Republican administration.

— David Lauryn, Chicago

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Hospitals investing \$6M in West Side

Collaborative, AMA making effort to close gap in life expectancy

BY LISA SCHENCKER

Half a dozen Chicago hospital systems and the American Medical Association are doubling down on efforts to close a 16-year gap between the life expectancies of Chicagoans living on the city's West Side and in the Loop — by investing money in neighborhood businesses.

The hospitals and the Chicago-based trade group for physicians announced Wednesday they plan to invest \$6 million in businesses on the city's West Side.

Participating hospitals include Rush University Medical Center, Lurie Children's Hospital, Amita Health, Cook County Health, Sinai Health System and the University of Illinois Hospital & Health Sciences System, as well as the Illinois Medical District. Northern Trust also is a participant.

Including the \$6 million announced Wednesday, the coalition has committed a total of \$10.1 million to West Side neighborhoods, since the initiative began with an investment from Rush in 2017. The AMA will invest \$2 million over the next two years. Northern Trust will invest \$1.5 million.

The collaborative, called West Side United, will invest the money through four community development financial institutions — IFF, the Chicago Community Loan Fund, Local Initiatives Support Corp. and Accion Chicago — that are certified by the U.S. Department of Treasury to finance businesses, nonprofits, micro enterprises and affordable housing for low-income communities. Those institutions will offer loans to small businesses and organizations on the West Side that fulfill community needs, such as by supplying affordable housing, health foods or jobs.

The investments will focus on the neighborhoods of Austin, East Garfield Park, West Garfield Park, Humboldt Park, Lower West Side (Little Village), Near West Side, West Town, North Lawndale, and South Lawndale (Pilsen).

It's clear physical health is linked to economic health, said Rush University Medical Center CEO Dr. Omar Lateef. He said the 16-year gap in life expectancies between the city's West Side and Loop "hit close to home" for Rush. "You could picture the Gold Coast and you could picture Austin, and when you pictured going from 85 years to 69 years of life expectancy, it's hard to define an excuse," he said.

West Side United hopes to cut that gap in half by 2030. Investing in small businesses could improve community health by giving West Side residents more jobs and opportunities, project leaders say.

"The hospitals could be investing in the stock market and getting higher returns," said Darlene Hightower, Rush vice president

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Workers stock shelves and a coffee station inside an Amazon Go Grocery store in Seattle.

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Grabbing and going

Amazon opens grocery store without checkout lines

BY JOSEPH PISANI
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Amazon wants to kill the supermarket checkout line.

The online retailing giant is opening its first cashier-less supermarket, where shoppers can grab milk or eggs and walk out without waiting in line or ever opening their wallets. It's the latest sign that Amazon is serious about shaking up the \$800 billion grocery industry.

At the new store, which opened Tuesday in Amazon's hometown of Seattle, shoppers scan a smartphone app to enter the store. Cameras and sensors track what's taken off shelves. Items are charged to an Amazon

account after leaving.

"I love the convenience of literally grabbing and going" said Art Kuniyuki, a payroll and benefits manager from Seattle, who spent \$15 on Barilla pasta, Dove chocolate and other groceries shortly after the store opened.

Called Amazon Go Grocery, the new store is an expansion of its 2-year-old chain of 25 Amazon Go convenience stores. It's 10,400 square feet — more than five times the size of the convenience stores — and stocks much more beyond the sodas and sandwiches found at Amazon Go.

Cameron Janes, who helps oversee Amazon's physical stores, said the technology had to be tweaked to account for how people squeeze tomatoes to test for ripeness or rummage through avocados to find just the right one. Nothing at the store is weighed. One blood orange goes for 53 cents; a banana is 19 cents.

Amazon is not new to groceries. It made a splash in 2017 when it bought Whole Foods and its 500 stores. It's also been expanding its online grocery delivery service.

But it's still far behind rival Walmart, the nation's largest grocer, which has more than 4,700 stores. Walmart's online grocery service has also been popular with customers, who buy online and then drive to a store to pick up their order.

Amazon also plans to open another type of grocery store in Los Angeles sometime this year, but the company said it won't use the cashier-less technology at that location and has kept other details under wraps. The company declined to say if it plans to open more Amazon Go Grocery stores, and said there are no plans to bring the technology to Whole Foods stores.

Much of the fruits and veggies

come from the same suppliers at Whole Foods, Janes said. It has products from the Whole Foods store brand 365, such as organic oatmeal and bagged baby carrots. But it also sells Oreos, Cheez-Its and other stuff banned from the natural grocer.

Families can shop together with just one phone scanning everyone in. Anything they grab and leave the store with will be added to the tab of the person who signed them in. But shoppers shouldn't help out a stranger reaching for the top shelf: Amazon warns that grabbing an item for someone else means you'll be charged for it.

Hoping to catch up to Amazon, other retailers and startups are racing to bring similar cashier-less technology to stores. Earlier this month, 7-Eleven said it is testing a cashier-less store for employees inside its offices in Irving, Texas.

Tzuco, Boka named among JBF semifinalists

Multiple names return, as well as many newcomers for 2020

BY PHIL VETTEL

Boka, the flagship restaurant for the Boka Group, and Tzuco, Carlos Gaytan's acclaimed Mexican newcomer, were two of the biggest Chicago names among the James Beard Foundation Restaurant and Chef Awards semifinalists, announced Wednesday morning.

Boka was named in the Outstanding Restaurant category, a national award; this is Boka's first appearance in that category. Not surprisingly, Tzuco was

included among the semifinalists for Best New Restaurant, given to restaurants that opened in 2019. In a pleasant surprise, Thattu, an Indian street food kiosk that's part of Politan Row food hall, was also a semifinalist for Best New Restaurant.

Sarah Grueneberg, a semifinalist for Outstanding Chef last year, was named to that list again. Emily Spurlin of Lula Cafe is a first-time semifinalist for Outstanding Pastry Chef.

In the Rising Star Chef of the Year category (chefs 30 or younger), JBF again placed Alisha Elenz (mfk, Bar Biscay), who was a finalist last year, on the ballot. Joining her is first-time semifinalist Jeanine

Lamadieu, pastry chef at Yugen.

In the Best Chef: Great Lakes category (a region that includes Illinois, Indiana, Michigan and Ohio), 10 of the 20 semifinalists are from Chicago: Thai Dang of HaiSous, Brian Jupiter of Frontier, Gene Kato of Momotaro, Jason Hammel of Lula Cafe, Ethan Pikas of Cellar Door Provisions, Noah Sandoval of Oriole, John Shields and Karen Urie Shields of Smyth, Mariya Russell of Kikko, Erick Williams of Virtue and Lee Wolen of Boka. It's the first time on the ballot for Kato, Russell, Williams and the two Shieldses; Hammel, Sandoval and Wolen were finalists



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Chef Carlos Gaytan at Tzuco restaurant in Chicago.

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WGN-TV owner: Quarantine would create captive audience

CEO sees economic upside to widespread coronavirus lockdown

BY ROBERT CHANNICK

While health officials warn of "significant disruption" and the stock market drops over coronavirus fears, WGN-TV owner Nexstar Media Group sees an economic upside: If people end up hunkered down at home during a widespread quarantine, it could mean more television viewers.

At least that's the take of Perry Sook, the chairman and CEO of Dallas-based Nexstar, which owns WGN in Chicago and nearly 200 other TV stations across the country.

"If you're quarantined in your home and one of the few things you can do is watch television, I think advertisers see the benefit in that," said Sook during a fourth-



Members of the media gather near the quarantined Diamond Princess cruise ship docked at Daikoku Pier on Feb. 19 in Yokohama, Japan.

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quarter earnings call Wednesday.

Growing worries over the potential spread of COVID-19 in the U.S. have not played well on Wall Street, with the Dow Jones Industrial Average falling more than 7% this week through Wednesday's

close.

The epidemic has essentially shut down the Chinese economy as the country continues to grapple with the new respiratory illness. The virus is not widespread in the U.S., but dire warn-

ings issued Tuesday by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention advised Americans to prepare for disruption if the epidemic gains a foothold.

In the event the virus begins to spread, communities may have to impose "social distancing" measures to contain it, including shutting down schools, allowing employees to work from home and canceling meetings and large gatherings, according to the CDC. Such disruption to the normal routine would have "societal and economic impact," the agency said.

Sook said a coronavirus epidemic in the U.S. could boost television viewership and advertising revenue.

"We don't think it will have a negative impact on our operations," Sook said. "In fact, if it becomes more widespread in the United States and there's more quarantine in home and all of that,

then it could potentially benefit our business because we'd be the primary source of entertainment."

Nexstar completed its \$4.1 billion purchase of Chicago-based Tribune Media in September, creating the nation's largest local TV station group and moving WGN's TV, radio and cable stations under the Dallas company's ownership.

Since acquiring Tribune Media, Nexstar has shaken up the WGN-AM 720 on-air lineup and pulled the plug on Chicago cable news channel CLTV. But its biggest change is set to roll out this summer, when WGN America launches "News Nation," a three-hour nightly newscast to compete with established cable news networks such as CNN and Fox.

WGN America is hiring more than 140 employees in Chicago to produce and present the news, Sook said Wednesday.

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Deere denies design defect allegations in lawsuit

Associated Press

SIoux FALLS, S.D. — Deere & Co. has formally denied allegations from South Dakota farmers that a design defect led to fires in one of its tractor models.

Deere responded earlier this month to a federal lawsuit brought by Brad, Greg, Jeff and Jon Albrecht, the Argus Leader reported.

In its response, the Moline, Illinois-based company denies that its John Deere 9620RX tractors were “unreasonably dangerous” when they were

made by the Illinois-based company.

“The subject tractor conformed to the state-of-the-art at the time it was designed, manufactured, packaged, and labeled,” Deere’s response said.

The Albrechts bought the tractor on Dec. 30, 2015, paying \$462,229, their lawsuit says. The tractor was damaged when it caught fire while being operated on Oct. 30, 2017.

The lawsuit argues the tractor was faulty because a design flaw failed to shield debris from accumulating

around the exhaust system. When hot, that allowed the tractors to catch on fire.

In 2019, the company published a product enhancement program to address the issue of debris accumulation, according to the lawsuit.

Steven Hamers, an Iowa-based engineer, examined the tractor on behalf of the plaintiffs. He concluded that the likely reason for the fire stemmed from the collection of debris.

“This tractor fire is one of a group of John Deere 9000RX tractors being in-

vestigated by this engineer,” he wrote in his report. “All of the tractors share similar fire observation circumstances.”

Hamers noted that a similar tracked tractor, built by Case Corp., includes shields to safeguard it from debris buildup under the engine compartment.

In 2018, the company faced a similar lawsuit after two John Deere 9460R tractors caught fire near Gettysburg under related circumstances. That lawsuit was subsequently dismissed by agreement of both parties.



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Deere & Co. has formally denied allegations that a design defect in its John Deere 9620RX tractors led to fires.

Delta reduces flights as coronavirus outbreak spreads

Associated Press

Delta Air Lines said Wednesday it will reduce flights to South Korea as concern rises about the spread of the new virus beyond China.

Delta said it will suspend flights between Seoul and Minneapolis after Saturday and running through April 30. Delta also said it will reduce flights from Seoul to Atlanta, Detroit and Seattle to five times a week. The airline said last fall that it was operating about 28 flights per week on those routes.

The Atlanta-based airline, the world’s largest by revenue, will also delay the start of new flights between Seoul’s Incheon Airport and Manila. Instead of beginning March 29, the launch has been pushed back to May 1.

Delta, United Airlines and American Airlines have already suspended all flights to and from mainland China and Hong Kong. United said this week that demand for service to China had disap-

peared, and that March bookings for flights elsewhere in the Asia-Pacific region had plummeted 75% since the outbreak.

The number of new cases of the COVID-19 virus reported Tuesday was greater outside China than inside China for the first time, according to the World Health Organization. South Korea has reported more than 1,200 cases and 11 deaths.

Several airlines in Asia and the Middle East have suspended flights to other Asian countries besides China. The list includes Korean Air, Japan Airlines and Philippine Airlines. Singapore Airlines, hurt by weak demand, has suspended flights to several destinations in the U.S. and Europe.

Shares in the U.S. airlines that fly to Asia have been hammered — they have been among the biggest losers during this week’s stock market downturn.

Fear about the virus’ impact on travel is also hitting cruise lines hard.



MATT HAAS

Chef Margaret Pak and Vinod Kalathil of Thattu, were nominated among Best New Restaurants by James Beard Foundation on Wednesday.

Awards

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last year.

Spiaggia was again named a semifinalist for Outstanding Wine Program; Spiaggia was a finalist last year. Lost Lake is a repeat semifinalist in Outstanding Bar Program; it too was a finalist in 2019.

Chicago was shut out of the Outstanding Restaurateur category, won last year by Kevin Boehm and Rob Katz of Boka Restaurant Group. Martha Hoover, the influential restaurateur in Indianapolis, and Paul Bartolotta, a restaurateur with deep Chicago ties (he was executive chef at Spiaggia for many years), were named to the semifinalist list.

There also were no Chicago names in the Outstanding Baker (won last year by Greg Wade of Publican Quality Bread), or Outstanding Wine, Beer or Spirits categories. But in the latter category, Scratch Brewing Co., in downstate Ava, Illinois, made the semifinalist list.

No Chicago restaurants made the Outstanding

Hospitality ballot, but two restaurants in neighboring states did: Hobnob, in Racine, Wisconsin, and Love Handle, in Indianapolis.

JBF threw a good amount of love Detroit’s way. Saffron De Twahz was named in the Best New Restaurant category, Lisa Ludwinski of Sister Pie was named in the Outstanding Baker category (she also made the ballot last year), Lena Sareini of Selden Standard was among the Rising Star Chef semifinalists and Sugar House was among the Outstanding Bar Program semifinalists. Sameer Eid and Samy Eid (Phoenicia, Forest and Leila) are Outstanding Restaurateur semifinalists. Four Detroit chefs made the Best Chef: Great Lakes ballot: Andy Hollyday of Selden Standard, James Rigato of Mabel Gray, Mike Ransom of Ima and Sarah Welch of Marrow.

After a round of voting, the finalists — the top five vote-getters in each category — will be announced March 25. The winners will be announced at the James Beard Awards Gala on May 4 in Chicago.

EU approves tough mandate for UK trade negotiations

By RAF CASERT AND JILL LAWLESS

Associated Press

BRUSSELS — The European Union has given its chief negotiator a robust mandate for free trade talks with ex-member Britain, setting up a likely clash over the U.K.’s demand to export to the continent on its own terms without the need to necessarily respect the bloc’s rules and regulations.

The 27 remaining EU nations are insisting that if Britain wants the best possible trade deal, it will have to adhere to many of its rules from state aid to environmental standards and to keep its waters open to EU fishing boats.

The contrasting starting positions suggest the talks over the future trading relationship could be as frayed as the three-year negotiations related to issues around Britain’s actual departure from the bloc. After insults and backbiting, the discussions eventually yielded an agreement on the divorce terms.

“It will be very tough. But it has been very tough for the past three years,” said EU negotiator Michel Barnier.

Britain immediately accused the EU of backing away from its previous commitment to striking a free-trade agreement. Prime Minister Boris Johnson’s spokesman, James Slack, said the bloc was demanding “onerous commitments” from the U.K.

“We will not accept any demands for the U.K. to follow EU rules, just as we would not expect the EU to accept U.K. laws,” he said.

In London, the U.K. government announced that the trade deal negotiations will begin in Brussels on Monday, a month after Britain’s official departure from the bloc.

The post-Brexit trade talks always carried the palpable threat of a chaotic split without any agree-



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EU negotiator Michel Barnier on trade talks: “It will be very tough. But it has been very tough for the past three years.”

ment that would make trade costly and unpredictable overnight.

Under an agreed transition period, Britain has to abide by EU rules until Dec. 31. But without a trade deal, the threat of more chaos looms at the end of the year.

“It will be an enormous task. I am afraid we will not only be negotiating, but also preparing ourselves for the chance of a no-deal Brexit,” Dutch Foreign Minister Stef Blok warned.

Britain has already rejected abiding by EU rules, arguing that the ability to diverge from EU rules is a key component of Brexit. Supporters of Britain’s departure from the bloc say the great dividend will lie in the repatriation of powers to London from Brussels for the benefit of the British economy.

Another stumbling block

is the timetable. Johnson insists that a deal needs to be done by the end of the year so Britain can leave the EU’s frictionless single market and customs union. Britain remains within the EU’s economic orbit until the end of 2020 to smooth its departure from the bloc. That transition period can be extended once for up to two years, but Johnson has said he won’t be doing so.

That means the timetable to negotiate everything from fishing rights to access to EU markets is tight.

“We need a good agreement rather than succumb to calendar pressure,” said France’s Europe Minister Amelie de Montchalin, who insists the U.K. must align itself with EU rules even as they evolve in the future.

The EU is fearful the U.K. could undercut EU firms if it is allowed to diverge too much from so-

cial, industrial and environmental standards that took years to build together. Given that Britain is an intrinsic part of the European economy following its 47 years of membership of the EU, that’s a particular concern across EU capitals.

The U.K.’s negotiating mandate is due to be published Thursday. Britain has said it would be seeking a deal similar to the EU’s free trade agreement with Canada with no quotas or tariffs on goods. Britain has also promised it won’t undercut the EU by lowering standards on environmental protection, food hygiene or workers’ rights. Johnson said earlier this month that “we are not leaving the EU to undermine European standards.”

The challenge for negotiators will be to find a way to make that commitment binding.

Investing

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for community health equity. By investing in local businesses, the hospitals see a “reduced return, but the social return is important as well.”

Rush’s contribution represents about 1% of its investments, said spokesman Charlie Jolie.

Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot said a little money can go a long way. Lightfoot campaigned on a promise to focus more attention on struggling West and South side neighborhoods by improving schools, creating jobs and fostering economic development.

“We want to reverse a history in the city of not investing in the West Side and South Side,” Lightfoot said at an event in Austin on Wednesday announcing the investment.

“There are too many places on the West Side, in particular, that look like the embers from 1968 have just cooled,” she said, referring to riots that broke out on the West Side after the death of Martin Luther King Jr.

The program’s loans often go to people, businesses and organizations who otherwise might not be able to get funding from



BRIAN CASSELLA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Darnell Shields, center, executive director of Austin Coming Together, holds a meeting at the group’s offices this week.

a traditional lender.

Darnell Shields got a loan that he used for an office for his organization, Austin Coming Together. The organization connects other area groups and businesses, so they can work together on projects to improve life for residents. For example, it worked on a project to offer training in manufacturing for teens and adults at a local high school, he said.

“We were in a situation where we were expanding as an organization and we didn’t have enough space,” Shields said. “As a new nonprofit, gaining access to capital was very difficult.”

Developer Takeisha Washington used the \$170,000 loan she received from the Chicago Commu-

nity Loan Fund to renovate a vacant home in the Garfield Park neighborhood. When she bought the property, people were living on the back porch, and some of the windows were broken. It was a dangerous eyesore, she said.

She fixed it up, found a buyer, and expects to close on the sale this week.

“As a local developer it helps to bring funds to projects like this, that typically the traditional banks won’t typically fund,” Washington said. “I primarily want to do work in communities like this. I grew up in the Austin area. I have family who live in Garfield Park. I have a heart for community development along with real estate development.”

The coalition has also given money to The Hatchery, which supports food and beverage entrepreneurs, and a city-run program that rehabilitates vacant homes and provides jobs for at-risk youth and ex-offenders.

Rush and several other hospitals in West Side United are part of Healthcare Anchor Network, a national organization of hospitals committed to improving their communities through financial investments and by hiring and doing business locally. Advocate Aurora Health is also part of the network.

University of Chicago Medicine has made efforts to boost South Side neighborhoods, including grants for community groups focused on violence prevention and recovery.

The AMA decided to get involved with West Side United to help improve health in the city it calls home, said AMA CEO and Executive Vice President Dr. James Madara.

“Improving the health of Chicago communities is also really personal to us,” Madara said. “We’re physicians, but more than that, we also are headquartered in Chicago. This is our town.”

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More companies jumping into Black History Month

Some firms using February to show off year-round lines

By ALEXANDRA OLSON
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NEW YORK — From shoes and T-shirts to dolls and tote bags, more companies and brands are getting into the business of Black History Month but trying not to leave the impression that African American consumers are important just once a year.

Some businesses are using February to show off the diversity of their year-round product lines or to draw attention to the creative talent of their African American employees.

Target rolled out a Black History Month assortment that spotlights black-owned brands such as Honey Pot feminine products, Lip Bar cosmetics and Scotch Porter, which specializes in men's grooming. The collection includes books, music and food that are favorites among Target's African American employee resource group, which has more than 1,000 members. The company has been promoting the products through blogs and commentary from its staff.

H&M has a new street wear collection designed in collaboration with Ruth Carter, the Academy-Award winning designer behind the costumes for films including "Black Panther," "Malcolm X" and "Amistad." The pants, shirts, totes and hats — featuring the Pan-African flag colors of red, black and green — debuted in February, but the collection was not billed as a Black History Month tribute.

"Companies are getting smart about making it integrated into the rest of the year, as opposed to one month when you give money to the NAACP or run an ad, as opposed to treating it as an expense, just one of those things we have to do otherwise we'll get in trouble," said Brenda Lee, founding director of the marketing research firm Vision Strategy and Insights, which researches African American, Latino and Asian consumers.

Nike launched a special edition sneaker 15 years ago for Black History month with the Pan-African colors. This year, it has an entire collection modeled by young black leaders, including artist Shani Crowe and McKinley Nelson, founder of Project

sWish, a Chicago foundation dedicated to inner-city youths.

Michaels, the arts and crafts retailer, has a collection of black heritage products this year, a project that originated with its African American and black employee resource group. The products include printed vinyl rolls that have proved so popular that Michaels plans to include them in its permanent collection.

"A major part of avoiding missteps is being authentic in anything you do," said Davette Angelo, a merchandising product manager, adding that he and designer Sharae Averhart "pulled on our experiences and backgrounds to put this collection together."

Still, there have been mistakes along the way.

OneUnited Bank, the country's largest black-owned bank, released a debit card in mid-February with Harriet Tubman on it as a way to highlight the stalled effort to put the abolitionist icon on the \$20 bill. There was an instant backlash from Twitter users who chafed at the image of the former slave on a debit card.

FAA orders inspections of Max jets to fix defect

By DOMINIC GATES
The Seattle Times

The Federal Aviation Administration has prepared an airworthiness directive requiring all Boeing 737 Max planes to be inspected for a manufacturing defect the jet maker discovered in December.

All Max planes found to have the defect will have to be fixed before they can fly again.

The FAA directive was posted to the Federal Register on Tuesday, a day ahead of formal publication.

The manufacturing defect, which was reported in January, arose when mechanics working on the final finish of the airplanes, polishing the carbon composite engine pods at the end of the production process, ground away some underlying layers of metal foil in the upper part of the pod that are necessary for lightning protection.

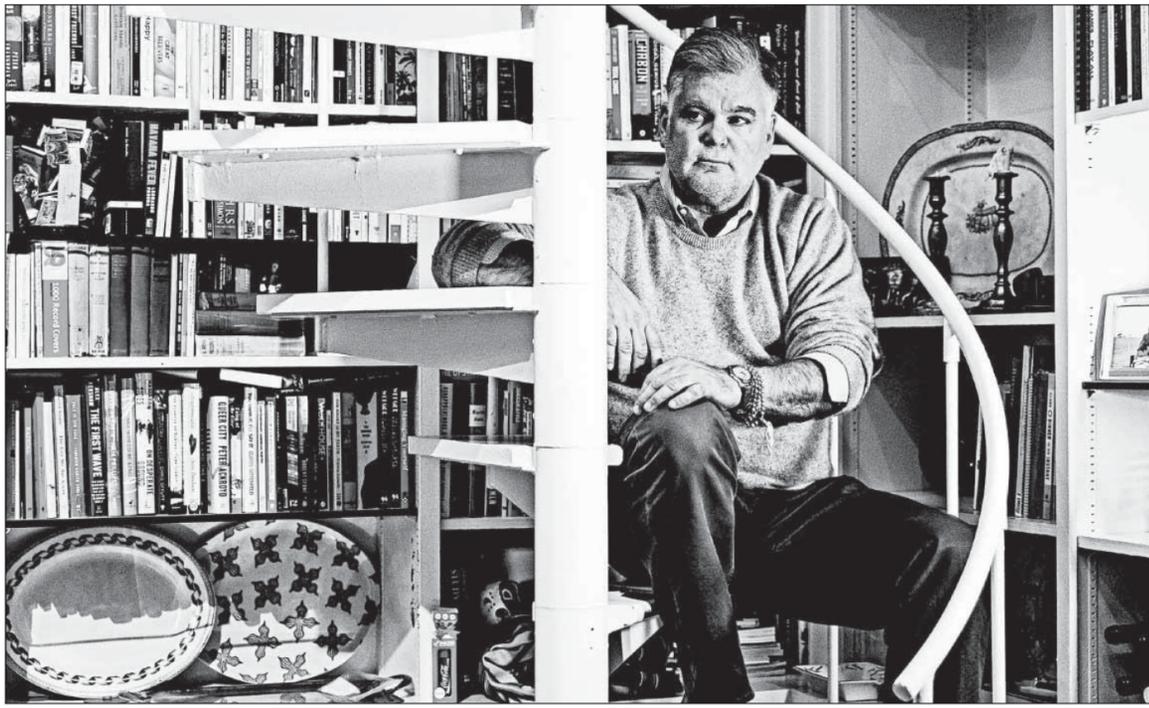
The error leaves the engine pods, called nacelles, vulnerable to a lightning strike, "which could potentially lead to a dual engine power loss event," the FAA directive states.

If not addressed, the condition could result in a forced landing away from an airport "due to loss of thrust control on both engines," the FAA added.

The work required to fix the issue is 12 hours per airplane — five hours to do the inspection and a further seven hours if a fix is required, the FAA estimated.

Boeing spokesman Bernard Choi said the jet maker's projection that the Max should be cleared to fly by midsummer is not affected by this additional work, which can be done while the planes are on the ground awaiting approval of the design updates.

The fix requires replacement of two carbon composite fairing panels that cover the area where the engine pod hangs from the strut that connects it to the wing. Operators will also have to apply a sealant to establish a required electrical bond path to safely disperse any lightning strike.



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Rob Long, once a writer and an executive producer of "Cheers," has had to adjust to shorter seasons and unpredictable schedules.

Not all it's cracked up to be

Streaming TV's boom is a mixed blessing for some Hollywood writers

By RACHEL ABRAMS
The New York Times

LOS ANGELES — It seemed like a good deal. At first.

Last April, Netflix offered Kay Reindl and her longtime writing partner a substantial sum — in the mid-six figures, Reindl said — to oversee 10 episodes of a new sci-fi series, "Sentient." It sounded like a lot of money for what they figured would be less than a year of work.

Reindl and her writing partner, who have worked steadily as TV writers since the 1990s, would be executive producers, instead of staff writers on someone else's show. That would mean a lot more responsibility and much longer hours, but it seemed worth it. They found office space and hired a few writers.

Then came a surprise: They learned that "Sentient" would actually take 18 months from start to finish. When Reindl did the math, she realized that, under the new timetable, she would be making roughly the same weekly pay as the writers she was overseeing.

"It was a very bad day," Reindl said. Netflix declined to comment.

The rise of streaming has been a blessing and a curse for working writers like Reindl, who said she and her partner had ultimately left "Sentient" because of creative differences unrelated to the length of the series. On-demand digital video has ushered in the era of Peak TV, meaning there are more shows and more writing jobs than ever. But many of the jobs are not what they used to be in the days before streaming.

"All this opportunity is great, but how to navigate it and keep yourself consistently working and making your living has been the challenging part," said Stu Zicherman, a writer and showrunner whose credits include "The Americans" on FX and HBO's "Divorce."

When Reindl got her start, network series had 24 episodes or more a season. The typical TV writer's schedule looked something like this: Get hired by May or June, write furiously for most of the year and then take a six-week hiatus before the process started again.

The seasonal rhythms that had been in place for TV writers since the days of "I Love Lucy" started to change more than two decades ago, when cable outlets put out 13-episode seasons of shows like HBO's "The Sopranos" and, later, AMC's

"Mad Men."

Streaming platforms have revised that model further: eight-episode seasons of Netflix's "Stranger Things" and Disney Plus' "The Mandalorian"; six-episode seasons of Amazon Prime Video's "Fleabag"; three- and six-episode batches of Netflix's "Black Mirror." Cable has replied in kind, offering fewer than 12-episode runs of shows.

"I think they're experimenting with the shortest product they can still call a TV series," said Steve Conrad, president of Elephant Pictures, a production company in Chicago.

Complicating the issue is that streaming platforms have been known to take more time to make an episode than their network and cable counterparts. For many writers, that meant less money for more hours.

The Writers Guild of America has worked out some protections for its union members. Since 2018, studios are sometimes required to pay writers extra when filming runs longer than expected.

Streaming seasons that require a short time commitment — say, eight months — can also wreak havoc on a writer's schedule. "You're not being paid by the studio for five months of the year," said Conrad, "but that's not enough time to take on another show."

Utility to pay \$53M for gas blasts that killed 1

By ALANNA DURKIN RICHER
Associated Press

BOSTON — A utility company will pay the largest criminal fine ever imposed for breaking a federal pipeline safety law — \$53 million — and plead guilty to causing a series of natural gas explosions in Massachusetts that killed one person and damaged dozens of homes, federal officials said Wednesday.

Columbia Gas of Massachusetts has agreed to plead guilty to violating the Pipeline Safety Act and pay the fine to resolve a federal investigation into the explosions that rocked three communities in the Merrimack Valley, north of Boston, in September 2018.

"Today's settlement is a sobering re-

minder that if you decide to put profits before public safety, you will pay the consequences," FBI agent Joseph Bonavolonta said.

The company said in an emailed statement that it takes full responsibility for the disaster.

"Today's resolution with the U.S. Attorney's Office is an important part of addressing the impact," the company wrote. "Our focus remains on enhancing safety, regaining the trust of our customers and ensuring that quality service is delivered."

The company's parent, Merrillville, Indiana-based NiSource Inc., has also agreed to try to sell the company and cease any gas pipeline and distribution activities in Massachusetts, according to court docu-

ments. Any profit from the sale of Columbia Gas of Massachusetts will be handed over to the federal government.

The explosions and fires outraged the communities of Lawrence, Andover and North Andover, where thousands of homes and businesses went without gas service for weeks, and months in some cases, during the winter. Residents and public officials lashed out at the company for not adequately responding and called for officials to be held accountable.

Leonel Rondon, 18, died when a chimney collapsed on his vehicle in the driveway of a friend's home.

A series of class action lawsuits stemming from the explosions has settled for \$143 million. The settlement awaits final approval from a judge.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

New home sales rose 7.9% in Jan.

WASHINGTON — U.S. sales of new homes jumped 7.9% in January to the fastest pace in more than 12 years, a positive sign for economic growth.

The Commerce Department said Wednesday that new homes sold at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 764,000 last month. That's the highest sales rate since July 2007, shortly before the economy slumped into the Great Recession.

Half of January's sales gains came from people buying homes that have yet to be constructed, possible evidence that low mortgage rates may be driving their decisions to purchase. Borrowing costs for home loans have tumbled since 2018.

The median price of a new home surged 14% from a year ago to \$348,200.

Shuttle company halted in 16 cities

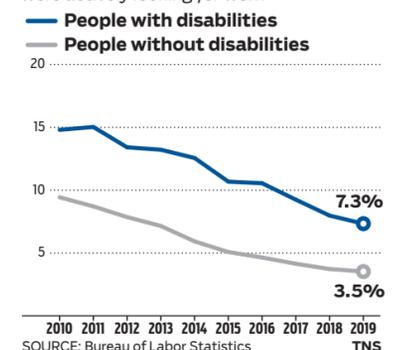
WASHINGTON — The U.S. government's highway safety agency has ordered an autonomous shuttle company to stop carrying passengers in 16 U.S. cities after a mysterious braking problem occurred in Columbus, Ohio.

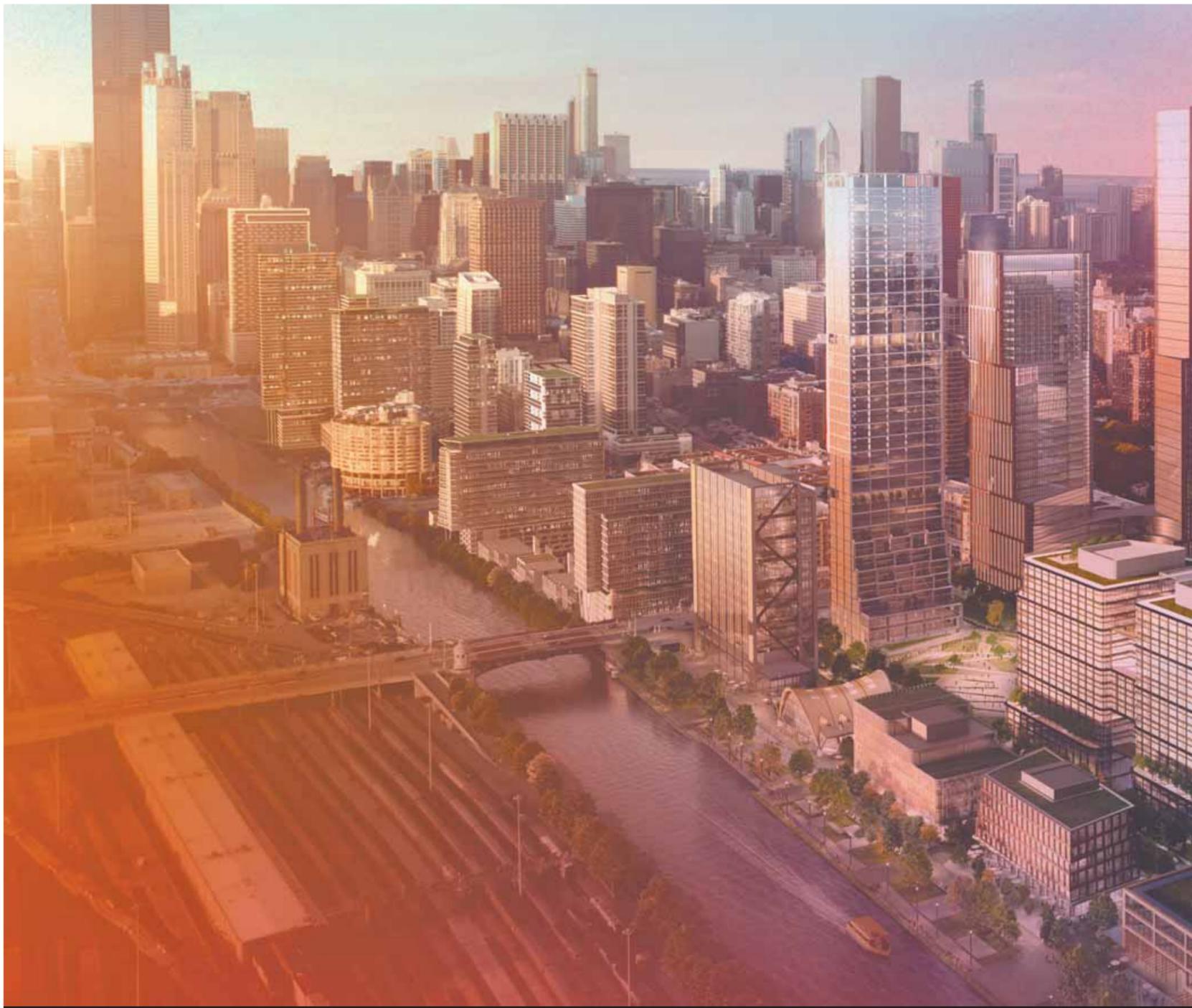
The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration says the suspension will remain in place while it examines safety issues with the low-speed shuttles operated by France-based EasyMile.

The agency made the move after an EasyMile shuttle in Columbus braked suddenly, causing a passenger to fall from a seat. The shuttles have a human attendant on board to handle unexpected problems. The company said it is running test loops to analyze the suddenness of the stop.

Unemployment among people with disabilities

Percentage of people without work who were actively looking for work



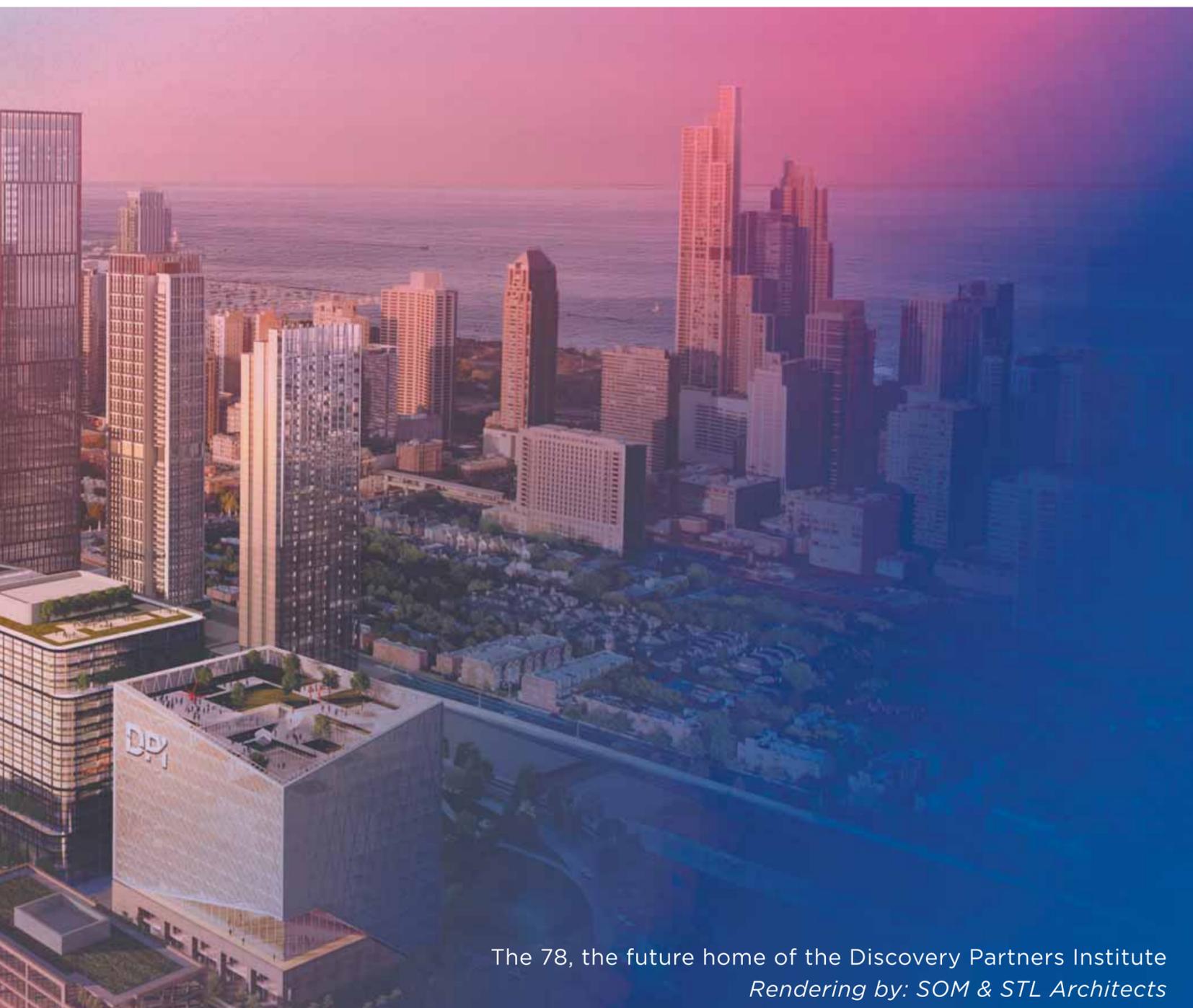


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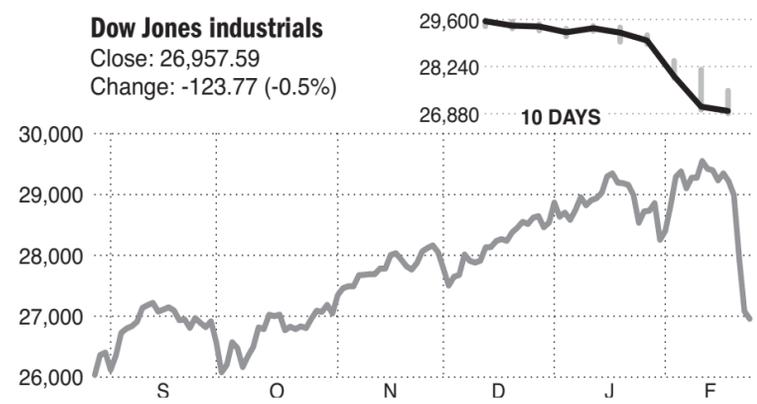
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+15.16 (+.17%)	-11.82 (-.38%)	-19.14 (-1.22%)
Close 8,980.77	Close 3,116.39	Close 1,552.76
High 9,148.32	High 3,182.51	High 1,588.32
Low 8,927.79	Low 3,108.99	Low 1,551.39
Previous 8,965.61	Previous 3,128.21	Previous 1,571.90

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
-0.02 to 1.31%	-6.90 to \$1,640.00	+10 to 110.22/\$1	-0.0013 to .9177/\$1	-1.17 to \$48.73

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
-8.15	-8.52	-7.97	-6.18	-3.17	-4.80	+3.74	+18.88	+11.60

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 20	539.25	542.75	534.75	540.25	+1.25
		May 20	537	540	532.75	535.75	-1.25
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 20	372	374.75	368.25	370.50	-2
		May 20	376	378.75	372.50	374.50	-2
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 20	879.50	888.25	875.50	881	+2
		May 20	889	899	885	892	+3.75
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Mar 20	29.20	29.37	28.89	29.07	-1.16
		May 20	29.59	29.77	29.28	29.45	-1.17
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Mar 20	287.50	293.60	285.90	291.30	+4.80
		May 20	294.10	300.40	292.50	298.30	+5.30
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl- dollars per bbl.	Apr 20	50.08	50.44	48.30	48.73	-1.17
		May 20	50.22	50.57	48.44	48.88	-1.18
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Mar 20	1.848	1.880	1.810	1.823	-0.024
		Apr 20	1.852	1.886	1.820	1.837	-0.014
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Mar 20	1.5286	1.5348	1.4388	1.4549	-0.0775
		Apr 20	1.6261	1.6440	1.5504	1.5645	-0.0774

Source: The Associated Press

LOCAL STOCKS

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

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	81.36	+23	Envestnet Inc	N	76.27	-2.10	McDonalds Corp	N	210.10	-2.00
AbbVie Inc	N	88.41	-.77	Equity Commonwlt	N	31.98	-2.15	Middleby Corp	O	115.27	+8.49
Allstate Corp	N	115.73	-1.58	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	73.89	-1.48	Mondelez Intl	O	56.86	-1.16
Aptargroup Inc	N	104.68	-2.26	Equity Residential	N	83.36	-1.15	Morningstar Inc	O	155.13	-0.05
Arch Dan Mid	N	39.87	-.56	Exelon Corp	O	47.05	-.58	Motorola Solutions	N	177.75	-3.36
Baxter Intl	N	87.03	+0.04	First Intl RT	N	42.59	-.37	Navistar Intl	N	36.53	+1.17
Boeing Co	N	305.59	+1.45	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	64.83	-2.28	NiSource Inc	N	27.75	-.63
Brunswick Corp	N	58.13	-.58	Gallagher AJ	N	103.84	-.03	Nthn Trust Cp	O	89.37	-1.76
CBOE Global Markets	N	123.81	+1.71	Grainger WW	N	284.85	+0.06	Old Republic	N	21.26	-.50
CDK Global Inc	O	47.46	-.85	GrubHub Inc	N	49.37	-2.62	Packaging Corp Am	N	94.21	-.07
CDW Corp	O	124.84	-.31	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	101.64	-.61	Paylocity Hldg	O	135.27	+1.61
CF Industries	N	37.06	-.58	IAA Inc	N	45.09	-1.05	RLI Corp	N	88.10	+2.24
CME Group	O	220.18	+11.86	IDEX Corp	N	159.31	-3.53	Stericycle Inc	O	61.73	-1.60
CNA Financial	N	44.34	-1.36	ITW	N	175.99	-1.60	TransUnion	N	94.15	-.59
Cabot Microelect	O	145.61	+1.98	Ingredion Inc	N	90.73	-1.00	US Foods Holding	N	36.43	-1.69
Caterpillar Inc	N	128.25	-.75	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	143.75	-2.70	Ulta Salon Cosmetics	O	272.76	-5.23
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	26.94	-1.44	Kemper Corp	N	74.35	-2.25	United Airlines Hldg	O	66.53	-4.04
Deere Co	N	166.92	+2.7	Kraft Heinz Co	O	25.64	-.43	Ventas Inc	N	59.49	-.32
Discover Fin Svcs	N	69.00	-.49	LKQ Corporation	O	30.54	-.78	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	47.67	+1.16
Dover Corp	N	108.30	-1.76	Littelfuse Inc	O	168.65	-2.29	Zebra Tech	O	217.81	-2.19

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Chesapeake Energy	.31	-1.14
Nokia Corp	4.15	+2.24
Gen Electric	10.95	-.37
Ford Motor	7.21	-.02
Bank of America	30.63	-.45
Ambev S.A.	3.57	-.04
Vale SA	10.18	-.13
Pfizer Inc	34.72	+7.79
Uber Technologies	34.45	-1.44
Petrobras	12.55	-.27
AT&T Inc	37.10	-.25
Virgin Galactic Hldg	28.75	-5.29
Disney	123.36	-4.83
Transocean Ltd	3.43	-.13
Itau Unibanco Hldg	6.99	-.06
Freeport McMoRan	10.46	-.27
Exxon Mobil Corp	53.01	-1.19
Energy Transfer L.P.	10.78	-.44
Wells Fargo & Co	44.14	-.98
Marathon Oil	8.41	-.51
Citigroup	68.18	-1.25
Macy's Inc	13.59	-1.01
JPMorgan Chase	126.64	+3.08
Banco Bradesco ADS	6.79	+.39

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
AT&T Inc	37.10	-2.25
Alibaba Group Hldg	208.74	+3.13
Alphabet Inc C	1393.18	+4.73
Alphabet Inc A	1390.47	+4.15
Amazon.com Inc	1979.59	+6.85
Apple Inc	292.65	+4.57
Bank of America	30.63	-.45
Berkshire Hath B	216.06	-1.99
Facebook Inc	197.20	+0.43
HSBC Holdings prA	26.25	+0.4
Home Depot	235.28	-2.10
JPMorgan Chase	126.64	+3.08
Johnson & Johnson	143.68	-.97
MasterCard Inc	298.04	-4.85
Microsoft Corp	170.17	+2.10
Procter & Gamble	120.16	-1.27
Taiwan Semicon	55.03	+1.17
Visa Inc	187.21	-1.19
Walmart Strs	113.78	-.61

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	32.63	-.06	+10.4
American Funds AmrcnBaIa m	28.11	-.04	+10.2
American Funds CptWldGrInca m	49.67	+0.07	+7.8
American Funds CptlncBldrA m	61.40	-.04	+6.9
American Funds FdmTlnvSA m	59.69	-.07	+10.4
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	50.84	+0.01	+13.5
American Funds IncAmrcA m	22.54	-.02	+8.2
American Funds InvCmrcA m	37.76	-.09	+9.2
American Funds NwPrspctvA m	46.22	+0.02	+3.5
American Funds WAMtlnvSA m	45.79	-.13	+8.8
Dodge & Cox Inc	14.34	-.01	+9.8
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	39.68	-.04	+7
Dodge & Cox Stk	179.58	-2.01	+3.5
DoubleLine TlRetBdl	10.87	...	+1.8
Fidelity 500IdxInSPrm	108.36	-.41	+13.7
Fidelity Contrafund	13.63	...	+15.7
Fidelity InvMGrAdmrl	11.85	-.02	+10.9
Fidelity TlMktIdxInSPrm	87.56	-.47	+12.3
Fidelity USBdlIdxInSPrm	12.22	-.01	+10.3
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	2.27	-.01	+4.0
Metropolitan West TlRetBdl	11.22	...	+10.7
PIMCO InclStl	12.05	-.01	+6.8
PIMCO InclStl	12.05	-.01	+6.9
PIMCO TlRetIn	10.63	...	+10.2
Schwab SP500Idx	47.78	-.18	+13.7
T. Rowe Price BCGR	124.19	...	+13.0
T. Rowe Price GrStk	73.45	...	+14.7
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	288.37	-1.10	+13.7
Vanguard BalIdxAdmrl	39.10	...	+12.3
Vanguard DivGrInv	29.76	-.06	+15.7
Vanguard EqInAdmrl	75.10	-.58	+7.4
Vanguard GrIdxAdmrl	94.92	-.02	+22.4
Vanguard HCAmrl	85.25	-1.4	+8.6
Vanguard InTrTEAdmrl	14.78	...	+8.1
Vanguard InslIdxIn	280.73	-1.07	+13.7
Vanguard InslIdxInPlus	280.76	-1.06	+13.8
Vanguard InslTSMInPls	66.41	-.37	+12.3
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl	100.30	+3.1	+13.5
Vanguard MdcpldxAdmrl	211.79	-2.46	+9.2
Vanguard PmCpAdmrl	137.26	-.38	+8.2
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.84	...	+6.0
Vanguard SmCpldxAdmrl	74.68	-1.05	+2.2
Vanguard TrgTrt2020Inv	32.25	...	+9.3
Vanguard TrgTrt2025Inv	19.56	...	+9.5
Vanguard TrgTrt2030Inv	35.74	...	+9.4
Vanguard TrgTrt2035Inv	21.96	...	+9.3
Vanguard TlBIdxAdmrl	11.36	...	+10.7
Vanguard TlBIdxIn	11.36	...	+10.7
Vanguard TlBIdxAdmrl	23.19	...	+9.0
Vanguard TlBIdxIn	34.80	...	+9.6
Vanguard TlInSldxAdmrl	28.12	+2.5	+3.0
Vanguard TlInSldxIn	112.45	+1.01	+3.7
Vanguard TlInSldxInPlus	112.48	+1.02	+3.7
Vanguard TlInSldxInv	16.81	+1.5	+3.6
Vanguard TlSMIdxAdmrl	77.08	-.42	+12.3
Vanguard TlSMIdxIn	77.09	-.43	+12.3
Vanguard TlSMIdxInv	77.04	-.43	+12.2
Vanguard WlghtnAdmrl	73.85	...	+12.6
Vanguard WlslyInAdmrl	66.78	...	+11.9
Vanguard WndsrllAdmrl	61.04	-.42	+9.2

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LISEL MUELLER 1914-2020

Pulitzer Prize-winning poet reflected on nature and folklore

BY GRAYDON MEGAN

Lisel Mueller blended themes of history and fate with reflections on nature, children's fairy tales and folklore in poetry that won numerous awards including a Pulitzer Prize in 1997.

"She was one of the nation's best poets for a very long period of time," said Don Share, editor of Poetry magazine. "Beyond that she was just one of those poets — so much loved and so much read by so many different kinds of people over such a long period of time."

Mueller, 96, died of natural causes on Feb. 21 at Admiral at the Lake in Chicago, according to her daughter Jenny Mueller. Before moving to Chicago in the late 1990s, she lived for many years in the Lake Forest area, surrounded by the natural world she sometimes wrote about.

Mueller came to the U.S. in 1939 as a child as her family fled Hitler's Germany. Nonetheless, she considered English her first language, German an exotic second language — one of her books of poetry is titled "Second Language."

Her imaginative poetry included "Alive Together," in which she considered some of the other lives she might have led. Perhaps she might have been Betsy Ross, and "sewn a starry flag for a general with wooden teeth," or perhaps a slave or a friend of Mary, the mother of Jesus.

Mueller once made a whimsical comparison of human hearing to that of dogs, speculating on what sounds of the world we might be missing.

"Her work is very accessible. You just have to read it," Share said. "She was a brilliant storyteller."



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Poet Lisel Mueller is shown in her study at her home in Libertyville.

She was born Lisel Neumann in Hamburg. Her parents were teachers. After her father was arrested and then released by the Gestapo, he left Germany for America in 1937. Lisel and her mother joined him two years later.

She attended the University of Evansville, where her father was a professor, and followed that with graduate studies at Indiana University.

She married Paul Mueller in 1943 and began writing poetry in the early 1950s as a way of dealing with her mother's death. "That was when she began writing poetry seriously," her daughter said.

Mueller began to be published in literary journals, but she was in her early 40s before she published her first collection of poems.

The intersection of personal life and history was a major theme, her daughter said. She also wrote many poems that included references to fairy tales and folklore.

One of those, "Reading the Brothers Grimm to Jenny," contrasts the mag-

ical world of the fairy tale with the sometimes grim reality of life — and comes down on the side of the fairy tale, as the poet says she is challenged to see "beyond the world that is" to "the world as it might be."

Mueller's collections of poetry include "The Private Life," "Second Language," "The Need to Hold Still," which won the National Book Award and "Learning to Play by Ear."

The Pulitzer was for her 1996 work, "Alive Together: New and Selected Poems."

Her other awards and honors include the Carl Sandburg Award, the Helen Bullis Award and a National Endowment for the Arts fellowship.

In 2002, she was awarded the \$100,000 Ruth Lilly Poetry Prize from the Poetry Foundation.

Mueller also translated several books by the German poet and fiction writer Marie Luise Kaschnitz.

In her poem, "Why We Tell Stories," Mueller offered a glimpse into her work:

Because the story of our life becomes our life Because each of us tells the same story but tells it differently "She'll be greatly missed," Share said. "Not only as a poet of the Midwest, but as an exemplary American poet."

Mueller stopped writing in the early 2000s, as her vision deteriorated from glaucoma, her daughter said.

Mueller's husband died in 2001. Survivors include another daughter, Lucy; and a grandchild.

No public service is planned.

Megan is a freelance reporter.

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In Memoriam



Gladys S. Cook

Mom, miss you every day but know you are with Dad. Each time we find reminds us that you are watching us.

Love, The Kids — Janet, John, Donald, and Daniel

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Jogindar Paul Mahajan

We miss you and cherish all the wonderful memories we shared as a family, together.

With love, Meera, Rohit, and Rajiv
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Death Notices

Blair, Brian John

Brian John Blair, age 26 of Northfield. Beloved son of Daniel and Anne Blair, nee Seabury. Loving brother of Kevin Blair. Dear grandson of Nancy Seabury (the late John) and Donald (the late Nancy) Blair. Fond nephew of Kathy (Greg) Maher, Margaret (Stephan) McNulty, Jim Blair, Susan Blair (Fernando), Tami Farrell. Kind cousin of Rick, Jessie, Steve, Megan, Jake, and Sebastian.

Visitation Saturday, February 29, 2020, 9:30 a.m. until time of Funeral Mass 10:30 a.m. at **Divine Mercy Parish at Saint Phillip the Apostle**, 1962 Old Willow Road, Northfield, IL 60093. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan Scout Reservation, Northeast Illinois Council, 850 Forest Edge Dr., Vernon Hills, IL 60061 or Anthony Rizzo Foundation, 6574 N State Road 7, Box 201 Coconut Creek, FL 33073. Info: www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847)675-1990.



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Borger, Jodi Lynn

Jodi Borger, 52, of Batavia, IL, passed away suddenly on February 25, 2020 enveloped in the love of her family.

Visitation is at Yurs Funeral Home, 1771 W. State St., Geneva, IL on Friday, February 28 from 3:30-8:00 pm. A service will be held on Saturday, February 29 at 11:00 am at United Methodist Church of Geneva(UMC), 211 Hamilton, Geneva, preceded by a brief visitation time starting at 10:00 am. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Heifer International, 1 World Avenue, Little Rock, AR 72702, or the Youth Program at UMC in Geneva. For more information please call 630-232-7337 or visit www.yursfuneralhomes.com to leave an online condolence.

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Delaney, William F.

William F. Delaney, age 78, of Chicago, Army Veteran; beloved husband of Judith (nee Conff). Loving father of Mark (Jennifer) and Patrick. Devoted grandfather of Kaitlyn, Aidan and Connor. Dear brother of John (the late Gladys), Michael and the late Thomas. Brother-in-law of Annette and Tony Strocchio. Uncle of Rebecca and Michael (Erin) Strocchio. Great-uncle of three. Funeral Friday 10:30am at **RICHARD J MODELL FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES**, 5725 S. Pulaski Road, Chicago to St. Turibius Church, Mass 11am. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. Visitation Thursday 3pm to 9pm. Member of American Legion. In lieu of flowers donations to Animal Welfare League are appreciated. 773-767-4730 or rjmodellfh.com.

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Dini, Rita T.

Rita T. Dini, 91, a resident of Friendship Village, Schaumburg, passed away Feb. 21, 2020. Born in Chicago on May 14, 1928 to Davino and Josephine (nee Tambellini) Marcheschi. On April 23, 1949 she married the love of her life Anthony "Tony" Dini at St. Gregory Church in Chicago. In addition to her husband Tony of 70 years, she is survived by her children David (Patti) Dini, Denise Parsons, and Marie (Michael) Circo. Nonne Rita will be missed by her grandchildren Katie (Drew) Rust, Robert (the late Heather) Parsons, Julie (Michael) Davis, Angela (Joey) Jenkins, and Natalie (Gregory) Hackl; and her 14 great-grandchildren. Rita was preceded in death by her sister Primetta (the late Thomas) Hoban; granddaughter Jamie Dini; and infant great-grandson Aloysius Michael Davis. Visitation Fri., Feb. 28 from 4:00-8:00pm at **Michalik Funeral Home**, 800 S. Roselle Rd., Schaumburg. Friends and family will gather for 11:00am Mass on Sat., Feb. 29 at Church of the Holy Spirit, 1451 Bode Rd., Schaumburg. Interment private at St. Joseph Cemetery, River Grove. For information 847-891-2900 or www.michaelsfh.com.

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Ducak, Angeliki

Beloved mother of the late Randy; devoted daughter of Carol and the late Nick Panagos; loving sister of Nicholas (Anna) and Plato (the late Elizabeth) Panagos; fond niece of Anthony (Sharon) Martin, Joan (Clair) Marion, Jane (the late James), Martin, Freda (the late Chris) Panagos, and Maryla (the late Charles) Panagos; also survived by cousins, nieces, nephews, friends. Visitation Saturday, February 29, 2020 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at **Michalik Funeral Home**, 1056 W. Chicago Ave., Chicago, IL. For info 312-421-0936 or www.michalikfuneralhome.com.



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Dziedzic, Walter F.

Walter F. Dziedzic, age 85. US Navy veteran of the Korean War, retired Firefighter — Chicago Fire Dept. Beloved husband of 60 years to the late Alice F. (nee Palewski). Loving father of Frank, Lori (Mike) Steffen, Dan (Sue), Joel (Jennie), and Craig (Stefanie) Dziedzic.

Dear grandfather of eleven and great grandfather of five. In lieu of flowers, donations to Ignite the Spirit <https://www.ignitethespirit.org/donate-now> would be appreciated.

Funeral Saturday, February 29, 2020, 10 a.m. at the **Bolingbrook-McCauley Funeral Chapel & Crematorium**, 530 W. Boughton Rd. (1 mi. West of Rt. 53, at Schmidt Rd.) Bolingbrook to St. Scholastica Church, Woodridge, for 11 a.m. Mass.

Visitation Friday, February 28, 2020 from 3 to 8 p.m. Interment private at Resurrection Cemetery. (630) 759-1212 or www.mccauleyfuneralchapel.com



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Florio, Margaret Mary

Margaret Mary Florio of Elmhurst, formerly a long-time resident born and raised in Schiller Park. Sister of Dolores Florio, daughter of the late Mary and James Florio, 50 years of teaching History and Spanish at DeKalb High School (DeKalb), Lyons Twp. High & Junior College (LaGrange), and College of DuPage (Glen Ellyn). She graduated from Northern Illinois University (DeKalb). Earned a Master's Degree from the University of Chicago and a Fulbright Certificate from the University of Valladolid, Spain. Her presence will be dearly missed but her memory will live in the hearts of her family and those who had the pleasure of knowing her. Visitation open to all friends and family will be held Saturday, February 29, 2020 from 9:00 a.m. until time of Funeral Mass at 10:00 a.m. at St. Beatrice Church, 4157 Atlantic Ave, Schiller Park, IL 60176, at the corner of Irving Park Rd. and Wagner Ave., Schiller Park, IL. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery. In lieu of flowers expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to College of DuPage International Education Center, 425 Fawell Boulevard, Glen Ellyn, IL 60137, Phone (630) 942-2462. Info 708-456-8300 or www.cumberlandchapels.com.



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Foley, Susan

Susan Foley nee Samek; Lifetime resident of Itasca and Lombard. Beloved wife of Michael; Cherished sister of Paul (Kate) and Linda (Mike) Haley and sister-in-law of Patricia Schumdt, Tom (Soni) Foley and Sharon Foley; Devoted aunt of Beth, Julie, Maggie, Charley, Mike, Laura, Donna and Jenny; Loving daughter of the late Chester and Margaret. Visitation Friday 3:00-8:00 pm at **The Oaks Funeral Home** 1201 E. Irving Park Road (at Prospect), Itasca. Family and friends will meet Saturday, 9:30 am for a Mass of Christian Burial at Saint Peter the Apostle Church 524 N. Rush Street, Itasca. There will be a private interment at Saint Adalbert Cemetery. Donations in Susan's memory to Spondylitis Association of America would be appreciated. For funeral info: 630-250-8588 or www.oaksfh.com

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Hansen, Leonard H. 'Lenny'

Leonard H. "Lenny" Hansen, 73, of Elmhurst. Beloved husband of Patricia nee Thies and the late Elaine; step-father of Gary, Anne and Dan Bell; loving Papa of Sean, Nathan, Joel and Emily; brother of Naomi (Jim) Lombardo and Linnae Hansen; brother-in-law of Jack Thies, Michelle (Lonnie) Bryson, Joel (Lucy) Thies and Susan Toerpe; uncle of many nieces and nephews. Lenny was an Air Force Veteran and a member of the Elmhurst T.H.B Post #187 A. L. Visitation at **Ahgrim Funeral Home**, 567 S. Spring Rd., Elmhurst from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Saturday, February 29, 2020. Services 12:00 p.m. Sunday, March 1, 2020. Private interment Fairview Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, Memorials will be appreciated for the Elmhurst T.H.B. Post #187 A.L., 310 W. Butterfield Rd., Elmhurst, IL 60126. Funeral info 630-834-3515 or www.ahgrim.com



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Josephs, Daniel J.

Daniel J. Josephs, age 64, of Oak Park; beloved husband of Abbe; devoted son of Daniel and Judith; dear brother of Jeffrey (Mary), Brian (Catherine) and Mark Josephs; fond uncle, cousin and friend of many. Visitation Friday 4 to 8 p.m. at **Drechsler, Brown & Williams Funeral Home**, 203 S. Marion St., Oak Park. Friends and family will meet at Old St. Patrick's Church, 700 W Adams St, Chicago on Saturday for Mass at 1:30 p.m. Interment St. Adalbert Cemetery, Niles, IL. In lieu of flowers please support your favorite animal charity. Funeral info: 708-383-3191 or drechslerbrownwilliams.com

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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.



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In 1801, the District of Columbia was placed under the jurisdiction of Congress.

In 1861, Russian troops in Warsaw fired on a crowd of marchers protesting Moscow's rule over Poland, killing five Poles.

In 1922, the Supreme Court unanimously upheld the 19th Amendment, which guaranteed the right of women to vote.

In 1933, Germany's parliament building, the Reichstag, caught fire. (The Nazis, blaming the Communists, used the fire as a pretext for suspending civil liberties.)

In 1939, the U.S. Supreme Court outlawed sit-down strikes.

In 1960, the U.S. Olympic hockey team defeated the Soviets, 3-2, at the Winter Games in Squaw Valley, Calif. (The U.S. team went on to win the gold medal.)

In 1972, President Richard Nixon and Premier Chou En-lai issued the Shanghai Communiqué at the conclusion of Nixon's visit to China.

In 1973, members of the American Indian Movement began their occupation of the Oglala Sioux

settlement at Wounded Knee, S.D., site of the 1890 massacre of Sioux men, women and children. The siege continued into early May.

In 1979, Jane Byrne upset Mayor Michael Bilandic to win Chicago's Democratic mayoral primary. (Byrne went on to win the election.)

In 1981, Chrysler Corp. reported a 1980 loss of \$1.7 billion.

In 1982, Wayne Williams was found guilty of slaying two of 28 young blacks found dead over a two-year period in the Atlanta area.

In 1986, the U.S. Senate approved telecasts of its debates on a trial basis.

In 1991, President George H.W. Bush declared that "Kuwait is liberated, Iraq's army is defeated," and announced that the allies would suspend combat operations at midnight.

In 1997, divorce became legal in Ireland.

In 1999, Nigerians elected Olusegun Obasanjo president as the country marked the final phase of its return to democracy.

In 2001, President George W. Bush went before Congress with a \$1.9 trillion

spending plan that would sharply reduce growth in many government programs while leaving room to give Americans the biggest tax cut in two decades.

In 2004, a study on the Roman Catholic Church's sexual-abuse scandal, commissioned by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, was released; church bishops and seminaries are exonerated for their "shameful" handling of allegations leveled at more than 4,000 priests from 1950 to 2002.

In 2005, the Iraqi government announced the capture of Sabawi Ibrahim al-Hassan, Saddam Hussein's half-brother and former adviser.

In 2008, William F. Buckley Jr., the author and conservative commentator, was found dead at his home in Stamford, Conn.; he was 82.

In 2010, a massive, magnitude 8.8 earthquake rocked central Chile, killing about 500 people and causing an estimated \$30 billion in damage.

In 2013, a statue of civil rights icon Rosa Parks was unveiled in the National Statuary Hall, the first full-length statue of a black woman in the U.S. Capitol.

In 2014, President Barack Obama launched My Brother's Keeper, a federal initiative aimed at helping black and Latino young men succeed.

In 2017, an alarming spate of anti-Semitic acts that year peaked when 31 incidents on one day were reported at synagogues and Jewish cemeteries and community centers across the country.

In 2018, White House communications director Hope Hicks acknowledged to a House intelligence panel that she has occasionally told "white lies" for President Donald Trump; the next day she announced her resignation.

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ILLINOIS	INDIANA
Feb. 26	Feb. 26
Powerball 08 27 29 36 47 / 24	Lotto 15 18 19 32 39 46
Powerball jackpot: \$70M	Daily 3 midday 297 / 2
Lotto jackpot: \$3.5M	Daily 4 midday 4913 / 2
Pick 3 midday 806 / 1	Daily 3 evening 960 / 9
Pick 4 midday 3565 / 5	Daily 4 evening 1740 / 9
Lucky Day Lotto midday 14 22 30 35 38	Cash 5 04 19 25 31 35
Pick 3 evening 647 / 2	
Pick 4 evening 0958 / 4	MICHIGAN
Lucky Day Lotto evening 13 18 26 35 42	Feb. 26
	Lotto 06 28 37 42 43 46
Feb. 28 Mega Millions: \$60M	Daily 3 midday 383
	Daily 4 midday 7189
WISCONSIN	Daily 3 evening 772
Feb. 26	Daily 4 evening 5966
Megabucks 07 14 16 22 32 42	Fantasy 5 05 07 11 25 33
Pick 3 943	Keno 01 03 10 13 14 24
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Badger 5 06 11 12 17 18	56 57 61 62 69 75 76 78
SuperCash 04 07 16 20 21 25	

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Mark, William J.

William J. Mark, age 94, late of Mokena, IL. US Army World War II Veteran, Chicago Fire Department Battalion Chief. Devoted husband of 69 years Marcella Mark nee McCarthy, adored father of Marybeth Neibert, Margaret (William) Currie, William P. (Patricia) and Thomas (Cheryl). Beloved grandfather of Ryan (Samantha), Adam (Chao), Nathan Mark, Kevin, Eric (Stephanie) Neibert, and Nicholas (Catie) and Justin Mark. Preceded in death by his parents Peter and Mary Ellen Mark, sisters Rita (William) Nichols, Virginia (Raymond) Benjamin, and brother Peter Mark. Survived by sister in laws Helen Mark and Marie O'Connor. Caring uncle of many nieces and nephews. Funeral Saturday February 29, 2020, 8:45 AM at the Vandenberg Funeral Home, 19604 Wolf Road Mokena, IL. 60448 to St. Mary Church, Mass of Christian Burial 9:30 AM. Interment to follow in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery with Military Honors. Visitation Friday, 3:00-8:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, donations to Fire Department Widows and Children Assistance Fund 20 S. Clark Street Suite 1400, Chicago, IL. For information on services, 708-479-1210 or www.vandenbergfuneralhome.com

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Markowski, Josephine M.

Josephine M. Markowski, nee Abbinanti; Beloved wife of the late Stanley D.; Loving mother of Diane (Paul) Malinowski, Debbie (Mark) Hanks, Daniel (Lisa), Dawn (William) McElligott, David, the late baby Stanley and the late Dean (Anne); Cherished grandma of Sam, Lisa, Kelly, Joey, Lauren (Billy), Steven, Deven, Daniel (Alexis), Brandon (Katherine), Ryan, Sean, Brian, Liam, Nicholas and Anthony & great grandma of Aniyah, Kaylee, Karter and Cali; Dear sister of Mary Jane (Igor) Naumoff and the late Martin (the late Jackie) Abbinanti; Fond aunt and great aunt of many nieces and nephews; Visitation Friday 3-9 p.m. at **Belmont Funeral Home**, 7120 W. Belmont Ave. Funeral prayers Saturday 9:30 a.m. at the funeral home followed by Mass of Christian Burial at St. Ladislaus Church 10:30 a.m. Entombment St. Joseph Cemetery. Info. 773-286-2500 or www.belmontfuneralhome.com



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Martin, Thomas A.

Thomas A. Martin 97, beloved husband of Geraldine; loving father of Barbara and Thomas; also several fond cousins. Thomas served in the U.S. Army Air Corp stationed in Africa during WWII. Funeral service Saturday 11:00 AM at the **Schielka Addison Street Funeral Home** 7710 W Addison St. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Visitation Friday 3 PM-9 PM. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. 773-625-3444

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Mueller, Elmer C.

Age 91, Beloved husband of the late Lorraine. Loving father of Mark (Jeannine), James, John (Karen), Bruce (Gary), and Jeanne (Roger) Lashley. Dear brother and uncle of many. Family and friends will gather at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, 3222 Rose St, Franklin Park on Saturday, Feb 29, 2020 for a visitation from 10:00 am until time of service at 12:00 pm. For information please call Sax-Tiedemann Funeral Home (847) 678-1950 or www.sax-tiedemann.com

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Murphy, Charlotte F.

Charlotte F. Murphy nee Buika, beloved wife of Donald F. Murphy; loving mother of Cynthia (Stephen G.) Zmina and Donald Patrick Murphy; devoted grandmother of Stephen D. (Elizabeth) Zmina, Matthew Zmina and Jennifer (Nate) Fenlason; cherished great grandmother of Ethan, Benjamin and Caleb; dearest sister of the late Lottie Super; dear aunt of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday 3-8 P.M. Funeral Saturday 9:30 A.M. from **Lawn Funeral Home** 17909 S 94th Ave Tinley Park II 60487 to St. Elizabeth Seton Church Mass 10:00 A.M. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery Funeral info (708) 532-3100.



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Ofenloch, AnnaMarie

AnnaMarie Ofenloch, age 88; (nee DiCosola) of Mount Prospect and Chicago; beloved wife of the late LeRoy; loving mother of Valerie (Alberto) Bardelas, Craig (Connie Dressing) and Karen (Tom) Youngs; devoted grandmother of April, Dan, Eric (Ruth Livi), Matthew, Dylan and Brandon; great-grandmother of Otto; sister of Arlene (Larry) Gasner and the late Gus Kutsukos; sister-in-law of the late Leon (Joan) Ofenloch, the late Ronald (Joan) Ofenloch and the late Dennis (Lesley) Ofenloch. Anna was a member of St. Em's Gems and Resurrection Retirement Community. AnnaMarie was born and raised in Chicago's Little Italy neighborhood on Taylor Street on April 5, 1931. She was a member of Jane Addams Hull House. Visitation Friday 4-8 PM at Matz Funeral Home, 410 E. Rand Rd. Mt. Prospect. Funeral Saturday, 11 AM from the funeral home to St. Emily Church, 1400 E. Central Rd. Mt. Prospect for 11:30 AM Mass. Interment St. Joseph Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Arthritis Foundation or the American Diabetes Association. Information 847/394-2336.

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Przybylski, Edward C.

Edward C. Przybylski, beloved husband of Mary (nee Osada), loving father of Rosemary (Richard) Hardy and Charles. Devoted grandfather of David Hardy. Cherished son of the late Vincent "Bill" and Anna Przybylski. Dear brother of the late Eugene (Rosemarie) Przybylski. Also many nieces, nephews and cousins. Funeral Saturday 10:15am from **RICHARD J MODELL FUNERAL HOME & CREMATION SERVICES**, 12641 W. 143rd St., Homer Glen to St. Julie Billiant Catholic Church, 7399 W. 159th Street, Tinley Park, Illinois 60477, Mass 11:15am. Entombment Resurrection Garden Mausoleum. Visitation Friday 3pm to 8pm. 708-301-3595 or rjmodellfh.com

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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



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Romanus, Joan Opyt

of Frankfort, Illinois, peacefully passed into the arms of God on Tuesday, February 25, 2020, surrounded by the love of her family. Devoted wife of Dr. Raymond Romanus for 54 years. Loving mom of Mary Beth (Dwayne) Horton, Kathleen Anne Schaddel, and John Thomas Romanus. Cherished sister of Alice (Richard) Kozdras, sister-in-law Karen Opyt, and brother-in-law Robert Kabat. Joan was preceded in death by her parents, Thomas and Josephine Opyt, sister Phyllis Kabat, and brother Tom Opyt. Fondest aunt of many nieces and nephews. All her life, Joan was surrounded by a host of wonderful, loving, and loyal friends. Born and raised in Roseland, Joan graduated from St. Louis Academy in 1955 and received her Bachelor of Arts degree from the College of St. Francis. Following in the family tradition, she graduated in 1961 from Worsham College of Mortuary Science. Joan lived life to the fullest and is admired for her strength, courage, and the legacy she left behind. She will be remembered with love. Visitation on Friday, February 28, from 4-7 p.m. at Kurtz Memorial Chapel, 65 Old Frankfort Way, Frankfort. Mass of the Resurrection on Saturday, February 29, 10:30 a.m. at St. Anthony's Church, 7659 West Sauk Trail, Frankfort. Private interment at Holy Cross Cemetery, Calumet City. In lieu of flowers, the family wishes that Joan's memory be honored with contributions to Sisters of the Sacred Heart, 9201 West St. Francis Road, Frankfort, Illinois, 60423, c/o Sister Maria Brizuela. Arrangements by Kurtz Memorial Chapel, 815-806-2225.

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Ross, Marilyn Y.

Marilyn Y. Ross, 92, of Fox Lake passed away Tuesday, February 25, 2020. She was born April 22, 1927 in Rio, Illinois to Glenn and Ruby (Bowen) Young. On October 29, 1967 she married Arthur C. Ross. Marilyn along with her late husband, Arthur were long-time residents of Skokie, Florida and Minnesota. They enjoyed long car trips together and were snowbirds for many years. Together, season by season, they could always be found traveling between the north woods and the ocean. Marilyn kept a very busy social life. She was an avid bridge player and found joy in playing card games of all sorts. Her time was spent doing enjoyable things with others such as bus trips to various theatrical shows and casinos. She took great pleasure in reading books and was a devout Chicago Cub fans. Most of all, her large family was her greatest joy; she never missed a family reunion. Marilyn was the most loving mother, grandmother, sister and aunt.

Survived by a daughter, Diane (Michael) Conklin; stepdaughter, Marcia (Reg) McCallum; daughter-in-law, Debbi Ross; grandchildren, Andrew (Ashly Lawrence) Conklin, Sydney (Daniel) Fleming; step grandchildren, Heather, Meghan, Brian, Kevin; sister, Lois (the late Walter) Johnson; and many nieces and nephews. Preceded by her husband, Arthur; stepsons, Leonard Ross, Douglas McCallum; siblings, Vervely Bruner, Garnet Hoing, Vada Carlson, Lois Johnson, Bernard and Robert Young. Visitation Saturday, February 29, 2020, 10 am until the 12 pm funeral service at Thompson Spring Grove Funeral Home, 8103 Wilmot Road, Spring Grove, IL 60081. Interment St. Paul Cemetery, Skokie, IL. Info. Call 815-675-0550



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Rothlisberger, Susan A.

Susan A. Rothlisberger, age 61 of Bloomingdale, beloved wife of the late Kurt Rothlisberger; devoted mother of Becky Rothlisberger, Katie (Jeff) Johnson, Stevie Rothlisberger, Nathan (Shanon) Rothlisberger and Scott (Sarah) Rothlisberger; cherished grandmother of Cillian, Finley Harper, Maddox, Ophelia, Scotty, Lucas, David, Sophie and Abby; adored special aunt of Joey; dear sister of Donna Rose, Jim Schlueter and Rich Schlueter. Funeral Monday, family and friends are invited to gather 9:30 a.m. at **Salerno's Rosedale Chapels** 450 W. Lake St. Roselle, IL. 60172 (3/4 mile west of Bloomingdale/Roselle Rd.) to St. Isidore Church. Mass 10:45 a.m. Interment Assumption Cemetery. Visitation Sunday 3:00-9:00 p.m. For info 630-889-1700 or www.salernofuneralhomes.com.



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Smith, Suzanne Margaret

Suzanne Margaret Smith nee Noonan, of Elmhurst; beloved wife of John F. "Jack" Smith; loving sister of Patricia, George (Maryann), Daniel (Dorene), and Michael (Pat) Noonan; treasured sister-in-law of Philip Smith and the late James (Bernadette) and the late Al Smith; cherished and caring aunt, cousin and friend of many; devoted daughter of the late George and Ann nee Nuter Noonan. Suzanne was a long-time educator within the Archdiocese of Chicago schools and a former member of the DePaul University Women's Board. She was a long-time volunteer of the Ronald McDonald House and an active member of the Irish Fellowship Club and the Irish American Heritage Center. Visitation Friday 3 to 8 p.m. at **Drechsler, Brown & Williams** Funeral Home, 203 S. Marion St., Oak Park. Friends and family will meet at Visitation Church, 779 S York St., Elmhurst, IL on Saturday for Mass at 9:15 a.m. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to Misericordia Home (misericordia.org) or Mercy Home for Boys and Girls (mercyhome.org) are appreciated. Funeral info: drechslerbrownwilliams.com or 708-383-3191

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Vogt, Jeannine L.

Jeannine L. Vogt, 74 years of age, at rest February 24, 2020. Dear sister of William (Maria) Lloyd. Fond aunt of Marc Lloyd, Natalie (Timothy) Heitmann and Sarah Lloyd. Great aunt of Joseph and Lana Marie Heitmann & Samantha Lloyd Goodman. Visitation is Friday, February 28, 2020, 8:00 am until 9:30 am at Adolf Funeral Home Ltd., 2921 S. Harlem Ave., Berwyn and then to St. Leonard Church for a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 am. Entombment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, masses preferred. Info at: 708-484-4111 or www.adolfservices.com.



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Webster, Byron A. 'Ben'

Bloomington - Byron "Ben" A. Webster of Bloomington, Illinois, died on February 20, 2020 at the age of 90 in Normal. There will be a funeral service at Trinity Lutheran Church in Bloomington on Saturday, February 29, 2020 at 2 pm. Visitation will be at the church beginning at 1 pm. Reverend Billy Newell will officiate. A memorial service and the scattering of his ashes will be held in Goodman, Wisconsin on April 26th, Byron's 91st birthday. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that Byron be honored with the planting of a tree, especially apple trees, or donations to the National Parks Service. **Calvert & Metzler Memorial Home** in Bloomington is handling arrangements. Online condolences may be left at www.calvertmemorial.com.

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Wener, Sam

Sam Wener, 95, beloved husband of the late Ellin nee Short for 55 years; loving father of Dr. Jeffrey (Rhonda) Wener and Cantor Lynda Dresher; cherished Grandpa of Lauren (Matthew) Levinstein, Scott (Kimberly) Wener, Jody Casden and Cheryl Casden; adored great grandfather of Jacob and Madelyn; many loving nieces and nephews. Chapel service, Thursday 10 AM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the L'Chaim Center, Congregation Beth Judea, Har-Shalom Synagogue or JUF. For information or to leave condolences (847) 255-3520 or www.shalom2.com.



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Wilson, Nancy

Nancy Ostermeier Wilson, 84, went to heaven Monday, February 24, 2020. She was surrounded by family at her home in Glenview, Illinois.

Nancy leaves behind her husband of 61 years, Roger Eaton Wilson; brother Richard; daughter Linda Wilson and Linda Gardner; son Alan Wilson and Deanna Wilson; daughter-in-law Melissa Wilson and Joe Donnelly. Grandchildren Robin, Nick, Cassidy, Spencer, Tyler, Macrae, Ambria, Abigail, Adelina and Luke. Nancy joins her eldest son Glenn in heaven who preceded her in death.

Born and raised in Chicago, daughter of Martin & Emma Ostermeier, she graduated from Foreman High School 1952 and received an Associates Degree in Accounting from Wright Junior College in 1954. She met her husband Roger Wilson, at the Holiday Ballroom in Chicago and they were married in 1958 at Grace English Lutheran Church on Laramie Avenue in Chicago.

Nancy was a homemaker who raised her children Glenn, Linda and Alan as well as volunteered for numerous church and service groups. She enjoyed being with family playing games of all kinds and absolutely adored her 10 grandchildren.

Nancy and Roger were avid campers in their younger years, traveling to most of the National Parks with their children. Later in life, she and Roger took to world-wide travels, visiting continents like Europe, Asia, India, Australia and Central America. Nancy loved sharing these adventure stories with her friends and family.

Nancy had a heart for the world. She helped to lead the Women of St. Andrews (WOSA) Group who made quilts for Lutheran World Relief and routinely prayed for world missionaries as well as supported organizations like Heifer International.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 29th, 2020 at 10am at St. Andrews Lutheran Church, 260 N Northwestern Hwy, Park Ridge, IL 60068.

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Young, Mary J.

Young, Mary J., 74, loving daughter the late Anthony J. and the late Mary J.; cherished sister of Kathleen (the late Robert) Edgeworth, Thomas (Karyn) and the late John Anthony (the late Barbara); cherished aunt of Julia, Antonia, Michael, Matthew and Joseph; great aunt of Robert and Thomas. Funeral Saturday, February 29, 2020, prayers 9am at **Blake-Lamb Funeral Home**, 4727 W. 103rd St., Oak Lawn, IL to Most Holy Redeemer Catholic Church, 9525 S. Lawndale Ave., Mass 9:30am. Visitation Friday, February 28, 2020 5pm to 8pm. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Alsip, IL. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Most Holy Redeemer Church. Info 708-636-1193 or www.blakelamboaklawn.com

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The true name and residence Address of the owner is: **Anthony James Curtis 4951 Crest Court Country Club Hills, IL, 60478 02/13, 02/20, 02/27/20 6601939**

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The true name and residence Address of the owner is: **Sandi M Zoller 3306 W 107th St Chicago, IL, 60655 2/20, 2/27, 3/05/2020 6608266**

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The true name and residence Address of the owner is: **DUSTIN HAMILTON 3740 MORTON AVE, BROOKFIELD, IL, 60513 2/27, 3/05, 3/12/2020 6616005**

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Michelle Culver, Secretary, Board of Education. 2/27/2020 6603625

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF **Adelyn Yaretz Gonzalez**

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Rachel Gonzalez (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **18JA01141**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Juan Leon Pu (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **January 13, 2020**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** 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 **03/17/2020, at 9:00 AM** in CALENDAR 1 COURTROOM A, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order of judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS February 6, 2020 6614965

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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 **Donte Craig**

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Danielle Craig (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **18JA00280**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **"John" (Father), Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **February 06, 2020**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** 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 **03/19/2020, at 10:00 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 of judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS February 6, 2020 6616413

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF **Emechgia James**

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Tameca Wallace (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **19JA01112**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Emechgia James (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **October 02, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Demetrios Kottaras** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **03/19/2020, at 1:30 PM** in CALENDAR 7 COURTROOM G, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order of judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS January 13, 2020 6615586

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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 **Julian J Nobles**

A MINOR NO. **2020JD00002**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, **Julian Nobles, Sr (Father), AKA Unknown, AKA Julian Nobles**, respondents, and to **ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**, that on **January 1, 2020**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX**, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Darryl J. Jones** in the 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois on **04/10/2020 at 9:00 AM** in CALENDAR 57 COURTROOM 7 ,

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 of judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief asked in the petition.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT January 27, 2020

ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY: **Eamonn Sheehan** ATTORNEY FOR THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS ADDRESS: 1100 South Hamilton CITY/STATE: Chicago, Illinois 60612 TELEPHONE NUMBER: (312) 433-7000 ATTORNEY NO.: 33182

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, COOK COUNTY OF ILLINOIS January 22, 2020 6616229

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF **Mya Madkin**

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF **Tameca Wallace (Mother)**

JUVENILE NO.: **19JA01111**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **October 02, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Demetrios Kottaras** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **03/19/2020, at 1:30 PM** in CALENDAR 76 COURTROOM G, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order of judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS January 13, 2020 6615580

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY OF COOK

In the matter of the revision of the assessment of Real Property for 2020:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the provisions of Section 14-35 of the Illinois Property Tax Code (35 ILCS 200/14-35) that the Assessor of Cook County will sit for the purpose of reviewing the proposed 2020 assessment of Real Property located in the following township(s) or taxing district(s) in Cook County.

ROGERS PARK

Identified also as Area(s) 10,11, under the Permanent Real Estate Index Numbering System of Cook County.

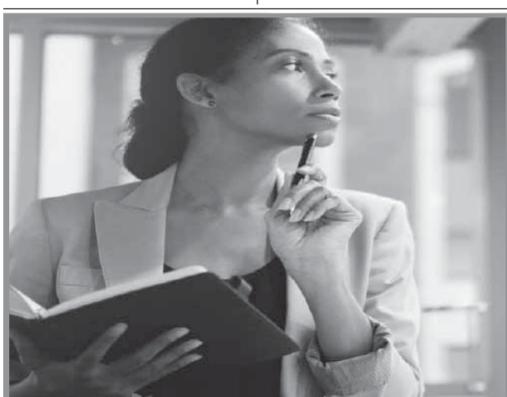
The last date within which applications for revisions of assessment (Real Estate Assessed Valuation Appeals) may be filed for consideration at such sitting is April 3, 2020.

Such sitting will be held at the office of the Assessor of Cook County, Room 301, in the County Building, 118 North Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602, and will continue thereafter from day to day as necessary until all such revisions in said township(s) or taxing district(s) have been completed.

Done by the Assessor of Cook County this 27th day of February, 2020.

FRITZ KAEGI ASSESSOR OF COOK COUNTY 2/27/2020 6614222

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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
Sonomi Garringer AKA Sonomi Angel Garringer**

MINORS) CHILD(REN) OF Jacquelyn Garringer (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 171AJ00895

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown (Father) Any And All Unknown Fathers Any**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **February 03, 2020**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Peter Vilkeys** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on **03/19/2020**, at **9:30 AM** in CALENDAR **13 COURTROOM M**, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

UNLESS YOU appear, you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order of judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
February 3, 2020 6616405

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT JUVENILE JUSTICE DIVISION

**IN THE INTEREST OF
Taurion D Young**

**A MINOR
NO. 2020J001179**

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, **Taurion Young (Father)**, respondents, and to **ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**, that on **January 29, 2020**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOX**, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Kristal Royce Rivers** in the 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois on **03/12/2020** at **9:00 AM** in CALENDAR **56 COURTROOM 10**,

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
February 13, 2020

**ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY:
S. David C. Castro**
ATTORNEY FOR:
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS
ADDRESS: 1100 South Hamilton
CITY/STATE: Chicago, Illinois 60612
TELEPHONE NUMBER: (312) 433-7000
ATTORNEY NO.: 33182

**CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT,
COOK COUNTY OF ILLINOIS**
February 13, 2020 6611688

FORECLOSURES

F19110276 LCARE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION
American Financial Resources, Inc., a New Jersey Corporation Plaintiff, vs. Anita Selma, Laker Forest Bank and Trust Company, City of Chicago, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants Defendants, CASE NO. 20 CH 919 8351 South Throop Street, Chicago, Illinois 60620 Simko Calendar 58 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Anita Selma, and UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit has been commenced against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court for the Judicial Circuit by said plaintiff praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: LOT 28 AND THE NORTH 8 FEET OF LOT 27 IN BLOCK 2 IN RESUBDIVISION OF BLOCKS 2 AND 3 IN SISSON'S SUBDIVISION OF THE WEST 1/2 OF THE EAST 1/2 AND RESUBDIVISION OF BLOCKS 1 AND 4 OF GILBERT'S SUBDIVISION OF THE EAST 1/2 OF THE WEST 1/2 ALL OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 32, TOWNSHIP 38 NORTH, RANGE 214, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. P.I.N.: 20-32-305-045-0000 Said property is commonly known as 8351 South Throop Street, Chicago, Illinois 60620, and which said mortgage(s) was/were made by Anita Selma and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 1223526174 and for other relief, that Summons was duly issued out of the above Court against you as provided by law and that said suit is now pending. NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Cook County on or before March 30, 2020, a default may be entered against you at any time after that date and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp>. This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Steven C. Lindberg ANSELMO LINDBERG & ASSOCIATES LLC 1771 W. Diehl Rd., Ste 120 Naperville, IL 60563-4947 630-453-6960 | 866-402-8661 | 630-428-4620 (fax) Attorney No. Cook 58852. DuPage 293197, Kane 031-26104, Peoria 1794, Winnebago 3802, IL 03126232 |pleading@AnselmoLindberg.com THIS LAW FIRM IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR.
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MANLEY, DEAS, KOCHALSKI LLC One East Wacker - Suite 1250 Chicago, IL 60601 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A MR. COOPER, Plaintiff, v. LISA SABATINE, INDEPENDENT ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF JOAN S. TATJE, DECEASED; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, Defendants, Case No. 2020CH00268 The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Lisa Sabatine, as Independent Administrator of the Estate of Joan S. Tatje, deceased, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois by said plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: Lot 8 in Block 12 in Ellsworth Blocks 1 to 10 inclusive, Blocks 13 and 14, the North 225 feet of Block 12, the North 350 feet of Block 11, the East 1/2 of Block 18 and the North 350 feet of the West 1/2 of Block 18 of Chicago Heights, being a subdivision of part of the West 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 25, Township 40 North, Range 12, East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Cook County, Illinois 25-25-416-015-0000 Now, therefore, unless you, Lisa Sabatine, as Independent Administrator of the Estate of Joan S. Tatje, deceased, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, and the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Clerk of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois, on or before March 16, 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. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/faq/gethelp.asp> or contact the Clerk of the Court, Edward R. Peterka (6220416) MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC Attorneys for Plaintiff One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601 Phone: 312-651-6700; Fax: 614-220-5613 Atty. No.: 48928 Email: self-epeterka@manleydeas.com One of Plaintiff's Attorneys 2/13, 20, 27/2020 6602340

MANLEY, DEAS, KOCHALSKI LLC One East Wacker - Suite 1250 Chicago, IL 60601 IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., Plaintiff, v. NICOLE SPICER, AKA NICOLE L. SPICER, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; MOTOR ROW LOFTS AT 2301-2315 SOUTH MICHIGAN AVENUE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, Defendants, Case No. 2020CH00896 The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Nicole Spicer, AKA Nicole L. Spicer, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, that the said suit has been commenced in the Circuit Court of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois 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: Parcel A at 2301 and P38, in Motor Row Lofts at 2301 - 2315 South Michigan Avenue Condominium, together with its undivided percentage interest in the common elements, as defined and delineated in the Declaration of Condominium recorded as Document Number 0811922074 as amended from time to time, in Canal Trustees' Subdivision of the West half of Section 27, Township 39 North, Range 14, East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Cook County, Illinois, more particularly described as follows: Parcel 1: The North 75.00 feet of Lot 2 except portions taken for Michigan Avenue in Block 23 in Canal Trustees' Subdivision of the West half of Section 27, Township 39 North, Range 14, East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Cook County, Illinois, more particularly described as follows: Parcel 1: The North 75.00 feet of Lot 2 except portions taken for Michigan Avenue in Block 23 in Canal Trustees' Subdivision of the West half of Section 27, Township 39 North, Range 14, East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Cook County, Illinois. Parcel 2: The right to use the Westerly half of the Skybridge described as follows: As created by Declaration of Condominium and Skybridge Maintenance Agreement dated as of March 21, 2006 and recorded March 23, 2006 as Document 0608233172: Any and all right, title and or undivided interest in and to the four (4) story covered bridge or passageway ("Skybridge"), approximately fourteen (14) feet in width, over and across the North/South twenty (20) foot public alley in Block bounded by South Michigan Avenue, East 23rd Street, South Indiana Avenue and East 24th Street, connecting the second (2nd), third (3rd), fourth (4th) and fifth (5th) floors of the premises commonly known as 2301-2309 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois with the corresponding floors of the premises commonly known as 2300-2308 South Indiana Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, subject to all applicable laws, including, but not limited to the ordinances of the City of Chicago, and the directions of the Commissioner of Streets and Sanitation, the Commissioner of Buildings, the Commissioner of Transportation and the Director of Revenue of the City of Chicago, and further subject to any and all rights of the adjoining owner of the premises commonly known as 2300-2308 South Indiana Avenue, Chicago, Illinois in and to the Skybridge. Parcel 3: The right to use the North 75 feet of the West 1/2 and the North 1/3 except portions of said Lots taken for Michigan Avenue) in Block 23 in Canal Trustees' Subdivision of the West 1/2 of Section 27, Township 39 North, Range 14 East of the Third Principal Meridian, in Cook County, Illinois, for the benefit of Parcel-A, as contained in Declaration of Covenants, Conditions, Restrictions, Party Walls and Easements for Motor Row Lofts Condominium Building, 2301-2315 South Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, recorded April 28, 2008 as Document Number 0811922075. Together with all and singular the hereditament and appurtenances thereunto belonging, or in anywise appertaining, and the reversion and reversioners, remainder and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereon, and all the estate, right, title, interest, claim or demand, whatsoever, of grantor(s), either in law or equity, of, in and to the above described premises, with the hereditaments and appurtenances. 2303 South Michigan Avenue 307, Chicago, IL 60616 17-27-110-035-1025 Now, therefore, unless you, Nicole Spicer, AKA Nicole L. Spicer, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, and the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the office of the Clerk of the Cook County Judicial Circuit, Cook County, Illinois, on or before March 16, 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. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit <http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/faq/gethelp.asp> or contact the Clerk of the Court, Shanna L. Baecher (6302793) MANLEY DEAS KOCHALSKI LLC Attorney for Plaintiff One East Wacker, Suite 1250, Chicago, IL 60601 Phone: 312-651-6700; Fax: 614-220-5613 Atty. No.: 48928 Email: self-slabacher@manleydeas.com One of Plaintiff's Attorneys 2/13, 20, 27/2020 6602350

FORECLOSURES

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To: Vasile Fernese Raul Miguel Maclic Occupants of Balmoral Courts Condominium V c/o Matthew J. Goldberg (Registered Agent) 240011 W Balmoral L County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois Unknown Occupants, spouses, heirs at law, devisees, if any, or law, devisees, if any of the above mentioned persons, described as Unknown Owners; claimants, decree creditors, judgment creditors, if any, of the above, described as Unknown Owners; Unknown Owners or Parties Interested in Said Land or Lot. TAX DEED NO. 2020COTD000552 FILED: February 13, 2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: December 8, 2017 Certificate No. F54472 Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2015 (2016 thru 2014 Also Included) Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number Not Applicable Warrant No. None Installment No. None THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at 2411 W. Balmoral Ave. Unit 2G, Chicago, Illinois Legal Description or Property Index No. 13-12-226-023-1013, Volume 332 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 31, 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. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County, in Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602 on August 26, 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 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 KHARKHARWALA Purchaser or Assignee Dated: February 13, 2020 2/25, 26, 27/2020 6611426

To: Goldmine Investments LLC; Mark Kachlic and Marlowe Djuric Kachlic; City of Chicago, City of Chicago Dept. of Water, and William Pekarik. TAX DEED NO. 2020COTD000508. FILED: February 6, 2020. TAKE NOTICE. County of Cook. Date Premises Sold 7/15/2017 Certificate No. 1952001800. Sold for General Taxes of (year) 2008-2007. Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment number N/A Warrant No. N/A Inst. No. N/A. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES. Property located at 3509 Hollywood Ave., Brookfield, Illinois. Legal Description or Property Index No. 15-35-304-005-0000. 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 6/25/2020. 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 6/25/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in the Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington St., Chicago, IL 60602, on 7/17/2020 at 9:30 AM in room 1704. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY. Redemption can be made at any time on or before 6/25/2020 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, Illinois 60602. TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Stephanie Bosko, Purchaser or Assignee. Dated: February 14, 2020. 2/25, 26, 27/2020 6608282

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. Tax Deed No. 2020COTD 000142 FILED: January 13, 2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook, State of Illinois Date Premises Sold: July 24, 2017 Certificate No. 17S-0001046 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. 16-11-128-045-1002 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 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@sbglobal.net 2/25, 26, 27/2020 6610462

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CUBS

A great feeling

Quintana hopes fixing his changeup cures all

BY MARK GONZALES

MESA, Ariz. — Jose Quintana's name usually is accompanied with a sigh or wince when Cubs fans recall that top prospects Eloy Jimenez and Dylan Cease were traded to acquire the left-hander from the White Sox.

But Quintana merely is concerned with providing consistency in what could be his final season with the Cubs.

"First, I want to be happy with what I'm doing on the mound," Quintana said Wednesday after throwing a bullpen session. "I want to get my career in a good spot and show all the fans at Wrigley how I can be.

"I want everyone to feel excited when I'm on the mound."

Quintana has plenty of room for improvement after posting an 11.09 ERA in five September starts with 37 hits allowed in 18²/₃ innings.

That capped an unpredictable season for Quintana that has mirrored his 2¹/₂ years with the Cubs. The rough finish occurred after he posted a 4-1 record and 2.02 ERA in August.

Quintana is 33-23 since joining the Cubs (compared with a 50-54 mark with the Sox), but that's offset by a 4.23 ERA — 72 points higher than during his time with the Sox.

The biggest room for improvement involves his changeup, a pitch he has struggled to master. Quintana, 31, threw his changeup only 11% of the time last season, which made him vulnerable because he doesn't possess an over-

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Jose Quintana had an up-and-down season in 2019. He's ready to show his improvement in 2020.

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BRAD BIGGS
On the Bears

Deal may be good on many fronts

Bears could get more bold in free agency as they hunt for a QB

INDIANAPOLIS — With optimism growing that a new collective bargaining agreement will be reached before the start of the new league year, the NFL is planning to give teams a crash course on parameters of the deal before the week is over.

The Bears, as reported last month from the Senior Bowl, are preparing two plans for free agency — one that includes a new CBA (and an anticipated bump in the salary cap) and one without a completed deal.

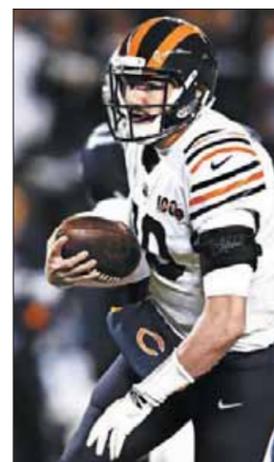
It appears the Bears will be able to put Plan A into play, and with a new deal is expected to be a salary-cap hike of about \$20 million, according to one league source. If that happens, the Bears (and the 31 other teams) will have more flexibility just before the league's shopping season opens March 18.

Keep that in mind when wondering about the moves the Bears made last week. Cutting wide receiver Taylor Gabriel and cornerback Prince Amukamara were not simply cap-related decisions.

Also keep that in mind when wondering what the team will do at quarterback. A higher salary cap would give the Bears room to be more aggressive in free agency and perhaps devote more money to add a passer to the mix with Mitch Trubisky.

Some have chalked up the recent comments from general manager Ryan Pace and coach

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The Bears likely will be looking for someone to compete with quarterback Mitch Trubisky.

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Changes coming, but may not be for the better

'Upper hand proposal' would fit right in with other ridiculous ideas

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — In an effort to bring straying baseball fans back to the ballpark, a new proposal potentially would eliminate the age-old tradition of the home team batting last.

Under the proposal, which would need the ratification of the owners and the players union, two designated team captains would meet at the plate 10 minutes before



PAUL SULLIVAN
In the Wake of the News

every game. The plate umpire would hand an MLB-approved bat to the captain from the home team, who then would toss the bat in the air in the direction of the visiting captain.

The visiting player must catch the bat with one hand before proceeding toward the home player, who then would grip the bat with one hand immediately above the opposing player's grip, leaving no room between hands. The visiting player would use his other hand to grip the bat above the home player's hand, and the captains would alternate until all that remains is the knob of the bat.

When the umpire rules that no room remains to grab the bat, the team with the hand closest to the knob — the one with the upper

hand — would be afforded the option of having the last at-bat. The proposal stipulates: "Chicken claws are strictly prohibited."

The "upper hand" proposal is unlikely to pass for one reason: I made it up.

Major League Baseball has made so many changes to the game over the last few years that any silly idea is believable, so why not propose a "get the upper hand" duel for last ups? Would you ever have thought MLB would come up

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PHIL ROSENTHAL

WOW joins Marquee lineup

One more carrier has been added to the Marquee Sports Network lineup.

Wide Open West, a leading Chicago-area cable television provider, has reached a carriage agreement with Marquee, the new regional sports channel the Cubs and Sinclair Broadcast Group launched Saturday.

Marquee announced Wednesday that it will be available beginning March 13 to WOW households to the south (including Calumet, Oak Forest and Hammond, Ind.), the west (Naperville and Glendale Heights) and northwest (Elgin, Schaumburg, Mount Prospect and Arlington Heights).

It is not yet known on what channel(s) WOW will carry Marquee.

"WOW is the fourth-largest provider in Chicago and an important part of our distribution landscape, and we are pleased to have them join the more than 40 carriage partners who have already signed on," Marquee general manager Mike McCarthy said in a statement.

Even with WOW locked in, two major holdouts remain among traditional TV services, Comcast's Xfinity and Dish Network, the Nos. 1 and 3 providers in the Cubs' market, respectively.

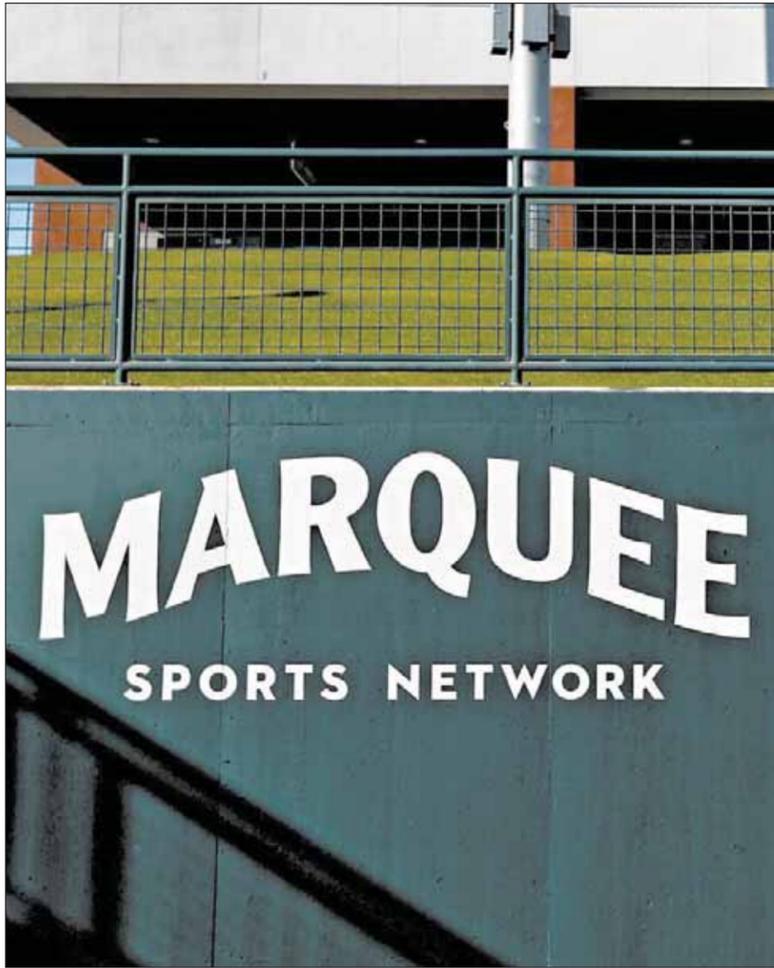
Negotiations continue, although Dish has been adamant publicly that it wants to upend the business model that would have it pay content producers such as Marquee on the basis of all potential homes it serves rather than those that specifically choose to support a given channel.

Streaming service Hulu + Live TV announced last week that it had a deal to carry the channel, another significant get for Marquee, but it has yet to say when it will make the channel available to customers.

Another early glitch is that the AT&T DirecTV and U-Verse subscribers who have access to Marquee do not yet have access to the live stream that's available via the channel's app and watchmarquee.com website.

"DirecTV and U-verse TV customers can watch Marquee Sports Network on TV," AT&T said Wednesday in a statement in response to a Chicago Tribune inquiry. "We are working to make the Marquee app accessible to our customers so they will have another way to view the channel."

AT&T is the largest provider now carry-



JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Wide Open West customers will be able to see the Marquee Sports Network on March 13.

ing Marquee. There had been some initial confusion. Satellite TV service customers had to have the Choice package or higher to access the channel. For U-verse subscribers, it was U-verse 100 or above.

Marquee is the exclusive TV home for all games the Cubs control, which includes about 150 regular-season games. Available only in the multistate market Major League Baseball has designated for the

team, it will make its money through carriage fees and advertising.

It has been more than a decade since WOW found itself in a Chicago-area sports carriage dispute. The company was among the 2009 holdouts in regard to picking up the Versus (now NBCSN), preventing Blackhawks fans from seeing NHL postseason games, but eventually it reached an agreement.

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NFL

Players set to vote on new CBA

By **DAVE CAMPBELL**
Associated Press

The NFL and its players have moved closer to a new collective bargaining agreement and the next decade of labor peace that would come with it.

If the process is at first-and-goal now, though, there's still work to be done to get into the end zone.

With a late-night vote, on the slim majority approval of the 32 team representatives, the NFL Players Association was preparing Wednesday to send the current CBA proposal to the full union membership for potential ratification.

Last week, the owners flashed their thumbs up with a majority-vote approval of the agreement that's a product of 10 months of negotiations with a 17-game regular season the most significant change.

"There will be white smoke when there is white smoke," NFLPA president Eric Winston told reporters in Indianapolis during the NFL scouting combine. "The one thing we're not doing is rushing through this thing. Every 'I' will be dotted, every 'T' will be crossed, and when that happens, that happens."

The NFLPA's 11-member executive board initially voted down the proposal last week by a slim majority, an indication of mixed feelings within the ranks that count more than 2,000 players. Though a simple majority of votes cast among the membership is the only requirement for ratification, plenty of players have spoken in opposition to the current proposal.

"We should not rush the next 10 years for today's satisfaction," Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson said Wednesday on Twitter as he declared he'd vote no and, in a familiar refrain from NFL players over the years, referenced the benefits and protections of NBA and MLB players as benchmarks for the NFLPA to aim for.

The owners, however, have so far indicated disinterest in reopening negotiations.

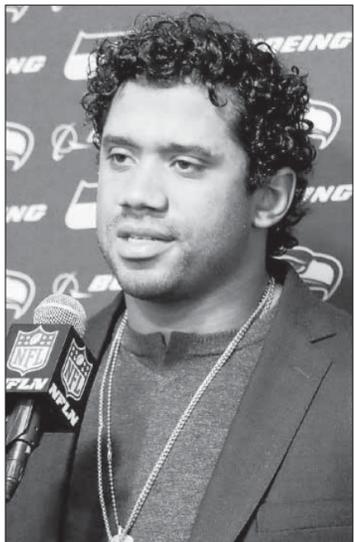
The current CBA expires after the 2020 season, but getting a deal done so far ahead of time would give the league better leverage with the various television networks and media platforms in negotiating deals for a new round of broadcast rights.

When talks stalled during the previous iteration of CBA discussions, the league wound up initiating a lockout at the start of the 2011 league year. Players disbanded the union in order to sue the NFL in federal court, before the two sides ultimately came together that summer and struck the deal for the current CBA without any games lost and just a slight delay for the opening of training camps.

According to a person with knowledge of the negotiations, speaking on condition of anonymity because of their confidential nature, the NFL and the NFLPA agreed Wednesday to operate the offseason for now under the provisions of the current agreement until a new CBA is ratified.

That's important because of certain, unique rules for the final year of the CBA, including how teams can use franchise and transition tags on players whose contracts have expired. The window for tagging will open Thursday, two days later than originally scheduled, and close the week before free agency begins March 18. If a new CBA is enacted before then, the new rules would supersede the old ones.

"If there's a CBA done, we can do certain things, and if there's not, we're going to play under these rules and we can do these things," Detroit Lions general manager Bob Quinn said at the combine. "So we have kind of two scenarios that we always look at. We put potential guys that we might go after, put them in both buckets and kind of see how they kind of shape up in terms of contracts. But as you know, the negotiating period is a couple weeks away, so we'll kind of see what the market is on some of these positions we'll go after."



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Seahawks QB Russell Wilson said on Twitter he will vote no on the proposed new collective bargaining agreement.



MICHAEL CONROY/AP

LSU QB Joe Burrow speaks during a news conference at the NFL scouting combine.

SCOUTING COMBINE 5 TAKEAWAYS

Players ask for fair deal

By **COLLEEN KANE**

INDIANAPOLIS — It has been a busy week at the NFL scouting combine, and the part of the event best known to fans — college players running the 40-yard dash and doing the bench press to impress NFL suitors — doesn't even begin until Thursday night. The first few days in Indianapolis have been filled with collective bargaining agreement talk, media interviews with coaches, general managers and prospects and lots of networking among all. Here are five things — from the serious to the silly — that have had the combine buzzing this week, with a couple of items of Bears interest sprinkled in.

1. The finalization of a new collective bargaining agreement — and a move to a 17-game season in 2021 — now hinges on a vote by all NFL players.

The NFL world waited with anticipation Tuesday night as team owners and NFLPA player reps met for four hours in an Indianapolis hotel to negotiate the details of a CBA the owners had approved.

At nearly 1 a.m. ET Wednesday, the NFLPA's board of representatives announced it would send the proposed agreement to a vote by a full membership of about 2,000 players. The timing of that vote, which would require a simple majority to pass, is pending.

The 17-game season — and the added stress it would put on players' health — and salary increases for the extra game were among the negotiating topics. Owners have offered to increase rosters and practice squads by two players each, to reduce preseason games from four to three and to reduce padded training camp practices from 28 to 16, among other things.

Playoff expansion to 14 teams also could come with a CBA approval this year.

Across social media Wednesday, players commented on the potential deal, which would run through 2030.

Seahawks quarterback Russell Wilson tweeted he would vote no, though he didn't specify his reasons beyond NFL players deserving a fair deal. Packers quarterback Aaron Rodgers shared his thoughts and explained why he voted no in a lengthy Twitter post.

Former Bears offensive lineman Kyle Long argued the NFLPA should try for lifetime healthcare for vested players, the elimination of Thursday night games, fewer TV timeouts and more oversight on whether teams are sticking to rules pertaining to physical health. Bears wide receiver Allen Robinson suggested eliminating the franchise tag.

But Bears backup quarterback Chase Daniel, the team's player rep to the NFLPA, has been involved in the negotiations and offered to speak with players who had questions.

"Player leadership has worked tirelessly for us!" he tweeted.

Meanwhile, team executives await the official resolution to find out if they will receive a bump in salary-cap space with the new CBA. Bears general manager Ryan Pace, who is working with about \$26.3 million in cap space, according to Spotrac, had to plan for both outcomes.

"We're prepared for either one," Pace said. "That's us just doing our due diligence either way, and we'll see how it plays out."

2. LSU quarterback Joe Burrow has a sense of humor when it came to talk about his hand size.

Burrow, whom the Bengals are expected to draft with the No. 1 pick, had his hands measured at 9 inches to open the combine, ESPN reported.

When that set off a social media frenzy about what his small hands could mean for his NFL potential, Burrow took to Twitter.

"Considering retirement after I was informed the football will be slipping out of my tiny hands," he tweeted. "Please keep me in your thoughts."

He gave a more serious answer to a question about it Tuesday during his media session.

"The only thing with the hands is if you have a lot of fumbles — and I didn't have a lot of fumbles," Burrow said. "So I think it's a non-factor. I don't get paid to talk about measurements and analyze the measurements. I get paid to play football, so that's what I'm going to do."

3. Raiders general manager Mike Mayock said he is not actively looking to trade quarterback Derek Carr.

The offseason rumor mill has been abuzz about the Raiders' possible interest in signing Tom Brady and what that would mean for Carr. It led to Bears fans' speculation that Carr might be an upgrade over quarterback Mitch Trubisky in Chicago for his seventh year in the league — if the Bears could swing a trade.

During his group media session, Mayock expressed happiness with Carr but also didn't rule out the Raiders looking at other quarterbacks.

"Derek Carr played at a high level," Mayock said. "I'm very happy with Derek Carr. What I've told everybody I've been in touch with since the day I took this job, we're going to evaluate every position, every year. And if we can get better, we will."

In a side session with Raiders reporters, however, Mayock said the Raiders are "not looking to actively move him. At all. We know what we have and we appreciate it."

But would that change if Brady were interested in going to Las Vegas? Stay tuned.

4. The rule that made pass interference reviewable by instant replay could be scrapped after one year.

Multiple outlets this week reported that an NFL competition committee survey revealed a majority of teams are opposed to bringing the rule back.

When teams were asked if they would like to have the rule for one more trial season, 17 respondents said no and five said yes. Twenty-one teams said they wouldn't want to make the rule permanent, and eight said they would.

The competition committee presents to ownership at the league's annual meeting in Florida in late March. Chiefs coach Andy Reid said they were just in the beginning stages of discussing the rule, and he wasn't the only one who said he was OK with the rule, if it works.

5. Leave it to no-nonsense Vic Fangio to indirectly challenge the pomp and circumstance of the combine.

Entering his second season as Broncos coach, Fangio opted to leave his assistant coaches behind to watch college film rather than bring them to the combine.

With the NFL altering the combine schedule to push prospect workouts into primetime Thursday through Sunday, it has changed teams' daily schedules. And Fangio thought his assistants' time would be better spent in their home offices.

"What the guys are doing all this week is just watching college tape Monday through Friday, every minute they're there," Fangio said. "It's a much better environment to do that."

"For instance, (Monday) I went to weigh-ins early in the morning and I had three interviews late at night. That was my day from a production standpoint here. I just think it's a better use of time for these guys to stay back. You evaluate players better when you evaluate them right next to each other instead of evaluating one guy Feb. 20 and then somebody else March 25. It's hard to slice them and stack them sometimes."

Rams coach Sean McVay also veered from the usual, opting to stay at the combine for one night so that he could return to Los Angeles to work with his new coordinators. He left general manager Les Snead and his assistant coaches behind to do the combine work.

Associated Press contributed.

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Matt Nagy as cover for a neatly designed operation that ultimately will replace the 2017 first-round pick. They reason that Pace and Nagy are saying Trubisky is the Bears starter for 2020 because he's the only quarterback under contract for next season, as if it's a convenient part of the ruse to change starters as soon as possible.

I tend to believe Pace and Nagy and consider their comments sincere about giving Trubisky a shot at the start of the season with the amount of leeway given to him directly related to the level of confidence in whoever is No. 2 on the depth chart. Pace has so much invested in Trubisky that I don't believe the GM is ready to reboot at the position, even though the optics of the 2017 draft — see Patrick Mahomes and Deshaun Watson — are torturous for the franchise.

If that is the case, the quarterback they bring in has to be comfortable knowing an opportunity could arise but also willing to bide his time without making waves.

Is that Andy Dalton, 32, who could be acquired via trade or signed if the Bengals wind up releasing him? New Bears offensive coordinator Bill Lazor had success with him.

Is that Nate Sudfeld, 26, who is heading into free agency a year after the Eagles secured him with a second-round tender as a restricted free agent? New Bears quarterbacks coach John DeFilippo was credited with helping develop Sudfeld in Philadelphia, and he could be viewed as a quarterback with upside.

"I'm telling you there is a reason why the Eagles held on to Nate, and that's because he's going to be a really, really good football player," DeFilippo told phillyvoice.com two years ago after leaving to become the Vikings offensive coordinator. "Why do you think other teams wanted him? Against the Dallas (starters), Nate played fantastic. That kid is going to be a really, really good football player. He's a really good football player right now. But I am telling you, that kid has a chance to be a really good football player."

Is that Case Keenum, 32, whom the Bears missed out on in 2017, when they signed Mike Glennon and Keenum went to the Vikings and rescued their season?

Other options remain as well, and Pace will have the chance to consider a wide range of moves if the CBA indeed is completed.

Here are three other topics worth monitoring over the coming weeks.

1. The Bears have a need for speed.

Wide receivers, tight ends and quarterbacks will be the first positions to take the field at Lucas Oil Stadium for on-field workouts at the NFL combine beginning Thursday afternoon. Get your stopwatch ready to time the receivers in the 40-yard dash.

The buzz here isn't surprising: The Bears are seeking to add speed to their offense. And it's a loaded class for receivers, with some draft analysts speculating 20 or more could be selected in the first three rounds. The Bears don't just need a guy who replace Gabriel; they need more speed in general.

2. Is an extension for Allen Robinson in the works?

Allen Robinson is entering the final year of his contract with a salary-cap hit of \$15 million. He is due to earn \$13 million in 2020, but none of it is guaranteed.

Will the Bears reach out to Robinson's agents, Roosevelt Barnes and Jovan Barnes, for a meeting? It seems paramount that the Bears have a new deal in place for Robinson before training camp — he has leverage considering he's only 26 and was the lone bright spot on offense last season.

Robinson has shown considerable patience in not complaining about other elements of the offense that have, no doubt, affected his production. What an extension for Robinson might look like remains to be seen, but the Bears would have to give him a nice bump above the \$14 million he's averaging in his current deal.

3. Is Leonard Floyd worth his \$13.2 million contract for 2020?

In his two media sessions since the end of last season, Pace has been positive when asked about Leonard Floyd, making the point that the outside linebacker does some of the unheralded things worthy of attention from those in the know.

That's noteworthy, but does it mean the Bears will keep Floyd on the terms of the fifth-year option in his contract — \$13.2 million?

Floyd's range and length make him a unique player. But every player has a value, and that number seems significantly more than what Floyd is worth, even if he has some untapped potential he still could unleash.

Khalil Mack and Robinson are the only two players on the Bears roster with a higher cap figure, and Floyd will be an unrestricted free agent next season. So will the Bears overpay Floyd just to see if he can finally break out in time, only for him to depart? Or can the Bears find a player who might add a little more to the pass rush while perhaps sacrificing some in coverage? A move might make it feasible to re-sign someone such as inside linebacker Danny Trevathan.

Unless the Bears can work out an extension for Floyd, which he might be opposed to at this point, that \$13.2 million figure looms large. Maybe too large.

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with a plan to have teams choose their first-round playoff opponents in a reality-style TV show? Is that any crazier?

MLB's New York office is full of forward-thinking individuals, many of whom have degrees from lofty universities at which the football team is secondary to getting an education. I went to Mizzou, so what do I know?

Just this: Every time the game changes, it's less and less like the game we fell in love with.

The new three-batter-minimum rule for relievers, which will begin March 12 in spring training games, is just the latest in a series of "pace of game" rules changes designed for no good reason. Even if the reliever proves in one or two batters that he doesn't have his stuff and needs to be removed, the manager will be forced to leave him in for one more hitter, putting his team at a distinct disadvantage. Relievers faking an injury to come out will be their only remedy.

Can too much change be counterproductive?

"Of course," Brewers general manager David Stearns said. "But I would say historically, over decades, baseball has probably erred on the side of too little change rather than too much."

Stearns might be right. He's one of the next generation of Ivy League general managers steering the ship toward innovation, along with Cubs President Theo Epstein and others. Epstein defended last year's rule changes, saying "99% of the game is the same and that connection is still there" with all fans.

"The thing to realize is the game evolves constantly," Epstein, 46, said. "And sometimes it's important to be thoughtful and get ahead of it so it evolves toward a brand of baseball that's more pleasing for fans — full of action instead of full of dead time. So sometimes it's important to nudge it in the right direction."

The question is, who gets to decide what's the right direction to nudge it? Baseball seems intent on adding four wild-card teams, meaning 14 of the 30 teams will be playing in October and a grueling, 162-game regular season will have less meaning.

"Look, the genesis of it, I imagine, was more competitive balance, more fan interest," Stearns said of the expanded playoff proposal. "Those are real positives. I also understand the purist's argument of it, that it potentially diminishes regular-season games. So I'm interested to hear the debate on this because I do think there are valid arguments on both sides.

"I am glad that as an industry, wherever this idea goes that's being debated, that we're thinking about this as an industry, where we historically haven't been great at implementing change, looking for change. The fact that we are now actively seeking change, trying to make our game better, more digestible, more interesting for our fan base, that is a positive."

This season will include several changes, including increasing the roster from 25 players to 26 through Aug. 31, increasing the time spent on the injured list for pitchers (and two-way players) from 10 days to 15, reducing the challenge time for managers from 30 seconds to 20, and, of course, the three-batter minimum rule for relievers, the most controversial and confusing of the bunch.

The rule stipulates that any relief pitcher must face a minimum of three batters, "including the batter then at-bat (or any substitute batter), until such batters are put out or reach base, or until the offensive team is put out, unless the substitute pitcher sustains injury or illness which, in the umpire crew chief's judgment, incapacitates him from further play as a pitcher."

Got that?

A few days before the start of Cactus League games, one manager still wasn't sure. He argued with two reporters that a reliever who comes in and faces one batter to get the third out of the inning would then have to return the next inning to face two more hitters.

We told him he was mistaken, but he stood firm, saying: "That I know for a fact."

Presumably he'll be informed otherwise when March 12 rolls around. Maybe all these changes will be good for the game. Maybe millennials and Generation Z will enjoy the game much more without as many calls to the bullpen. Surely all these highly educated, deep thinkers know what's best for baseball's future.

But if they really want to do what's best for the game, it might be nice to ask the fans before they implement their crazy ideas.



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White Sox second baseman Nick Madrigal catches a popup Wednesday against the Royals in Arizona.

'A good start'

Burdi is healthy, hopeful after long battle with injuries

BY LAMOND POPE

GLENDAL, Ariz. — Injuries have hampered the start of White Sox pitching prospect Zack Burdi's career.

The 2016 first-round draft pick saw his 2017 cut short by a strained right triceps. He missed all of 2018 while recovering from Tommy John surgery.

The right-hander began 2019 on the injured list with a strained back, then made 20 relief appearances between Class A Kannapolis and Double-A Birmingham before missing the rest of the season with a strained patellar tendon in his right knee.

Burdi, a 2013 Downers Grove South graduate, was back on the mound Tuesday for a scoreless eighth inning in a Cactus League game against the Giants at Camelback Ranch.

"I was really grateful for the opportunity from the White Sox to be in big-league camp and to have that chance to compete against those guys," Burdi said Wednesday.

Burdi got Joe McCarthy to line out to left and Tyler Heineman and Kean Wong to ground out to second base for a perfect frame.

"The biggest thing was just getting out there and kind of shaking those nerves and that first pitch, that first out, it was huge," Burdi said. "That definitely allowed me to get comfortable. Just building off that and the next guy got 3-0 and to get back into that count and to get into that competing mode was really nice."

"To go out there and have a good Day 1 was huge. The last thing you want is to go out there after eight months and not do well and kind of double check yourself and all the work you've been putting in. But to go out there, have success and to see all that work come to light was truly good and exciting."

Sox manager Rick Renteria saw the inning as a promising



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Zack Burdi pitches Feb. 15, 2017, in camp. Burdi pitched for the first time this spring with a scoreless inning Tuesday against the Giants.

start.

"I'm glad to see him out there healthy," Renteria said. "Looked good. And we will continue to see him as we move through the spring and see if he continues to progress."

The Sox are taking the patient approach when it comes to where Burdi, the No. 17 prospect in the organization according to MLB.com, might fit in down the line.

"First of all we have to make sure he's continuing to get out there on the hill and pitch," Renteria said. "He's got a pretty good arm and fits in to our situation here hopefully in the near future. I'm not going to pin myself into saying that he should be locked into our bullpen right now."

"But he's making his presence known. Use that arm that he's got to get some outs."

The Sox selected Burdi with the No. 26 overall pick out of Louisville in 2016. He went a combined 1-0 with a 3.32 ERA and 51 strikeouts in 26 relief appearances that year between the Arizona League Sox, Class A Winston-Salem, Birmingham and Triple-A Charlotte.

Then came the injuries. He was 0-4 with a 4.05 ERA in 29 outings for Charlotte in 2017 before being placed on the injured list July 10 with the strained right triceps.

3 TAKEAWAYS

Keuchel says he's on target

BY LAMOND POPE

GLENDAL, Ariz. — Adam Engel hit a three-run home run for the White Sox in Wednesday's 7-6 loss to a split Royals squad in Surprise, Ariz.

First base prospect Andrew Vaughn went 0-for-1 with two walks. Second base prospect Nick Madrigal went 1-for-3. He singled and scored a run in the seventh.

Here are three takeaways from Sox camp Wednesday.

1. Dallas Keuchel feels ahead of schedule.

Dallas Keuchel worked on fine-tuning his breaking ball during a live batting practice session.

The left-hander, whom the Sox signed to a three-year, \$55.5 million free-agent contract in the offseason, faced fellow newcomer Yasmani Grandal.

"He's working his way back, so it was nice to face a big-league guy with an approach," Keuchel said. "And if you make mistakes, he'll make you pay for it. It was nice a good first step."

Sox manager Rick Renteria said Keuchel "looked good."

Keuchel said he's ahead of schedule for this point in the spring.

"I'm usually not throwing breaking ball as consistently as I am right now," Keuchel said.

2. Adam Engel looks to continue his momentum from the final stretch of 2019.

Adam Engel hit .212 in 26 games before the All-Star break last season. The outfielder was sent to Triple-A Charlotte on May 5 and returned July 19 an improved hitter. Engel hit .251 in 63 games in the second half, including a .310 average with four home runs and seven RBIs in his final 18 games.

"I made some adjustments in the minor leagues, came back up and was applying those," Engel said last week. "Obviously, the game is played at a higher level in the big leagues so you have to execute a little bit more often. I felt like I was able to play the same way I was playing in the minor leagues to some extent."

"Overall, with the year, I felt I learned a lot. I'm excited to have a full season of applying what I learned last year."

Engel already has had a nice start to this spring. Tuesday against the Giants, he drove in the tying run with a double in the ninth inning. And Wednesday against the Royals, he went 1-for-3 with a three-run home run to left field in the second inning.

Eloy Jimenez, Luis Robert and Nomar Mazara are the slated starting outfielders. Engel, who excels defensively, is in position to be a backup.

Last week he said he entered camp with a starter's mindset.

"I think I have a good chance to make the team out of camp and whatever role that is, I'm going to be ready for it," Engel said. "We've got to come in and get ready to start on opening day. That's what I'm trying to do right now."

3. Reliever Jace Fry has been slowed by a sore back.

Jace Fry is in line to aid the Sox as a left-handed option out of the bullpen. But the reliever has been slowed this spring by a sore back.

"Everybody who has ever had a sore back, or any ailment knows how trying to get somebody back you have to continue to strengthen the core and do anything you can to stabilize things," Renteria said. "But thankfully he's doing well, and hopefully he'll be short before we get him back out there to start throwing again."

Fry went 3-4 with a 4.75 ERA in 68 relief outings in 2019. He had 68 strikeouts and hurt himself with 43 walks in 55 innings.



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Adam Engel is greeted by Sox teammates after his three-run home run against the Royals.

CUBS

He's hungry for success

Jeffress wants to help bullpen, feed fans with his fried seafood truck

BY MARK GONZALES

MESA, Ariz. — Fried seafood has been one of Jeremy Jeffress' lifelong passions, and the new Cubs reliever hopes his food truck can make a visit to Wrigley Field this season.

"That's a passion of mine," Jeffress said. "Bring good food to people and good smiles and good excitement."

If Jeffress can rekindle the National League All-Star form he displayed in 2018 with the Brewers, the Cubs' chances of maintaining leads they lost in 2019 can become more appetizing.

Jeffress, 32, signed a one-year, \$850,000 contract with a chance to earn an additional \$200,000 in incentives. He became a bargain after he posted a 5.02 ERA and a 1.365 WHIP in 48 appearances last season with the Brewers, and the velocity on his four-seam fastball dropped from 96.2 mph to 94.4, according to Fangraphs.

A right shoulder injury in spring training was the first of many problems for Jeffress, who was released on Sept. 5.

"Last year my hip started to hurt, it didn't react off a pinch-hit swing, which was kind of weird," Jeffress said. "But after that, it didn't heal right and needed more strength. I took care of that this offseason, coming back stronger than ever. It's going to be good."

If Jeffress' velocity returns, he can help a bullpen that posted only a 23.6 strikeout rate and an 11% walk percentage — 14th in the NL.

Several Cubs hitters believe Jeffress' 2019 season was an anomaly.

"He never gave in when we faced him," said David Bote, who is 0-for-4 lifetime against Jeffress. "One of my favorite things about having a guy like him on our side is instead of having to face him, he's going out there and will bear down, whether he has his stuff or not."

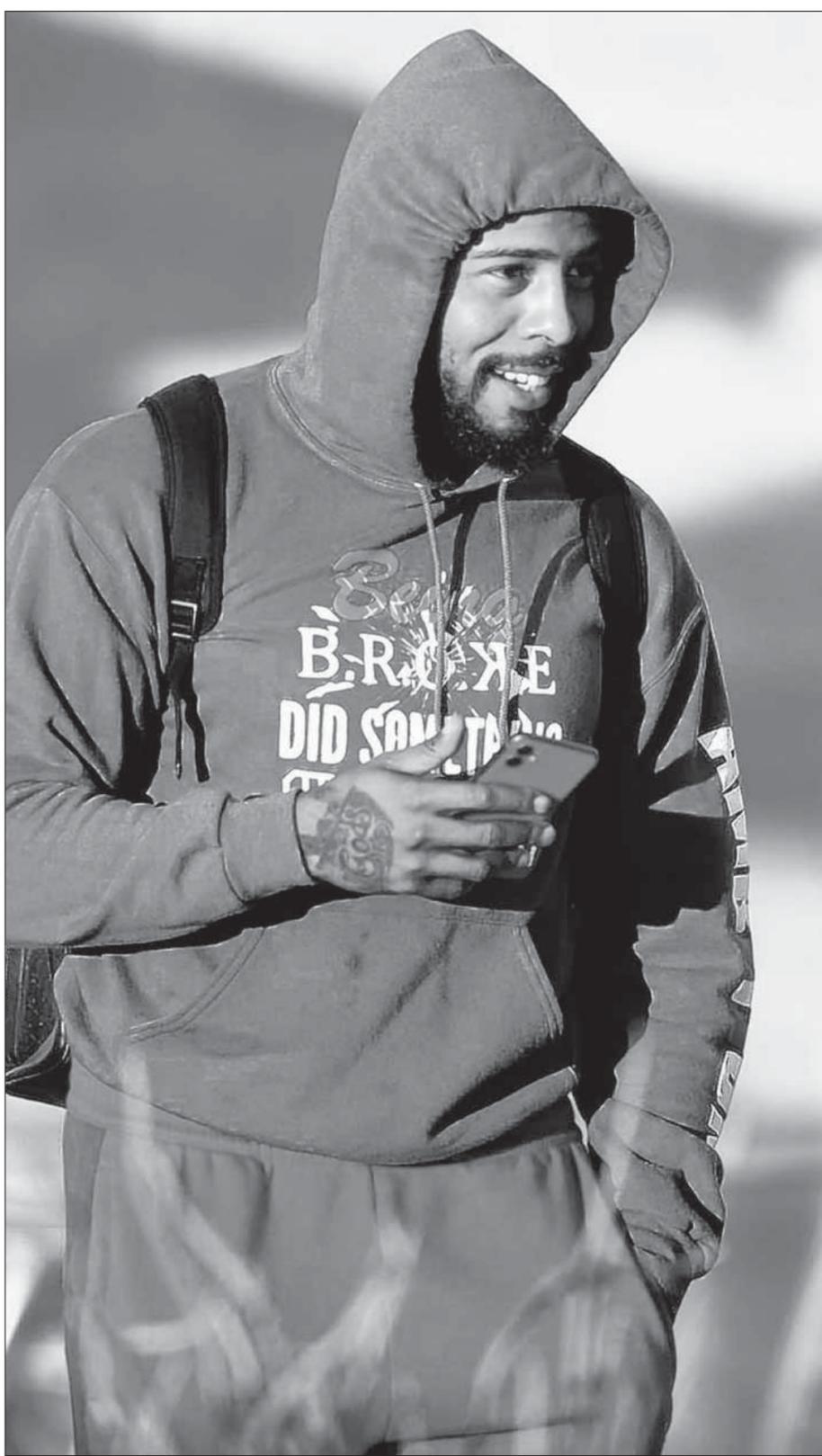
"You're going to get a bulldog who wants to shove it down somebody. To play defense behind a guy like that and having him in the clubhouse ignites you."

Jason Heyward, Albert Almora Jr. Anthony Rizzo, Willson Contreras and Bote have at least four at-bats against Jeffress and are a combined 0-for-28 with 12 strikeouts against him.

"One of the first things I told him was that I was glad he's here because I don't have to face him anymore," said Almora, who is hitless in four career at-bats against Jeffress. "His energy rubs off when you're around him."

After being discarded by the Brewers — who selected him in the first round of the 2006 draft and traded twice for him — Jeffress is grateful to remain part of the rivalry — now with Cubs.

"The guys think that they didn't want to hit off me, well, I didn't want to face those guys," Jeffress said. "You've got to be on your 'A' game. I remember watching the entire nine innings on days I didn't have to pitch, and those games were intense."



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Reliever Jeremy Jeffress was an All-Star for the Brewers in 2018. Now he hopes to pitch well for the Cubs.

"The bullpen usually helped decide those games, whether it was a pinch-hit blooper or a double play that didn't get turned usually cost someone the game."

Jeffress is aware he's being asked to help fill the void caused by the loss of three free agents — Pedro Strop, Steve Cishek and Brandon Kintzler. That trio provided the most experience and dependability to a bullpen that posted the eighth lowest ERA (3.98) in the National League and a 58% save rate, ahead of only the Marlins and Rockies.

"Those three guys were part of a huge pen last year," Jeffress said. "It is all about experience —

the guys who have been through the big moments and know how to handle them, how to prepare once they come.

"There are some guys who have to step up this year. Everybody, including me, has to step up in those big moments because that's what it's going to take to win championships."

Since embarking on a professional career, Jeffress has persevered. He was diagnosed with juvenile epilepsy in 2013, according to MLB.com. He served a 100-game suspension in 2009 for his third violation of minor-league baseball's program for a drug of abuse, believed to be

marijuana.

And in 2016, Jeffress was arrested in the Dallas area for driving while intoxicated while pitching for the Rangers and enrolled in a rehab center to avoid a suspension.

Since then, Jeffress has stayed out of trouble, and his efforts to bring his food truck, named "JJ's Bread & Butter," is his way of sharing the fried seafood he enjoyed dating to his youth in South Boston, Va.

"I'm trying to bring it around and let people know," Jeffress said. "A good meal goes a long way, and it's cheap too. Don't worry — it's not expensive."

4 TAKEAWAYS

Starters working 'ahead of schedule'

BY MARK GONZALES

MESA, Ariz. — Here are four takeaways from Cubs camp Wednesday.

1. Cubs starters are getting a head start on the regular season.

Kyle Hendricks pitched two efficient innings in an 8-0 win against a split Royals squad. He said the starting pitchers have started throwing earlier than usual in preparation for the start of the regular season.

"I think we're already ahead of schedule in a lot of ways," Hendricks said.

The early throwing came under the suggestion of pitching coach Tommy Hottovy after the Cubs failed to make the postseason last year for the first time since 2014.

Hendricks acknowledged that the early throwing stems from an emphasis on starting the season successfully.

In 2016 the Cubs started the season 25-6 — thanks in large part to their starting pitchers — and eventually were able to coast to the National League Central title while preparing for the playoffs on their way to the World Series championship.

"It helps getting out in front and never looking back," said Hendricks said. "That's the goal right now, taking the work in these games and the details more seriously and playing these real games will roll right over the regular season. Our focus will be there."

2. John Lackey was a hit in his visit to Cubs camp.

Former Cubs pitcher John Lackey provided plenty of laughs in his first day as a guest of manager David Ross.

"I love when he comes around," Kyle Hendricks said of Lackey, who pitched the final two seasons of his 15-year career for the Cubs (2016-17).

"It was awesome to see him," Hendricks said. "He hit us with some one-liners, like he always does. He's just the best."

Hendricks believes Lackey, 41, would be an "awesome" coach.

"All he cares about is winning," Hendricks said. "He's the most competitive guy I've ever seen, between him and (Jon) Lester. Those two are so competitive, and that's the guy you always want. So it might look a little different, coming from him."

Ross said Lackey, who lives in Texas, "wants to be around the game a little bit."

"He is a guy who has a lot of knowledge, and I joke with him," Ross said. "He started the alphabet of rings. He's got the A, B and C's."

Lackey won the World Series with the Angels in 2002, the Red Sox in 2013 and the Cubs in 2016, bringing titles to Anaheim, Boston and Chicago.

3. Steven Souza Jr. will get a break soon after his impressive start.

After missing all of last season because of knee surgery, outfielder Steven Souza Jr. is making up for lost time by going 4-for-8 with a double in his first three games.

Ross plans to give Souza a break soon in an attempt to ensure his health.

"It's been all positive, but my job is to take care of him," Ross said. "He likes to do more, and he's a hardworking guy. That's who he is and how he's built. I got to make sure I throttle that back once in a while."

Ross said he's trying to find a balance between helping Souza get his timing back after missing the 2019 season and trying to maintain his health.

"Everything has looked smooth coming off the bat, and the way he's gone about his business is very professional," Ross said.

4. The bullpen gets a long look.

Kyle Ryan, who made a career-high 73 appearances last season, made his spring debut and struck out two Royals during a scoreless fifth inning.

Two days after allowing five runs and four hits in two-thirds of an inning Monday, Rowan Wick threw a bullpen session under the supervision of several pitching coaches.

Rule 5 selection Trevor Megill struck out two during a perfect seventh inning. Megill threw three wild pitches in his spring debut Sunday against the Dodgers.

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powering fastball.

Right-handed batters hit .290 with a .466 slugging percentage and 19 home runs against him last season.

"Most of the time I don't feel my changeup well," Quintana said. "When I threw that pitch, I didn't get swings. I need to throw all my pitches."

"If you saw all the games, I was just using two pitches most of the time. That time when I'm locked in, I use all my stuff. The sequence gets better and there's more consistency in that."

"I feel great, and it's a new year, a fresh year, and I'm excited to show what I'm going to do."

Quintana said a four-seam grip similar to his fastball will help disguise his changeup more effectively. He made the change under the advisement of pitching coach Tommy Hottovy.

"The four-seam grip will help me get more swings than with the two-seam grip," Quintana said. "The best chance is to throw that pitch with confidence."

"That's all I need and that's what I've been doing. I want to show it in the game, and I feel great when I've been throwing it so far. There's plenty of time to do a great job, so let's get ready



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Jose Quintana: "Now I have my focus on being ready for Day One."

for the season."

Because Quintana is projected as the fourth starter, he'll have

ample time to recover from the flu-like symptoms that kept him from the spring training com-

plex earlier this week.

Quintana is 9-4 lifetime with a 2.87 ERA in 17 career starts against the Brewers — the Cubs' first opponent — but he's more consumed with mastering all his pitches in preparation for the regular season.

"I'll be open to any series (manager) David Ross needs me," Quintana said. "Now I have my focus on being ready for Day One. If we start playing well, we'll have a good year. That's the goal."

The Sox provided Quintana security with a five-year contract before the 2014 season, and the trade gave the Cubs cost certainty with his 2019 and 2020 options picked up.

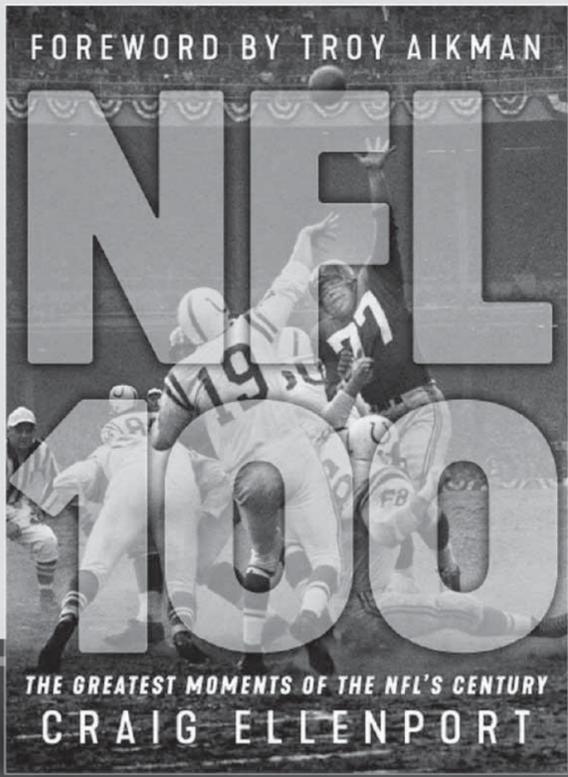
But Quintana isn't focused on the thought of free agency after the season.

"I'm focused more on getting my career at a good point," he said. "I want to show everybody the reason I'm here and I want to help this team. I want to play the game like I've been doing throughout my career. That's what I want to do every five days."

"I'm happy to be back and want everyone to be happy to see why they traded me to here."

Quintana said his agent hasn't spoken with the Cubs about an extension.

"I want to be here but I'm not focused on that," Quintana said. "I want to do my things first, and we can talk later."



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BASEBALL

Opening day in doubt for Stanton

Associated Press

Yankees slugger Giancarlo Stanton will likely miss opening day because of a strained right calf, another significant injury for a team that was beset by health problems last season.

Manager Aaron Boone said Stanton was hurt near the end of defensive drills Tuesday. An MRI found a Grade 1 strain.

"It will probably put us against it a little bit," Boone said Wednesday. "I would say it's time for him to get back, but then getting built up and stuff. We'll see."

The announcement came a day after the Yankees said All-Star pitcher Luis Severino needed Tommy John surgery and would miss the entire season. Slugger Aaron Judge and lefty James Paxton already had been slowed this spring by injuries.

The Yankees put a major league-record 30 players on the injured list last year, with Stanton missing most of the season.

Asked if felt snake-bitten, Boone replied "No."

The AL East champion Yankees open on the road March 26 against the Orioles.

Stanton played in just 18 games due a number of injuries last season, batting .288 with three homers in 59 at-bats. He hit 38 homers in his first year with the Yankees in 2018, one year after a going deep a career-high 59 times in 2017 with the Marlins.

Boone feels Stanton will be able to take advantage of replicating at-bats from last year's rehab assignments and indoor work.

"So, I feel like from a hitting standpoint, he saw a lot of reps last year for being in a way a lost season," Boone said.

The outfielder/designated hitter signed a 13-year, \$325 million contract after the 2014 season.

"It's disappointing because you want to get guys going and built up," Boone said. "But it's just a little bump in the road and we're equipped to handle it."

Boone doesn't know if Stanton's latest injury will mean more time at DH.

"We'll have those conversions as he gets healthy and going," Boone said. "See what it all looks like."

Verlander's spring debut delayed: Justin Verlander's spring training debut will be postponed at least a few more days while the Astros ace deals with tightness in his groin.



FRANK FRANKLIN II/AP

Due to injuries, the Yankees' Giancarlo Stanton played in just 18 games in 2019.

Verlander had been scheduled to start Thursday against the Nationals. Instead, he will throw a simulated game at the Astros' complex prior to that exhibition.

Astros manager Dusty Baker said the tightness first appeared "a couple of days ago."

"He said he's doing good, so we'll just have to keep an eye on him and analyze him," Baker said.

Baker added that he isn't worried about the injury lingering and expects that, if all goes as planned Thursday, Verlander would make his next scheduled start, likely early next week.

"I would think so," Baker said. "It just depends on how he feels."

Verlander won his second Cy Young Award last season by going 21-6 with a 2.52 ERA. His 225 career wins are the most among active players.

The change of plans thwarts what would have been a marquee Grapefruit League pitching matchup.

The Nationals still are planning to send Max Scherzer to the mound Thursday. Scherzer tossed two scoreless innings against the Astros in the Grapefruit League opener for both teams.

Tebow to play for Philippines: Tim Tebow is set to swing into action for a new team.

The Mets minor league outfielder and former Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback will play for the Philippines next month in the World Baseball Classic.

Tebow was born in the Philippines in 1987 when his parents were serving as missionaries in the country. The family moved to Florida when he was 3 years old.

"I'm kind of excited about it," Tebow said Wednesday. "I think it's cool."

On Tuesday, Tebow homered in a spring training game against the Tigers. He's spent parts of four seasons in the minors with the Mets, and hit .163 with four home runs and 19 RBIs in 77 games last year in his first Triple-A action.

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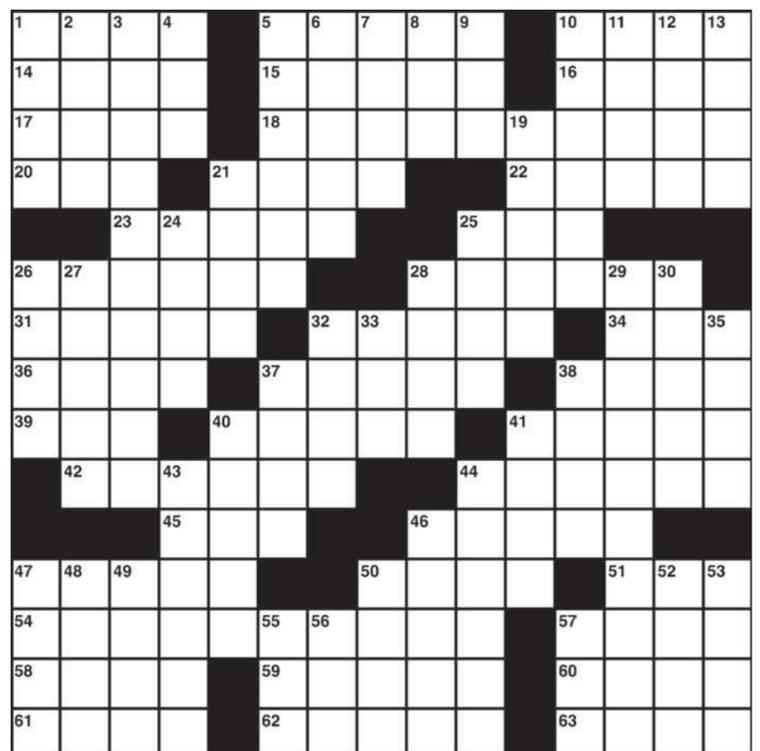
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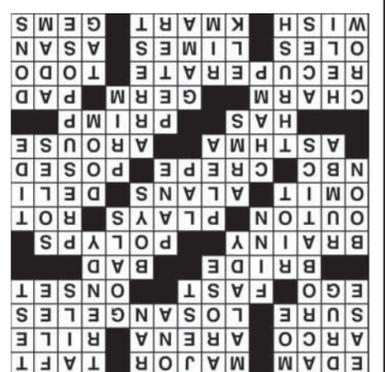
ACROSS

- 1 Cheese in a red wax coating
- 5 Main course of study
- 10 Pres. William Howard ___
- 14 Gas station name
- 15 Amphitheater
- 16 Aggravate
- 17 Positive
- 18 Second most populous U.S. city
- 20 Braggart's problem
- 21 Quick
- 22 First stage
- 23 Wedding party member
- 25 Rotten
- 26 Intelligent
- 28 Unwanted nasal growths
- 31 Skip ___; shirk one's duty to
- 32 Theater productions
- 34 Decompose
- 36 Leave out
- 37 Alda & Thicke
- 38 Sandwich shop
- 39 "The Voice" network
- 40 Word before paper or suzette
- 41 Sat for an artist
- 42 Breathing disorder
- 44 Stir up
- 45 "London ___ Fallen"; 2016 film
- 46 Overuse the mirror
- 47 Charisma
- 50 Bit of bacteria
- 51 Cushion
- 54 Get well
- 57 ___ list; paper full of chores
- 58 Spanish cheers
- 59 Green fruits
- 60 As straight ___ arrow
- 61 ___ for; hope to obtain
- 62 Department store chain
- 63 Jewels

DOWN

- 1 At ___; relaxed
- 2 Prescription
- 3 Gymnastics
- 4 Name for a Stooze
- 5 Disease
- 6 "___ by any other name..."
- 7 In ___; jokingly
- 8 Stop ___ dime
- 9 Trotted
- 10 In style
- 11 Needs a doctor
- 12 Escape
- 13 SAT, for one
- 19 Hockey scores
- 21 Helsinki native
- 24 Violent public disorder

Solutions



- 25 "Bad ___"; Will Smith film
- 26 Windfall
- 27 Cuban ballroom dance
- 28 Rectangular glass piece
- 29 Assume in advance
- 30 Foot parts
- 32 Sincere request
- 33 Drink like Fido
- 35 Wave movement
- 37 Hemingway's "A Farewell to ___"
- 38 Tragic fate
- 40 Winner
- 41 Stiffly proper
- 43 Songbird
- 44 Slap handcuffs on
- 46 One of the 12 Apostles
- 47 Noisy bird
- 48 Prefix for copter or port
- 49 High cards
- 50 Explorer Vasco da ___
- 52 Eden resident
- 53 Puts on, as attire
- 55 Big game
- 56 Curved edge
- 57 Price ___; sticker on a store product

SCOREBOARD

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE				
ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Toronto	42	16	.724	—
Boston	41	17	.707	1
Philadelphia	36	23	.610	6½
Brooklyn	26	31	.456	15½
New York	17	41	.293	25
SOUTHEAST				
Miami	36	22	.621	—
Orlando	26	32	.448	10
Washington	21	36	.368	14½
Charlotte	20	38	.345	16
Atlanta	17	43	.283	20
CENTRAL				
x-Milwaukee	50	8	.862	—
Indiana	34	24	.586	16
Chicago	20	39	.339	30½
Detroit	19	41	.317	32
Cleveland	17	41	.293	33
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Houston	38	20	.655	—
Dallas	36	23	.610	2½
Memphis	28	30	.483	10
New Orleans	25	33	.431	13
San Antonio	24	33	.421	13½
NORTHWEST				
Denver	40	18	.690	—
Oklahoma City	36	22	.621	4
Utah	36	22	.621	4
Portland	26	33	.441	14½
Minnesota	17	40	.298	22
PACIFIC				
L.A. Lakers	44	12	.786	—
L.A. Clippers	39	19	.672	6
Sacramento	24	33	.421	20½
Phoenix	24	35	.407	21½
Golden State	12	46	.207	33

x-clinched playoff spot

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS				
Cleveland 108, Philadelphia 94	Washington 110, Brooklyn 106	Charlotte 107, New York 101	Orlando 130, Atlanta 120	Minnesota 129, Miami 126
Houston 140, Memphis 112	Dallas 109, San Antonio 103	L.A. Clippers 102, Phoenix 92	Boston 114, Utah 103	
THURSDAY'S GAMES				
New York at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.	Portland at Indiana, 7 p.m.	Sacramento at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.	L.A. Lakers at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.	

WIZARDS 110, NETS 106

BROOKLYN: Harris 2-9 1-2 6, Prince 5-12 1-1 13, Allen 1-2 3-6 5, Dinwiddie 6-12 5-8 18, LeVert 10-20 9-11 34, Kurucs 0-3 0-0 0, Luwawu-Cabarrot 3-9 0-0 6, Temple 3-12 1-2 8, Jordan 6-8 4-5 16. Totals 36-87 24-35 106.

WASHINGTON: Bonga 1-3 0-0 3, Hachimura 6-10 3-5 17, Mahinmi 2-4 0-1 4, Beal 11-24 4-4 30, Napier 4-15 0-0 9, Bertans 5-13 0-0 14, Bryant 3-5 2-2 8, Wagner 1-12 2-4, Brown Jr. 3-4 0-0 7, Robinson 3-8 2-2 9, Smith 2-9 0-0 5. Totals 41-96 13-16 110.

Brooklyn	17	30	37	22	-106
Washington	31	29	21	29	-110

3-Point Goals—Brooklyn 10-36 (LeVert 5-8, Prince 2-8, Harris 1-2, Dinwiddie 1-4, Temple 1-9), Washington 15-39 (Beal 4-9, Bertans 4-11, Hachimura 2-2, Bonga 1-2, Smith 1-3). **Fouled Out**—Brooklyn 1 (Allen), Washington None. **Rebounds**—Brooklyn 56 (Jordan 16), Washington 39 (Bryant 7). **Assists**—Brooklyn 15 (LeVert 7), Washington 22 (Beal, Napier, Smith 5). **Total Fouls**—Brooklyn 24, Washington 26. A—15,021 (20,356)

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	33	24	6	72	219	213
Montreal	29	27	9	67	197	199
Buffalo	29	26	8	66	184	196
Ottawa	21	31	12	54	169	219
Detroit	15	46	4	34	131	244
METRO.						
Washington	39	18	6	84	222	193
Pittsburgh	37	19	6	80	202	170
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
Colorado	37	18	7	81	215	168
Dallas	37	20	6	80	171	160
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
PACIFIC						
Vegas	35	22	8	78	211	196
Vancouver	34	22	6	74	207	190
Edmonton	33	23	8	74	201	199
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	5	56	161	207
Los Angeles	23	35	6	52	158	204

2 pts for win, 1 pt for shootout/OT loss
WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS
 Colorado 3, Buffalo 2
 Vegas 3, Edmonton 0
 Los Angeles 2, Pittsburgh 1
THURSDAY'S GAMES
 Chicago at Tampa Bay, 6 p.m.
 Dallas at Boston, 6 p.m.
 N.Y. Rangers at Montreal, 6 p.m.
 Toronto at Florida, 6 p.m.
 Minnesota at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
 Vancouver at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m.
 Calgary at Nashville, 7 p.m.
 N.Y. Islanders at St. Louis, 7 p.m.
 Washington at Winnipeg, 7 p.m.
 New Jersey at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.

AVALANCHE 3, SABRES 2

Buffalo	1	1	0	-2
Colorado	1	1	1	-3

FIRST PERIOD: 1. Colorado, Landeskog 17 (Compher, MacKinnon), 14:24 (pp). 2. Buffalo, Girgensons 12 (Okposo, Larsson), 16:21.
Penalties: Graves, Col (Tripping), 1:21; Jokiharju, Buf (Tripping), 13:30.
SECOND PERIOD: 3. Colorado, Kaut (Girard, Kamenev), 7:15 (pp). 4. Buffalo, Lazar 5 (Frolik, McCabe), 14:56.
Penalties: Dahlin, Buf (Slashing), 5:38; Bellemare, Col (Holding), 18:47.
THIRD PERIOD: 5. Colorado, Compher 10 (Jost, Donskoi), 11:54.
Penalties: Montour, Buf (Hooking), 16:13.
SHOTS ON GOAL: Buffalo 11-9-13—33. Colorado 9-11-14—34.
POWER PLAYS: Buffalo 0 of 2; Colorado 2 of 3.
GOALIES: Buffalo, Hutton 12-11-4 (34 shots-31 saves). Colorado, Francouz 17-5-3 (33-31).
A: 18,020 (18,007). T: 2:28.
Referees: Brad Meier, Graham Skilliter.
Linesmen: Trent Knorr, Tony Sericolo.

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SATURDAY'S GAMES				
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.		
SUNDAY'S GAMES				
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	
1. Kansas (25-3) did not play. Next: at Kansas State, Saturday.	
2. Baylor (25-2) did not play. Next: at TCU, Saturday.	
3. Gonzaga (27-2) did not play. Next: vs. San Diego, Thursday.	
4. Dayton (26-2) did not play. Next: vs. Davidson, Friday.	
5. San Diego St. (27-1) did not play. Next: at Nevada, Saturday.	
6. Florida St. (24-4) did not play. Next: at Clemson, Saturday.	
7. Duke (23-5) did not play. Next: at Virginia, Saturday.	
8. Kentucky (23-5) did not play. Next: vs. No. 15 Auburn, Saturday.	
9. Maryland (23-5) beat Minnesota 74-73. Next: vs. No. 24 Mich. St., Sat.	
10. Creighton (22-6) did not play. Next: at St. John's, Sunday.	
11. Louisville (23-6) did not play. Next: vs. Virginia Tech, Sunday.	
12. Villanova (22-6) beat St. John's 71-60. Next: vs. Providence, Saturday.	
13. Seton Hall (20-7) did not play. Next: at No. 19 Marquette, Saturday.	
14. Oregon (21-7) did not play. Next: at Oregon State, Thursday.	
15. Auburn (24-4) did not play. Next: at No. 8 Kentucky, Saturday.	
16. Penn St. (21-7) beat Rutgers 65-64. Next: at No. 18 Iowa, Saturday.	
17. BYU (23-7) did not play. Next: at Pepperdine, Saturday.	
18. Iowa (19-9) did not play. Next: vs. No. 16 Penn State, Saturday.	
19. Michigan (18-9) did not play. Next: vs. Wisconsin, Thursday.	
20. West Virginia (19-7) did not play. Next: vs. Oklahoma, Saturday.	
21. Colorado (21-7) did not play. Next: at California, Thursday.	
22. Texas Tech (18-10) did not play. Next: vs. Texas, Saturday.	
23. Ohio St. (18-9) did not play. Next: at Nebraska, Thursday.	
24. Michigan St. (19-9) did not play. Next: at No. 9 Maryland, Saturday.	
25. Houston (21-7) did not play. Next: vs. Cincinnati, Sunday.	

WEDNESDAY'S SCORES

EAST	
American U. 79, Lafayette 59	Army 67, Holy Cross 61
Binghamton 76, UMBC 74	Bucknell 71, Colgate 70
Duquesne 81, St. Bonaventure 77, OT	Hartford 65, Stony Brook 54
Lehigh 57, UConn 55, OT	Manhattan 65, Marist 56
Mass.-Lowell 88, Albany (NY) 69	Navy 62, Loyola (Md.) 57
New Hampshire 77, Maine 70	Notre Dame 62, Boston College 61
Rhode Island 76, Fordham 75	Richmond 73, George Washington 70
Siena 84, Quinnipiac 77	Syracuse 72, Pittsburgh 49
UConn 81, UCF 65	UMass 60, VCU 52
SOUTH	
Chattanooga 71, VMI 64	ETSU 60, Wofford 54
Florida 81, LSU 66	Furman 81, UNC-Greensboro 67
McNeese St. 104, SE Louisiana 82	Mercer 73, The Citadel 57
Missouri 61, Vanderbilt 52	S. Carolina 94, Georgia 90, OT
S. Florida 73, E. Carolina 68, OT	Texas A&M-CC 81, New Orleans 75
Virginia 56, Virginia Tech 53	W. Carolina 109, Samford 78
MIDWEST	
Bradley 74, Illinois St. 71, OT	Fort Wayne 58, Denver 51
Indiana St. 77, S. Illinois 68	Marquette 93, Georgetown 72
N. Iowa 84, Evansville 64	Nebraska-Omaha 84, N. Dakota 83, OT
Saint Louis 76, Saint Joseph's 63	
SOUTHWEST	
Abilene Christian 85, Sam Houston St. 69	Arkansas 86, Tennessee 69
Lamar 86, Incarnate Word 66	Nicholls 93, Houston Baptist 85
S. F. Austin 90, Northwestern St. 59	
WEST	
Air Force 60, New Mexico 58	Stanford 70, Utah 62

HOW WOMEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED

1. South Carolina (27-1) did not play. Next: at Florida, Thursday.	
2. Baylor (26-1) did not play. Next: vs. Kansas State, Saturday.	
3. Oregon (26-2) did not play. Next: vs. Washington State, Friday.	
4. Stanford (24-4) did not play. Next: at No. 13 Arizona, Friday.	
5. Louisville (25-3) did not play. Next: vs. Boston College, Thursday.	
6. UConn (23-3) beat Cincinnati 105-58. Next: at Houston, Saturday.	
7. Maryland (24-4) did not play. Next: at Minnesota, Sunday.	
8. N.C. State (23-4) did not play. Next: vs. Syracuse, Thursday.	
9. UCLA (23-4) did not play. Next: vs. Colorado, Friday.	
10. Mississippi State (23-5) did not play. Next: vs. Arkansas, Thursday.	
11. Gonzaga (27-2) did not play. Next: at Portland, Saturday.	
12. Texas A&M (22-5) did not play. Next: vs. Alabama, Thursday.	
13. Arizona (22-5) did not play. Next: vs. No. 4 Stanford, Friday.	
14. Northwestern (25-3) did not play. Next: vs. Illinois, Saturday.	
15. Kentucky (20-6) did not play. Next: vs. Georgia, Thursday.	
16. DePaul (25-4) did not play. Next: at Marquette, Sunday.	
17. Oregon State (20-8) did not play. Next: vs. Washington, Friday.	
18. Iowa (22-5) did not play. Next: vs. Minnesota, Thursday.	
19. Florida State (21-6) did not play. Next: vs. Clemson, Thursday.	
20. South Dakota (26-2) did not play. Next: vs. North Dakota, Saturday.	
21. Missouri State (23-3) did not play. Next: at Illinois State, Thursday.	
22. Indiana (21-7) did not play. Next: vs. Nebraska, Thursday.	
23. Princeton (22-1) did not play. Next: vs. Brown, Friday.	
24. Arizona State (19-9) did not play. Next: vs. California, Friday.	
25. TCU (20-6) lost to Texas 77-67. Next: at Texas Tech, Sunday.	

WEDNESDAY'S SCORES

EAST	
Binghamton 66, UMBC 58	Boston U. 48, Lehigh 47
Bucknell 76, Colgate 65	Buffalo 88, Miami (Ohio) 72
Davidson 70, La Salle 61, OT	Hartford 70, Stony Brook 67
Holy Cross 64, Army 61	Lafayette 55, American U. 48
Loyola (Md.) 64, Navy 54	Maine 71, New Hampshire 62
Mass.-Lowell 78, Albany (NY) 75	UMass 51, Saint Joseph's 47
SOUTH	
Nicholls 57, Houston Baptist 53	Old Dominion 60, FAU 49
SE Louisiana 87, McNeese St. 48	Saint Louis 60, Richmond 57
S. F. Austin 61, Northwestern St. 45	UCF 67, Temple 64
VCU 48, George Mason 36	
MIDWEST	
Ball St. 66, Toledo 60	Bowling Green 82, Ohio 68
Cent. Michigan 76, W. Michigan 60	Dayton 78, St. Bonaventure 51
Kansas St. 60, Iowa St. 51	Kent St. 68, Akron 50
Michigan St. 72, Illinois 58	N. Illinois 65, E. Michigan 59
SOUTHWEST	
Abilene Christian 94, Sam Houston St. 91	Incarnate Word 68, Lamar 67, OT
Kansas 83, Oklahoma 80	Oklahoma St. 74, Texas Tech 58
Texas 77, TCU 67	Texas A&M-CC 43, New Orleans 40
WEST	
Utah Vall. 74, California Baptist 57	

TENNIS

ATP DUBAI DUTY FREE	
R2 at Dubai, U.A.E.; outdoors-hard	
#1 Novak Djokovic d. Philipp Kohlschreiber, 6-3, 6-1.	
#2 Stefanos Tsitsipas d. Alex Bublik, 7-6 (1), 6-4.	
#3 Gael Monfils d. Yasutaka Uchiyama, 6-1, 6-2.	
#6 Andrey Rublev d. Filip Krajinovic, 7-6 (3), 6-0.	
#7 Karen Khachanov d. Dennis Novak, 6-3, 6-4.	
Richard Gasquet d. #8 Benoit Paire, 6-4, 6-4.	
Daniel Evans d. Pierre-Hugues Herbert 7-5, 3-6, 7-6 (7).	
Jan-Lennard Struff d. Nikoloz Basilashvili, 6-1, 6-0.	
ATP CHILE OPEN	
R2 in Santiago; outdoors-Red clay	
#2 Casper Ruud d. Alejandro Tabilo, 6-4, 7-5.	
Renzo Olivo d. #4 Pablo Cuevas, 5-7 7-6 (5), 7-6 (8).	
#6 Hugo Dellien d. Marcelo Tomas Barrios Vera, 6-3, 7-6 (2).	
#7 Federico Delbonis d. Salvatore Caruso, 7-6 (1), 6-3.	
ABIERTO MEXICANO TELCEL	
Acapulco, Mexico; outdoors-hard	
MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 16	
#1 Rafael Nadal vs. Miomir Kecmanovic, late	
Tommy Paul d. #2 vs. Alexander Zverev, 6-3, 6-4.	
#3 Stan Wawrinka d. Pedro Martinez, 6-4, 6-4.	
Kyle Edmund d. #4 Felix Auger-Aliassime, 6-4, 6-4.	
#5 John Isner d. Marcos Giron, 6-3, 7-6 (4).	
#7 Grigor Dimitrov d. Adrian Mannarino, 6-7 (8), 6-2, 7-6 (2).	
Soomwoon Kwon d. #8 Dusan Lajovic, 7-6 (2), 6-0.	
Yaylor Fritz d. Ugo Humbert, 6-4, 6-1.	
WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND OF 16	
#6 Zhu Lin d. Katie Boulter, 7-6 (2), 7-5.	
#7 Heather Watson d. Katerina Bondarenko, 7-6 (2), 6-2.	
Leylah Annie Fernandez d. #8 Nao Hibino, 6-3, 6-0.	
Tamara Zidansek d. Kaja Juvan, 6-2, 6-2.	
Anastasia Potapova d. Tatjana Maria, 6-3, 6-3.	
Xiyu Wang d. Sara Errani, 7-5, 6-7 (3), 6-1.	
Renata Zarazua d. Katie Volynets, 4-6, 7-5, 6-0.	
Christina McHale d. Caroline Dolehide, 5-7, 6-4, 6-3.	

BULLS



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Zach LaVine and coach Jim Boylen walk back to the bench Tuesday night as they try to figure out a way to rally against the Thunder.

3 TAKEAWAYS

Boylen, on the record

BY JAMAL COLLIER

The Bulls are the middle of their most miserable stretch of an underwhelming season, losers of nine of their last 10 games, piecing together rotations while playoff hopes fade into distant memory.

That made Tuesday's game refreshing because it offered, perhaps, a glimpse into the future.

Zach LaVine and Coby White led the charge from a 24-point deficit against the Thunder, trading possessions as the leading scorer during a thrilling third-quarter comeback.

LaVine finished with 41 points, the sixth time this season he has scored at least 40 (fifth most in the NBA). White is playing his best basketball of the season, setting a career high again with 35 points, and his team sees him settling into a groove.

LaVine and White are only the second pair of Bulls teammates to score 30 points in consecutive games — and surprisingly Michael Jordan and Scottie Pippen were not the other two. It was Bob Love and Chet Walker.

But the Bulls still lost to the Thunder 124-122.

"We've just got to get a little bit more because we two individually played really well," LaVine said. "But it hasn't really turned into a lot of wins yet."

The topic of wins and losses came up during coach Jim Boylen's pregame news conference. And it's where things begin for our takeaways from Tuesday's game.

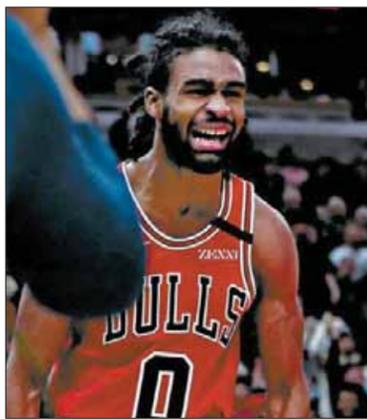
1. Jim Boylen is not concerned about his record as Bulls coach.

Boylen is 37-80 (.316) as Bulls coach since taking over last season for the fired Fred Hoiberg.

But before the loss to the Thunder, Boylen struck a much different tone than his message before the season, when he sat alongside vice president John Paxson during the team's media day and made references of reaching "the mountaintop" — a return to the playoffs. On Tuesday he insisted that no one from the organization has emphasized the team's record, wanting him instead to focus on the development of one of the youngest rosters in the NBA.

"I'm not worried about my personal record or my win-loss record," Boylen said. "I've been asked to establish a style of play, to have a disciplined approach and develop a young group of guys. And in my opinion, we are doing that."

Boylen then ticked off a few reasons why.



Rookie guard Coby White scored a career-high 35 points in the loss to the Thunder.

He pointed to the development of White, who has credited coaching for helping him during his recent hot streak. Boylen acknowledged the pleasant surprise of the emergence of rookie center Daniel Gafford. And Boylen has routinely championed a defense that hovered around the top 10 in efficiency before injuries wrecked the lineup. The Bulls have been without seven players the last three games — dressing nine, most of whom are in unfamiliar roles — and they still had a chance to win all three games.

Boylen spoke with confidence about his job status. When asked whether he would be surprised to see his record used against him after the season, Boylen acknowledged he would.

"I don't foresee that happening," he said.

What's tricky is the Bulls have been widely reported to be looking to make an additional hire to the front office after the season. How much authority that person would have over basketball operations and Boylen's future remains to be seen, but Boylen's standing with the current front office remains strong. He was hired to help develop and teach a young team.

"That's not my calling. That's not what they ask me to do," Boylen said. "Nobody in this organization said to me, 'You've got to win this many games.' Nobody said to me, 'Hey, we're going to talk about wins and losses all year.' Not one time have they said that to me."

"That doesn't mean we don't want to win. It doesn't mean we're not trying to win, but nobody said that to me. I have to honor the organization with trying to do this thing the right way. If we do that and if we can get healthy, I feel good about it."

2. Coby White is 'coming into his own' — and giving Zach LaVine some help.

LaVine has been asked to do much of the heavy lifting on offense but he hasn't had much help. Lauri Markkanen, Otto Porter Jr. and Wendell Carter Jr. all have been out for at least a month, and other injuries have depleted the Bulls to nine available players for the last three games.

In those three games, however, White has stepped up and is playing the best basketball of an up-and-down rookie season that has had a few thrilling highs.

White scored 35 points Tuesday following his back-to-back 33-point games that set and matched a career high over the weekend. He has provided a spark for the offense off the bench. He looks the part of a scorer, fearless enough to launch any shot with confidence when he gets on a roll.

Since the start of the 3-point era (1979-80), no rookie had scored at least 30 points and made five 3s in three straight games. No one in the NBA had scored 30 points off the bench in three straight games since March 2013 (J.R. Smith).

"He's coming into his own," LaVine said. "I've said this from Day One, he can score the ball like no other."

In the second half Tuesday, White had 19 points on 7-of-12 shooting while LaVine added 20 while shooting 12-for-20 (he attempted only three free throws and made the refs aware of his annoyance).

The Bulls have spent most of this season searching for an additional scorer to play alongside LaVine to lessen his burden. LaVine played 39 minutes Tuesday, which has become the norm while the Bulls have had so many injury issues, and is trying to play in all 82 games this season.

3. No, Jim Boylen still isn't thinking about making Coby White a starter.

Consider Boylen annoyed by questions about White's role on the team.

The Bulls started off lethargic against the Thunder, allowing them to open the game with a 20-6 run. That is, until White got on the floor to spark a run with the second unit. He was one of the catalysts for the team's third-quarter run and played down the stretch to close the fourth.

So could the answer to the Bulls' slow starts perhaps be inserting White into the starting lineup?

"I keep getting this question and I'm just going to answer it," Boylen said. "Coby's in a good place. We're going to keep him in a good place. And we'll see how it goes. Let's let Coby keep playing. Let's let him keep developing. And let's keep him in a good spot. That's my goal right now."

BLACKHAWKS

3 TAKEAWAYS

Old glaring errors again prove costly

BY PHIL THOMPSON

ST. LOUIS — Jeremy Colliton has a flare for glare.

The Blackhawks coach's level of annoyance tends to match the intensity of his gaze, and his stare while addressing a 6-5 loss to the Blues on Tuesday night could have melted a hole in the Enterprise Center ice. After coughing up a power-play goal 33 seconds into the game, the Hawks battled back to take a two-goal lead, then lost it, retook the lead and lost it again.

"Right on the first shift, we put ourselves in position where we take a penalty and give them momentum," he said. "We survived that stretch, two penalties in the first (four) minutes, but found a way to get ourselves back in the game."

"But that's what's frustrating and that's what we've got to stamp out — just mental breakdowns that a team like that puts in the back of your net."

Remember how defensive breakdowns contributed to the Hawks giving up five goals in the third period against the Rangers? Well, they gave up four goals in the third against the Blues.

Here are three observations from Tuesday's game.

1. The penalty kill stumbled on a night when the power play was clicking.

The Hawks rank 13th in penalty-kill percentage at 81.4%, so it was somewhat surprising that sloppy play led to two power-play goals. Problems on defense plagued them throughout the game.

Ryan O'Reilly's third-period goal started when Jaden Schwartz intercepted Ryan Carpenter's pass to Patrick Kane and started a breakaway the other way. Schwartz got it to Brayden Schenn, who found O'Reilly streaking toward Corey Crawford as Hawks skaters tried to catch up. But they were too late, and O'Reilly tied the game 3-3.

"It's about us," Colliton said. "We turned pucks over."

"It's a 3-2 game, we turn the puck over. We turn the puck over on the second goal, when we're up 3-1 and in control of the game, playing well. Turned the puck over on the fourth goal (by Zach Sanford, thanks to an Olli Maatta giveaway). We came back a couple times, played to the end, but I don't know how you expect to win when you make those types of mental mistakes."

Even worse, the Hawks squandered a 3-for-4 night on the power play; they had been last in the league a week ago, but now rank 28th at 15.5%.

"That's a good thing for us, no question," Colliton said. "We haven't been able to get it firing consistently. It seems like we're there. It can help you win games, especially on the road. It got us back into this one and give us a chance to win in the third."

Duncan Keith netted the first power-play goal — his 100th career goal — and assisted on the second.

"I don't really think we look at it like we're content with where we're at — I don't think we should anyway because as soon as you get that feeling, then things don't go your way," Keith said. "We're starting to get shots and moving the puck quick and we've done a good job that way."

2. The Hawks can't afford mental lapses, especially on the road.

The Hawks have lost seven road games this month and have won two.

Four of those road losses were by a goal, a point Colliton has emphasized.

"We've come out on the short end of a lot of one-goal games," he said before the game. Details matter.

"Your habits, they protect you when the other team, at home, they're going to have a push, that's no surprise," Colliton said. "They were jumping in, their fourth guy kept beating our fourth guy up-ice and creating on 4-on-3s, and we're changing on the backcheck, and I don't know how you win if you do those things."

3. Malcolm Subban watched from the bench — and that could be his view for a while.

It was a rough night for goalie Corey Crawford, though a four-goal third period didn't fall completely in his lap.

"I think I should have had that fourth one," Crawford said. "Kind of tricked me a little bit. That's a really good team."

"Seems like when they get momentum, they come even harder. It's tough as a goalie giving up four in one period. But there's nothing we can do now. We've just got to find what we did good and move on."

Crawford will have to continue carrying the weight for the Hawks. Subban, the former backup the Hawks received Monday from the Golden Knights in the Robin Lehner trade, won't inherit the same timeshare Crawford had with Lehner.

Subban is young and just getting acclimated, and keep in mind the Hawks also have to evaluate how Crawford, an unrestricted free agent, fits in their plans.

"That hasn't been nailed down yet," Colliton said about the goalie rotation. "For now, Crow will have the ball and we'll see what he does with it. At this point, it's good to have Malcolm here, we'll see him and he'll get a chance to practice and we'll go from there."

Subban said he saw no signs in Las Vegas that he would be traded.

"I didn't hear anything beforehand, but it's been great so far," he said. "Any time you get an opportunity to play for an Original Six franchise, you know it's a huge honor."

Olympic officials: 2020 Tokyo Games will go on

BY STEPHEN WADE

Associated Press

TOKYO — Tokyo Olympic organizers and the Japanese government went on the offensive Wednesday after a senior IOC member said the 2020 Games were being threatened by the spread of a viral outbreak, with their fate probably decided in the next three months. Tokyo organizing committee CEO Toshiro Muto abruptly called a news conference late Wednesday afternoon to address comments from former International Olympic Committee vice president Dick Pound in an interview with The Associated Press.

"Our basic thoughts are that we will go ahead with the Olympic and Paralympic Games as scheduled," Muto said, speaking in Japanese. "For the time being, the situation of the coronavirus infection is, admittedly, difficult to predict, but we will take measures such that we'll have a safe Olympic and Paralympic Games."

The viral outbreak that began in China has infected more than 80,000 people and killed more than 2,700 globally. China has reported 2,715 deaths among 78,064 cases on the mainland. Five deaths in Japan have been attributed to the virus.

Pound has been a member of the IOC since 1978, serving two terms as vice president, and was the founding president of the World Anti-Doping Agency. He has

served 13 years longer than IOC president Thomas Bach. He also represented Canada as a swimmer at the Olympics.

"You could certainly go to two months out if you had to," Pound told the AP in a telephone interview from his home in Montreal. "By and large you're looking at a cancellation. This is the new war, and you have to face it. In and around there folks are going to have to say: 'Is this under sufficient control that we can be confident of going to Tokyo or not?'"

Pound was speaking as a rank-and-file member and not part of the IOC's present leadership, but his opinions are often sought in IOC circles.

"That the end of May is the time-limit, we have never thought of this or heard of such a comment," Muto said. "So when we asked about this we received a response saying that is not the position of the IOC."

The IOC has repeatedly said the Tokyo Games will go ahead and has said it is following the advice of the World Health Organization, a UN agency.

Japanese virologist Dr. Hitoshi Oshitani, who formerly worked for the WHO, said last week he could not forecast what the situation would be in five months.

The Olympics open July 24 with 11,000 athletes, followed by the Paralympics on Aug. 25 with 4,400 athletes.

Australian IOC member John Coates, who heads the inspection team for Tokyo,

pointed out that the IOC has an emergency fund of about \$1 billion to operate if any Olympics are called off.

"The games aren't being canceled," Coates was quoted as saying in the Sydney Morning Herald newspaper. "But if the games were canceled then the IOC is in the position to continue to fund the member sports and NOCs (national Olympic committees). But there is no plans to cancel the games."

He added: "We have canceled the games in the past at war time ... It's just a matter of monitoring how this plays out."

At a government task force meeting Wednesday on the virus outbreak, Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said he was asking organizers to cancel or postpone major sports or cultural events over the next two weeks.

"The next one-to-two weeks is extremely important for the prevention of the escalation of the infection," Abe said. "We ask organizers to cancel, postpone or scale down the size of such events."

He did not name specific events but said he was speaking about nationwide events that attract large crowds.

The three-month window also goes for sponsors and television broadcasters who need to firm up planning. Not to mention travelers, athletes and fans with 7.8 million tickets available for the Olympics and 2.3 million for the Paralympics.

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Ben Simmons will be out likely more than two weeks with a back injury.

COMMENTARY

Simmons' injury an issue

Back troubles a problem for 76ers' long-term plans, partnership with Embiid

BY DAVID MURPHY
The Philadelphia Inquirer

Game recognizes game. Real recognizes real. I don't know who said it first, but I do know that evidence of its underlying wisdom can be found inside the Sixers locker room, which as of Monday night still felt like a place where you'd be comfortable bunkering down in the midst of a global pandemic.

There are no fist prints in the dry wall, or dents in the lockers, or chalk outlines on the floor. It won't be hosting any charity galas in the near future - it sometimes smells like your grandmother's basement, and when fully occupied, the limb-to-floor-space ratio is distressingly small - but it is nevertheless a room that remains structurally sound.

This is an important observation to consider whenever the conversation turns toward Joel Embiid and Ben Simmons. Given the speculation that has long swirled around the relationship between the Wells Fargo Center's two most famous inhabitants, one could be forgiven for envisioning a scene akin to *Vimpy Ridge* circa 1917.

But for all the internet chatter and the invocation of adjectives such as "cool" and "uneasy," Simmons and Embiid have made it through 2½ seasons without engaging in anything graver than an occasional passive-aggressive expression of frustration.

Whether that is an accurate gauge of what lies beneath is something that only the players and their confidants know. What we can say for sure is that things have gone about as well as could have been hoped for the coaches and executives responsible for building an elite NBA team out of Embiid's and Simmons' physical gifts.

The Sixers are on track for their third consecutive 50-win season, both players are happy enough with their individual lots that they've signed contract extensions, and the arena has been filled to capacity for 119 consecu-



MATT SLOCUM/AP

Does Joel Embiid, who suffered his own injury Wednesday, have enough juice to pull the 76ers into the NBA Finals?

tive games.

Things are good. Not perfect. But good. In a league in which dysfunction can feel like the norm, you're treading into Faustian territory to complain of the lack of anything more.

Yet physical function matters, and what we've seen thus far suggests the Sixers will be far from their optimal form as long as Embiid and Simmons are playing together in their current states. This season, they have often been a better team when one of the two is on the sidelines than when both are on the court. When Embiid plays without Simmons, the Sixers are outscoring opponents by 10.4 points per 100 possessions. When Simmons plays without Embiid, they are outscoring teams by 2.4 points. Yet when they play together, that point differential is just 1.2 points.

There is lots of potential noise

in such numbers, but the signal is strong. When Simmons is off the court, Embiid scores 20% more points with 42% more assists. When Embiid is off the court, Simmons sees an improvement that, while less severe, is nevertheless pronounced.

Table: Sixers performance as a team per 100 possessions

Lest you think this bodes well for the Sixers' future now that Simmons will miss an indefinite amount of time with a nerve impingement in his back, keep in mind that the numbers hardly suggest the Sixers are better off without him. They might not even suggest that Embiid is his best self with Simmons off the court. The fact that the big guy averages more than six personal fouls per 100 possessions without his buddy is surely a testament to the impact of Simmons' stellar perimeter defense and ability to help

around the rim. The Sixers have lost half of the games that Simmons has not played over the last couple of seasons, and while he has missed only six of them, that's also part of the point.

With all due respect to Embiid — and he is due plenty — Simmons' indefatigable physical condition is just as valuable an asset for the Sixers as anything the big guy brings. One of the most important abilities is availability, let alone all of the things that Simmons does when he is on the court to both make Embiid's life easier and make his frequent unavailability — within games, included — easier to take.

Besides, with Simmons gone for at least two weeks and likely longer, the thing to consider is the Sixers' performance when neither he nor Embiid has been on the court. In 363 such minutes this season, they have been outscored by an average of 106-100 every 100 possessions. Assuming Embiid averages 32 minutes per night, that would leave nearly 100 such minutes to kill between now and Simmons' next medical evaluation.

Within that short(ish)-term dilemma lies the crux of a long-term one that the Sixers must prepare themselves to confront. If the team that we've seen during the regular season is the one that shows up in the playoffs, the front office is going to have a slew of tough decisions to make this summer.

Can the Sixers find a landing spot for Al Horford in a deal that leaves them better off? Should they attempt to trade Josh Richardson for a ballhandler or shooter who better fits with their two young stars?

Is there a free-agent coach available who can make the pieces fit better than Brett Brown?

But before the Sixers answer any of these questions, they must first consider the biggest one of all. Does it make sense to continue to look for the three players and one coach who might have the specialized skill sets to make the Embiid-Simmons pairing work?

Or does the best path to a championship involve trading one of the two young stars for another that brings more compatibility?

Watching the way Simmons took charge of the Sixers while Embiid recovered from his previous injury (Embiid sprained his left shoulder Wednesday night), it was easier than ever to talk yourself into seeing an obvious solution to their problems. If the opportunity arose to trade Embiid for a top-shelf guard (Bradley Beal? Damian Lillard?) and add a natural stretch four (Davis Bertans? Danilo Gallinari?), wouldn't that make some sense? The Horford problem would go away (presumably), Simmons would have three shooters to kick out to, and the Sixers would no longer face the calamitous risk of Embiid's body breaking down on their watch.

It was only ever a thought experiment, but it at least seemed one worthy of engagement. That would not be the case if you could guarantee five more years of health and continued development out of Embiid. Even a guaranteed three more years of the player we've seen would require a significant leap of faith that the resulting team would be equivalent or better.

The point is that, with Simmons now dealing with a back issue, the thought isn't even worthy of engagement. Thus far, there's no evidence that suggests his injury is worthy of long-term concern. And if he is healthy and back to his old self, the future of his partnership with Embiid could be worth revisiting.

But if there was ever an optimal time to consider trading an immensely popular hometown star who has the physical ability to become one of the best there ever was, it isn't when your preferred basket of eggs has a nerve impingement in his back.

That's the frustrating thing about the Sixers over the last three years.

Every step they take toward the future ends up leading back to square one.

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Team USA celebrates their 4-3 upset of the Soviet Union in the semifinal of the men's ice hockey tournament at the 1980 Winter Olympics in Lake Placid, N.Y.

COMMENTARY

'Miracle' a patriotic myth

Spell finally broken after some players wore Trump hats

BY MARCOS BRETON
The Sacramento Bee

The sports event that had the biggest impact on my life was the "Miracle on Ice" triumph of a ragtag group of American college hockey players who — somehow, some way — defeated the mighty Soviet Union juggernaut of perpetual champions at the 1980 Winter Olympics. I have never reacted as viscerally to a sporting event or a cultural event as I did on that momentous night on Feb. 22, 1980.

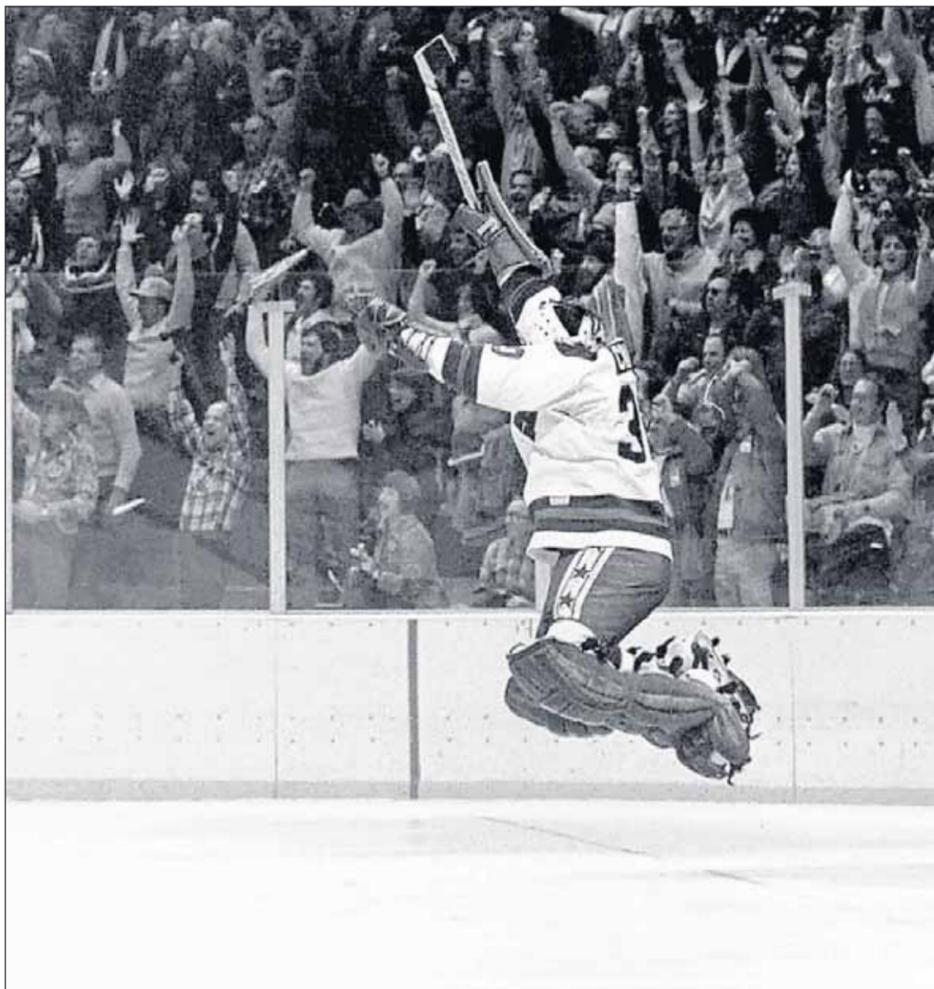
At the time, I was a 17-year-old high school senior who was as impressionable as could be. I was preoccupied by the possibility that my country would soon go to war with Iran because that nation had kidnapped American diplomats and workers from the U.S. embassy in Tehran. Truthfully, my simplistic high school brain told me that I was ready and willing to fight Iran in order to avenge the capture of Americans by a hostile nation that thumbed its nose at us and chanted, "Death to America."

Such chants were broadcast into our living rooms every day by then powerful national networks. They became derisive jeers from Iran after a U.S.-sanctioned attempt to rescue the American hostages failed miserably. With Watergate, the resignation of President Richard Nixon and the disaster of the Vietnam War still ringing in our ears, the winter of 1979-80 was a tough time for the American spirit.

That hockey win, a 4-3 triumph before a home crowd at Lake Placid, N.Y., made us all feel better. It created the feeling in our minds that, "Hey, we're still tough. We're still great." That feeling was an illusion, of course. If our American boys had played the Soviets again in that tournament, it's a safe bet they would have wiped the ice with us as they had in New York only days before the 1980 games.

The "Miracle on Ice" players, and their late coach Herb Brooks, became crossover celebrities like few sports figures do anymore. They were everywhere, from Main Street America to Madison Avenue to Hollywood.

For years, I would only have to think about their victory to get



AP FILE

U.S. goalie James Craig leaps high in the air at the end of the historic win.

choked up all over again. Less than five months after the "Miracle on Ice," President Jimmy Carter signed Proclamation 4771 — which started registration for military service for young men born after January 1, 1960. I was born in November of 1962 and when I got my notice, I went down to the local post office and registered immediately.

My inspiration was the "Miracle on Ice" team. They had filled me full of jingoistic passion that I was willing — I thought — to lay my life on the line for my country. I didn't realize it then, but the "Miracle on Ice" was a shining example of how sports can serve as narcotic, filling us full of delusions that don't hold up when the high has passed.

It was a quintessential moment where sport and nationalism

intersected like a match and a fuse. Can you imagine? In my mind, at that time, I was willing to put my life on the line because of a hockey game? I didn't know these hockey players. They were mostly from Minnesota and Boston, places I had never been to. I didn't know anything about their lives or who they were. All I knew was that they beat the super power Soviet Union, our enemies in the Cold War that was still raging.

It didn't matter that the U.S.-Soviet hockey game was not shown on live TV. It didn't matter that all of us were tuned into ABC to watch the game that night. Just as people older than me remember where they were when JFK was assassinated, I remember exactly where I was when I learned of the "Miracle on Ice": At my par-

ents' home in San Jose. I was watching a sports network that was less than a year old and called ESPN.

For years later, no matter where I was, I could bring myself to tears simply by recalling that victory. This was the case even after the Soviet Union fell. In fact, this feeling lasted for decades and I'd mark the major anniversaries of the "Miracle on Ice" with the same fervor as I had years ago.

I did so even though I had come to realize how lucky I was that my country never went to war when I was of the age to serve in the military. How lucky I was to have not been killed or maimed because of misplaced feelings of jingoism inspired by the "Miracle on Ice." I hung onto my feelings of nostalgia for the "Miracle on Ice" even after I had come to despise the unholy alli-

ance of sports and nationalism.

The greatness of America, to me, is the ability to both celebrate and question our past. But in sports, this is not the case. Just ask Colin Kaepernick, the former 49ers quarterback who was blackballed by the NFL for kneeling during the Star Spangled banner in protest of police brutality. Ask Megan Rapinoe, the American women's soccer hero, who was trashed by President Donald Trump and homophobes everywhere for speaking her mind about pay equity for female athletes.

Ask LeBron James, who is mocked routinely by Trump and his propaganda arm of Fox News. James is told to "Shut up and dribble."

The "Miracle on Ice" guys were perfect for adulation because they were all white, fresh faced and eager to embrace the flag without question.

There is a saying in sports that demands that athletes, "Stick to sports." But that's a lie. The demand is only made of athletes who dare to ask questions about their country, as is their right. When the NFL wraps itself in the flag, it's a political act and the "Stick to Sports" crowd has no problem with that. And it's not just the NFL; every sports league does it. So does that once brand-new network called ESPN that has rid itself of sports personalities for questioning Trump.

That's why it should have come as no surprise to me or anyone else when, over the weekend, several of the "Miracle on Ice" guys appeared at a Trump rally wearing red hats. They happily allowed themselves to be used as props for a President who is popular with white nationalists and who denigrates people of color constantly.

When I saw the image of the team as old white men wearing red hats next to Trump, the spell was finally broken. The shelf life for this fantasy had run out for me.

These guys didn't represent a unifying force in America. They represent a certain way of thinking in America that has only hardened and become weaponized. And those of us who thought we were in the big tent of patriotism when we were cheering those guys were clearly mistaken.

It wasn't a miracle at all. It was a lucky win that spawned a myth that died when the red hats came out and the truth was revealed.



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John Wigner, of Kansas City, portrays Wolverine and Michelle Carey, of Chicago, is Catwoman at the Wizard World Comic Con at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont in 2017.

Too many fan cons?

C2E2 is this weekend in Chicago, then suddenly there's 'Little Pony' con, steampunk happenings and more almost every weekend

BY CHRISTOPHER BORRELLI

About a decade ago, before C2E2, aka the Chicago Comics and Entertainment Expo, established its annual residence at McCormick Place, local fans of "Star Wars" or Captain America or "Charmed" or anime or "Doctor Who" might have to wait many excruciating months, or even a year, between meet-ups of their far-flung pop-culture tribes. The geek social calendar was slow and static: Wizard World Chicago Comic Con came in late summer, Anime Central in early summer, then the Flashback Weekend horror con in midsummer. Rosemont served as the hub. An intrepid few might head to San Diego for the granddaddy of comic cons in July. But generally, fan convention season lasted about eight weeks.

No more. These days, if you want to keep up with the explosion of pop culture-centric conventions scheduled in the Chicago area, you are going to need a lot of extra batteries for your lightsabers, a bunch of free weekends and, more importantly, a Batcave full of money. This spring alone, you could conceiv-



Natasha Rizvi of New York is dressed as Batgirl at C2E2 at McCormick Place in 2019.

ably hop from C2E2 in February to Schaumburg's Whinny City Pony Con (for uber-fans of "My Little Pony") in March to Anime Central at Rosemont's Stephens Convention Center in May to the combo "Supernatural"/"Vampire Diaries" convention in June (also at the Stephens) to an alternative-comics con in Edgewater just a week later. And on and on, from con to con, *comics and sci-fi and furies* — oh my!

Not that every con appeals to every fan, of course. Indeed, it's likely why C2E2, starting

Friday, now the largest fan convention in the Chicago area, drew 90,000 attendees last year alone. After a decade, it's evolved into a "balance" of favorite *stuff*, said Mike Armstrong, vice president of ReedPOP, the Connecticut-based organizer of C2E2, as well as New York Comic Con and Star Wars Celebration. "The idea is to not completely overload on any one thing." Stars attending including Mark Ruffalo and the Arrowverse's Stephen Amell. But if you're not into

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Jennifer Hudson in "Cats."

The fur will fly!

'Cats' returns for a 'drink-a-long' screening May 20 at Music Box

BY MICHAEL PHILLIPS

A few weeks after the fabulously awful film version of "Cats" opened on Dec. 20, Universal Pictures' box office disaster was granted a miraculous new life as so-called "rowdy" screenings. Designed for "Rocky Horror Picture Show"-style audience interaction and running commentary, the screenings began popping up all over America.

In this part of the country, two late-night showings are scheduled for March 20-21 at Milwaukee's Oriental Theatre.

And here in Chicago, the Music Box Theatre hosts a "Cats Drink-a-Long" screening May 20.

"Honestly, based on the ridiculous number of comments we got from a single Facebook post last night, we might sell out," Music Box general manager Ryan Oestreich said Wednesday.

The Chicago screening takes the May slot in the theater's monthly "drink-a-long" series. Next up is "Election" (March 4), followed by "Legally Blonde" (April 8). Then the fur will fly, and the riveting litter box of misjudgments directed by Tom Hooper will once again ascend to the Heavside Layer and sprinkle catnip upon us all.

This isn't the first instance of Chicagoans hate-watching the latest Andrew Lloyd Webber musical to hit the movies. Earlier this year I joined Amy Do and John Cotter, hosts of a Radio DePaul podcast, in their examination of the nascent "Cats" cult film status. "Unreasonably horny," "truly harrowing" and "a good time with friends" were three verdicts rendered by some of their interview subjects.

The Music Box Theatre's Facebook announcement of the

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How 'Invisible Man' became survivor's story

Director, actress form winning team to refocus a classic

BY SONAIYA KELLEY
 Los Angeles Times

When writer-director Leigh Whannell was approached to update the horror classic "The Invisible Man," he basically spit-balled the entire plot on the spot. Fresh off the modest success of his low-budget 2018 sci-fi thriller "Upgrade," Whannell found himself in a room with executives from Blumhouse Productions and Universal when "they floated this title to me like, 'What do you think about the Invisible Man?'" he said. "Which was weird to me because it was a bit Mad Libs. I was like, 'Not really sure? Never thought about the Invisible Man too much.'

"But one of the guys in the meeting said, 'Well, what would you do with the character?' And purely to fill the airtime I was like, 'I guess I would probably tell the story from the point of view of a victim, like a woman escap-

ing a relationship.' I sort of vomited out the entire movie."

Whannell conceived of the character as a wealthy scientist (played by Oliver Jackson-Cohen of "The Haunting of Hill House") who is charming and controlling in equal measure. After his girlfriend manages to escape the glass prison they share together, he stages his own suicide just to continue to torment and control her under the cover of invisibility.

In a departure from the original H.G. Wells novel and its 1933 film adaptation — and despite the character's title billing — this invisible man is a distant secondary character.

"I think it's really obvious that the way to make the Invisible Man scary is to not focus the film on him," said Whannell. "Once you put the monster in the spotlight, you demystify it. Not showing something is always the scariest thing."

Instead, he shifted the narrative focus from the titular antagonist to his intimate partner Cecilia Kass, a woman who is gaslighted to the brink of insanity, played by Emmy- and Golden Globe-winning actress Elisabeth Moss.



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Director Leigh Whannell worked with actress Elisabeth Moss on the newest incarnation of "The Invisible Man." This one has a plot twist.

"One of the things I liked the most about this movie is that it's a real-life monster," Moss said during a joint interview with Whannell earlier this month. "That's what really curdles your

blood when you watch the movie. "That feeling of not being believed, not being heard or being scrutinized for believing something you know in your heart to be true is something I think on

varying levels we can all identify with.

"When I start telling people what this movie was about and how it was being used as an analogy for gaslighting, I was really surprised by how many people would get this look in their eye. It's a commonality that I think deserves to be explored."

"I think the 1933 film is a classic horror movie with an important place in the history of horror, but it's not terrifying to modern audiences," said Whannell. "I saw an opportunity to reframe it in a way that could be scary. We didn't want to rely on the histrionics of horror, we wanted it to be real. The scariest monster is the one you can imagine in your own life. It's not a fanged beast, it's the guy next door."

Upon finishing the script, Whannell quickly realized that the success of the film would hinge on its central performance. "I realized that the whole movie rested on this one character's shoulders," he said. "The list of actors that can (carry an entire film) is short. And I remember

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Welsh singer Duffy attends a film premiere in London in 2011. She has been out of the public limelight for years.

Singer Duffy says rape, captivity led to her public retreat

NEW YORK — Grammy-winning singer Duffy says she's been out of the public limelight for years to focus on recovering from being "drugged and raped and held captive over some days."

The Welsh performer said in a revealing Instagram post Tuesday that it has taken time to recover and asked her fans to support her. She said she shared more in an interview that will be published soon.

"You wonder why I did not choose to use my voice to express my pain? I did not want to show the world the sadness in my eyes. I asked myself, 'How can I sing from the heart if it is broken?' And slowly it unbroke," she wrote.

Duffy's 2008 debut album, "Rockferry," won the best pop vocal album Grammy. The song "Mercy" from the album topped the U.K. singles chart. She released her sophomore album, "Endlessly," in 2010 but has barely released since.

She did not reveal more details and asked for respect during her "gentle move" toward revealing more. A representative for Duffy did not immediately return a message seeking comment.

"If you have any questions I would like to answer them, in the spoken interview, if I can. I have a sacred love and sincere appreciation for your kindness over the years. You have been friends. I want to thank you for that," she wrote.

— Associated Press



ANDREW MILLIGAN/GETTY

Just call him Harry: The British prince who is preparing to step back from royal duties would normally be referred to as "sir" or "his royal highness." But as he was introduced to speak about sustainable tourism in Scotland on Wednesday, the Duke of Sussex said the formality no longer was necessary. "He's made it clear that we are all just to call him 'Harry,'" conference host Ayesha Hazarika said. "So ladies and gentlemen, please give a big, warm Scottish welcome to Harry." Prince Harry and his wife, Meghan, say they will walk away from most royal duties starting March 31, give up public funding and try to become financially independent. The couple, who were named the Duke and Duchess of Sussex on their wedding day, have also stopped plans to use the "Sussex Royal" brand because of U.K. rules.

Star narrators of 'Beedle the Bard' audiobook:

Jude Law, Warwick Davis and Evanna Lynch are among the readers in an all-star recording of J.K. Rowling's "The Tales of Beedle the Bard," the first time her Harry Potter spinoff has been available as an audiobook. Audible announced Wednesday that "Beedle the Bard" will go on sale March 31. The audio release is a joint project between Audible and Rowling's Pottermore.

Feb. 27 birthdays: Actress Joanne Woodward is 90. Actress Barbara Babcock is 83. Actor Howard Hesseman is 80. Actor Grant Show is 58. Actor Donal Logue is 54. Singer Chilli of TLC is 49. Singer Josh Groban is 39. Actress Kate Mara is 37.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Student learns growth equals change

Dear Amy: Everyone claims college is the best four years of your life. My friends always pressure me by saying that I only have a limited opportunity to go wild and have fun.

Recently, I have been having a lot of one-night stands and casual sex.

The moment I realized how damaging this was for me was a weekend where I hooked up with a guy who I thought was super-cute and honestly would like to get to know better.

The next day a group of us (including him) hung out. I pretended not to care about him. He was flirting with some of my friends (and other girls), so I decided to flirt with one of his friends.

I don't even know him that well, but I was avoiding how I was really feeling by flirting with his friend.

Why do I keep doing this and how do I stop? In this world where double standards are such a thing, I try to be the bigger person, to pretend that I don't care, but I do.

I was truly upset when the guy I hooked up with was talking to one of my friends, and I got jealous.

— Young, Confused, on Edge

Dear Confused: First this: The same subset of people who claim high school is the most awesome time of life also claim that college is your last chance to "be wild," etc.

As a relatively ancient person, I'm here to tell you that no phase of life has a lock on awesome. And the experience of wild abandon is most wonderful when you are mature enough to treasure the true joy of feeling your own

"aliveness."

Other reasons why people look back on the college years with such fondness involve the challenges of diving into your intellect, growing up alongside a diverse group of people, arguing over the great realm of ideas, exploring your spirituality, learning how to live authentically — and yes, having sexual experiences.

As a young woman, you have the right (and the duty) to claim your own power, and I want to congratulate you because what you are going through right now means that you are growing! Growth equals change.

Pretending you don't care about someone is not being "the bigger person." Jealousy is a natural human emotion. Learning to love yourself means that you will treasure your own complex emotions, and you won't beat yourself up for feeling your feelings.

An evolving person who has overindulged (on drink, drugs, food, sex) will have the dawning realization: "Hmmm, this isn't working for me anymore." And that person will then explore behavior, examine motivation and choose to live differently.

This is your time.

Dear Amy: I caught my fiancé cheating! He was sending nasty pictures of himself to another woman. He swears he's never slept with her.

We are supposed to get married in two months! I'm devastated. Everything is already paid for, and most of the money that has been spent is money we can't get back.

Please help me. I have

no idea what to do.

— Heartbroken

Dear Heartbroken: I'm so sorry you are going through this.

Is your fiancé sorry? Other than defensively stating that he hasn't slept with this other woman, has he explained why he did this? Has he done this before? Does he not consider this cheating?

You need to try very hard — for now — to put wedding thoughts and talks on hold for at least two weeks, while you two talk about this. If you are having clergy perform your ceremony, you two could seek to meet with them in order to air your concerns.

Only you can decide if this is a true dealbreaker, and your decision will be based on the confrontations and conversations that flow from this episode. If it is a dealbreaker, then losing this money will (honestly!) be the best money you've ever spent.

Dear Amy: "Frustrated Mom" does not understand why her mother does not want to babysit her grandson one day a week.

Your answer was perfect. This grandmother is done raising children. The daughter needs to grow up.

— D

Dear D: This grandmother was willing to babysit, but not on the schedule that her daughter insisted upon. Response to my answer has been mixed, but I thank you.

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everyone at Universal was really excited about Lizzie because they had just done 'Us' with her."

In a stroke of kismet, Moss had been hankering to revisit the horror genre after her experience working with Universal and Jordan Peele on the filmmaker's sophomore outing, which was produced by Jason Blum and starred Lupita Nyong'o as a woman battling her shadow self.

"I've always loved horror but I really wanted to do one after the experience of watching Lupita and how absolutely magnificent she is in that movie," said Moss. "I could see, 'Oh, my god, OK, that's what you can do with a role like that.' She went so far and it was just the coolest thing, so I couldn't wait to get the script. They said, 'You're going to get an offer for 'The Invisible Man.' And I was like, 'OK, that's amazing,' because I loved working with Blumhouse. But I also was like, '... The Invisible Man?'"

"I guess if they can't see me, it's fine," Whannell joked.

"Yeah, 'If they can't see me, I guess I can play any gender,'" said Moss. "But they said the woman was the lead and when I read the script, it was not only a horror film but this incredible character piece. It had a really challenging arc that you don't get in some of your best dramas. So I said yes immediately."

After Moss was secured, Whannell leaned on his leading lady to authenticate the female perspective. It's the latest in a successful series of creative collaborations for Moss, who has helped shape many of her strongest roles, from the heroine of Hulu's "The Handmaid's Tale" to her partnerships with indie filmmaker Alex Ross Perry, including last year's grunge rock drama "Her Smell."

"That was the missing puzzle piece of the script," Whannell said. "I was

happy with the screenplay but I needed that collaboration with Lizzie. We would dissect scenes for hours and we would rewrite the script and kind of do an autopsy on these scenes. I feel like the film became stronger because we were like copilots."

"There were times when a scene would only exist on our scripts," said Moss. "Yeah, exactly," said Whannell with a laugh. "And everybody would be like, 'Scene what?'"

"It would just be written in the margins," said Moss. "And some of it would be written in mine and some of it would be written in yours."

"The funniest thing was watching the reactions of the other actors," said Whannell. "They just had to roll with it. Because there's a certain sense of impostor syndrome that happens if you're writing a story about a woman's point of view (as a man). And I didn't really start feeling comfortable with it until Lizzie and I had all these conversations. She gave the film authority ... and it felt like a true collaboration."

Though the script required Moss to stretch her imagination by fighting against an invisible adversary multiple times, the actress says the biggest challenge of all was the amount of running the role demanded.

"Let's just say I underestimated it," she said. "And the speed at which Mr. Whannell would require me to run, which was basically faster and faster. I am not a particularly physical person, I do not really work out. And I got there and was like, 'I've made a terrible mistake. I absolutely should have gone to the gym.'" "Remember a lot of times you'd be like, 'I feel like we got the shot?'" said Whannell with a laugh. "You'd be like, 'I really feel like that one worked.' And I'd be like, 'One more!'"

"I should have perhaps trained a little bit," she said. "And then once I got there I quickly ordered an ellipti-



FRANCOIS MORI/AP

Producer Jason Blum, from left, actress Elisabeth Moss and director Leigh Whannell huddle for a photo during the French premiere of *The Invisible Man* on Feb. 17 in Paris.

cal machine for my apartment. Warming up before takes is different for me. I don't usually do the plank before a take on 'Handmaid's Tale.' So that was a whole new thing, but it was fun. I felt like I was Jason Bourne, basically."

But not all of the physical stunts were grueling. Thanks to her background in dance, the choreographed fight scenes were a lot less arduous, Moss said. "It was so much fun. We had such a great stunt team and they took really good care of me and made sure things were safe. Leigh called me when I was in Toronto shooting Season 3 (of 'Handmaid's Tale') and said, 'Look, I want to talk to you about the stunts and I would like you to do as much of it as possible.' And I basically was like, 'I want to do as much as I can. We should just always decide by what looks best on camera.'"

"It's very mechanical," said Whannell. "A lot of the fight scenes that Lizzie had to do were almost like dance choreography. This disembodied voice would be booming over the set counting out the motion control camera like, 'And one and two and ...' and Lizzie knows that on three, she has to be here. And I remember thinking, 'God, I

couldn't do that.' " "I thought it was so fun, the idea of having to follow the counts," said Moss. "For my brain, that's perfect."

Whannell's earliest memory involving the *Invisible Man* goes back to elementary school when he played hooky one day to watch the 1967 stop-motion animation "Mad Monster Party."

"I guess it speaks to the fact that these characters have been around so long," he said. "They're so ubiquitous in popular culture that they're not even scary anymore. Like when I think of Frankenstein, I think of 'The Munsters.' But when that book first came out, it was (considered) terrifying. And so the idea with this movie was, can I take this character back to his roots and make him scary again?"

One of Whannell's key strategies for upping the scares was to ground the means of invisibility in reality. This invisible man has a technological explanation rather than a supernatural or fantastical one.

"When I came up with the idea, I was like, 'Is this plausible?'" said Whannell. "And we talked to a bunch of scientists and they were all like, 'Oh yeah, this is possible.' Tech is like that now. I feel like things that

used to be sci-fi when we were kids are now ubiquitous. Like my daughter thinks nothing of walking into the kitchen and being like, 'Alexa, play Taylor Swift's greatest hits' and having a disembodied voice answer, 'Yes, I will.' So I wanted to get away from the serum (trope) like, 'Ah, it's alive!' I needed it to be something that you could see an Elon Musk or a Mark Zuckerberg launching on the world."

Following "Upgrade," about a quadriplegic who gets a computer chip implant that allows him to walk again and spurs a bloody quest for revenge, that low-humming anxiety many of us feel about the encroaching tech evolution has become a common theme in Whannell's work.

"They put this stuff out into the world at an accelerated rate without really testing it," he said. "And then the aftershock is measured later. The push toward easiness isn't always a good thing. Other technological innovations have had to crawl before they could walk. It wasn't like the car rolled off the production line and it was like, 'Bang! We're in cars now.' But tech today has a much faster rollout. The world can change tomorrow."

"The Invisible Man" marks the first release in Universal's new plan for rebooting its classic movie monsters. After 2017's Tom Cruise-topped update of "The Mummy" bombed at the box office, the studio quickly pivoted away from the idea of a shared movie universe a la Marvel to a series of "filmmaker-first" stand-alone stories.

"Of course you feel a great responsibility because this was the beginning in some ways of horror cinema," said Jason Blum of taking on the iconic property. "So you carry the weight of that on your shoulders." But that weight also feels familiar to Blum, whose production company is ushering in a revival of horror classics one reboot or remake at a time.

"The Invisible Man" arrives in theaters two weeks after the release of "Blumhouse's Fantasy Island," a Sony reimagining of the '70s television series. And in October, the production house will release the second film in its reboot of the "Halloween" series with Universal.

"I like the challenge of it," Blum said of his attraction to previously loved IP. "People are skeptical about it so the expectations are low. I like surprising people. And more often than not, we've (succeeded)."

Though he's not yet attached to any of the other Universal monster titles, Blum says he would like to be in the future. As for Whannell, who created both the "Saw" and "Insidious" franchises with filmmaker James Wan, the director says he's just hoping audiences respond to this film before considering any follow-ups.

"A sequel is a champagne problem created by the success of a movie," he said. "I'm so superstitious when it comes to movies because it's so much gambling. You have all this control but then when you release it, it's out of your hands. So I don't want to jinx the whole process by thinking about a sequel before it's warranted."

'The song is never done'

You might think, 'Who asked Dashboard Confessional to come back?' Chris Carrabba has some answers for you

BY DAN HYMAN

Nostalgia is a tricky proposition for Chris Carrabba. On one hand, he revels in it.

"Let's enjoy this thing we once enjoyed together so well," said the Dashboard Confessional singer, who is in the midst of an anniversary tour celebrating 20 years as a band, where on select nights he'll be playing his two best-known albums in their entirety, 2001's "The Places You Have Come to Fear the Most" and 2003's "A Mark, A Mission, A Brand, A Scar." In January he also unveiled "The Best Ones of the Best Ones," Dashboard's first-ever career-spanning compilation album.

But talk to the soft-spoken singer long enough, as we recently did, and it becomes readily apparent that despite his appreciation for a nostalgic moment, in reality he's always viewed Dashboard Confessional as a living, breathing entity forever subject to change.

"One thing about my live performances is I do allow myself to be affected by the song I'm singing right then and there," said Carrabba, who has become one of the most successful acts to emerge from the early-aughts emo-rock scene and plays the House of Blues on consecutive nights beginning Saturday.

"It's not like musical

theater, where you're just delivering something on a nightly basis with the same intention. My songs just don't lend themselves to that. My songs live with chaos and unpredictability."

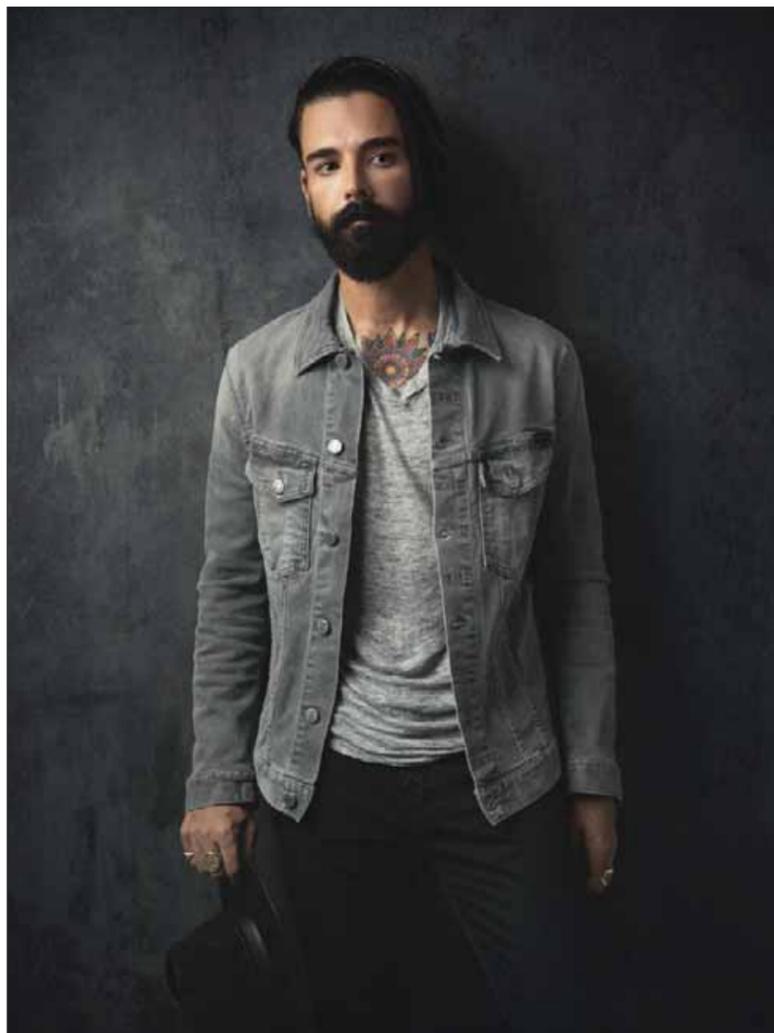
It's this raw, unfiltered emotion that's long resided at the core of Dashboard songs and what has made Carrabba such a compelling, if not occasionally melodramatic, live act.

To hear the singer-songwriter tell it, he's always viewed his studio albums as simply the starting point for each song's narrative. Since he almost never listens to the recorded version of any of his songs, to play it live and subsequently watch it evolve over the years into sometimes an entirely new entity, is to see each song blossom into its full potential.

"Songs are not like printed poetry that just live forever to be interpreted," Carrabba said. "If you play it live, they are really malleable and continue to evolve. The song is never done; it just lives. For some people, the studio recording becomes a really important moment. For me it's all about right now."

In preparing to play two of his most adored albums, what Carrabba said he has also found is that it's not necessarily wise to perform the songs in the order they appeared on the album.

"You have to allow your-



DAVE BEAN

Dashboard Confessional singer Chris Carrabba is revisiting two of his most beloved albums while on tour, but he's still game for reinvention.

self to step back," he said, and what he's found is that you have to "up the ante" for a live show and not simply expect the track listing to provide the most exciting experience for fans.

"Certainly, the audience has listened to the songs in that order, but does it really work live?" Carrabba said. "Invariably the answer unfortunately is not really.

"So you have to make an agreement with yourself right away that you have to compromise a little bit if you want to deliver the songs in the best way you can."

But even Carrabba has limits for how far he's willing to push things. While artists such as Bob Dylan and the Counting Crows' Adam Duritz are known to transform a song so drasti-

cally in their live set it barely resembles the original version, Carrabba feels he'd be doing a disservice to fans if he did the same.

"My feeling is to safeguard the song as much as possible," he said. "You're allowing things to change but also trying hard to not lose the original melody."

"Sure, a song is going to change and drift, but I'm more concerned with the

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music around it evolving and that's where I find I can change the songs a bit."

A song's melody, he conceded is the one element fans can grip tightest.

"So you don't want to take that piece, which I believe is the most precious, away from them," Carrabba said. "Fans aren't out there with drumsticks or guitars; they're out there with their voice. So for me to change that too much would be robbing them of the song. That collective moment of us singing together is so paramount to me and my audience."

Carrabba is decidedly humble in conversation, often downplaying his influence. When it's explained to him that his music has been cited as highly influential by artists of many genres, he said, "of course I'm surprised to hear that." He said the artists who influenced him growing up were certainly varied. Having been raised on a diet of equal parts hip-hop, metal, goth and college rock, "for me to draw from Sick of It All and Quicksand, the Cure, Wu-Tang Clan and maybe even Lindsey Buckingham, none of it was out of bounds," Carrabba said. "The common thread within it all was that it drew an emotion out of me and it supercharged my own songs with emotions."

He paused and added, "And then I went on my own trip."

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paying \$200 for Ruffalo's autograph (his asking price at C2E2), there's a wealth of comic-book creators. If you're not into comics, there's lots of cosplay. If you're not into cosplay, etc. ...

"There are so many conventions today, and I don't know if there's a (convention) bubble per se," Armstrong said, "but I see the good ones, and the biggest ones, continuing to grow. Some (conventions) are already consolidating, or already going out of business, but the best will continue, and the best are the ones that simply recognize the need for a fan of something to have fun among other people who are also fans of that same thing."

Many of what were once comic book or "Star Trek" conventions are probably better described now as all-purpose pop-culture conventions. And not merely because fans are more open-minded. Consider Marvel.

"It's not lost on us that fans are consuming (Marvel) in a variety of mediums," said Brian Crosby, creative director of Marvel Themed Entertainment, the division of the comic book giant that handles live events and exhibits. "Some are hardcore gamers, not necessarily interested in comics."

"And some of the comics people are not into the films. But the films are where more people do know the characters now. The point is, this isn't a comic-book fan base anymore."

Meaning a convention scene so busy that Crosby, who decides which cons the publisher attends, is fielding weekly requests by new conventions hoping to woo Marvel.

For convention centers, though, it has been a breeze.

"Yeah, we have seen a major uptick in these (fan cons)," said Grant Bailey, the assistant general manager of the Donald Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont, which still books the majority in the area. "We do anime conventions now. Two comic



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"Artist Alley" at C2E2 in 2019 is where artists can meet fans and sell merchandise at conventions like this one.

cons. Which is partly because some of these conventions have been outgrowing the smaller venues where they used to be. I mean, 30 years ago, if you saw someone running up River Road in a Superman costume, it was "What the heck?" And now, week after week, it's a pretty common sight."

At McCormick and Stephens, the largest convention centers in the Chicago area, the bread-and-butter bookings have always been, and continue to be, professional conferences and conventions, the sort of outwardly tasteless, highly-specialized gatherings of occupations that might cure sleep disorders in ordinary mortals. Think a National Council of Teachers of Mathematics convention (in April; McCormick) or an annual conference for the Association of Rotational Molders (in September; Stephens).

"Even something like our auto show is a classic convention-center event," said Keith Murphy, senior national sales manager with McCormick, "but (fan conventions) are getting even more powerful in a way because they have a stronger economic impact. You don't have just day-trippers but people from all over. You get overnight stays in hotels, which is a barometer that conventions are often measured by. Last year, when we did Star Wars Celebration for five days? It was like the world arrived. That's not the auto show."

He said fan cons have been so sought-after he briefly attempted to woo Gen Con, the now 52-year-old table-top gaming convention, from its Indianapolis home; McCormick is

also in talks with ReedPOP to create a new "Star Trek" convention in Chicago next April.

The reasons for the explosion itself are not hard to figure out.

In the past 20 years, so-called geek culture has, of course, become the mainstream culture. Superheroes dominate our movie theaters. Binge-able sci-fi/fantasy/superhero/dystopian dramas suck up all the attention on our streaming services (actors from Netflix's "Umbrella Academy" and Amazon Prime's "The Boys" are some of the biggest names at C2E2 this year). Gen-Xers are less willing to give up their childhood obsessions, despite giving birth to millennials, resulting in several generations of the same family geeked over the same thing. And if you're an actor within a fervent corner of this world, conventions are fresh income. Last year, Stephens booked the new Ace Comic Con Midwest, which is focused on appearances by A-listers like Chris Hemsworth who asks hundreds of dollars for a signature. Amell, who played Green Arrow on "Arrow" (and appearing at C2E2 this year, asking \$70 an autograph, or \$90 a photo), even created a talent agency that specializes in booking talent into fan conventions.

"I've gone through fits and starts in doing (conventions)," he said. "I did them pretty heavily during the second, third, and fourth season (of "Arrow") and then I stepped back my schedule, just wanting to focus on finishing the show really well, and now with a young kid, not wanting to miss time with her on the

weekends and with my family."

A less obvious question about the explosion of fan conventions is not why the explosion itself but whether the demands of so many fan conventions is stretching the scene thin?

When Mike Kerz and his wife Mia, from Niles, started the Flashback Weekend Chicago Horror Convention in 2002, he didn't have to advertise on social media, he didn't have to worry about flying in major celebrities, he didn't have to worry about other conventions hundreds of miles away. And yet, he said, the convention ecosystem has become so packed and competitive now he doesn't dare schedule Flashback, which attracts 10,000 to a hotel ballroom in Rosemont every July, the same weekend as San Diego Comic Con, which pulls at least 135,000 and several major Hollywood studios.

"You would think they wouldn't have an effect but if we schedule our show the same weekend as San Diego, all the actors we want for Flashback would be in San Diego." Conversely, Walker Stalker Con, a "Walking Dead" convention held in various cities, has apparently been scrapped for Rosemont in April. Viewer-fueled "The Walking Dead" has been plummeting.

Generally, though, the problems at these conventions are ones of abundance.

Crosby of Marvel said because comic-book creators "have really come to like C2E2, it's drawing a lot of artists and writers." That said, "It's also become physically impossible for us to do every convention that wants us. We pick and choose now."

Indeed, ask a comic book artist at a convention like C2E2 if they enjoy comic cons and many say yes, they say they make a nice side income from the conventions, then they add a caveat: Time at a comic convention means time away from the drawing, deadlines and daily job.

Jim Lee, publisher and chief creative officer at DC Comics, is appearing at C2E2. He remembers back when "the old Chicago Comic Con out by O'Hare

in Rosemont was probably the No. 2 show in the country." As one of the most sought-out artists and writers in the comic book industry for the past 30 years, he's met his share of deadlines in hotel rooms during conventions, drawing book covers on little sleep after endless days of meeting fans.

He says that today there can be a shortage of talent available to work on something because so many artists and writers are working the convention circuit, and because so many fans expect them to be at their convention, and because, for many artists and writers, the circuit has a reliable second income. "So yes, it does take away time from the drawing board. Plus, there is the recovery time. You hear about 'con crud,' a euphemism for whatever sickness you might have picked up at a convention. But exhausting as it can be, I always leave shows super amped, just pumped and excited for the future. You really get something out of tapping into (a fan's) enthusiasm. It helps when you get home, physically tired as you'll probably be."

■ **Friday to Sunday:** C2E2 Chicago Comic & Entertainment Expo at the South Building of McCormick Place (www.c2e2.com).
■ **March 27-29:** Whinnycity Pony Con at Hyatt Regency Schaumburg. Panels, dances, music, cosplay and discussions about the animated series "My Little Pony" (<https://whinnycity.com>).

■ **May 15-17:** Anime Central. Stephens Convention Center, Rosemont. The Midwest's self-proclaimed largest anime convention (last year's attendance was about 33,000) (www.acen.org).

■ **June 4-7:** Supernatural 2020 / Vampire Diaries 2020 at the Stephens Convention Center, Rosemont. Panels and autographs and more about the two CW cult series (www.creationent.com).

■ **June 5-7:** Cogs & Corsets, A Central Illinois Steampunk Happening in downtown Bloomington, Illinois. A citywide meeting of people into old timey with a touch of sci-fi (cogsandcorsetsil.com).
■ **June 13-14:** CAKE: Chicago Alternative Comics

Expo at the Broadway Armory on the North Side. Having outgrown its former home on Halsted, expect even more underground comix (www.cakechicago.com)

■ **June 26-28:** Gateway: The Official Stargate Convention at the Westin O'Hare Hotel in Rosemont. Three days of actors, trivia and panels about the beloved cult sci-fi TV series and film (www.creationent.com).

■ **July 10-12:** G-Fest at the Crown Plaza Chicago O'Hare in Rosemont. An annual celebration of all things Godzilla, gigantic monsters and Japanese beasts. Now in its 27th year, with more than 1,000 attendees (www.g-fan.com)

■ **July 31-Aug. 2:** Flashback Weekend Chicago Horror Convention at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare, Rosemont. The long-running, self-described "family friendly" meeting of horror and genre fans. Among those appearing this year: Alex Winter, aka Bill of "Bill and Ted" (flashbackweekend.com).

■ **Aug. 1:** Oddities & Curiosities Expo at McCormick Place North Building. A one-stop, one-day Amazon of the unusual. In the market for Halloween decorations? Or taxidermy? (odditiesandcuriositiesexpo.com)

■ **Aug. 20-23:** Wizard World Chicago Comic Con at the Stephens Convention Center, Rosemont. The longest-running large-scale comic con in the Chicago area (wizardworld.com)

■ **Oct. 16-18:** Ace Comic Con Midwest at the Stephens Convention Center, Rosemont. As a comic con, it's lame. As a place to snag a photo with an A-list actor (last year's Ace featured Chris Hemsworth, Brie Larson and several others) it's a budget-busting must (www.acecomiccon.com)

■ **Dec. 3-6:** Midwest FurFest at the Stephens Convention Center, Rosemont. Maybe the strangest of all. A vast gathering of people who like to dress like animals (www.furfest.org).

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BOOK REVIEW

Machiavelli's lessons for today's world

Proponent or critic of ruthlessness?

By JENNIFER SZALAI
The New York Times

The term “Orwellian” has always struck me as curiously Orwellian — a mild example of doublespeak that ties an author’s good name to the dystopia he so memorably depicted. (See also “Dickensian” and “Kafkaesque.”) Instead of referring to George Orwell’s crisp prose or moral clarity, “Orwellian” is like the doctor’s name that ends up anointing the terrible disease he discovered, forever yoked to the affliction he abhorred.

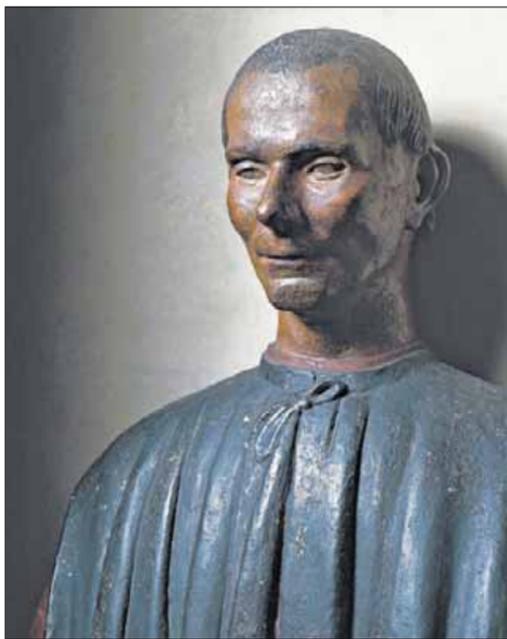
“Machiavellian” is another shorthand that inverts its namesake, even if the Renaissance statesman and writer Niccolò Machiavelli still gets cast in the popular imagination as a cynical proponent of ruthless power politics. In “Machiavelli: The Art of Teaching People What to Fear,” French historian Patrick Boucheron joins an estimable list of scholars who have been trying to debunk the crude stereotype of Machiavelli as a fascist enabler and tyrant whisperer.

This energetic little book started out as a series of talks for French public radio in 2016, and it offers a knowing guide to Machiavelli’s life and work. The

tone, in Willard Wood’s translation, is playfully conspiratorial. Boucheron invites us to think through how Machiavelli became synonymous with unscrupulous despotism when the real man suffered for his republican allegiances.

Boucheron’s breezy use of the first-person plural keeps his argument humming amiably along, though some English-language readers might feel buffeted by the occasional gusts of cultural presumption. “We are familiar with Guy Deleuze’s prophetic 1967 work ‘The Society of the Spectacle,’” Boucheron declares in passing. (We are?) “We have therefore been warned about the pernicious effects of commodity fetishism and the frenzied acclamation it generates.”

What Boucheron is talking about is the Florence of Machiavelli’s birth in 1469 — a republic in name only, “swollen with pride” and “gradually settling into oligarchy,” where officials were elected to office every two months, thereby ensuring the de facto rule of wealthy families like the Medici. In 1498, after a coup and a strange, four-year reign by the Dominican friar Savonarola, the 29-year-old Machiavelli ascended to a government



A bust of Niccolò Machiavelli, who is most famous for his book “The Prince.”

post that put him in charge of Florence’s foreign affairs.

Over the next 14 years, Machiavelli gained political experience, observing up close how power worked. As the envoy from a tiny state who met with both adversaries and allies, he was sometimes subject to contempt and humiliation, and accordingly learned certain lessons. Boucheron makes a clever case that travel was “an exercise in disorientation,” allowing Machiavelli to see Florence and its position in the world anew. “Is this not what the painters of the Renaissance called perspective?”

When the Medici returned in 1512, due not to popular demand but to foreign support, they had Machiavelli arrested and imprisoned, stranding him up by a pulley to force him to scream out a confession

of wrongdoing, which he didn’t do. A year later, Machiavelli was living in exile on his farm, writing “Of Principalities,” the book that would become better known as “The Prince.”

Never officially published in his lifetime, “The Prince” would become his most popular work, and the one most likely to be misread. It’s an irony that wouldn’t have been lost on Machiavelli, whom Boucheron deems an inveterate dramatist and irrepressible trickster. The standard reading of “The Prince” views it as Machiavelli’s attempt to ingratiate himself to the returning Medici by offering them what amounted to a book-length job application: a treatise filled with underhanded tactics for seizing and maintaining power.

“It is much safer to be



‘Machiavelli: The Art of Teaching People What to Fear’

By Patrick Boucheron, translated by Willard Wood, Other Press, 159 pages, \$14.99.

feared than loved”; “people should either be caressed or crushed”; “the new ruler must determine all the injuries that he will need to inflict;” and “must inflict them once and for all.” This is the Machiavellian Machiavelli: amoral, conniving and cruel, responding to whatever the situation demands. A 16th-century Catholic cardinal was so horrified by “The Prince” that he said it was written by “the finger of Satan.”

But it has always been hard to square such a literal reading with the facts of Machiavelli’s life, and with the republican theories he developed in books such as “Discourses.” Some critics have insisted that Machiavelli’s advice was so brutal and outlandish that the depraved ruler who actually dared to put his precepts into practice would make his people hate him and inevitably bring about his own ruin; this was “The

Prince” as Trojan horse or poison pill, crafted by a former political prisoner intent on bringing down the Medici clan. Still others decided Machiavelli was a satirist, while Rousseau read “The Prince” as a warning: Machiavelli, by dissecting the mechanics of power, was telling people what they ought to fear.

“Machiavelli is the master of disillusioning,” Boucheron writes. “That’s why, all through history, he’s been a trusted ally in evil times.” It’s not so much the content of “The Prince” as its approach, with its “theatrical energy” and “sure and rapid pace,” that offers a way to think about politics not as static and immutable but as stubbornly contingent. Cultivating republican institutions and the rule of law requires certain techniques; sheer political survival requires others. In a capricious world, Boucheron writes, intentions only count for so much: “He lets us see how the social energy of political configurations always spills out of the neat constructs in which it’s meant to stay put.”

Boucheron thinks the United States is currently grappling with what the historian J.G.A. Pocock called the “Machiavellian moment,” when instability puts the future of a republic at stake. A resurgence of Machiavelli suggests something has gone awfully awry. “If we’re reading him today,” Boucheron writes, “it means we should be worried.”

But just as his subject had a “taste for paradox,” Boucheron refuses to leave it at that. If we’re reading Machiavelli today, we might also learn something from his “lucidity, the weapon of the despairing.” In other words, there’s still some hope.

BOOK REVIEW

Diving into the gray areas of consent and complicity

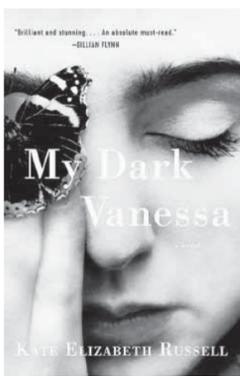
By JENNIFER BLANKFEIN
Tribune News Service

On the heels of the “American Dirt” conversations, Kate Elizabeth Russell’s novel “My Dark Vanessa” has been met with its own controversy. Another highly anticipated novel — one that garnered its author a six-figure book deal — has entered the conversation on the gap in opportunities available to Latinx authors.

“My Dark Vanessa” is a fictional story of a young high school girl and her questionable relationship with a male teacher, loosely based on the author’s own experiences. Latinx author Wendy C. Ortiz says her memoir, “Excavation,” is eerily similar to the novel, yet she did not get a six-figure advance or the publicity push. With the inequalities Latinx authors feel they are facing, folks are speaking out and the publishing industry is taking note.

“My Dark Vanessa” is a chilling, addictive psychological thriller. It begins with 15-year-old Vanessa, a bright high school student with low self-esteem and typical teenage insecurities, attending boarding school. Feeling anxious and alone, she throws herself into reading and writing poetry, yet she continues to struggle.

Jacob Strane, a charming 42-year-old literature teacher at the school, sees her vulnerability, gives her confidence by complimenting her and attempts to make a connection. They bond over the written word, begin spending a lot of time together, and their trusting friendship goes from being tantalizing to sexual. Vanessa grapples with her own power and sexuality during this coming-of-age affair as she



‘My Dark Vanessa’

By Kate Elizabeth Russell, William Morrow, 384 pages, \$27.99

feels excited for these physical and emotional milestones that indicate love. This forbidden relationship with Mr. Strane often seems romantic, and other times, she questions it.

“He touched me first. Said he wanted to kiss me. Told me he loved me. Every first step was taken by him. I don’t feel forced, and I know I have the power to say no, but that isn’t the same as being in charge.”

She is exhilarated and fantasizes about her teacher, yet her naivete holds her back and she relies on him to lead the way.

“There the fantasy fizzles out, because what we do after that depends on what he wants, and I have no idea what he wants.”

In the present time, Vanessa, an adult now in her early 30s, is single and working a menial job at a hotel. She learns of a student at her old boarding school who has charged Jacob Strane with sexual abuse. Vanessa has remained in touch with Strane and she still feels connected to him. Their

relationship has framed her life, and she defends him, as she reckons with her feelings for what she believes was genuine love. Yet, in the current environment of examining the actions of men in power, she begins to question his behaviors — toward the accuser, and then toward her young self years ago.

“The difference between rape and sex is state of mind. You can’t rape the willing, right?”

What is the truth? Her memories of the past are unclear. Was she a willing participant? Can she negate this life-defining affair she had with Jacob Strane and label it as abuse after all these years? Did she consent? Was she complicit? Or was their relationship illegal and immoral?

The results of sexual abuse are vast and long-lasting. Stories about teachers exerting power and influence over students, using manipulation to create situations, and students being thrilled with the attentions of these adult figures who provide guidance and approvals is not new.

In “My Dark Vanessa,” we follow a young, naive student down the rabbit hole of approval and acceptance and what she thinks is something like love. As an adult looking back, in today’s #MeToo environment, Vanessa has second thoughts about her high school teacher and his manipulative advances toward young girls, calling into question so much of who she has become as a sexual being, a woman and a human. Consent, complicity or coercion — how do we talk about these kinds of relationships and whom do we hold responsible? “My Dark Vanessa” is a compelling read, sure to spur endless discussion.

BOOK REVIEW

Seminar on Dame Agatha leads to betrayal and disappearance

By MARION WINIK
Newsday

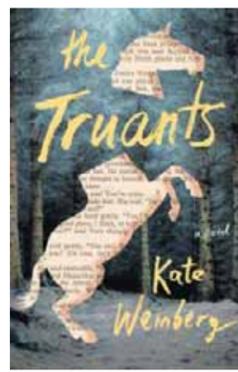
Kate Weinberg’s sizzling debut novel, “The Truants,” revolves around a fictional book also called “The Truants,” and it opens with a fan letter to its author sent by the narrator. As she explains in her mash note, Jessica Walker will be attending college at the University of East Anglia — a backwater in the middle of nowhere — mainly for the opportunity to escape the crushing banality of teenage life by studying with her idol.

“Since I first read your masterpiece ‘The Truants,’ I have considered your scorching and irreverent commentary as something of a manifesto for life. ... I have completed the reading list, including a full immersion in the gin-soaked minds of Hunter S. Thompson, Zelda Fitzgerald and John Cheever.”

Though Lorna Clay’s academic star is seemingly on the rise, she has left a job at Cambridge for this much less prestigious school; the circumstances of her departure are a mystery. In any case, her drunk-authors class is full, so Lorna admits Jess into her Agatha Christie seminar. At first disappointed, Jess soon sees that the woman’s brilliance is just as blinding in what she thought to be a lesser context.

But as the librarian points out when Jess goes to check out the assigned Christie reading, “Crime doesn’t have its own section. ... It’s all in Fiction.”

Professor Clay’s first lecture focuses not on the novels but on the life — Christie’s 11-day disappearance after she found out her husband was having an affair with her best friend. It sparked an intense nationwide hunt, at the end of which, she turned up at a spa hotel.



‘The Truants’

By Kate Weinberg, Putnam, 320 pages, \$26

As the professor writes on the board: “People disappear when they most want to be seen.” This narrative of betrayal and disappearance echoes through the plot of “The Truants.” Though there’s no full-on murder mystery, the literary conversation with Dame Agatha continues with a couple of dead bodies, the possibility of foul play and a visit to a remote Italian island.

Intrigue on campus is a juicy fictional genre of its own, suggesting another reading list: Donna Tartt’s classic “The Secret History” and two recent excellent additions, “If We Were Villains” by M.L. Rio and “My Education” by Susan Choi. A crush on a charismatic teacher, platonic and otherwise, is a key component of these narratives; Lorna is a rock-star prof par excellence. With her striking pale orange hair and fair, freckled skin, her long skirts over scuffed cowboy boots, she possesses “the rarest type of beauty, the kind that isn’t strained for.” And though she has a live-in relationship with an older male faculty member, Lorna can be found holding court at student parties, where Jess

observes that “some kind of current transmitted from her — not just from her blazing mind and the words that she chose, but from the very energy around her.”

Other regular features of the campus confidential are a best friend character and a complicated love interest, preferably a triangle. Jess finds the first down the hall of the dormitory: Georgie Duncan, a posh party girl with “bleached hair cropped high to the headline on her long, fine neck” and “her pockets always spilling over with drugs.” Moments into the term, Georgie hooks up with Alec, a sexy South African journalist with a dangerous political past. Though Jess entertains the attentions of a kind, handsome geology student named Nick, she’s secretly mad for Alec. And everybody’s crazy about Lorna — or almost everybody.

Betrayals and disappearances ensue. “The Truants” gets a little plotty toward the end when it goes to Lorna’s island hideaway to solve its mysteries. Underlying the action, however, is the novel’s relationship to its namesake, Lorna’s “scorching and irreverent” literary manifesto. Must writers be “blind drunk, very high, or having sex with anyone they could get their hands on — living life dangerously and selfishly” to accomplish great things? Is the collateral damage — “from heartbroken partners to neglected children, even bloody corpses” — worth the price?

An actual bloody corpse can change your thinking on this, it seems. After Jess gets all the drama she could ever hope for during her first year in East Anglia, she is unexpectedly relieved when life becomes ordinary again.

And we never learn what grade Jess got in Lorna’s seminar.

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upcoming “Cats” drink-along screening drew an even warmer array of comments, ranging from “The

dream comes true!” to “Christ almighty Jesus.”

General manager Oestreich noted that the “Cats” event comes on the heels of recent and highly successful Music Box screenings of the annual “CatVideoFest,” a compila-

tion of internet cat videos presented on the big screen. “Three showings and we grossed over \$20,000,” he said. “We’re going to keep doing it, because the audience is there.”

As for “Cats,” the musi-

cal, “who knows how long that second life is going to last?” Oestreich wondered. “For now we just hope people enjoy themselves watching ... well, whatever you call that movie.”

I told Oestreich I’d keep May 20 clear if the Music

Box promises to set up a kitty litter mosh pit.

His reply: “We’ll discuss that in the next programming meeting.”

“Cats Drink-a-Long,” 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 20, Music Box Theatre, 3733 N. South-

port Ave.; musicboxtheatre.org. Tickets \$11.

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WATCH THIS: THURSDAY



Edie Falco

"Tommy" (9 p.m., CBS): When a polarizing climate change protest sparks rioting and a bomb threat at the same time that a huge mudslide shuts down a major freeway, Tommy (Edie Falco) is forced to decide the best way to deploy the finite resources of her department in the new episode "19 Hour Day." Evan Castellanos, Josh Liveright, Tonye Patano and Alexander Hodge guest star; Michael Chernus, Adelaide Clemens and Thomas Sadoski also star.

"grown-ish" (7 p.m., 9 p.m., FREE): Almost as soon as she returns to the track, Sky (Halle Bailey) confronts a new complication in the new episode "Doin' the Most." Jazz (Chloe Bailey), meanwhile, works hard to balance her track time and her personal life. Zoey (Yara Shahidi) turns to an unexpected source for help juggling her studies at school with her new job as a fashion stylist. Elsewhere, things are heating up for Javi and Ana (Henri Esteve, Francia Raisa).

"Jersey Shore: Family Vacation" (7 p.m., MTV): After a turbulent year, Mike "The Situation" Sorrentino rejoins the cast as this reality series returns to finish the final run of new Season 3 episodes, leading up to Angelina Pivarnick's dream wedding. As Sorrentino struggles to make a fresh start, Jenni embraces her new single life, while Vinny is in a cheerful mood, since he's back to eating carbs again. Elsewhere, DJ Pauly D continues his American tour.

"Everything's Gonna Be Okay" (7:30 p.m., 9:30 p.m., FREE): Alex (Adam Faison) holds his own as he and Nicholas (Josh Thomas) work through their relationship issues at home in the new episode "Maggots." Genevieve and Matilda (Maeve Press, Kayla Cromer) confront sexuality at school in very different ways, and ultimately the former is forced to grow up.

"Deputy" (8 p.m., FOX): While investigating a rash of home invasions in West Hollywood, Bill (Stephen Dorff) and his team discover a burglary ring whose members vie for bragging rights in the new episode "10-8 Entitlements." Meanwhile, Paula and Maggie (Yara Martinez, guest star Valeria Jauregui) continue planning the latter's quinceañera, with help from Paula's mother (Jenny Gago).

"60 Days In" (9 p.m., 1 a.m., AE): Only four participants still remain in the program at the Etowah County Detention Center in Alabama, a situation that motivates that foursome to jockey for status in the pod in the new episode "They Know." Ashley, however, feels more vulnerable than ever and fears the female inmates know she's a police officer.

TALK SHOWS

"Conan" (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actor Steve Coogan.*

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Comic John Mulaney; Bad Bunny talks and performs.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actor John Turturro; Kaleo performs.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live!" (10:35 p.m., ABC): Actor Mark Wahlberg; actress Storm Reid.*

* Subject to change

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	NBC 5	Superstore (N) ©	Brooklyn Nine (N)	Will & Grace (N) ©	Indebted (N) ©	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (N) ©		NBC 5 News (N) ▶
	ABC 7	Station 19: "Ice Ice Baby." (N) ©		Grey's Anatomy: "Snowblind." (N) ©		(9:01) A Million Little Things: "The Lunch." (N)		News at 10pm (N) ▶
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	BET	★ (5:30) Little Man ('06) ★★		BET Star Cinema ▶				
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Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Feb. 27): Career achievements about this year. Coordination, organization and collaboration are your winning combo. Teamwork leads to victory, before summer romance and professional passions shift directions to new levels of fun and love with family. Next winter's domestic changes motivate professional breakthroughs. Connect to grow.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Follow your heart. Wait for better conditions to advance a personal project. Notice a way around a barrier. Make repairs and upgrades.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 7. Consider the emotional undercurrent. Rest and wait for developments before making your move. Consider potential barriers and plan alternative routes. Recharge patiently.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 8. Don't get frustrated by a team challenge. An obstacle blocks progress. Proceed with caution. Avoid extra expense or hassle. Use your practical resources.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 8. Slow for a professional hurdle. Reaffirm commitments and connections. Weigh the pros and cons of a strategic decision. Don't overextend. Build bridges for rising influence.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Consider potential problems with the itinerary. Postpone unnecessary deviations. Monitor traffic and conditions. Adjust your route as you go.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Don't let an unexpected expense throw you off your stride. Keep your momentum. Continue to generate valuable contributions to shared accounts.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 7. You and your partner can navigate an obstacle. Check internal gauges. Work through changes together. Abandon a worn-out perspective. Keep an open mind.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 9. Proceed with caution. Your health and physical energy benefit from deep rest, regular routines and good food. Mitigate the effects of a disruption.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 7. A romantic challenge takes a new twist. Stay graceful under pressure. Maintain a mystery. Stifle rebellious tendencies. Keep your cool despite rising heat.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Home could get chaotic. Make repairs or improvements to handle a blockage. Planning pays off. Your greatest strength is love.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Don't make assumptions. Do the homework and reassess the situation. Take time to clarify misunderstandings or crossed wires. Connect and network for greater impact.

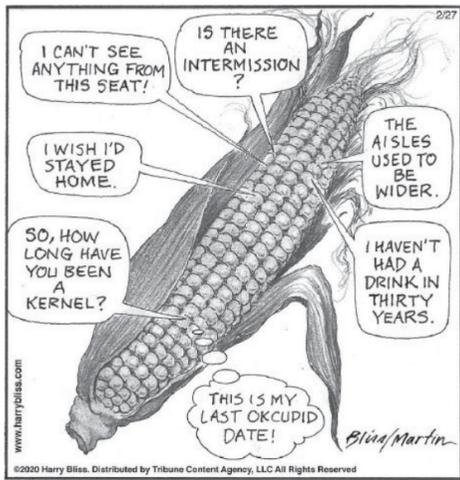
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 9. Stay in communication to navigate a financial challenge. Profitable efforts benefit from clarification. Stick to simple measures. Don't overextend.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater



Bliss



Bridge

North-South vulnerable, East deals

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

Sorry folks, but this is the way they bid in some parts of the world. North's three-spade bid asked for a stopper in that suit. Today's deal is from the Australian Open Team Playoffs last year. Currently, Australia has many young players on the rise and South was one of them — Justin Mill.

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
INT*	Db1	2♣	Db1**
Pass	3♥	Pass	3♠
Pass	3NT	All pass	

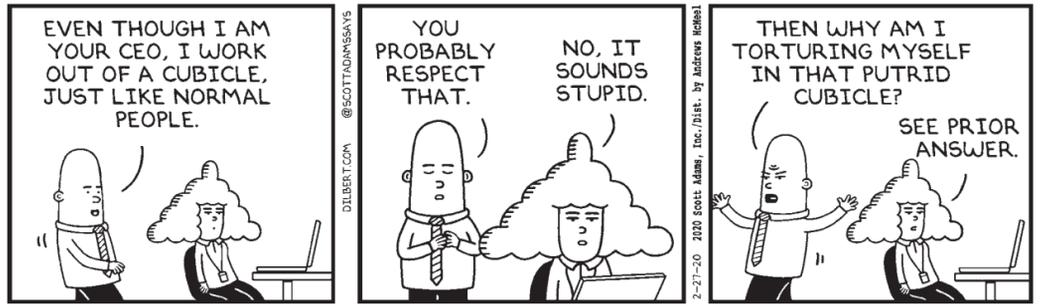
*10-12
**Takeout
Opening lead: 10 of ♣

The same contract was reached at all four tables. One declarer, after a spade lead, took advantage of the favorable diamond position to take 11 tricks. The other three declarers faced the more challenging lead of the 10 of clubs. The other two won the third club and played on diamonds, hoping for a 4-3 split in clubs. They were both defeated. Mill had a feeling that the clubs were splitting 5-2 and he played accordingly.

Mill ducked the first club, won the second, and cashed four rounds of hearts. East discarded a diamond on the fourth heart. Mill now cashed the ace and king of spades, removing the safe exit cards from the East hand. Mill exited with his last club to East. East could cash two more club tricks, but then had to lead a diamond away from his king and Mill had his ninth trick and a big gain for his team. Nicely done!

— Bob Jones
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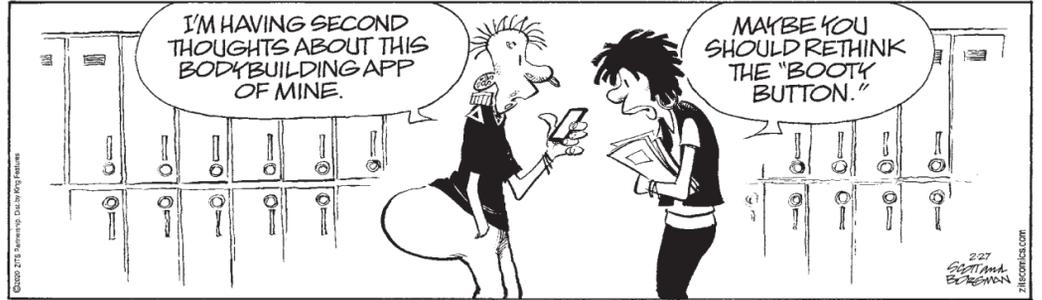
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Mr. Boffo



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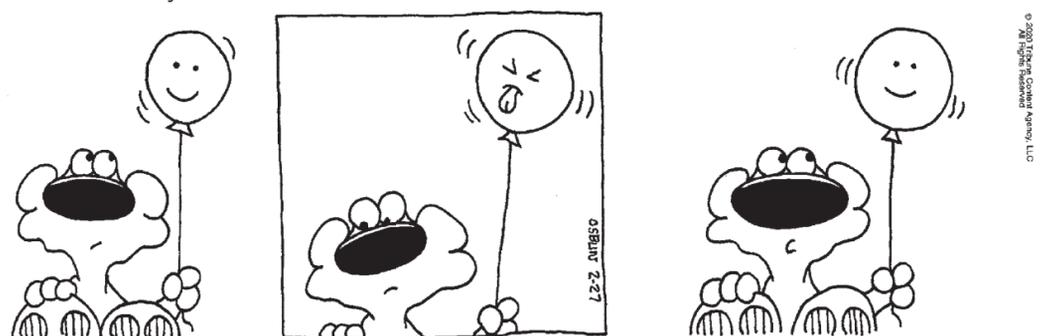
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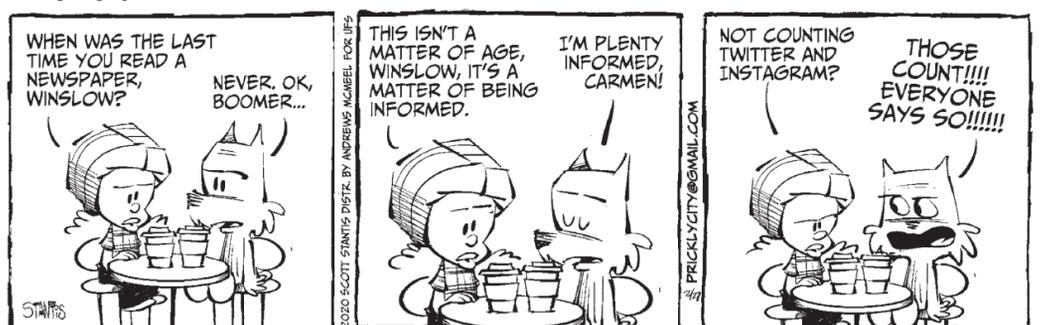
Dick Tracy



Animal Crackers



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THURSDAY, FEB. 27 NORMAL HIGH: 40° NORMAL LOW: 24° RECORD HIGH: 75° (1976) RECORD LOW: -6° (1897)

Cold through Friday before a weekend warmup

LOCAL FORECAST

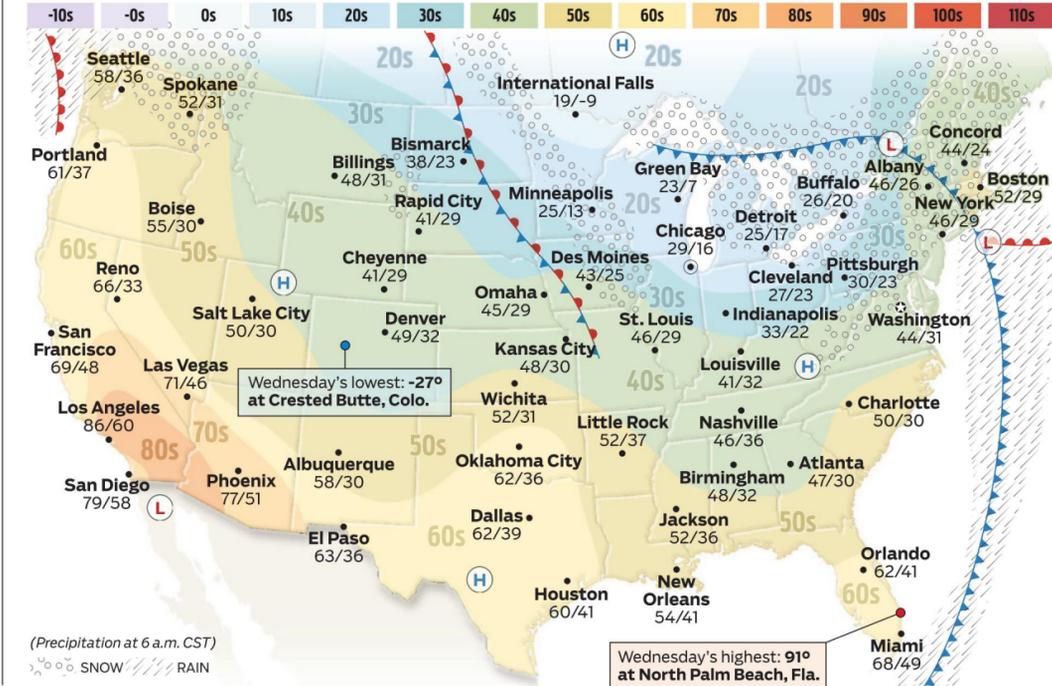
HIGH 29 **LOW** 16

■ As low pressure "bombs" (intensifies) over the northeast U.S., strong NW flow on the back side of this storm system steers very cold northern Canadian-source air into our area.

■ Partly sunny, northwest winds gusting to 25 mph and cold with afternoon highs struggling to warm out of the 20s – some 10-degrees below the normal for this date.

■ As a "short wave" aloft approaches from the NW, mid-level clouds will spread over our area at night, holding low temps in the middle teens.

NATIONAL FORECAST



As intensifying low pressure moves off to the east with 1 to 2-feet of snow expected with Blizzard Warnings in portions of New York state and Winter Storm Watches in parts of New England, gusty north-west winds on the backside of the storm will steer cold air into our area for the next couple days.

The high temperature here was 32-degrees Wednesday and we probably won't reach that level again until this coming Saturday. Once winds shift to the southwest, temperatures will be on the rise – reaching well into the 30s, possibly touching on 40-degrees Saturday. Clouds will be on the increase later Sunday, as the next low pressure system/cold front approaches from the west, but the continued southwest winds will most likely boost readings close to the 50-degree mark Sunday afternoon.

FRIDAY, FEB. 28

HIGH 28 **LOW** 15

Mostly cloudy and continued cold. Chance of light snow mainly west. Highs again in the mid to upper 20s with a NW breeze. Clear skies and cold with diminishing winds overnight.

SATURDAY, FEB. 29

HIGH 40 **LOW** 32

Mostly sunny with scattered mid-level clouds. Winds pick up out of the southwest boosting afternoon highs into the upper 30s to lower 40s. Partly cloudy overnight.

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

HIGH 56 **LOW** 42

A sunny morning with increasing clouds in the afternoon. Warmer, afternoon highs reach the middle 50s. Cloudy with an increasing chance of rain overnight. Southwest winds.

MONDAY, MARCH 2

HIGH 51 **LOW** 34

Cloudy with rain likely. Highs near 50 degrees. A good chance of rain overnight, possibly mixed with wet snow north. Southerly winds shift to the north-west.

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

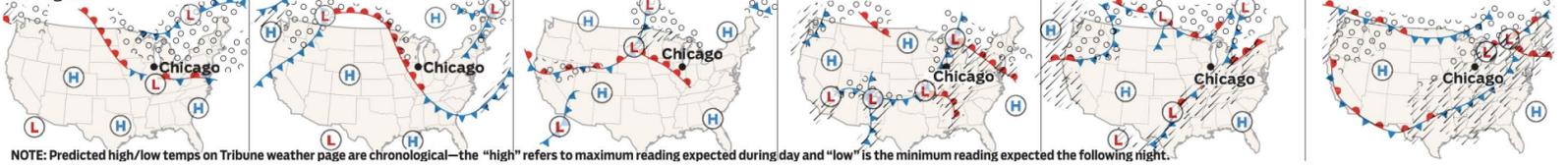
HIGH 42 **LOW** 35

Cloudy with a good chance of rain, possibly mixed with a little wet snow north during the daytime hours. A cold light rain possibly mixed with wet snow north and west sections overnight. North-east winds.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

HIGH 38 **LOW** 27

Cloudy and chilly with a rain/wet snow mix changing over to all snow from the west and diminishing during the afternoon. Mostly cloudy overnight. North-west winds.



ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
What is the reasoning behind "meteorological" seasons as opposed to "astronomical" seasons?
Philip Bechen
Vernon Hills

Dear Philip,
With meteorological spring beginning Sunday, it seems a good time to address this. Astronomical seasons are defined by the spring and fall equinoxes and the summer and winter solstices. However, those vary from year to year. That's why meteorologists use four three-month meteorological seasons. In the Northern Hemisphere, June, July and August define meteorological summer, while meteorological winter is made up of December, January and February. The remaining months define meteorological spring and fall. Since climate records are kept on a monthly basis, defining a season in terms of three complete months makes comparisons and rankings easy.

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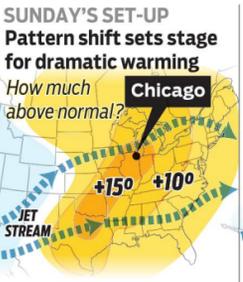
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Ivory's weather updates weekdays 3 to 6 p.m. on WGN-AM 720 Chicago.

Big pattern shift brings weekend warmup

AREA SNOW TOTALS

2-day accumulations through 8 p.m. Wed.

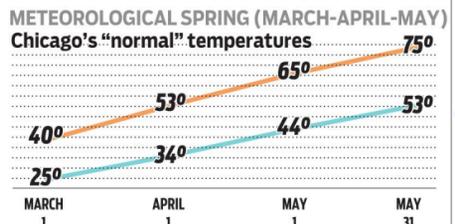
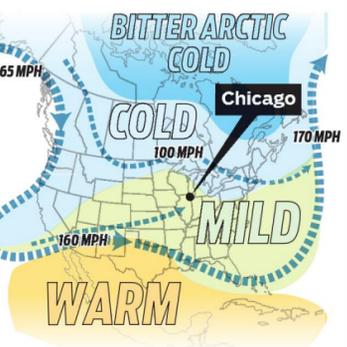
- 4.5" Valparaiso, Ind.
- 3.2" Park Ridge
- 3.2" Bolingbrook
- 2.9" Downers Grove
- 2.8" Naperville
- 2.8" Homer Glen
- 2.7" Midway
- 2.6" Mokena
- 2.5" Roselle
- 1.4" O'Hare



PATTERN CHANGE

Temps in the 50s possible in Chicago

Cold air trapped far north in Arctic/northern Canada. Warm air follows westerly jet inland over the SW U.S. Mild air surges on WSW winds into the Plains/Midwest. Depending on cloud cover, 50s possible in Chicago



SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives TOM SKILLING, PAUL DAILEY, BILL SNYDER, BILLY FALETTI, THOMAS VALLE / WGN-TV

MIDWEST CITIES

CITY	THURS./FRI.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois							
Carbondale	pc 45 31	cl	46 28				
Champaign	pc 36 21	cl	33 19				
Decatur	pc 39 22	cl	35 21				
Moline	pc 39 22	pc	36 20				
Peoria	pc 26 9	pc	27 8				
Quincy	pc 45 26	pc	42 25				
Rockford	pc 32 17	pc	32 16				
Springfield	pc 41 23	pc	37 21				
St. Louis	pc 36 19	pc	33 18				
Stirling	pc 36 19	pc	33 18				
Indiana							
Bloomington	pc 37 26	cl	37 22				
Evansville	pc 42 32	cl	44 27				
Fort Wayne	cl 26 16	cl	26 16				
Indianapolis	pc 33 22	pc	32 19				
Lafayette	pc 32 17	pc	30 15				
South Bend	cl 27 19	pc	25 18				
Wisconsin							
Green Bay	pc 23 7	pc	25 5				
Kenosha	pc 29 16	pc	30 16				
La Crosse	pc 28 11	pc	29 11				
Madison	pc 26 9	pc	27 8				
Milwaukee	pc 26 13	su	27 14				
Wausau	pc 21 3	su	23 3				
Michigan							
Detroit	pc 25 17	pc	27 16				
Grand Rapids	ss 25 19	sh	25 19				
Marquette	sn 19 13	ss	21 12				
St. Ste. Marie	sn 18 12	ss	18 10				
Traverse City	sn 24 18	ss	25 19				
Iowa							
Ames	pc 39 24	pc	38 24				
Cedar Rapids	pc 35 20	pc	33 19				
Des Moines	pc 43 25	cl	42 25				
Dubuque	pc 31 16	pc	30 13				

OTHER U.S. CITIES

CITY	THURS./FRI.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Albany	su 65 34	su	70 42				
Albuquerque	su 58 30	pc	59 35				
Amarillo	su 60 28	su	62 36				
Anchorage	su 23 7	pc	17 1				
Asheville	pc 39 26	cl	31 19				
Aspen	pc 37 14	su	43 18				
Atlanta	su 47 30	pc	52 34				
Atlanta City	pc 45 30	pc	45 27				
Austin	su 64 41	pc	73 45				
Baltimore	pc 42 31	pc	46 29				
Billings	pc 48 31	su	52 38				
Birmingham	su 48 32	pc	55 36				
Bismarck	sh 38 23	pc	43 25				
Boise	su 55 30	pc	61 39				
Boston	su 52 29	pc	41 27				
Brownsville	pc 66 44	su	74 48				
Buffalo	ss 26 20	ss	25 18				
Burlington	su 42 22	sh	28 15				
Charlotte	su 50 30	pc	52 34				
Charlottesville	su 54 37	su	57 41				
Charlottesville	su 35 29	ss	40 21				
Chattanooga	pc 46 32	cl	51 34				
Cheyenne	pc 41 29	su	51 33				
Cincinnati	cl 35 27	cl	37 20				
Cleveland	pc 27 23	ss	27 23				
Colorado Springs	pc 47 26	su	53 30				
Columbia MO	pc 46 29	pc	47 29				
Columbia SC	su 55 33	pc	57 37				
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Concord	su 44 24	pc	35 28				
Corpus Christi	su 61 41	pc	73 48				
Dallas	su 62 39	su	67 43				
Daytona Bch.	su 59 38	su	61 44				
Denver	pc 49 32	su	56 31				
Duluth	pc 42 4	su	25 12				
El Paso	pc 63 36	pc	68 41				
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Fargo	cl 20 9	pc	25 21				
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Fort Myers	pc 65 45	su	67 48				
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Honolulu	su 80 69	pc	78 67				
Houston	su 60 41	pc	72 47				
Int'l Falls	pc 19 9	su	22 8				
Jackson	su 52 36	pc	60 39				
Jacksonville	su 60 39	su	63 46				
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Kansas City	cl 48 30	pc	53 31				
Las Vegas	su 71 46	pc	71 50				
Lexington	pc 37 29	ss	40 22				
Lincoln	sh 46 30	pc	54 28				
Little Rock	su 52 37	pc	57 37				
Los Angeles	pc 86 60	cl	84 58				
Louisville	pc 41 34	cl	44 25				
Macon	su 53 30	pc	58 36				
Memphis	su 49 37	pc	54 36				
Miami	pc 68 49	su	69 50				
Minneapolis	su 25 13	pc	28 17				
Mobile	su 56 37	su	64 43				
Montgomery	su 52 31	pc	61 37				
Nashville	su 46 36	cl	51 32				
New Orleans	su 54 41	pc	56 39				
New York	pc 46 29	pc	42 28				
Norfolk	su 51 31	pc	53 31				
Oklahoma City	pc 62 36	su	64 38				
Omaha	pc 45 29	pc	48 28				
Orlando	pc 62 41	su	63 46				
Palm Beach	pc 67 48	su	69 47				
Palm Springs	pc 83 57	pc	85 57				
Philadelphia	pc 42 28	pc	44 26				
Phoenix	su 77 51	pc	81 53				
Pittsburgh	pc 30 23	pc	34 20				
Portland, ME	pc 45 27	pc	37 22				
Portland, OR	pc 61 37	sh	59 40				
Providence	su 51 27	pc	40 23				
Raleigh	su 50 30	pc	53 33				
Rapid City	pc 41 29	su	49 29				
Reno	su 66 33	cl	68 38				
Richmond	su 48 29	pc	51 29				
Rochester	su 30 21	ss	26 17				
Sacramento	su 77 44	cl	75 48				
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Seattle	pc 58 36	sh	55 41				

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NEW HOMES MARKETPLACE INSIDE

5 trends in home design you'll be seeing this year

BY DAN DICLERICO
HomeAdvisor

A whole new vocabulary is forming around home design, with terms like biophilia, assisted cooking and livability being bandied about by more remodeling pros. That was clear from the 2020 Kitchen & Bath Industry Show in Las Vegas, which took place in January.

More than 90,000 attendees caught the latest wares from more than 600 manufacturers. Here are five trends the pros say are here to stay.

1. Inexpensive materials that look anything but cheap

A recent rise in remodeling costs is driving interest to value-driven materials with high visual impact, including next-generation laminate countertops. The latest designs range from brushed metals to leathered veneers, cost as little as \$2 per square foot and can be applied to countertops, cabinets, walk-in

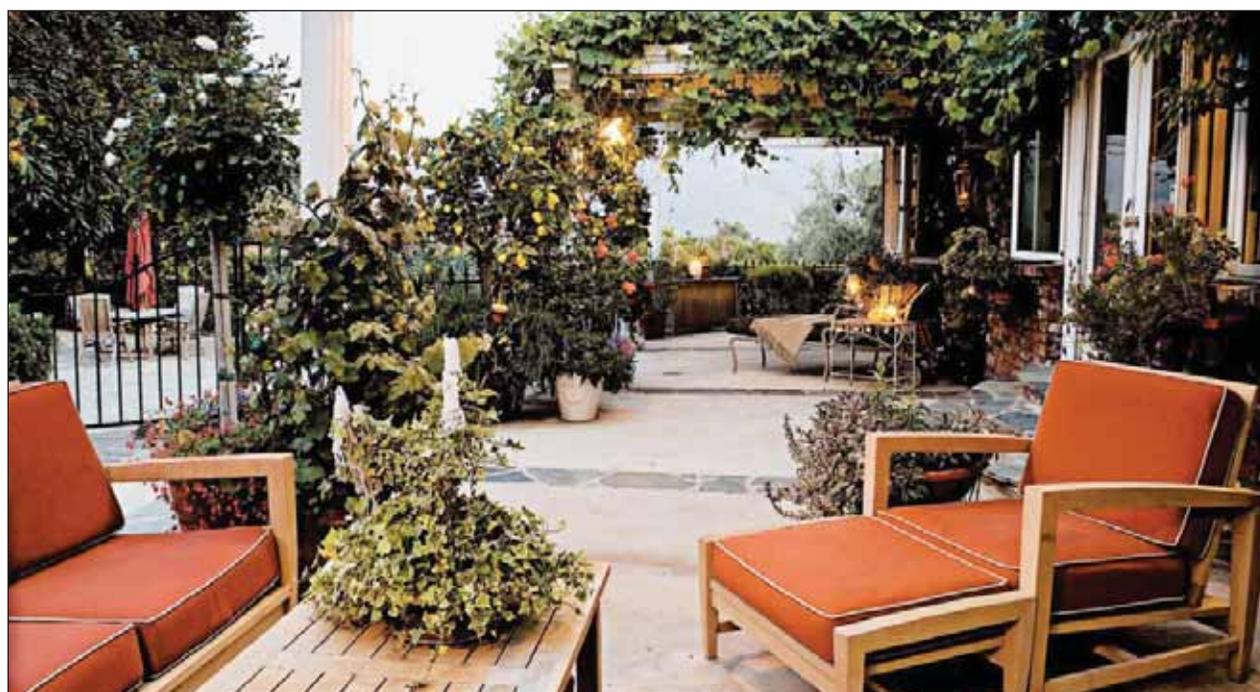
closets, fireplace surrounds and more.

Another example of the high-end look for less is porcelain floating floor systems that install twice as quickly as traditional tile, saving hundreds of dollars on labor for consumers. The new flooring continues the porcelain tile craze, just at a more affordable price point.

2. Voice control for everything and the kitchen sink

Remember when digital assistants like Alexa only lived in little speakers? Voice-controlled assistants are now being integrated into virtually every object in the home, including smart faucets that let you ask for a precise volume of water at a specific temperature — for example, 8 ounces of water at 98.6 degrees for the baby's bottle.

In the bathroom, we're seeing showerheads with built-in smart speakers, as well as smart toilets with voice-controlled operation



DREAMSTIME

Biophilic design, a big 2020 trend, is about enhancing the home's connection to nature.

of the toilet seat and built-in bidet.

3. Outdoor living inspired by the great indoors

A big trend for 2020 is using sophisticated design details to integrate outdoor living spaces with the home's interior. KBIS featured many fetching outdoor storage units with faux wood grain powder coat finishes, maybe to match the mahogany floors just inside the home.

And there was a lot of buzz around "biophilia," or the human affinity for nature. In the case of biophilic design, it's all about enhancing the home's connection to nature.

4. Artificial intelligence that's for real

AI is quickly moving from the concept phase to ready for prime time. Many of the best applications facilitate home maintenance. For example, we saw AI-powered appliances

that alert customers to potential problems with their appliances before they occur.

In addition, AI is making life easier in the kitchen. For example, manufacturers are putting smart cameras inside ovens and other appliances, where the "assisted cooking" technology can recommend recipes based on available ingredients, and then manage the cooking times and temperatures.

5. Aging-in-place gets a makeover

More older Americans plan to stay put in their current residence. But they don't want their home to look like a hospital, hence the demand for "livable" products with plenty of style.

Our pros spotted some nice ADA-compliant farmhouse sinks, which play beautifully into the trend for farmhouse design while enabling tasks to be done from a seated position.

The do's and don'ts of dark colors

BY CATHY HOBBS
Tribune News Service

When thinking of colors such as ruby red, indigo blue, forest green and chocolate brown, what images come to mind?

These colors are dark, bold and rich, and can be used either separately or in some cases in combination without feeling dark and gloomy.

The key is to use color carefully and purposefully and in moderation. In

nearly all cases, having a color plan is also helpful. In other words, knowing where and why you are going to use certain colors will go a long way in creating a cohesive look.

When looking to incorporate dark colors, here are some top tips.

DO

- Consider darker colors for some of your foundational pieces, such as upholstery.
- Paint walls in dark colors,

especially accent walls. Be careful when using unusually deep colors for entire rooms, as it may overwhelm.

■ Use tints, tones and shades of your darker colors in the same space. It will help make the room feel less overwhelming.

■ Consider using more than one dark color in the same space, especially in accessories and accents.

■ Use dark colors in overly bright spaces, as it will help to ground the room.

DON'T

■ Touch up dark paint colors on walls. Dark colors will not allow for touch-ups; entire surfaces will need to be repainted.

■ Use dark flooring in a dark room. It will serve to make the space feel even darker.

■ Paint ceilings a dark color, as the effect will make ceilings feel lower.

■ Forget dark colors make a room feel smaller. Darker colors in a larger space can feel warm and cozy.



DESIGN RECIPES

Charcoal walls and a blend of ruby red, forest green and dark brown make this living room feel warm, rich and cozy.

■ Forget to add a sense of contrast when using dark colors, such as adding a

light-colored rug or artwork in a space in which you have dark furnishings.

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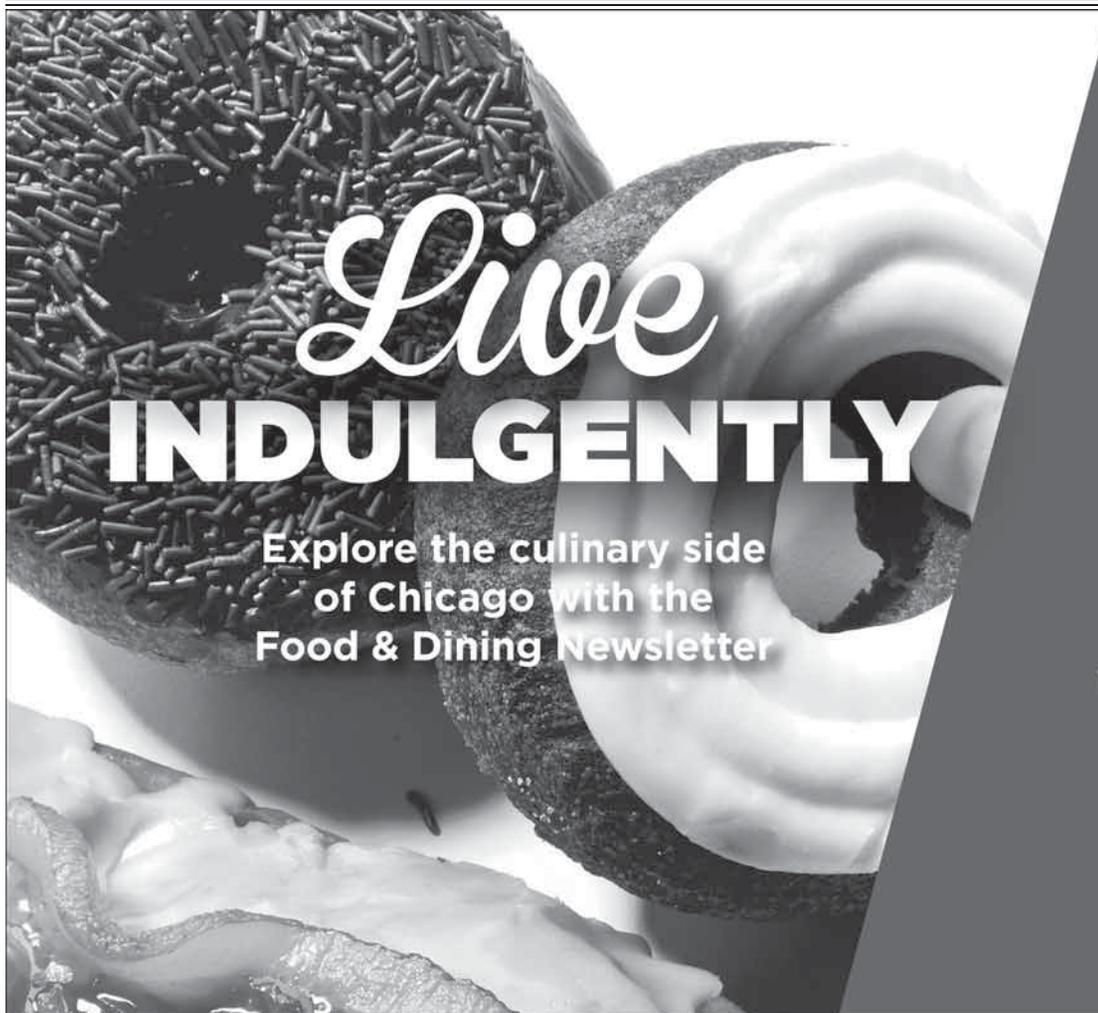
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'We do all the dirty work for you'

Love houseplants but need help? There's now a stylist for that.

BY STEVEN KURUTZ
The New York Times

Growing up in California, Orion Tait used to watch his father's weekend housekeeping routine.

"Sunday was loud music — Neil Young — and my dad going around watering the plants," Tait recalled. "He had a deck of plants growing everywhere. It was a ritual."

Tait, a creative director and partner at Buck, a production company, tried to carry on that tradition as an adult in his Brooklyn home, complete with the loud rock. But he and his wife, Amy Won, were too busy to care for their houseplants. They never got around to repotting them. Fungus gnats colonized.

"I was, like, this is New York City," Tait said. "There's got to be someone we can hire."

That someone was Lisa Muñoz. For \$2,000, Muñoz will come fill your house with plants and make it look beautiful. You can spend more than \$2,000, but you cannot spend less; that's the minimum fee charged by her Brooklyn-based firm, Leaf and June.

That covers the design, plants, potting, delivery of plants and a detailed care guide, Muñoz said. "You don't have to call an Uber XL to transport your big tree home," she said. "We do all the dirty work for you."

If Muñoz, 38, sounds practiced at selling her services, it's because her job title — interior plant designer — usually requires explanation. It's an emerging career; she has been doing it for six years.

Nurseries and flower shops have long provided professional plant care for offices and homes. Muñoz offers such maintenance services to her clients too.

But her real role is in performing the job that a fashion stylist or art consultant might — to make aesthetic choices and sound investments on someone's behalf. Just ... about plants.

The fascination with house-



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Hilton Carter 40, became a bit of a celebrity after he began posting photos of the plants that fill the lush rooms in his home in Baltimore.

plants has begun to spawn all manner of specialists.

After he began posting photos of his Baltimore home to Instagram three years ago, and talking about the 200 plants that fill the lush rooms, Hilton Carter became a bit of a celebrity. He published a book, "Wild at Home: How to Style and Care for Beautiful Plants," and, he says, created a new occupation.

"I'm not going to lie to you — I believe I was the first person to ever say I was a plant stylist," said Carter, 40, who worked at an ad agency before dedicating himself to houseplants. "I just ran with it. That's awesome that it's now a job title."

These days, Carter is too busy with his other plant gigs (he has a new book coming out this spring, "Wild Interiors," with a promotional tour to follow) to do much styling, he said.

Maryah Greene, who runs the one-woman firm Greene Piece, bills herself as New York City's "Plant Doctor & Stylist." She is the fiddle-leaf-fig whisperer for the

rest of us: She charges a flat hourly rate of between \$125 and \$175. Her clients are largely renters who want to introduce a little greenery into their lives but don't know a pothos plant from a bird of paradise, much less how to not kill them.

"A lot of what I do I like to think of as confidence boosting," said Greene, 24, who has plant-styled for more than a year and has met with about 50 clients so far.

The confidence they crave requires counsel: Will a monstera be happy by the radiator? Can sunshine-loving cactuses thrive in a light-starved apartment? What's the best pot to show off the pink and white leaves of hoyo carnosa?

More plant money, more plant problems

One wonders why a plant stylist is needed in the first place. The library is still free.

Yet in the age of the gig economy, where freelancers and consultants exist to fulfill every life need, and hiring out a task can be



VINCENT TULLO/THE NEW YORK TIMES

Plant styling by Lisa Muñoz, who charges a \$2,000 minimum fee, in the offices of Buck, a production company in New York.



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Lisa Muñoz, 38, a plant stylist, runs the Brooklyn-based firm Leaf and June.

preferable to learning how to do it yourself, houseplant decisions are just another thing to outsource.

The plant stylists say most people's ability to properly choose and care for houseplants is woe-ful, even as the reported desire to live among them is high.

"One of the biggest questions I get from clients is, 'What plant can I get that would be good with no light?'" Muñoz said. "No light? That's actually not possible."

John Fraser, a chef, hired Muñoz to rescue his neglected houseplants, which "were on death's door," and to create a potted greenscape on the balcony of his apartment. "I wanted

someone who could give me the answers that you probably learn over time," he said. "Because of travel and restaurant stuff, I'm not the best caretaker."

Meeting with a plant stylist is "a really intimate service," Greene said, and thus caters to the still would-be plant parent. "I can't provide you with the right plants unless I know who you are, what your work schedule is like, your history with plants."

No doctorate required

A four-year degree in horticulture or botany isn't necessary to style plants. Greene was earning her master's in education and literacy and hanging around plant shops when she realized she could make money from her hobby.

In 2013, Muñoz earned her certificate in horticulture from the Brooklyn Botanic Garden and began working part time at plant shops to further educate herself. Her business was born in 2014.

Muñoz recently installed 115 potted plants in Buck's large, light-filled offices overlooking the Brooklyn waterfront, at the behest of Tait and his partners. Soon after, she said, the company asked for a proposal to add more plants.

"I think people are really just wanting things that make them happy. And things that are alive ...," Muñoz said, trailing off.

She considered her curious role. "I mean, have you ever heard of plants making people mad?"

Trees and shrubs such as lilacs are opening their spring blooms earlier, on average, as the climate changes.

MORTON ARBORETUM



Warmer climate prompts guesswork for gardeners

BY BETH BOTTS

The climate in the Midwest is changing, and that makes a difference for gardeners.

“We haven’t seen as much of an increase in storms and droughts as some places,” said Sharon Yiesla, plant knowledge specialist in the Plant Clinic at the Morton Arboretum in Lisle. “But our weather is different enough that we can’t count on our gardens to work exactly the way we’re used to.”

Of course, the weather still varies from year to year, but overall trends are apparent, said Christy Rollinson, forest ecologist at the arboretum. Winters, for example, aren’t getting as cold as they once did.

The warmer global climate means the shift in seasonal events is no longer happening at the same time as years prior, Rollinson said. Spring is coming sooner; on average, the leaf buds of shrubs such as lilacs and honeysuckles are opening about two weeks earlier at the arboretum than they did in the 1950s.

What does this mean for gardeners? “We can’t assume things will happen when they once did,”

Yiesla said. “We can’t depend on our old ideas of what to do when, and we can’t garden by the calendar.”

A few decades ago, it was always safe to prune roses in winter because they were sure to be dormant, Yiesla noted. Now, with a trend toward warmer winters, it might be wise to wait until spring.

“Pruning a plant that isn’t fully dormant in winter could cause it to sprout, and the new growth would be killed by the next cold snap,” she said.

Many fungicide spray programs to combat fungal diseases such as apple scab must start at bud break, when trees’ buds open in early spring. Now, a homeowner who wants to spray a shrub or tree known to be susceptible to a fungal disease must watch it carefully, starting in late winter, and be ready as soon as buds begin to open.

“It’s no longer possible to give a date for that, or even a month,” Yiesla said. “Bud break might be in April or May, or even March in a really warm year.”

Chewing insects like pine sawfly larvae and Eastern tent caterpillars were once thought of as a

May problem. Now, they might emerge as early as March in an early, warm spring.

“They don’t read the calendar,” Yiesla said of insects. “They just know when it’s warm enough.”

April used to be the regular month to start planting trees, but unpredictable rainfall and swinging temperatures can make that risky as well.

“Last April, we started with heavy rains that made the soil soggy and sticky,” Yiesla said. “On April 23, we had a high of 79 degrees. Five days later, the temperature dropped to 29 degrees, and we had over an inch of snow.”

The bottom line, she said, is that we need to pay more attention to the weather — and to what’s going on with our plants out in the yard. “We can’t go by the schedules in old garden books or just do what our grandparents did,” she said.

For tree and plant advice, contact the Plant Clinic at the Morton Arboretum (mortonarb.org/plantadvice), 630-719-2424 or plantclinic@mortonarb.org.

Beth Botts is a staff writer at the arboretum.

How to prune tree branches while preventing infection

BY TIM JOHNSON

There are some low branches from a few shade trees hanging over my front sidewalk and driveway that I would like to prune to increase the clearance for people and cars. Is it OK to prune some branches that are 4 to 6 inches in diameter?

— Eddy Hamilton, Evanston

Removing a couple limbs of that size from the bottom of the crown should not pose a problem for your trees. The dormant winter season is a good time to do this pruning, as well as any routine crown thinning. Oaks should be pruned from December through March to reduce chances of infection with oak wilt fungus.

Take the time to make proper pruning cuts to ensure good results in the long term. When you remove a branch, you are creating an injury to the tree, which it responds to by isolating the damage — it does not heal the wound by regenerating tissue as people do.

It is best to prune less aggressively or wait another year or two if the tree is under stress due to drought, disease or insect damage, or if it has been aggressively pruned in the last couple of years. A tree that has low energy reserves due to any type of stress may be compromised in its ability to respond to the pruning.

As a general guide, approximately 50% of the tree’s foliage should be on branches on the lower two-thirds of the tree. If you have a significant amount of pruning to do, it may be best to prune over a period of two to three years. Err on the side of caution if you are unsure how much to prune off at one time.

You will get the best results by making your



CHICAGO BOTANIC GARDEN

The dormant winter season is a good time to do this pruning on your trees as well as any routine crown thinning.

pruning cuts just outside the branch collar of the limbs so it stays intact. Trees form a protective barrier inside the branch collar, and leaving this zone intact after pruning allows the tree to more quickly form a boundary to restrict the spread of rot, pathogens and insects.

A proper pruning cut starts at the top of the branch collar and ends at the bottom. Look for a distinctive bulge, or ridge of bark, at the base of the branch where it connects to the trunk. Branch collars can be thick and prominent on some species, while being flat and close to the trunk on others, making them hard to see on some trees. Your pruning cuts may vary from 1/2 inch or less from the trunk and vertical to 1 inch or more at an angle away from the trunk.

The position of the branch collar is what should guide the placement of your cut, and pruning just outside of it is the general rule. A thick branch collar may protrude from the trunk when you are finished pruning, but you should avoid cutting too far away from the collar and leaving a stub outside of it.

A branch that has been dead for a period of years may have a more developed branch collar that is a

few inches from the trunk, and you should prune in order to leave it intact.

When you make the proper cut, new growth to cover the wound will develop evenly around the wound. If this does not happen, you likely cut through the branch collar. There is no need to treat the wounds after pruning, as pathogens will seldom spread into a tree when branches are pruned properly.

Before you make the final pruning cut at the branch collar, shorten the branches to about a 4-inch stub — otherwise the branch can tear away and damage the trunk as it falls. Make the initial cut about a third of the way through the branch on the underside and 4 to 6 inches away from the trunk. Then make the next cut to remove the limb on the top of the branch within an inch outside of your first cut.

The branch may break away quickly as it begins falling and then hits the undercut, which will prevent the bark from tearing away from the trunk.

Be careful where you position a ladder, as the branch can swing and knock it over as the branch falls. Likewise, a branch can swing and hit you if you are standing on the ground and using a pole saw to prune.

ASK THE BUILDER

Always run buried cables through conduit

BY TIM CARTER
Tribune Content Agency

Q: Tim, what are your thoughts on burying electric and cable TV lines? I can buy approved cable and wire that's rated for direct burial, saving the cost of installing it in conduit. What's been your experience with underground utilities like this? What would you do and why?

A: These questions are excellent. These issues come up for a lot of homeowners, even if it's just a simple project of adding a new post lamp out on a back patio.

I didn't build the home I currently live in. It has lots of underground buried cable. Last spring all of a sudden one of my circuit breakers started tripping, indicating a dead short.

I traced the cause of the dead short to a small place where a buried cable passed through a plastic conduit that was installed under my driveway. The cable was rated for direct burial, but the annual frost heave in the soil here in New Hampshire had caused the cable to rub on the sharp cut edge at the end of the conduit. Eventually the up and down movement severed the insulation and the bare wires shorted out in the soil.

Had the cable been buried in conduit all the way from the house up to the post lamp at the end of my drive, I would not have had to waste a day replacing the cable and installing 70 feet of new conduit. How could the electrician or builder think saving \$30 was a good idea? That's all the conduit would have cost when the house was built.

I'm a huge fan of putting all underground cables and wires inside conduit. I'm an even bigger fan of putting these in trenches deeper than the National Electrical Code minimum depth. Take this one step further,



Buried electric and cable-TV cables should be protected by conduit to help prevent the lines from being cut.

I'm a monster fan of taking photos of the open trenches after the conduit is installed and visible. Shoot photos from many angles showing future homeowners where the conduits and cables are buried. I print out these photos, put them in a waterproof plastic bag and tape the bag to the electric panel for safekeeping.

If you're not a fan of using conduit, you may change your mind when

that gardener in your family pierces a buried cable while digging a hole for that new bush or tree. With that in mind, it's a really good idea to think about where landscaping might be in your yard. You may want to route underground cables and wires away from these digging zones of death.

Q: It's time for a new roof on my house. I'm

going to install asphalt shingles. I decided to read the installation instructions before talking with roofers. Galvanized roofing nails are required. Are there different types of galvanized nails, and is one better than the other? Is there anything I can do to make sure this is the last asphalt shingle roof I install?

A: More homeowners like you are replacing their



DREAMSTIME

Underground cables and wires in conduit help protect the lines from the elements and being cut.

asphalt roofs faster than they should have to. I was one myself. My asphalt shingle roof that was supposed to last 30 years, but started to fail in just nine years or so.

I was so upset that I wrote a book about why asphalt shingles disintegrated much faster than the shingles I used to install decades ago. My book, "Roofing Ripoff," is an easy read, and not one shingle manufacturer disputes the claims in the book.

There are big differences in galvanized nails. The best ones are hot-dipped galvanized nails. Better yet are ones that are double dipped. In this process, regular steel roofing nails are dropped into a vat of molten zinc. The nails are immediately heated up by the searing molten zinc and this creates a steel/zinc alloy. The zinc coating is relatively thick, and it protects the nails from rusting.

The other methods of galvanizing nails are mechanical and chemical. These two methods also attach zinc to the steel nail, but the coating can be quite thin. Chemical galvanizing happens when the steel nails are put into a vat containing a zinc-based chemical solution. Electricity is sent into the vat and the zinc is pulled out of the solution and bonds to the

steel nails.

Mechanical galvanizing happens when steel nails are tumbled in a large drum with zinc dust, glass beads and a chemical. The zinc dust is hammered onto the steel nails. My own asphalt shingle roof had nails that had one of these two galvanizing processes and many of them had rusted after just 10 years.

When I was doing research for "Roofing Ripoff," I discovered that copper ions bond with sun-damaged asphalt molecules. When the copper locks onto the asphalt, the asphalt molecules are unable to bond to nearby ones. This keeps the asphalt supple for many years, preventing the shingles from curling and losing ceramic granules.

I recommend applying a thin 12-inch-wide copper strip up at the top of the roof that's blind nailed on new roof installations. The ultraviolet rays of the sun split off copper ions and these are washed down the roof with each rainfall, where they grab onto the asphalt. Install affordable thin copper rolls on each side of your roof and it's quite possible your new asphalt shingles can last 40 or more years, like they used to. Check out "Roofing Ripoff" for photos and more details.



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Almost any shade of blue can convey a sense of tranquility in a room.

HOME REMEDIES

Create a relaxing space with these paint colors

BY DIANA CRANDALL
Angie's List

Does seafoam green really evoke feelings of renewal? Can periwinkle blue actually lull you to sleep? Interior designers have long thought that paint color can affect our emotions, and color psychology backs up the hunch.

Here's a look at the swatches that cultivate a calm and relaxed environment throughout your home.

Soothing blues: From iceberg to deep navy, almost any shade of blue can convey a sense of tranquility in a room. Darker tones make for tasteful accents in a library, den or drawing room. Softer hues in a master bed or guest room make falling asleep and waking up that much easier. Homeowners typically pay \$965 to \$2,740 for interior painting, according to the Angie's List Pricing Guide. Room size and paint quality can affect overall cost.

Soft purples: Bold purple is said to stimulate cre-

ativity and imagination, while calling to mind romance and royalty. Its lighter notes, on the other hand, can generate a restful environment. A pale take on the regal color, like Farrow & Ball's Calluna, contributes to a mellow ambiance. Set on making a statement? Consider a bright accent wall, like Pantone's Violet Quartz, in your home office or entryway.

Easy greens: Evoke feelings of the great outdoors with cool shades of green in your kitchen. Even small or cramped spaces can benefit from the light and airy feel that a splash of mint or pistachio adds. Neon or lime green can invigorate or excite in small doses but can overwhelm when it's wall to wall. For a smaller update, consider repainting your cabinets instead of the entire room. Cost typically starts around \$385 for this type of work, homeowners report via the Angie's List Pricing Guide.

Shades of white: White and gray expand spaces, pushing the walls and

ceilings out to make a room feel larger than it is. Love neutrals? Make thoughtful tweaks to plain grays or white, opting for a mix of whites, greens and yellow tones, like those found in PPG's Oatmeal or Benjamin Moore's Revere Pewter. In addition to opening things up, the colors bring a peaceful and timeless energy to your living room, bedroom and hallways.

Type of paint: A paint job is more than just a change of scenery. The type of paint you choose dampens or enhances the color you've chosen. High-quality paint has smaller pigments, which conceal previous coats and appear more dynamic. It also tends to be more durable and mold-resistant than a cheaper paint, which lacks depth and requires more coats. Nationally, homeowners report paying \$20 to \$100 per gallon of paint, according to the Angie's List Pricing Guide. A painting pro can help you decide on the quality level necessary to bring a feeling of calm to your home.

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"Homebuyers in Chicago and across the nation are seeing some of the best rate deals in history as interest rates continue to slide," says Craig A. Shodeen, president of Shodeen Homes. "On Feb. 6, Freddie Mac's Primary Mortgage Market Survey reported that benchmark 30-year-fixed loans averaged 3.45 percent, the lowest in three years. A year ago, lenders were charging 4.41 percent for 30-year fixed-rate loans. More than 20 years ago, in August 1999, lenders were quoting 8.15 percent on a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage, according to Freddie Mac. This is definitely an ideal time to buy."

In addition to favorable financial conditions, today's homes are more attractive and comfortable to live in than ever before.

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"In addition, those buyers, who don't have time to build a home but who want a new construction home, can take advantage of a selection of homes available for quick delivery. These homes include today's most popular features such as gourmet kitchens and wood flooring," she says.

An elegant move-in ready ranch plan,



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the Southfork, is offered at Blackberry Creek in Elburn. This impressive home includes 2,373 square feet of space with four bedrooms, 2½ baths and three-car garage, specially priced at \$399,900. Other highlights include a direct vent fireplace in the large family room, a gourmet kitchen, separate dining room, wood flooring and an extra-large master bedroom.

Master-planned Elburn Station offers a scenic setting with ponds, parks and walking and bicycling trails. The Metra commuter train station is less than a minute drive and Elburn Station is an AT&T Connect Community, which offers residents telecommuting ease with high speed fiber internet and the ability to use devices



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Shodeen Homes' introduces the Peachtree IV model home now open for touring at Norton Lake in Campton Hills.

Shodeen opens new decorated model home at Norton Lake

A new decorated model home, the Peachtree IV, is now open for touring at Norton Lake, a popular Shodeen Homes' community, just west of Randall Road off North Avenue (Highway 64), in Campton Hills.

"The Peachtree IV is one of our most popular plans, offering a fantastic island kitchen open to the daily dining area and great room as well as formal dining space, flex space and a screened porch," says Jeremy Lund, director of Sales for Shodeen Homes. "The upstairs master suite, with private bath and large walk-in closet, is also popular as are the three secondary bedrooms all with walk-in closets. This model also includes a deep-pour full lookout basement with screened-in porch making it a terrific find and a great value in the new home market space."

Additional highlights of the 2,808-square-foot decorated model include a Farmhouse masonry and LP smart siding exterior elevation, wide-plank wood flooring, upgraded white cabinets with granite countertops, bronze hardware and fixtures, stainless-steel appliances, family room with stone fireplace, spectacular master bedroom with large walk-in closet and luxury bath with upgraded tile and three-car side-load garage.

In addition to the 2,808-square-foot Peachtree IV, buyers may also select from an impressive collection of ranch and two-story homes on large 1/3 to 1/2-acre homesites with prices starting from the mid-\$400s. Home designs range from 2,373 to over 3,549 square feet in size with three to five bedrooms, 2 1/2 to 3 1/2 baths, basements and two or three-car garages.

"Buyers who have done their research want the numerous advantages that new

home construction offers," Lund says. "Our homes give you more than the latest open-concept designs and trendy finishes, they provide money-saving, energy-efficient construction, insulation and appliances as well as a 1-, 5- and 10-year warranty. Often times, buyers visit us and comment on a resale home they visited that requires a new roof, new windows, new kitchen and is not up to the most current standards and codes. These savvy buyers realize they may save money initially by selecting resale but will spend much more in the long run."

Norton Lake is a picturesque neighborhood featuring a 10-acre, spring-fed lake, walking trails and parks and is served by St. Charles District 303 schools including, Bell Graham Elementary School, which is within walking distance.

Buyers who want quick move-in options to choose from both ranch and two-story homes, starting in the low \$500s, are offered at various stages of construction and range from 2,373 to 2,993 square feet with three to five bedrooms, including first-floor master suites, two to 3 1/2 baths, gourmet island kitchens with granite countertops and stainless-steel appliances, wide-plank wood flooring, full basements, three-car side-load garages and more.

The new Peachtree IV model and sales center are located at 04N430 Norton Glen Blvd. in Campton Hills. Sales center hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday by appointment and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday through Sunday. To visit, take I-88 or I-90 to Randall Road, proceed to Hwy. 64 (North Avenue), west to Fox Mill Boulevard, south to Carl Sandburg Road, east to Norton Lake. For more information, call 630-232-8181 or visit shodeenhomes.com.

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simultaneously, with quick downloads. Three series of single-family homes are available, offering varying plans, designs and prices.

At scenic Norton Lake in Campton Hills, a spacious two-story home is ready to move in, specially priced at \$524,000. With 2,945 square feet of space, this popular Donovan open-concept plan includes five bedrooms, 3½ baths and three-car sideload garage. Other points of interest include a first-floor master bedroom, gourmet kitchen, finished basement, direct vent fireplace, gourmet kitchen and wide plank wood flooring.

Norton Lake centers on a 10-acre spring-fed lake that inspires the community name. Walking trails, lush landscaping and parks provide a scenic setting close to St. Charles and Geneva.

Enticing advantages are offered in today's new construction homes, and now is an ideal time to visit new home communities and take advantage of historically low interest rates. Buyer choices include building a home for later delivery dates, or selecting from a collection of homes for quick move-ins.

"Our buyers want open concept floor plans, innovations in features and energy-efficiency as well as confidence-building warranties," says Anna Carter, Community Sales Consultant at Toll Brothers' Bowes Creek Country Club in Elgin. "In addition, low interest rates increase the affordability factor and enable buyers to select more exciting options for their dream homes," she says.

"The extensive personalizing choices Toll Brothers offers are an important reason why our buyers are purchasing new homes that reflect their personalities and preferences. Our professional design consultants, exciting displays at our Design Studio and on-line design tools can assist buyers in making smart decisions for their homes," adds Carter.

Bowes Creek Country Club is a Toll

Brothers' master-planned community with resort-style amenities. The scenic community is highlighted by the award-winning Rick Jacobsen-designed golf course. An inviting clubhouse includes a pro shop, restaurant and residents can also enjoy walking trails, community parks and cross-country skiing in season.

Buyers have a choice of two collections of homes: The Fairways Collection, priced from the upper \$200s and the Masters Collection, priced from the low-\$400s. In addition, a selection of quick delivery homes and a small number of golf course sites are available.

"Our homes for quick move-in have been appointed with today's most popular features including white kitchen cabinets, wood flooring and large islands," Carter says. "An example is the 2,860-square-foot Palmerton Aberdeen in the luxurious Masters Collection, priced from \$474,995. The Palmerton Aberdeen features three bedrooms including a spacious first-floor master suite, 2½ baths, full basement and three-car side-entry garage."

The Palmerton Aberdeen is highlighted by an expanded two-story family room with a gas-direct fireplace, gourmet kitchen with center island and breakfast area, and opulent first-floor master suite with large walk-in closet and bath with elegant Roman tub. The dramatic Palmerton also has a two-story foyer, living room and dining room.

The Parker in the Fairways Series is also available for quick move-in with a Farmhouse exterior. A 2,535-square-foot two-story plan with four bedrooms, 2½ to 3½ baths, the Parker has a sunny open floor plan with an island kitchen, breakfast room with boxed bay window, living room and formal dining room plus spacious master bedroom with walk-in closet and private bath, priced from \$345,995.

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		% Down: 20%	15 Yr Fixed	2.875	0.000	\$800	20%	2.930		
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			10-1 Jumbo	3.500	0.000	\$1,250	20%	3.612		
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What's different about a condo mortgage?

Condominiums are a popular housing choice among young singles and couples, as well as empty nesters and older retirees ready to downsize both their square footage and their responsibilities for home and yard maintenance. But what about financing a condo? Are condo mortgages special? Is it harder to qualify for a condo loan?

The good news is that almost all common mortgages (e.g., conventional, FHA, VA, etc.) can be used for a condo. Further good news is that your borrower requirements are essentially the same whether you're buying a single-family home or a condo. The lender's review of your credit, tax returns, income and assets, and debt levels will look for the same things no matter which type of primary residence you're financing.

Where things differ with condos is that the lender's willingness to approve your loan will include a substantial review of the overall condo property. First and foremost, they'll carefully assess the financial health of the condo association,

looking at how much money the association holds in reserve to cover future maintenance and emergencies. They'll also review what percentage of the units are up-to-date on their monthly HOA (homeowners' association) dues, with conventional mortgages requiring that no more than 15% of the units are delinquent.

The lender will also evaluate the percentage of owner-occupied vs. rented units, with conventional mortgages requiring that half or more of the units are owner-occupied. Finally, they'll typically check that the amount of common, non-residential space (e.g., fitness, pool, and laundry spaces) doesn't exceed certain allowances.

As a potential condo buyer, it's your responsibility to make sure you understand the HOA dues obligations, as they'll be required on top of your monthly mortgage payment. It's also wise to check if there is any pending legal action against the condo developer or association.

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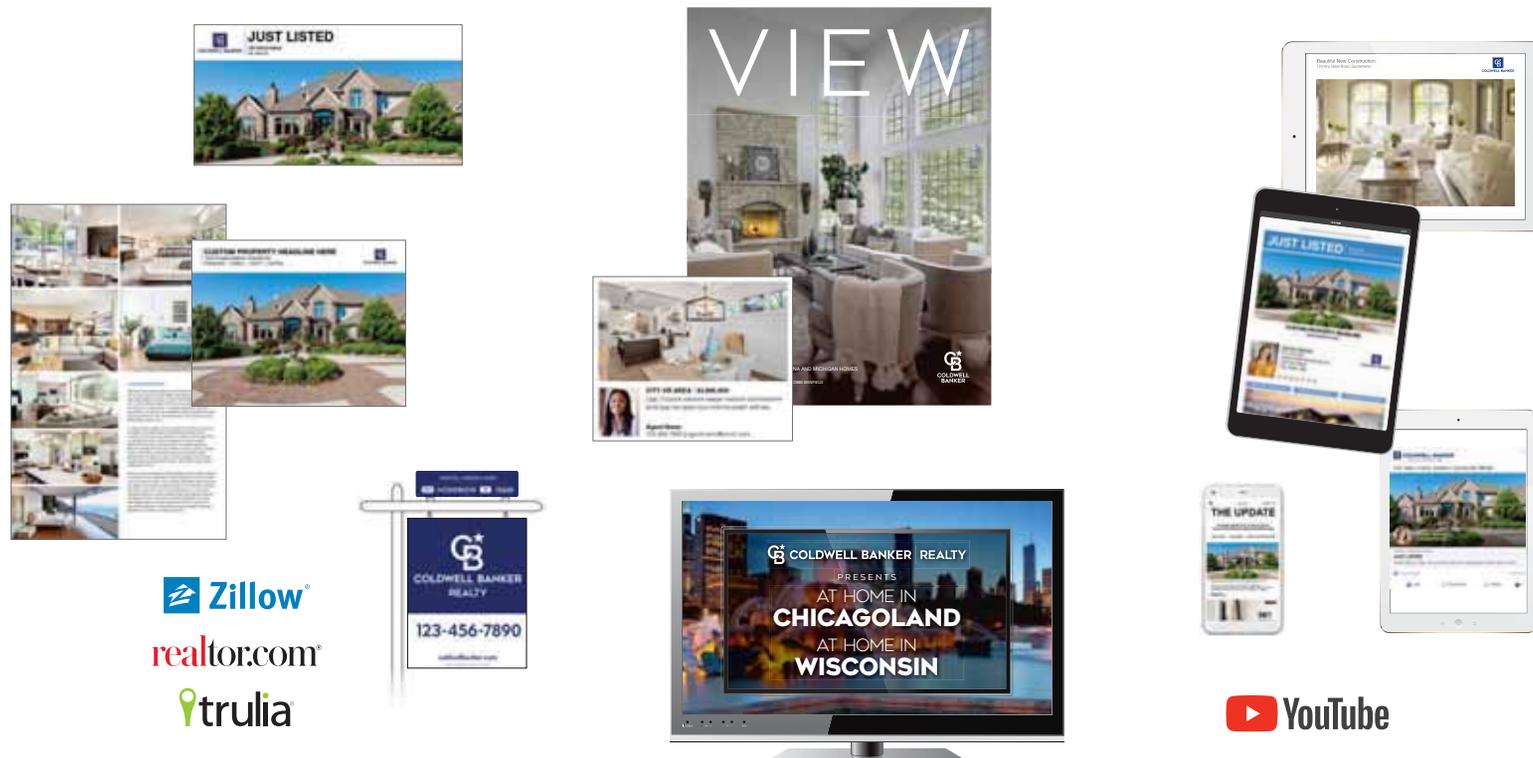
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