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Joe Maddon's return to Mesa

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Buttigieg ends campaign

Former South Bend mayor: 'Today is a moment of truth'

BY BILL RUTHHART

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — After an improbable rise from mayor of a midsize Midwestern city with a hard-to-pronounce name to winner of the Iowa caucuses, Pete Buttigieg ended his astonishing run for president Sunday night.

"Today is a moment of truth. After a year of going everywhere, meeting everyone, defying every expectation, seeking every vote, the truth is that the path has narrowed to a close for our candidacy, if not for our cause,"

Buttigieg, who's the first openly gay major candidate for president, told a crowd of campaign staffers and supporters. "So, tonight I am making the difficult decision to suspend my campaign for the presidency."

Just as quickly as Buttigieg rocketed from political obscurity to a Democratic presidential front-runner, the former South Bend mayor promptly folded his campaign after finishing a disappointing fourth Saturday night in the South Carolina primary, where he failed to gain any

foothold with an important constituency of his party — African Americans.

That shortcoming, which plagued his campaign for much of the last year, stunted the former South Bend mayor's ability to grow his appeal wide enough with key Democratic bases needed to win the party's nomination.

It wasn't for a lack of political effort.

Buttigieg spent months courting black voters in South Carolina,

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SCOTT OLSON/GETTY

With husband Chasten by his side, former South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg announces he is ending his campaign for president Sunday.



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People gather outside the Nativity of Our Lord Catholic Church for the funeral Mass for Chicago police Cmdr. Paul Bauer in February 2018.

Accused cop killer readies unusual self-defense claim

Expected to take the stand, say he did not know Cmdr. Paul Bauer was an officer

BY MEGAN CREPEAU

It was midday on a Tuesday in the bustling Loop, and eyes were everywhere.

Office workers on the sidewalks, a slew of security cameras and pursuing cops all saw Cmdr. Paul Bauer chase a man into a stairwell outside the busy Thompson Center.

They heard a rapid series of gunshots. They saw the man — Shomari Legghette — emerge and be placed under arrest.

But there are no living wit-

nesses to exactly what happened in that long, dim stairwell on Feb. 13, 2018, except Legghette himself.

Two years later, as the 46-year-old four-time felon stands trial in Bauer's slaying, his fate will come down to those crucial concealed moments. Opening statements are slated for Tuesday, and the trial is expected to stretch into next week.

Legghette, who is claiming



Legghette

self-defense, is expected to take the stand on his own behalf — a rare move in any murder trial, let alone one for the high-profile daylight downtown slaying of a police commander.

Bauer was a 31-year veteran of the force, and the highest-ranking CPD officer killed on-duty in decades. His death sent shock waves through the city. In his Bridgeport neighborhood, many of the blue ribbons tied around

trees and streetlamps in his memory stayed up for more than a year.

At nearly every pretrial hearing for Legghette, uniformed Chicago police officers have packed the gallery of Judge Erica Reddick's courtroom, crowding into the aisle to observe and be a visible presence. When Legghette's case is called, the officers and supporters stand, and often remain on their feet for the entirety of the hearing.

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Diversity central in state high court race

Lone Supreme Court seat held by African American up for grabs

BY ANTONIA AYRES-BROWN

Questions about diversity and judicial reform have marked a contentious campaign to fill the seat of retired Illinois Supreme Court Justice Charles E. Freeman, the only person of color ever elected to the state's highest court.

Freeman was elected in 1990 and served 27 years, including three as chief justice. Justice P. Scott Neville Jr., who also is African American, was appointed by the Supreme Court in 2018 to complete Freeman's term and has won the endorsement of the Cook County Democratic Party going into the March primary.

Neville now faces six opponents — five state appellate judges and one private attorney — in his bid for a full 10-year term. Two of the other candidates are African American, one is Latino and three are white.

Depending on the election's outcome, the court could have an all-white bench for the first time in 30 years. Going into this year's elections, 23 states have all-white supreme courts, according to the Brennan Center for Justice, a progressive-leaning law and policy institute at New York University Law School.

Neville has emphasized the importance of diversity throughout his campaign, saying that courts lack legitimacy when they don't look like the people they represent.

"If the court is all-white, how can nonwhite people have confidence in the decisions that that court makes?" he said in an interview.

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U. of I. tells students in Italy to come home

Amid growing concerns over the coronavirus outbreak, school joins others in cautioning students who are abroad. **Chicagoland**, Page 3

Virus cases rise, US officials urge calm

State and local authorities have stepped up testing for the illness as the number of new cases continues to grow nationwide. **Nation & World**, Page 11

Former users warn of addiction to marijuana

Many people view now legal drug as innocuous

BY JOHN KEILMAN

In the basement of the Mustard Seed, a red brick building in Old Town that hosts dozens of Alcoholics Anonymous meetings each week, a handful of people gathered on a recent night to discuss a different addiction.

They were members of Mari-

juana Anonymous, a rapidly expanding 12-step organization that serves those struggling with a drug that is now legal in Illinois and 10 other states, and that many people view as innocuous.

That perception, some meeting attendees said, even extends to fellow drug users.

"When you're in rehab for weed, you don't say you're in rehab for weed," said Robb, a 30-year-old who lives in Chicago. "Half the people will laugh you

out of the room."

But treatment specialists say marijuana's addictive potential is well-established. About 1 in 10 people who use the drug end up with the condition known as cannabis use disorder, meaning they continue to use compulsively even when it messes up their lives.

"It's a lot like the other addictions," said Michael Mahoney of Hazelden Betty Ford, a treatment center on Chicago's Near North

Side. "People want to stop using and can't. They have to use in greater quantities to get the same effect or just have a feeling of normalcy. Along the way, problems emerge."

The Tribune spoke with people in recovery from marijuana addiction about those problems, the complexities of treatment and the reluctance of others to recognize the seriousness of the

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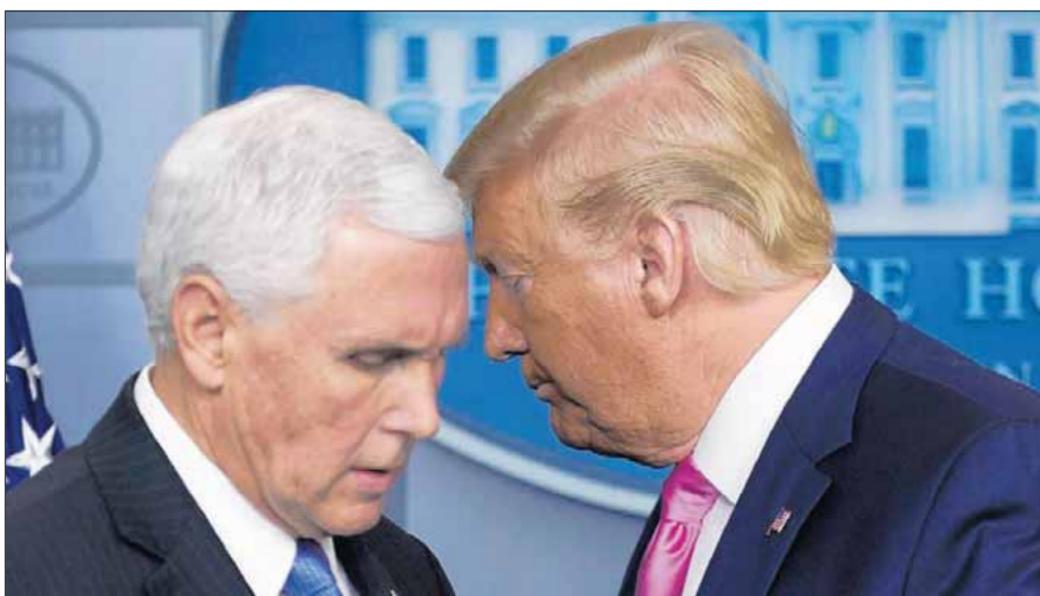
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Vice President Mike Pence and President Donald Trump at a news conference about coronavirus on Wednesday.

Dow's worst week shows Trump didn't calm virus fears. So blame Mike Pence.



REX W. HUPPKE

President Donald Trump wants the stock market and the American people to chill out and stop worrying about the coronavirus.

That's why he took time out from his busy schedule Wednesday evening to hold a soothing news conference, reassuring everyone that we have nothing to fear because fear is stupid.

Unfortunately, the news conference and the announcement that Vice President Mike Pence would now be in charge of the government's coronavirus response did not manage to calm people or the markets. In fact, the Dow responded by plummeting nearly 1,200 points on Thursday, the biggest one-day point decline in history. Then it dropped another 357 points on Friday, wrapping up the worst weekly loss since the 2008 financial crisis.

That is entirely the fault of non-calm markets and non-calm people. Shame on them.

Everything the president said made perfect sense and was incredibly calming. They were probably the most calming words ever uttered by a commander in chief.

How could anyone listen to this actual quote from the leader of the free world and not feel better about a possible global pandemic: "I said, actually, I asked the various doctors, 'Is this just like flu?' Because people die from the flu and this is very unusual. It is a little bit different but in some ways it's easier and in some ways it's a little bit tougher."

Why did that not calm you? The virus that started in China and now is showing up in countries around the world is "a little bit different" than the flu "but in some ways it's easier and in some ways it's a little bit tougher."

I don't think the president could more clearly demonstrate his complete grasp of the coronavirus, which he boldly and for sure intentionally respelled "Caronavirus" in a recent tweet. It's clear he understands, probably better than anyone, that the virus

causes a respiratory disease known as COVID-19. America is in good hands. Calm the heck down.

Especially the markets. Please calm down. Everything is fine.

Yes, Nancy Messonnier, the head of the National Center for Immunization and Respiratory Diseases at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said of the coronavirus: "We are asking the American public to prepare for the expectation that this might be bad."

But she has since been fired out of a cannon into the Atlantic Ocean. The voice you need to trust is President Trump's, and he said quite succinctly during the news conference: "As most of you know, the level that we've had in our country is very low. Those people are getting better, or we think that in almost all cases, the better they are getting."

You see? They're not only getting better. They're "the better they are getting." That's probably 10 times better than just regular "getting better."

And the president said this of China: "The infection seems to have gone down over the last two days. As opposed to getting larger, it's actually gotten smaller. And one instance, where we think we can be somewhat reliable. It seems to have gotten quite a bit smaller."

The infection is getting smaller! Not larger, but smaller!

So everyone breathe a huge sigh of relief. (Please cover your mouths while breathing sighs of relief. And wash your hands if anyone sighs on you.)

Stock market, you can stop crashing now. Everything is 100% fine.

While medical experts, including those on stage with the president during the news conference, say the number of cases of COVID-19 in America will inevitably grow, President Trump said: "I don't think it's inevitable. It probably will. It possibly will. It could be at a very small level or it could be at a larger level."

Bottom line: The virus probably, possibly does not pose a very small or possibly very large threat to Americans. Probably.

The markets have nothing to worry about. And neither does Donald Trump, because he smartly placed the whole coronavirus issue in Vice President Pence's lap Wednesday night.

Worried Americans and nervous investors should rest assured that whatever happens with the coronavirus, it will be all Pence's fault and not the fault of our faultless president. A huge relief.

Also calming is that Pence, a noted rapture-enthusiast, once said "condoms are a very, very poor protection against sexually transmitted diseases." And he suggested in 2003 that to help Africa's HIV and AIDS crisis, America should "send them values that work." And he led cuts to public health funding in Indiana that fueled the worst outbreak of HIV and AIDS in the state's history.

Some might see those as not-great signs that Pence is the man to lead the charge against this virus, but those people forget the vice president is REALLY good at praying. The man prays like it was going out of style, and there's little doubt he'll be able to pray the coronavirus right off our shores.

And if he doesn't, and I can't stress this enough, America's bungled response to the coronavirus will be ENTIRELY Pence's fault. Which is a huge relief to America, and by "America" I, of course, mean President Trump.

So are we all calm now or what? We certainly should be. It's not as if during Trump's news conference another American was found to have contracted the coronavirus, or that that person hadn't traveled or come into contact with anyone known to be infected. That definitely didn't happen in Northern California. And it's certainly not a worrying sign the virus might be spreading undetected.

That person probably just has the flu, which is a little bit different but in some ways easier and in some ways a little bit tougher.

Everything's fine. We're in good hands.

And to clarify, those hands belong to Vice President Mike Pence.

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'It's like a roller coaster'

37-degree lake doesn't deter those in polar plunge

BY JESSICA VILLAGOMEZ

Thousands of participants dove face-first into Lake Michigan on Sunday morning as part of the 20th annual Chicago Polar Plunge fundraiser for Special Olympics Chicago.

According to organizers, the event brought 4,800 participants to the lake-front and into the chilly waters. Observers lined the shore of North Avenue Beach by 10 a.m., with many onlookers dressed for the sudden sunshine in beanies, sunglasses and thin jackets. Temperatures on the shoreline reached 56 degrees, said Jake Petr, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service. The mild temperature was a result of southwestern winds bringing moisture into the area, Petr said.

But none of that did much to warm the lake, which was a cool 37 degrees, he said.

Undeterred, hundreds of participants lined up along the shore and waited for the icy event, spurred on by enthusiastic announcers yelling, "Let's get ready to plunge!"

One of the first to take the plunge was "Today Show" host Al Roker, who submerged into the water



People run into Lake Michigan during the Polar Plunge on Sunday at North Avenue Beach.

with the tunes of the Shannon Rovers Irish Pipe Band playing in the background. Band members planted themselves at the edge of the beach, as the first brave souls jumped into the water.

The plunge raises money for Special Olympics Chicago, an organization that works with more than 7,500 Special Olympians across the city. The event first was held in 2001 and it serves as the organization's biggest annual fundraiser. So far, more than \$2 million has been raised, said Maura Bruton, a representative of the organization.

Groups of people in costumes including giraffe

suits, tutus and even a sub sandwich dunked into the water along with several shirtless men. Participants screamed as they emerged from the water and ran toward volunteers who handed out branded towels.

"I can't feel my legs, and it's great," said Michelle MacCourtney, of Lincoln Park, as she ran along the shoreline.

Shoes were mandatory attire for participants. However, during the plunge, many participants lost parts of their costumes, with several lone sneakers and leis littering the edge of the water.

"This is the first time I've plunged," said Manuel

Medina, of Cicero. "It's a Chicago staple and I felt like I had to check it out."

Medina signed up just three days ago and raised the minimum \$200 to participate.

"It's like getting hit by a bus, but it's oddly refreshing," he said. "I dunked face first. If I do it next year, I'll do a costume."

Hayley Karn, of Yorkville, was in full costume: a bright fuchsia tutu, striped rainbow knee-high socks and white Crocs. Karn shivered and wrapped a towel around herself as water dripped down her glasses.

"I'm freezing," Karn said. "There's ice in my shoes. This is so much colder than I thought."

The experience of choosing to submerge herself in freezing water was worth it, said Lisette Beltran, of Midlothian.

"It's my second year doing it and I keep it up because it's for a great cause," she said. "It's like a roller coaster, you automatically go numb. But it's really exciting to see so many people come together for the Special Olympics."

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Charges dropped against man who was shot by cop

Video of struggle at Red Line station goes viral

BY WILLIAM LEE

Cook County prosecutors on Sunday dropped criminal charges against the man wounded by Chicago police during a struggle with two officers at a CTA Red Line station on Friday.

Video of the struggle at the Grand Avenue Red Line station quickly went viral after it appeared to show the officers struggle to handcuff a man while one of them repeatedly yelled "stop resisting" and then "shoot him."

Mayor Lori Lightfoot called the video that captured two Chicago officers trying to subdue the man "extremely disturbing."

On Sunday, a judge quickly approved the Cook County state's attorney office request to drop all charges against Ariel Roman, who remained hospitalized at Northwestern Memorial Hospital.

No details of the case were discussed.

Family members of Roman retained attorney Gloria Schmidt to represent them, Schmidt told the Tribune on Saturday. Schmidt said the man, 33, was shot in the buttocks area and in the abdomen, has already had one surgery but will likely need multiple operations.

In a statement Sunday, Schmidt said, "The Roman Family is pleased with the decision of the State Attorney's Office and the Chicago Police's Department's decision to dismiss all charges. At this time my clients, the Roman family,

have been reunited and are enjoying time with Ariel as he recuperates. He remembers everything about the incident that took place and is fully committed to cooperating with the various investigations. They thank the City of Chicago for all of their prayers and support and request for privacy during this very difficult time."

The shooting happened shortly after 4 p.m. Friday as afternoon rush hour was underway at the busy subway station at 521 N. State St., just outside the Loop. Two officers assigned to the mass transit unit tried to stop a man whom they saw "jumping from train (car) to train (car)," which is a violation of a city ordinance, Deputy Superintendent Barbara West said at a Friday night news conference.

The officers chased the man from the train and onto the platform, and then struggled to take him into custody, West said. Both officers deployed their Tasers on the man, she said. "At some point" during the brawl, one of the officers discharged their gun, striking the man twice, West said.

In a statement released Sunday, police said interim Superintendent Charlie Beck asked Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx to drop the resisting arrest and narcotics charges that had been lodged by police against the defendant.

"We are cooperating fully with the independent use of force investigation by the Civilian Office of Police Accountability and the underlying criminal review being conducted at our request by the Cook County State's Attorney and the FBI," the statement said.

Officials: Man shot after firing at police

BY WILLIAM LEE

Chicago police say they shot and wounded a man Sunday afternoon after a brief exchange of gunfire near a busy stretch of the Little Village neighborhood on the city's West Side.

At the scene, Chief of Patrol Fred Waller told reporters that police began following the suspect about 3 p.m. near West 21st Street and South Washtenaw Avenue. The man appeared to be carrying a gun, Waller said.

"He was walking in a suspicious manner, holding his side. Officers thought he had a weapon, which he did. The weapon was recovered," Waller said.

Police began chasing after the man, who Waller said fired "numerous rounds" at officers. Officers returned fire and struck the suspect twice, once in the shoulder and once in the leg, according to police.

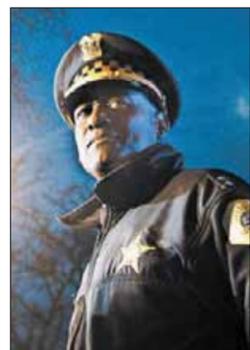
The man continued to flee on foot but was found a short time later hiding near a home in the 2100 block of South California Avenue, Waller said. Officers began using their medical training and their first aid kits to stabilize the man before an ambulance arrived.

No officers were injured in the gunfire, according to police.

The man was in critical but stable condition at an area hospital, Waller said. The man has an extensive criminal background, Waller said.

Traffic along South California Avenue, between the Pink Line station and Cermak Road, was shut down for several hours as detectives and evidence technicians retraced the path of the shooting.

According to Chicago Fire Department spokes-



ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/TRIBUNE
Chief of Patrol Fred Waller speaks at the scene where a 19-year-old man was shot by police on Sunday.

man Larry Langford, a 19-year-old man with a gunshot wound to the leg was taken to Mount Sinai Hospital in critical condition.

The shooting comes two days after a man was shot by police at a Red Line station.

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Chicago Tribune's Morgan Greene contributed.

U. of I. calls for students in Italy to return home

Concerns over coronavirus grow

BY JESSICA VILLAGOMEZ

Amid the growing concerns over the coronavirus outbreak, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign students studying abroad in Italy have been asked to leave as soon as possible, said Grace Palmeri, who is in Florence this semester.

The university stated in a Saturday post, "The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is requiring all of our students studying in Italy to depart at the earliest opportunity. You may return to the U.S., your home country, or travel elsewhere."

In Illinois, the state Department of Public Health confirmed a third case of coronavirus Saturday. Two others infected with the virus have since made a full recovery, officials said.

The Illinois news came after the governor of the state of Washington announced a state of emergency following the first reported death of COVID-19 in the United States.

U. of I. joins other area schools in cautioning stu-

dents who are abroad.

Students at Loyola University Chicago's John Felice Rome Center in Italy were told they must return home by March 4. The message, posted on Loyola's website by a school director, was addressed to students, parents, faculty and staff at the Rome Center.

"With our students' wellbeing at the forefront of our decision-making and the newest directive from the U.S. government, Loyola University Chicago has decided to repatriate students studying in Italy at the JFRC and is asking all JFRC and partner school students to return home by Wednesday, March 4," the director posted.

Northwestern University officials said one of their students was studying abroad in Florence as part of a program out of Syracuse University in New York. The Northwestern student is returning to the United States to complete her coursework, said Sara Tully, director of the Global Learning Office at Northwestern.

The University of Chicago temporarily closed its campus in Hong Kong and its center in Beijing, with



HANNAH STANTON
Grace Palmeri, 20, of Aurora, in Florence, Italy, where she is studying abroad from the University of Illinois.

programming postponed or relocated, and the university has moved a spring program to London that was originally based in Hong Kong. The coronavirus epidemic originated in Wuhan, China, and has sickened tens of thousands globally.

Last week, Palmeri, 20, recounted her experience in Florence before the announcement.

"There aren't as many tourists, and more and more people are wearing masks," she said. "The local supermarkets are selling out of masks and hand sanitizer, and my roommates and I have stocked up on all cleaning supplies for at least the next few weeks. ... I'd be lying if I said I wasn't a little concerned about the recent outbreak of the co-

ronavirus, but I am doing everything I can to stay safe and healthy."

Initially, Palmeri and her roommates had no intent to return to the United States until her program ends as scheduled in late May. Now, she is worried about what courses and school credits will transfer.

"Lorenzo de' Medici (the partner institute) is allowing us to take some courses online," Palmeri said Sunday. "It hasn't blown over and I'm getting a little more anxious because of the travel warnings. As sad as I am to leave Italy, I want the coronavirus talk to end and to be safe and healthy, even if that means at home."

Chicago Tribune's Paige Fry and Angie Leventis Lourgos contributed.

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Justices on the seven-person Illinois Supreme Court are elected for 10-year terms and represent different regions of the state. Three of the seven seats are chosen by voters in Cook County. There are no Republicans running for Freeman's seat on the court, so the March primary should determine which candidate will win the general election in November.

The state Supreme Court has jurisdiction over cases from the Illinois Appellate Court and, when state laws are called into question, may rule on their constitutionality. The Supreme Court also determines rules for lower Illinois courts and appoints trial judges to the Appellate Court.

Here's a look at the candidates:

P. Scott Neville Jr.

Born and raised in Chicago, Neville, 71, became the first African American to clerk for a Cook County Appellate Court judge in 1974. As an attorney, he focused on employment and civil rights litigation, ultimately establishing his own legal practice. Among the cases on which he worked was the 1992 Chicago ward remapping case, in which he argued that Chicago wards had been unfairly drawn to stifle the voting power of black and Latino residents.

In 1998, Neville co-founded the Alliance of Bar Associations, a coalition of bar associations — including the Hispanic Lawyers Association of Illinois, Asian American Bar Association of Greater Chicago, Cook County Bar Association, and Lesbian and Gay Bar Association of Chicago, among others — to screen candidates for judicial positions in Chicago.

"It is, as I refer to it, the United Nations of bar associations," Neville said.

In addition to winning the Cook County Democratic Party's endorsement in August, Neville has received endorsements from Democratic Reps. Danny Davis and Bobby Rush, as well as the Chicago Federation of Labor and Illinois AFL-CIO.

Last August, NBC 5 Chicago reported that Neville had for more than 15 years received a homeowner exemption on a house he doesn't live in.

Neville told the Tribune that he had believed he was entitled to the homeowner exemption, and that Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi found no evidence of wrongdoing. Neville has now paid the back taxes, which he said came to less than \$3,000.

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Roosevelt Howse

An Appellate Court judge backed by Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White, Howse grew up in Tennessee attending segregated schools before moving to Chicago with his family.

Howse, 68, attended law school and eventually focused on election law as a lead attorney for the Harold Washington Party, defending the party's right to appear on



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Illinois Supreme Court candidates, from left, Judge Jesse Reyes, Judge Margaret Stanton McBride, Judge Nathaniel Howse Jr., Daniel Epstein and Judge Cynthia Cobbs answer questions at a public forum Wednesday.

ballots after the death of the city's first African American mayor.

Howse said that in recent months, he and White have teamed up and visited five to seven churches each Sunday to speak about the upcoming primary. He claims the support of more than 100 clergy in Cook County as well as Evanston Democratic U.S. Rep. Jan Schakowsky.

On the Appellate Court, Howse pushed for a rule that requires judges to write a report explaining delays in cases that are not completed in a timely manner.

Howse said appellate judges had previously accumulated an average backlog of 12 to 14 cases each year. Since the rule's instatement, the total number of backlogged cases has fallen close to zero, Howse said.

"I want to bring that desire to speed up the court system to the entire court system," Howse said.

Margaret Stanton McBride

McBride, 68, has the lengthiest Appellate Court experience of the candidates, having served as a judge on the court since 1998. She has sought to distinguish herself in the crowded field with her work for women and families.

In 2014, McBride wrote an influential opinion in *Blumenthal v. Brewer*, stating that because same-sex couples were not previously allowed to marry in Illinois, courts could not prohibit unmarried long-term couples from making property claims against one another. While the appellate decision in *Blumenthal* was later overturned by the Illinois Supreme Court, it continues to be seen as an important pro-LGBT decision in Illinois.

McBride said that if elected she would expand racial diversity in judicial appointments. She is white, but said that as a woman she would bring another kind of underrepresented perspective to the court.

"I represent diversity. I have broken many, many ceilings for other women," McBride said.

McBride, one of two female candidates, has emphasized that women have never held a majority on the seven-person court. Three women — Chief Justice Anne Burke, Justice Rita Garman and

Justice Mary Jane Theis — currently sit on the court.

"If I were to be elected, it would be the first time that there would be a majority of women in any branch of government in Illinois," McBride said. "This is a marvelous opportunity."

McBride was found "Qualified" or "Recommended" by all of the Alliance of Bar Associations members except the Cook County Bar Association, the country's oldest organization of African American lawyers and judges. While the group does not discuss its decisions, McBride said she was told in a letter the rating was based "on diversity and bias matters."

Cynthia Cobbs

Appellate Judge Cobbs, 69, clerked for Freeman during his time on the Illinois Appellate Court, and later worked for seven years as a senior judicial law clerk to him on the Supreme Court.

If elected, Cobbs would be the first African American woman to sit on the court.

"It's unfortunate that in 2020, we are yet talking about an 'African American seat,'" Cobbs said.

Still, given the current demographics of the rest of the Illinois Supreme Court, she hopes Cook County voters will keep diversity in mind when casting their ballots in March.

"To the extent that we are diverse in our demographics, we must also be diverse on the bench," Cobbs said.

Cobbs' experience within the judicial branch of Illinois extends beyond her work as a judge. A first-generation lawyer, Cobbs was appointed in 2002 as director of the entire Illinois courts system, a role in which she advocated for more efficient uses of technology and led initiatives like e-filing in trial courts and e-access to trial court records.

Cobbs said that while many of her opponents also have extensive judicial experience, she is "the only candidate who has run the court system."

Daniel Epstein

Daniel Epstein is the only candidate to have never served as a judge, but he says his fresh perspective is exactly what the high court needs.

The 34-year-old attorney is running on an 18-point platform, and he says he hopes his specific policy proposals — like eliminating cash bail, permitting remote court appearances through smart-

phone devices, and prohibiting judges from evaluating their own conflicts of interest — will remind voters that the court's responsibilities stretch far beyond adjudicating disputes.

"It doesn't just decide cases. It writes all the rules for how our courts operate," Epstein said.

Although much of Epstein's support has been concentrated in his hometown of Evanston, he has won the backing of former Illinois attorney general candidate Sharon Fairley, as well as several Illinois-based progressive groups including the Bernie Sanders-inspired Illinois Berniecrats.

Epstein is "not recommended" by default by all members of the Alliance of Bar Associations, which require lawyers to have practiced for at least 10 years to be eligible for recommendation to the Supreme Court. Epstein has practiced about four years as an attorney.

The youngest candidate in the race, Epstein would be 35 years old when sworn in. The youngest judge currently sitting on the Supreme Court, Thomas Kilbride of LaSalle, is 66 years old.

Epstein said his age has not been an issue with older voters. "Young people like us. Older folks — retirees — love us," Epstein said. "They're like, 'Great. New blood.' They want change."

Epstein has loaned a total of \$300,000 to his campaign. As of Jan. 1, Epstein was behind only McBride in available funds.

Sheldon 'Shelly' Harris

Since the new year, Appellate Court Judge Sheldon "Shelly" Harris has self-funded his campaign with over \$1.7 million.

While attending law school at night, Harris worked for Chicago Public Schools as an eighth grade and special education teacher.

In 2019, Harris wrote the highly publicized appellate opinion that revived a class-action lawsuit against Chicago over lead water pipes. The 2-1 decision did not rule on the lawsuit, but sent the case back to the Cook County Circuit Court for further deliberation.

Within the past year, Harris also wrote an opinion for the Appellate Court ruling that Illinois State Police may deny a concealed firearm permit to an individual based on information contained in police reports.

In August, Harris described diversity as selecting a candidate "without regard to any race, color, creed or sex."

Harris added, "Diversity is not,

'Oh, let's look for a black, yellow or green person and see if he fits.'"

When asked by West Side Ald. Jason Ervin whether he understood the concept of white privilege, Harris replied, "I do not agree that blacks or any other portion of society has more privilege (than) the other in selecting a candidate." His response prompted Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle, who is also chairman of the Cook County Democratic Party, to rise from her chair and sigh, "Oh, God."

In 2002, the Tribune reported that Harris' two sons donated a total of \$50,000 to former Democratic Attorney General Lisa Madigan's campaign shortly after Harris received special campaign help from her father, Democratic House Speaker Michael Madigan, in a bid for Cook County judge.

Harris' campaign said he was unavailable to speak with the Tribune for this story.

Harris was evaluated as "Qualified" for the Supreme Court by multiple bar associations including the Chicago Bar Association, but "Not Qualified" by the Illinois State Bar Association, Cook County Bar Association, Hispanic Lawyers Association of Illinois, and Lesbian and Gay Bar Association of Chicago.

Jesse Reyes

Appellate Judge Jesse Reyes, 67, summarized his campaign strategy simply: "I'm everywhere."

"It's easy to sit in the ivory tower, make a decision, and never go out into the public, which unfortunately, a lot of judicial candidates do," Reyes said. "But it's another thing to go out among the community."

Reyes, who was raised in Chicago's Pilsen and Bridgeport neighborhoods, made history in 2012 as the first Latino elected to the Illinois Appellate Court. If successful in the March primary, Reyes would likely become the first Latino on the Illinois Supreme Court.

"When you look at Illinois and Cook County, we have a rainbow of various cultures, ethnicities, races," Reyes said. "There's various aspects of our community as a whole that have been underrepresented on the bench."

Census numbers in 2018 showed about 17% of Illinois residents were Latino or Hispanic, and Reyes said many people with whom he has spoken were surprised to learn a Latino justice has never sat on the bench. "If we base it on population, there's no reason we shouldn't have a Latino," he said.

Reyes has centered his platform on issues like transparency in judicial appointments, reforming the cash bail system, and one topic that he says is too often overlooked in judicial races — access to mental health services.

And while the seven-way race for Justice Freeman's seat on the court remains competitive, Reyes says he's energized by the upcoming vote in Cook County.

"My view has always been that the courtrooms belong to the people," Reyes said.

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Defense

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Legghette's argument will hinge on his claim of self-defense, which, after two years of citywide public mourning and accolades for Bauer's professionalism, might be a controversial proposition for a jury.

And the stakes are high: Prosecutors have indicated they will seek a life sentence for Legghette if he is convicted.

Attorneys have indicated previously that Legghette is likely to take the stand and say that he did not know when he fired the fatal shots that Bauer was a police officer.

"Mr. Legghette's like, 'Who, why is this guy using force on me?'" his attorney Scott Kamin said in court last month. "He didn't hear what Cmdr. Bauer (said), he didn't know that a cop was chasing him."

Prosecutors have scoffed at the idea that Legghette didn't know Bauer was a law enforcement officer. And while they are not expected to present any witness who heard Bauer identify himself as such, the commander was on duty, in full uniform and carrying a police radio on full volume, assistant state's attorneys noted in court last month.

Bauer also was found laying on top of his handcuffs, indicating that he had unholstered them and was carrying them as he chased Legghette. His service weapon, on the other hand, remained secure in its holster.



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A photo of slain police Cmdr. Paul Bauer is held among other pictures of former officers who've been killed during the the Chicago Police Memorial Foundation's 15th Annual Candlelight Vigil in September 2019.

Jurors are also expected to learn that the police chase began with an infraction that turned out to be tragically minor. Witnesses in pretrial hearings earlier this year revealed for the first time that police officers only stopped Legghette on Lower Wacker Drive that day because he appeared to be urinating on a wall or pillar.

When they approached, Legghette declined to speak to them, then ran off.

An officer then radioed a de-

scription of his clothing and told dispatchers that a shooting had recently taken place in the area.

Bauer, downtown for a meeting with aldermen after attending training earlier in the day on how to handle mass shootings, heard a radio call of a fleeing suspect and spotted Legghette running nearby moments later, authorities have said.

Bauer chased Legghette to the top of a stairwell on the east side of the Thompson Center and at-

tempted to detain him, authorities said. The two struggled and tumbled down to a landing below. Legghette, who was wearing body armor, drew a handgun and fired seven shots, fatally wounding Bauer, prosecutors have said.

Judge Reddick last month denied a defense request to let jurors hear about incidents from Bauer's past that Kamin said illustrated he "did unreasonably aggressive things and he was an unreasonably aggressive officer."

The incidents dated from more than a decade ago and would do little to help jurors understand Bauer's conduct in 2018, Reddick said in making her ruling.

But in a boost for the defense, she granted Kamin's request to restrict the dress of Chicago police officers or department supporters who attend the trial, saying it was "paramount" that there not be outside influences on the jury.

"I don't want this to turn into a visual display," she said, adding that she will instruct court personnel to monitor clothing in the gallery throughout the proceedings.

After Bauer's death, Legghette was painted as an example of a too-lenient system. He should not have been out on the streets at all, critics said. He has convictions for drug possession, armed robbery and gun possession on his record.

A Police Department chaplain at Bauer's funeral even compared him with a leper, too toxic to be out among the public.

But from early on, Legghette was indicating that he fired in self-defense. Now he will have a chance to convince a jury that was the case.

In an interview with Chicago magazine in 2018, he compared himself with Trayvon Martin, the unarmed black teen fatally shot in Florida by George Zimmerman, a neighborhood watch volunteer.

"Would Trayvon Martin have been guilty with George Zimmerman if it had went the other way?" Legghette was quoted as saying.

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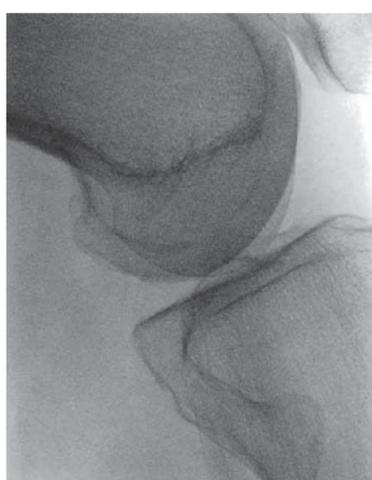
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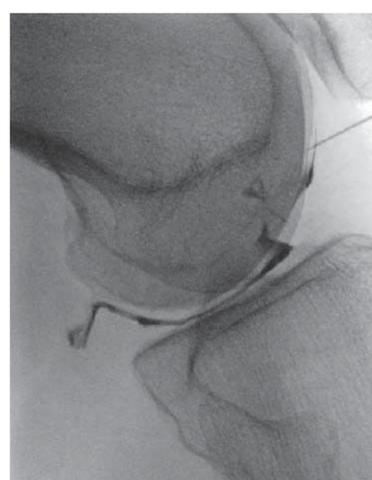
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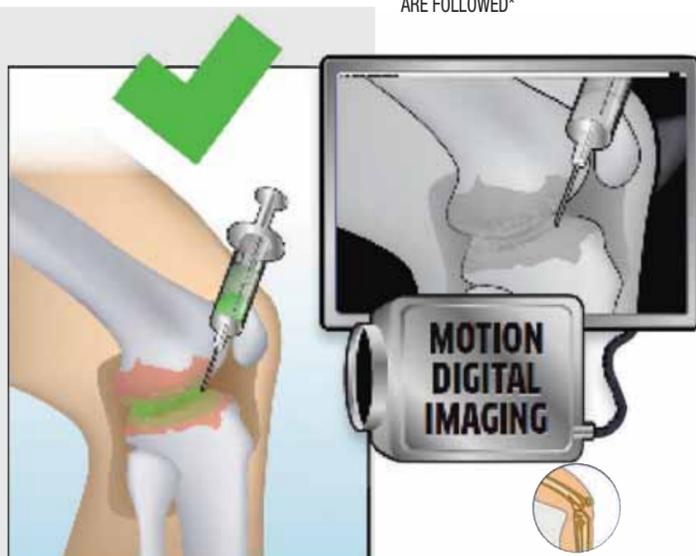
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Advocates sue secretary of state, elections board

BY DAN PETRELLA

A coalition of advocacy organizations has filed a federal lawsuit accusing Illinois Secretary of State Jesse White and the Illinois State Board of Elections of violating federal and state voting laws by botching the rollout of automatic voter registration.

A series of problems with the program have come to light since the beginning of the year, including a mix-up that resulted in at least one non-U.S. citizen voting in a 2018 election. Those revelations came after advocates who supported the law when it was approved in 2017 had already been critical of the state for delays in implementation.

The lawsuit was filed Friday in federal court in Chicago by organizations including the Chicago branch of Asian Americans Advancing Justice, Common Cause

Illinois and the Illinois Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights. It alleges that the secretary of state's office and the elections board have ignored critiques and offers of assistance in implementing the program from advocates.

The state agencies "remain steadfast in their refusal to correct their failures — while Illinois citizens' fundamental right of access to the ballot is trampled upon," the lawsuit says.

Among other issues, the current system doesn't provide adequate access for people with limited English skills, and doesn't automatically update the rolls when voters move, according to the lawsuit. Residents who have recently become naturalized citizens also aren't asked if they want to register to vote if they present older identification documents from before they obtained citizenship, the suit says.

"Delays and other actions hindered voter registration in the elections of November 2018, February 2019, and April 2019 and present an imminent threat of doing the same for the upcoming elections of March 2020 and November 2020," the suit says.

The nonpartisan organizations that brought the lawsuit have had to divert resources from their other priorities toward monitoring the implementation of automatic voter registration, according to the lawsuit.

The organizations are seeking court oversight for a plan to fix the problems with the program.

Dave Druker, a spokesman for the secretary of state's office, said he could not comment because the office had not yet received a copy of the lawsuit.

State Board of Elections spokesman Matt Dietrich said the agency was aware of the lawsuit

but had not yet been served.

Automatic voter registration was approved with unanimous bipartisan support in the General Assembly and signed into law in 2017 by then-Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner.

Since early this year, the program has been under scrutiny for a mix-up that resulted in 545 people who indicated they weren't U.S. citizens being registered to vote. Of those, 16 voted in elections in November 2018 and spring 2019, the State Board of Elections has said. However, nine of them were legally registered and had voted before automatic voter registration was implemented in July 2018.

The one noncitizen who voted cast a ballot in the November 2018 general election in Champaign County.

White's office has said the issue was the result of a programming

error that has since been corrected. At a legislative hearing on the issue in early February, White apologized for the problem and said he'd put his staff "on notice."

The secretary of state's office also defended its decision to send information on 4,700 16-year-olds to election officials through the automatic voter registration process, noting that there are instances when a 16-year-old will turn 17 before the next primary and 18 before the next election. The issue was brought to light at an elections board meeting in late January.

The office has agreed to no longer transmit information on 16-year-olds to election officials but will continue to send information on those 17 and older. Under Illinois law, 17-year-olds can vote in primary elections if they will be 18 by the time of the general election.

Buttigieg

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in a bid to reverse the national narrative and polling reality that he couldn't connect with African Americans, who made up roughly 60% of voters in the state's primary. He spent more days in the state than any other candidate and spent the most money on TV ads there (with the exception of billionaire activist Tom Steyer).

In the end, he couldn't break through, winning just 2% support among South Carolina's black voters, according to exit polls.

Buttigieg's candidacy played much stronger in the nominating contests of the first two states of Iowa and New Hampshire, both of which are overwhelmingly white.

His moderate message and calm demeanor paired with calls for generational change and desire to unify a nation divided in the wake of Donald Trump's presidency found wide appeal in both states.

For his part, Trump used the moment as another opportunity to try and sow division between the far left faction of the Democratic Party backing Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders and the more moderate wing where the vote has been split among Buttigieg, Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar and former Vice President Joe Biden,

who claimed a commanding win in South Carolina.

"Pete Buttigieg is OUT. All of his SuperTuesday votes will go to Sleepy Joe Biden. Great timing," Trump tweeted. "This is the REAL beginning of the Dems taking Bernie out of play - NO NOMINATION, AGAIN!"

In his speech Sunday night, Buttigieg emphasized the values of his campaign, frequently referred to by the candidate, campaign staff and supporters as the "Rules of the Road."

"Respect, belonging, truth, teamwork, boldness, responsibility, substance, discipline, excellence and joy," Buttigieg said. "Every decision we made was guided by these values."

And the truth, he said, called on him to end his campaign.

"We must recognize that at this point in the race, the best way to keep faith with those goals and ideals is to step aside and help bring our party and our country together," Buttigieg said as the crowded atrium at the Century Center in downtown South Bend fell quiet. "I will no longer seek to be the 2020 Democratic nominee for president, but I will do everything in my power to ensure that we have a new Democratic president come January."

Buttigieg's departure from the race came less than a month after his dramatic win in Iowa punctuated his incredible political rise.

The former mayor began his speech by noting that his campaign started a year ago in a small South Bend office with just four staff members.

"No big email list, no personal fortune. Hardly anybody knew my name, and fewer could pronounce it, but South Bend showed everyone what to do — first name Mayor, last name Pete — so nobody got confused," Buttigieg said to a loud roar from the hometown crowd. "By every conventional wisdom, by every historical measure, we were never supposed to get anywhere at all. And then as I said that roller coaster February night a few weeks ago when Iowa shocked the nation, along that way, an improbable hope became an undeniable reality."

Buttigieg narrowly won Iowa, and claimed victory the night of the caucuses — even though a vote-counting debacle led no results to be reported until the next day. The lack of clarity around the results and the fact that Buttigieg was not declared the winner until days later deprived him of the giant media and fundraising bump that typically comes with a first-in-the-nation victory.

In New Hampshire, Buttigieg appeared poised to win the state, only to have some of his vote siphoned away in the race's final days by Klobuchar, a fellow Midwestern moderate whose domi-



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Pete Buttigieg announces he is ending his campaign to be the Democratic nominee for president.

nant debate performance led to a last-minute boost. Still, Buttigieg finished a close second to Sanders, and the two left the state with the same number of delegates.

But as the political terrain turned more diverse, Buttigieg struggled, finishing a distant third in Nevada and fourth in South Carolina.

Throughout the race, Buttigieg chalked up his lack of diverse support as a product of him not being well-known around the

country. His campaign repeatedly extolled the theory that once Buttigieg showed he could compete in Iowa and New Hampshire, more support among black and Latino voters would follow.

It never materialized.

And so, Buttigieg made the difficult call Sunday night. In doing so, he recalled his visit to Selma, Alabama, earlier in the day to mark the 55th anniversary of Bloody Sunday, when civil rights activists were beaten and killed by white police officers as they crossed the Edmund Pettis Bridge.

"I was humbled to walk in the symbolic and the literal shadows of heroes who 55 years ago made America more of a democracy than it had ever been by their blood and by their courage, and seeing those moral giants made me ask what we might achieve in the years now at hand — how we might live up to the greatest moral traditions of political change in this country," Buttigieg said. "It made me wonder how the 2020s will be remembered when I am an old man."

"I firmly believe that in these years in our time, we can and we will make American life in politics more like what it could be — not just more wise and more prosperous — but more equitable and more just and more decent."

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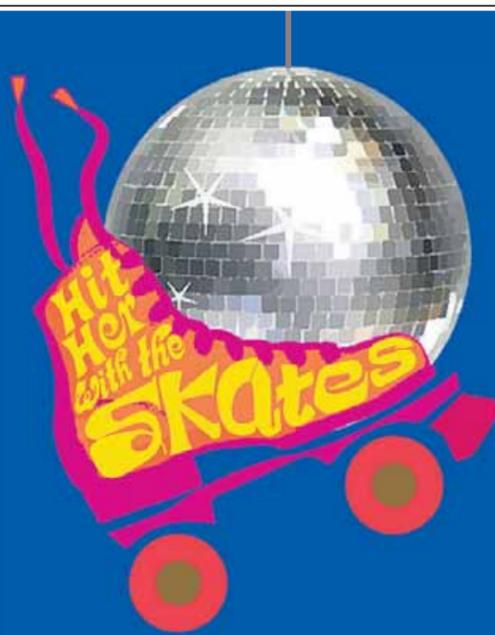
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Addiction

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habit (as is customary for participants in 12-step programs, they asked to be identified only by their first names or no name at all).

"Everyone I've told has been dumbfounded that it became an addiction," said Shelby, a 36-year-old woman from Chicago. "It's hard for them to grasp that marijuana is addictive, and also that I used every day for the most part and no one knew. That's how secretive you can be, how good you can get at functioning on weed."

Subtle habit

Shelby said she started smoking marijuana at 14 — the odds of developing cannabis use disorder are 1 in 6 for people who first indulge when they're younger than 18 — but it didn't really become an obsession until she moved to California as an adult.

There, she said, the state's liberal medical marijuana law allowed her to buy the drug with little hassle (California has since legalized recreational sales), and THC-infused vape pens let her use discreetly anytime she wanted.

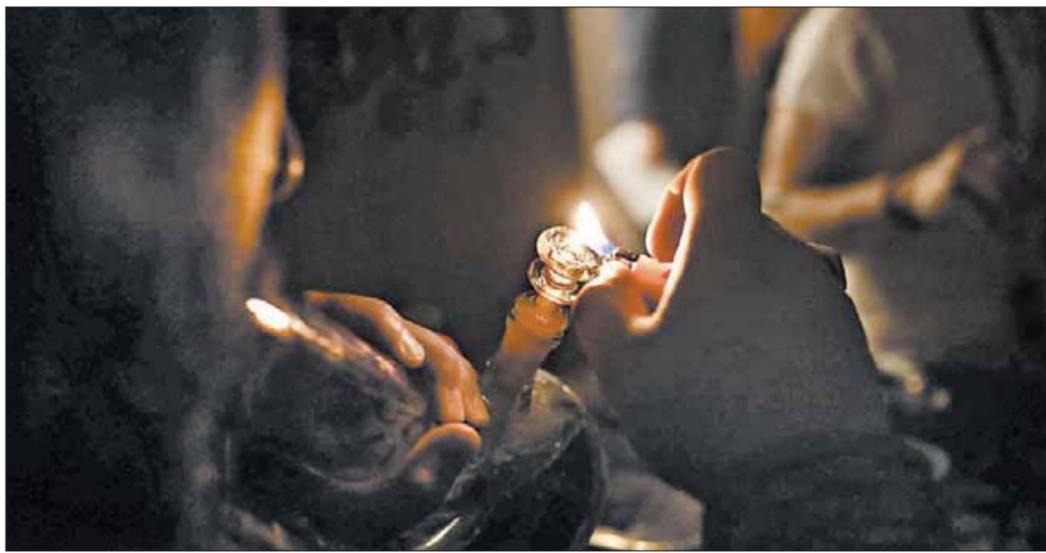
"It just became so addicting," she said. "I just couldn't be without it. Every single thing I did I needed to do high."

Guillermo, a 19-year-old Chicagoan, said the first time he got stoned "felt like I was a piece of butter melting on a stack of pancakes." But the rapture faded quickly, and smoking weed soon became a joyless reflex akin to brushing his teeth in the morning, he said.

Potent marijuana frequently put him into hangoverlike "kush comas," he said, and sapped his motivation and alertness so thoroughly that his mother threatened to put him into a mental hospital.

"I was just stoned all the time," he said. "I was barely even there."

Dr. Itai Danovitch, chair of the department of psychiatry at Cedars-Sinai in



A person smokes marijuana at a private residence in the West Loop on Jan. 25.

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Los Angeles and a member of the American Society of Addiction Medicine, said the hallmarks of cannabis use disorder are similar to those of other addictions.

People become physically dependent on the drug, needing more to achieve the same effect, and they suffer withdrawal symptoms if they stop using. They lose control over their consumption. And they keep going even after their use causes them to suffer adverse consequences.

Those consequences, however, tend to be less pronounced with marijuana, leading some to overlook the drug's problematic properties.

"People are able to function in a way that's very hard to do with other drugs of abuse," he said. "But they're not functioning at the peak of their own performance."

Easy to rationalize

A 31-year-old Chicagoan who works in health care said she did well at her job despite smoking marijuana every day. That made it easy to rationalize her habit.

"Other people, when they have a bad day, can go home and have a couple glasses of wine," she said. "(I thought that) me going

home and smoking a bowl or three is the same thing. ... I was this high achiever, but it was a double life."

The marijuana, she believes, aggravated her depression and led to feelings of guilt and shame that ultimately prompted her to seek treatment. She entered a partial hospitalization program where she received eight hours of therapy a day to help her manage her cravings and understand the reasons behind her use.

"I don't know the statistics, but it feels like there's a higher rate of staying clean when you have that basis of treatment," said the woman, who has been marijuana-free for nearly two years. "They're not just keeping you from using. They're teaching you fact-based coping mechanisms."

Robb entered a similar program and said it helped him get through surprisingly intense withdrawal symptoms.

"I got headaches, dry heaves, extreme emotions and mood swings," he said. "The first two weeks were bad. THC kills your ability to dream, so I was dreaming again for the first time in four years. My mind was catching up on everything I had repressed. Many of the reasons I started getting high in the first place were coming out in my

"It's hard for them to grasp that marijuana is addictive, and also that I used every day for the most part and no one knew."

— Shelby, a 36-year-old woman from Chicago

dreams."

But professional treatment is elusive for many drug users. Aaron Weiner, director of addiction services at Linden Oaks Behavioral Health, said people without insurance are often out of luck — a problem he expects to worsen now that Illinois has legalized marijuana.

"The end stage of addiction is you lose your job, and when you lose your job, you lose your insurance," he said. "That is already an underserved community, and we're just going to continue to see that exacerbated."

Addiction to increase?

Critics have warned that legal marijuana will increase addiction in Illinois, and a study published last year found that cannabis use disorder has indeed grown slightly in states that legalized pot.

The Pritzker administration has reserved 20% of tax revenue from recreational

marijuana for addiction treatment and prevention. That portion is projected to hit \$25 million next year, according to the Illinois Department of Human Services, but won't be reserved for any particular addiction.

Some of those in recovery for cannabis use disorder are indifferent to legalization, saying they had no trouble finding the drug when it was against the law. Cathy, a 64-year-old Chicago woman who has been off marijuana for several months, said legalization might even turn out to be a good thing.

"It used to be that it was hard to get help because you were always hiding it," she said. "Now that it's legal, my hope is that it will make it easier for people to admit they have a problem and go get help."

Cathy sought that help in Marijuana Anonymous, a 12-step group founded in California in 1989. It came to the Chicago area roughly a decade ago, one member said, but has recently ex-

panded. There are now three meetings in Chicago, two in Evanston and one that started last month in Westmont. Another might be coming to the neighborhood around Midway Airport.

Some experts question the efficacy of 12-step programs, which, given their anonymity and fluctuating membership, are notoriously hard to study. But Danovitch said they have proven helpful for many people, even if they can't be considered formal treatment.

"We think of it as a community intervention," he said. "It's undoubtedly powerful and effective, but not everyone is willing to participate in it."

Rick, 54, said Marijuana Anonymous helped him give up the drug when he started attending meetings about a decade ago. Since then, he said, the sense of fellowship has provided strong motivation to stay sober.

"These meetings have given me an accountability I could never maintain on my own," he said. "They just keep me focused."

A 29-year-old woman from Oak Brook who stopped smoking weed through Marijuana Anonymous, said quitting was tough. She went through a miserable withdrawal and was left in severe emotional fragility — a symptom, she believes, of having used marijuana to smother her emotions for nearly a decade.

Two years later, that has passed. Her depression and anxiety are gone, changes she chalks up to her abstinence. Even her once-cynical worldview has eased, she said, leaving her a more hopeful and engaged person.

"I rarely think about smoking anymore, which is a miracle given how obsessed I was two years ago," she said. "When I do (think of it), I'm just reminded of how miserable I was and how I never want to go back to that."

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Biden's SC showing shakes up race

Yet challenges still remain as Super Tuesday looms

BY JULIE PACE
Associated Press

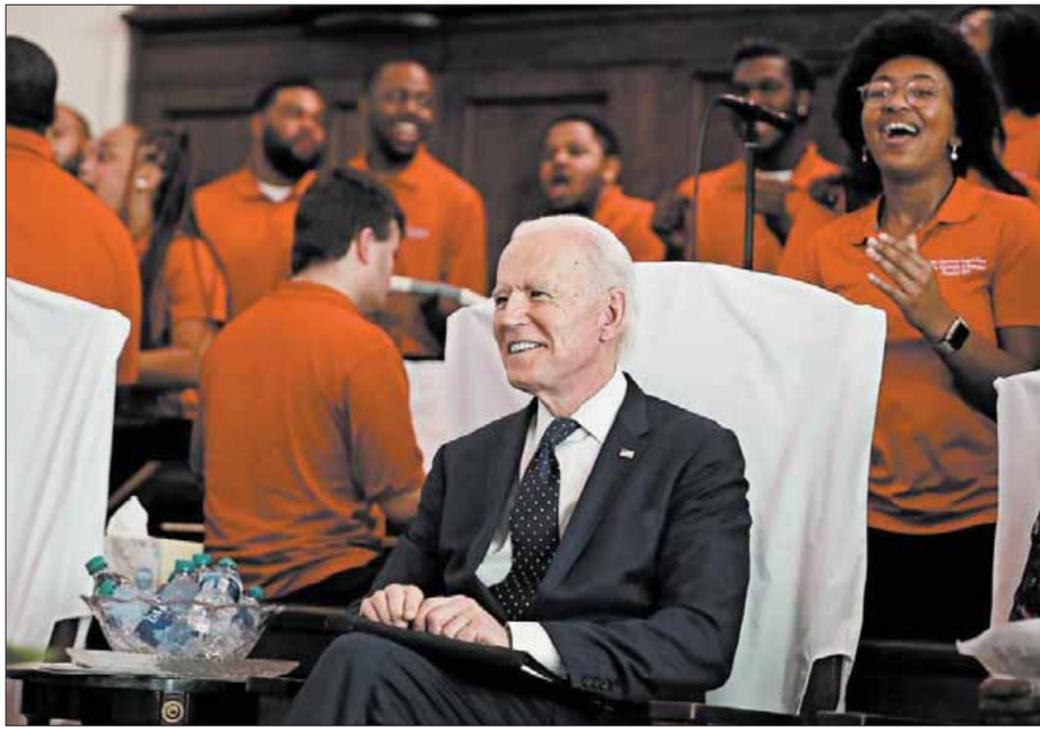
WASHINGTON — Joe Biden bought himself time. It's unclear how much.

Biden's victory in South Carolina on Saturday was emphatic enough to let him make the claim that it had reordered the race for the Democratic presidential nomination. He can now credibly argue he is the overwhelming favorite of black voters who are the backbone of the Democratic Party. And he is positioning himself as moderates' best alternative to blocking Bernie Sanders' path to the nomination.

But the next three days will determine whether South Carolina was a one-off for Biden or the start of a true comeback for the former vice president. More than a dozen states vote on Tuesday, including California, the primary contest's biggest prize and a state where more than 1 million votes were cast early.

Biden faces serious challenges in many of those states, including a limited campaign infrastructure and virtually no money spent on advertising. He'll be dependent largely on name recognition built up during more than four decades in national politics and the perception of momentum coming out of South Carolina.

Also standing in Biden's way: several other candidates who are vowing to stay in the race, including billionaire Mike Bloomberg.



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Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden waits to be introduced Sunday at a Selma, Alabama, church.

Most have no discernible path to the nomination, but they could keep Biden's support down and allow Sanders to rack up an insurmountable delegate lead.

Some of Biden's supporters are clear-eyed about the difficulties ahead.

"I think he will have to do better," Rep. James Clyburn, the prominent South Carolina Democrat who gave Biden a boost with a crucial endorsement days before the primary, said on CNN. "We need to do some retooling in the campaign, no question about that."

Still, there are real reasons for optimism. Biden

was backed by about 60% of African Americans, according to AP VoteCast, a wide-ranging survey of more than 1,400 voters in South Carolina's Democratic primary. He also performed strongly with older voters, who vote more reliably, and self-described moderates.

Also working in Biden's favor were feelings of nostalgia in South Carolina for the Obama era. Though former President Barack Obama hasn't endorsed in the 2020 race, and isn't expected to any time soon, Biden has wrapped himself in his one-time running mate's legacy and held up

his eight years in office as an example for a model for what his own presidency would bring.

Biden's campaign is now moving urgently to rebrand its candidate as a front-runner after weeks on the decline — he finished fourth in Iowa and fifth in New Hampshire, then a distant second to Sanders in Nevada.

Biden and his top advisers are pressing prominent moderates in the next states on the calendar for endorsements, and also trying to gently nudge other candidates toward the exit.

"Joe Biden's strength

tonight is why we are poised for a strong Super Tuesday and one of only two candidates remaining with a viable path to the nomination," said Anita Dunn, Biden's senior adviser.

But Biden is dependent on factors outside of his control — and his weak start to the primaries means one victory in South Carolina may not be enough to scare off other candidates who are still angling for their own opening.

Indeed, several others insisted Saturday that they plan to stay in the race at least through the Super Tuesday contests this com-

ing week, including Sens. Elizabeth Warren and Amy Klobuchar.

But pressure will be particularly acute in the coming days on Klobuchar. After promising moments in Iowa and New Hampshire, two overwhelmingly white states, she hasn't shown any significant strength with minority voters.

Then there's Bloomberg, who entered late after determining Biden was a weaker-than-expected candidate. He skipped the opening contests, but has poured hundreds of millions of dollars into television advertising in Super Tuesday states in hopes of racking up big delegate totals.

While Bloomberg's campaign privately acknowledged that Biden is likely to get a bump out of his South Carolina win, the campaign still believes the former New York mayor can win in a handful of Super Tuesday states that vote on Super Tuesday, including Arkansas, Alabama, Oklahoma, Virginia and North Carolina, all states he's barnstormed in recent days.

"Mike Bloomberg has not been on the ballot yet," said Kevin Sheekey, Bloomberg's campaign manager. "We look forward to Tuesday."

But a comeback narrative can be a powerful political force, one Biden is hoping he can capitalize on during these next crucial days for his campaign.

In an emotional address to supporters in South Carolina on Saturday, he declared: "For all those of you who've been knocked down, counted out and left behind, this is your campaign."

Bernie Sanders-linked group entered into NDA

Consultant cannot discuss suit alleging racial discrimination

BY BRIAN SLODYSKO
AND WILL WEISSERT
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A political advocacy group founded by Bernie Sanders entered into a nondisclosure agreement with an African American political consultant that bars her from discussing a lawsuit alleging racial discrimination at the organization and the Vermont senator's 2016 presidential campaign.

The consultant, Tezlyn Figaro, confirmed the existence of the nondisclosure agreement to The Associated Press without providing additional details.

The deal is tied to a 2019 lawsuit in which Figaro said she was fired from the Sanders-created political group Our Revolution a year earlier due to her race and in "retaliation for complaining about the organization's treatment towards her and African-Americans."

The lawsuit was settled out of court for an undisclosed amount of money. Though the lawsuit was aimed at Our Revolution, it

included broad criticism of Sanders' campaign, arguing an all-white leadership staff "was accused of racism" by black staffers and failed to engage black voters.

Nondisclosure agreements, or NDAs, have become common in presidential campaigns and political organizations in recent years as tools to guard against the release of private data, strategic conversations or other proprietary information.

But such deals have become increasingly controversial as people alleging that they're victims of sexual harassment and misconduct or, in Figaro's case, racial discrimination have said they're prevented from publicly sharing their stories.

Billionaire Mike Bloomberg, one of Sanders' Democratic presidential race rivals, has faced criticism for the use of nondisclosure agreements at his company in cases related to sexual harassment.

Sanders has acknowledged the mistreatment of women and minorities who worked on his 2016 campaign, and his advisers say they've taken corrective measures for his second run. Sanders frequently says

he is building a "multiracial, multi-generational movement" that will appeal to the broad coalition needed to win the primary and defeat President Donald Trump.

But legal experts say that argument could be undermined by a nondisclosure agreement that prevents a woman of color who has criticized Sanders' record on race from talking about her experience.

Figaro was the director of racial justice for Sanders' 2016 campaign, then worked on black outreach issues for Our Revolution. According to federal court records, her case against Our Revolution was settled in July 2019 for an undisclosed amount.

A spokesman for Our Revolution did not respond to multiple requests for comment.

The Sanders campaign said it couldn't comment on the specifics of the case, arguing the campaign can't legally have insight into the activities of Our Revolution.

In a statement, Sanders campaign spokeswoman Sarah Ford said, "We oppose using NDAs to silence the victims of toxic workplace issues."

After his effort to win the



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Presidential candidate Bernie Sanders has acknowledged mistreatment of women and minorities who worked on his 2016 campaign, adding that corrective measures have been taken.

2016 Democratic nomination failed, Sanders founded Our Revolution to keep up the momentum from the campaign.

The group has employed current and former Sanders presidential staffers but operates independently from his campaign, though it has raised millions of dollars to support his current bid.

Figaro's yearlong tenure at Our Revolution was tumultuous.

She was brought on by former Our Revolution President Nina Turner, a top Sanders surrogate who is now national co-chairwoman of his 2020 campaign.

When Turner tried to

make Figaro chief of staff at Our Revolution, board members objected.

Past comments Figaro made about immigration on Twitter and as a pundit on Fox News quickly surfaced and drew rebuke, with critics and some Our Revolution staffers saying that they were anti-immigrant.

"If AMERICAN black folks can go to jail when they break the law then certainly so can an illegal immigrant," she said in one tweet.

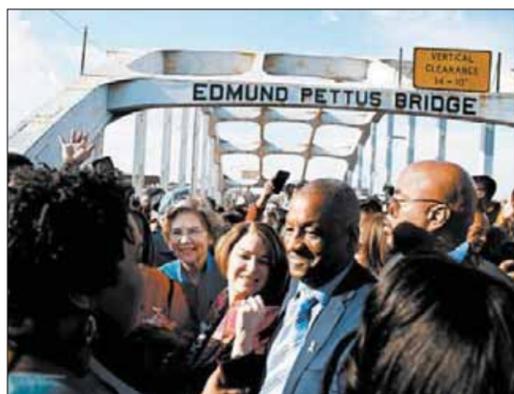
Figaro, who had long worked as a consultant to Turner, publicly apologized but was fired.

Our Revolution was aware of her past comments

when she was hired, according to her lawsuit. Turner didn't respond to a request for comment.

In the past, Figaro defended herself by noting that her comments echoed what Sanders has previously said.

"If poverty is increasing and if wages are going down, I don't know why we need millions of people to be coming into this country as guest workers who will work for lower wages than American workers and drive wages down even lower than they are now," Sanders said in a 2007 television interview explaining why he opposed a bipartisan immigration bill.



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Democratic presidential candidates Elizabeth Warren, left and Amy Klobuchar, march Sunday in Selma, Alabama.

Black vote courted at 'Bloody Sunday' site

BY JAY REEVES
Associated Press

SELMA, Ala. — Joe Biden received a warm reception Sunday in this crucible of the civil rights movement as he and other Democratic presidential hopefuls appealed for black support in a town where demonstrators were once beaten for marching for the right to vote.

Themes of fighting voter suppression, providing the poor with a way up and defeating President Donald

Trump took center stage at events marking the 55th anniversary of "Bloody Sunday," the day in 1965 white police attacked black marchers in Selma. This year's commemoration came two days before Alabama Democrats join voters in more than a dozen states on Super Tuesday.

Hours after strong support by black voters in South Carolina lifted Biden to his first primary victory, the former vice president spoke during the morning worship at historic Brown

Chapel AME Church.

"We've been dragged backward and we've lost ground. We've seen all too clearly that if you give hate any breathing room it comes back," he said.

Former New York Mayor Mike Bloomberg, who split endorsements of leading black political groups in Alabama with Biden, received a lukewarm reception during a 10-minute talk at the pulpit. Bloomberg highlighted his ability as mayor of New York to work with activist Al Sharpton,

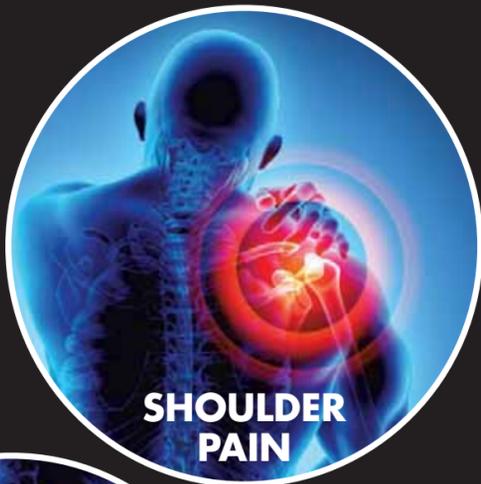
seated a few feet away.

Rep. John Lewis, who was beaten in the Bloody Sunday fracas, made a surprise appearance at the apex of the Edmund Pettus Bridge to start an annual re-enactment of the '65 march. Lewis' schedule has been limited since he announced earlier this year he had advanced cancer.

Speaking to a massive crowd that included Bloomberg and Sen. Elizabeth Warren, Lewis urged the throng to "never give in."

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Images of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, center, Justice Minister Amir Ohana, left, and Education Minister Rafi Peretz are seen on a billboard Sunday.

Weary and divided, Israel heads to the polls once more

By JOSEF FEDERMAN
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — For the third time in under a year, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is seeking re-election, and once again the Israeli leader is on the ropes.

After two inconclusive elections last year, opinion polls forecast another stalemate — a troubling scenario for Netanyahu, who will go on trial on corruption charges two weeks after Monday's vote.

This election campaign has been especially tumultuous. President Donald Trump launched his long-awaited Mideast plan, a proposal that heavily favored Israel and was seen as an election gift to Netanyahu. The Israeli leader, meanwhile, was forced to drop his bid for immunity from prosecution, and late last month, Israel battled Gaza militants in a two-day round of fighting.

Monday's election is seen as another referendum on Netanyahu, the country's longest serving prime minister. And once again, the country seems hopelessly divided.

With seeming boundless energy, Netanyahu, 70, has taken to the airwaves and hit the campaign trail, presenting himself to adoring audiences as a global statesman uniquely qualified to lead the country through its

many complicated challenges. In recent weeks, he jetted from the White House to Moscow to bring home a young Israeli woman jailed there on drug charges, and flew to Uganda for a surprise meeting with a leader of Sudan, a longtime enemy country.

"We have turned Israel into a world power," Netanyahu boasted at a recent campaign stop.

He claims credit for a strong economy and boasts of his close relationships with world leaders, first and foremost Trump, while deriding opponent Benny Gantz as a lightweight. In a message that has drawn accusations of racism, he also accuses Gantz of plotting with Arab lawmakers to oust him. In recent days, Netanyahu and his Likud surrogates spread unfounded allegations claiming his opponent is corrupt, unstable and susceptible to blackmail by Iran.

"Being prime minister of Israel is a complicated thing, full of pressures 24 hours a day," Netanyahu added. "I don't think Benny Gantz can handle it."

Gantz, a former military chief of staff, has focused his campaign on Netanyahu's character, saying a man accused of serious crimes is unfit to lead. He has painted Netanyahu as an out-of-touch egomaniac obsessed with remaining in power and escaping justice, while

portraying himself as a moderate alternative to the polarizing prime minister.

"Netanyahu, look me in the eye. Because of your obsession with evading trial, you're lying, attacking, dividing, mudslinging, spreading malicious rumors and inciting. Netanyahu, you're poisoning Israel," Gantz said last week. "You've lost it, and you're unworthy of being prime minister for even a single day longer."

Weekend polls, the last to be published before the vote, showed Gantz's Blue and White and Netanyahu's Likud party in a tight race, though Gantz's party has shown some small signs of slippage over the past week. Even so, the polls forecast both parties and their smaller partners will again fall short of securing the 61-seat majority in parliament required to form a government.

The easiest way out of the deadlock would be a unity government between the two parties, which together are expected to control a solid majority in the 120-seat parliament.

But Gantz says he will only form a partnership with Likud if Netanyahu steps down. Netanyahu insists he remain prime minister in any unity deal.

The deadlock has raised the possibility of a fourth election in quick succession.

Fragile Afghan peace deal hits snag over prisoner releases

By KATHY GANNON
Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Afghanistan's president said Sunday he will not free thousands of Taliban prisoners ahead of all-Afghan power-sharing talks set for next week, publicly disagreeing with a timetable for a speedy prisoner release laid out just a day earlier in a U.S.-Taliban peace agreement.

President Ashraf Ghani's comments pointed to the first hitch in implementing the fragile deal, which is aimed at ending America's longest war after more than 18 years and getting rival Afghan factions to agree on their country's future.

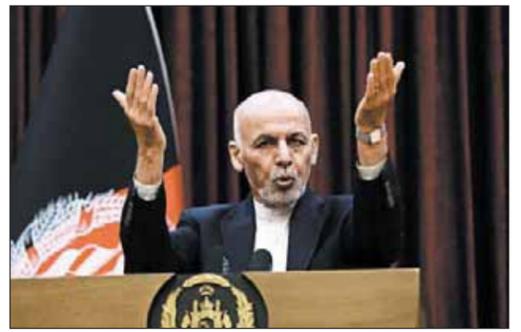
Still, the U.S. has said a planned U.S. troop withdrawal over the next 14 months is linked to the Taliban's counterterrorism performance, not to progress in intra-Afghan talks.

Washington's peace envoy, Zalmay Khalilzad, who served as America's first ambassador to Afghanistan after the 2001 U.S. invasion, spent the past 17 months running on-again, off-again talks with the Taliban to hammer out the agreement.

The U.S.-Taliban deal signed Saturday in Qatar envisions the release of up to 5,000 Taliban prisoners by the Afghan government ahead of talks between Afghan factions meant to begin March 10 in the Oslo, Norway. The Taliban would release up to 1,000 prisoners.

Ghani told a news conference in the Afghan capital of Kabul on Sunday that this wasn't a promise the United States could make. He said the release of any prisoners was a decision for his government to take and that he wasn't ready to release prisoners before the start of negotiations.

"The request has been made by the United States for the release of prisoners and it can be part of the



RAHMAT GUL/AP

Afghan President Ashraf Ghani said Sunday he's not yet ready to release Taliban prisoners as the U.S. envisions.

negotiations but it cannot be a precondition," Ghani said.

The U.S.-Taliban deal is seen as a historic opportunity to extricate the United States from Afghanistan, a nation convulsed by conflict since the 1979 Soviet invasion. Yet it could also unravel quickly, particularly if the Taliban fail to deliver on a promise that no terror attacks would be launched from Afghan soil.

The intra-Afghan talks between squabbling political factions and rival Taliban in Afghanistan are even more intricate — even if a potential failure might not slow the withdrawal of American forces.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Qatari Foreign Minister Mohammad bin Abdulrahman Al Thani said he considered a prisoner exchange an important confidence-building measure.

"Everything is interconnected," he said Sunday about the agreement's 14-month time frame.

"The prisoner exchange will be one of the first confidence-building measures, so it will remain a very critical step that we need to push forward," he added.

U.S. officials, traveling with Secretary of State Mike Pompeo on his return to America, noted that the agreement stipulates "up to" 5,000 prisoners would

be released, without referring specifically to Ghani's statements.

President Donald Trump told reporters Saturday at the White House that he will be "meeting personally with Taliban leaders in the not-too-distant future," and described the group as "tired of war."

He did not say where or why he plans to meet with Taliban leaders. He said he thinks they are serious about the deal they signed but warned that if it fails, the U.S. could restart combat.

"We think we'll be successful in the end," he said, referring to all-Afghan peace talks and a final U.S. exit.

But he also warned: "If bad things happen, we'll go back" in with military firepower.

Many Afghans, however, have welcomed the possibility of peace.

Afghans in eastern Nangarhar posted pictures of dozens of men dancing in the street to celebrate the signing. In eastern Khost province, a Taliban stronghold, the night sky was alight with red tracer bullets fired by celebrating residents.

Soccer players in southern Helmand province, also a Taliban stronghold that has seen heavy violence, began a three-day tournament to celebrate the signing.



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2nd US death reported as coronavirus cases rise

Officials urge calm; new infections are reported in 5 states

BY CARLA K. JOHNSON AND GILLIAN FLACCUS
Associated Press

SEATTLE — Health officials in Washington state said Sunday night that a second person had died from the coronavirus — a man in his 70s from a nursing facility near Seattle where dozens of people were sick and had been tested for the virus.

Researchers said earlier the virus may have been circulating for weeks undetected in Washington state.

In a statement, Public Health-Seattle & King County said the man died Saturday. On Friday, health officials said a man in his 50s died of coronavirus. Both had underlying health conditions, and both were being treated at a hospital in Kirkland, Washington, east of Seattle.

Washington state now has 12 confirmed cases.

State and local authorities stepped up testing for the illness as the number of new cases grew nationwide, with new infections announced in California, Illinois, Rhode Island, New

York and Washington state.

Authorities in the Seattle area reported four new cases Sunday night, including the man who died. Two health care workers in California were also diagnosed. Of the new Washington state cases, two were women — one in her 80s and another in her 90s. Both were in critical condition. A man in his 70s was also in critical condition. All three were from the LifeCare nursing facility in Kirkland, Washington, where health officials said 50 people are sick and being tested for the virus.

On Sunday night, the International Association of Fire Fighters said 25 members who responded to calls for help at the nursing facility are being quarantined.

The first U.S. case was a Washington state man who had visited China, where the virus first emerged, but several recent cases in the U.S. have had no known connection to travelers.

In California, two health care workers in the San Francisco Bay area who cared for an earlier coronavirus patient were diagnosed with the virus on Sunday, the Alameda and Solano counties said in a joint statement.

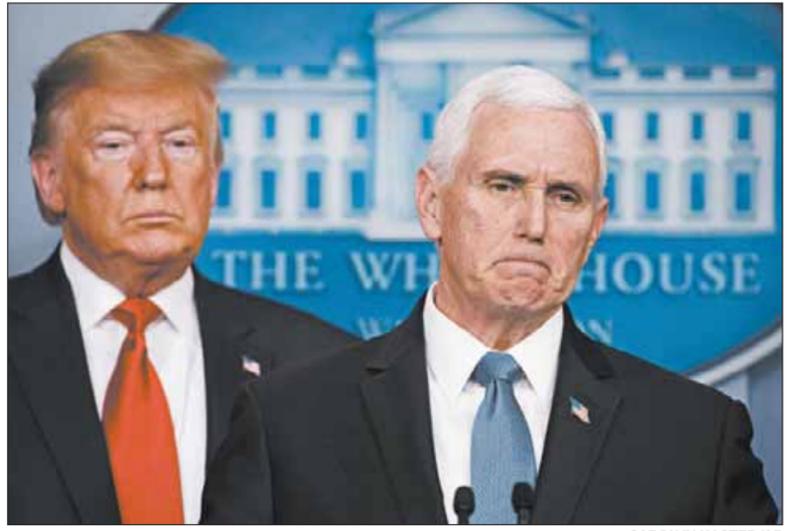
The health care workers are both employed at North-Bay VacaValley Hospital in Vacaville, California, and had exposure to a patient treated there before being transferred to UC Davis Medical Center in Sacramento, the statement said. That patient was the first person in the U.S. discovered to have contracted the coronavirus with no known overseas travel.

Alameda County declared a state of emergency on Sunday following the news.

In Oregon, the state Health Authority said Sunday that a second person in the state tested positive for the virus. The person is an adult in household contact with the first Oregonian to test positive and does not need medical attention, the authority said.

Elsewhere, authorities announced Sunday a third case in Illinois and Rhode Island and New York's first cases.

The hospitalized patient in Rhode Island is a man in his 40s who had traveled to Italy in February. New York confirmed Sunday that a woman in her late 30s contracted the virus while traveling in Iran. The patient is not in serious condition. She has respiratory



CAROLYN KASTER/AP

Vice President Mike Pence, joined by President Donald Trump, pauses during a news conference about the coronavirus on Saturday at the White House.

symptoms and has been in a controlled situation since arriving in New York, according to a statement from the governor's office.

As the fallout continued, Vice President Mike Pence and Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar sought to reassure the American public that the federal government is working to make sure state and local authorities are able to test for the virus. Both said during a round of TV talk show appearances Sunday that thousands more testing kits had been distributed to state and local officials, with thousands more to come.

"They should know we

have the best public health system in the world looking out for them," Azar said, adding that additional cases will be reported and the overall risk to Americans is low.

Pence, named by the president to oversee the government's response, said more than 15,000 virus testing kits had been released over the weekend. And, the administration is working with a commercial provider to distribute 50,000 more, he said.

Azar said more than 3,600 people already have been tested for coronavirus and the capability exists to test 75,000 people.

COVID-19: The latest

Based on WHO and national counts:

- Mainland China: 2,912 deaths among 80,026 cases, mostly in the central province of Hubei
- South Korea: 4,212 cases, 22 deaths
- Italy: 1,694 cases, 34 deaths
- Iran: 978 cases, 54 deaths
- Japan: 961 cases, including 705 from the Diamond Princess cruise ship, 12 deaths
- France: 130 cases, including one on the island of Guadeloupe, 2 deaths
- Singapore: 106 cases
- United States: 80 cases, 2 deaths



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Pope Francis pauses from reciting a prayer on Sunday to cough. The Vatican said Francis, 83, has "a slight illness."

Coughing pope won't attend Lenten retreat

Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — A coughing Pope Francis told pilgrims gathered for the traditional Sunday blessing that he is canceling his participation at a weeklong spiritual retreat in the Roman countryside because of a cold.

It is the first time in his seven-year papacy that he has missed the spiritual exercises that he initiated early in his pontificate to mark the start of each Lenten season. Such retreats

are typical for Jesuits, an order to which he belongs.

The 83-year-old pontiff, who lost part of a lung to a respiratory illness as a young man, has canceled several official engagements this week as he battled an apparent cold.

His weekly appearance Sunday to pilgrims from a window high above St. Peter's Square was the first time he has been seen publicly since Ash Wednesday, when he was seen coughing and blowing his nose during Mass.

Francis paused twice to cough Sunday while addressing the faithful. At the end, he asked for prayers for the spiritual retreat, adding "unfortunately a cold prevents me from participating this year. I will be following the meditation from here."

The pope has canceled two planned official audiences — formal affairs in the Apostolic Palace where Francis would have delivered a speech and greeted a great number of people at the end. Those were to include an audience with an

international bioethics organization and with members of the scandal-marred Legion of Christ religious order.

He was to have left Sunday for the retreat outside of Rome.

The Vatican has described Francis condition as "a slight illness," without giving other details. Francis' illness, though, has come amid general alarm in Italy over the coronavirus outbreak, which has infected more than 1,100 people, mostly in northern Italy.

High court to mull power of president to fire anyone

BY JESSICA GRESKO
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court is about to tell President Donald Trump whether he has more power to use a favorite phrase: "You're fired."

A case being argued Tuesday could threaten the structure of agencies that form an enormous swath of the federal government. It has to do with whether a president can fire heads of independent agencies for any reason.

The case the justices are hearing involves the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau, the agency Congress created in response to the 2008 financial crisis. It was the brainchild of Massachusetts senator and Democratic presidential candidate Elizabeth Warren.

Experts say a decision could ultimately affect not only the CFPB but also how easily the president can fire a host of other independent agency heads, including leaders of the Federal Reserve, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Federal Trade Commission, Federal Communications Commission, Securities and Exchange Commission and Social Security Administration.

The president can and has ousted executive branch officials, including FBI Director James Comey, national security adviser John Bolton and Secretary of State Rex Tillerson. But the heads of independent agencies are different because laws insulate them from being fired without reason.

Experts on both sides of the issue agree the effect of the Supreme Court case could be vast.

"This case could potentially put the legality of many government agencies in doubt," said Georgetown University law professor Adam Levitin, who believes Congress can limit the pres-



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A case being heard Tuesday at the Supreme Court could threaten the structure of some government agencies.

ident's ability to fire the CFPB director.

Oliver Dunford, an attorney with the Pacific Legal Foundation who believes the CFPB's structure is unconstitutional, agreed the case has "long-term implications."

Conservatives have long argued that independent agencies created by Congress such as the CFPB have gotten out of control, violating the Constitution's separation of powers principles by limiting the power of the president.

But defenders of the CFPB's structure say such agencies were set up to insulate them from political pressure and from strong-arming by the president.

Boston College law professor Patricia McCoy, a former CFPB official, says the structure of independent agencies is "a very long-standing tradition that has served the economy, the American people, well."

Under the Dodd-Frank Act, the CFPB director is appointed by the president and confirmed by the Senate and serves a five-year term. The president can only remove a director for "inefficiency, neglect of duty or malfeasance in office." That means that a new president usually can't immediately fire the head who was appointed in the previous administration. The structure also means a president can't pressure the

agency's director to take action by threatening to fire him or her, McCoy said.

But the Trump administration is arguing that the Constitution requires that the president have unrestricted power to fire people who hold certain important government positions. It says the restriction on the president's ability to fire the CFPB director is unconstitutional. The position is a reversal from the Obama administration.

The case was brought by the California-based consumer law firm Seila Law. As part of an investigation, the CFPB demanded information and documents from the firm, which is run by a solo practitioner. Seila Law responded by challenging the CFPB's structure. Two lower courts ruled against the law firm.

Lawyers for the House of Representatives are arguing to the Supreme Court that the CFPB's structure is constitutional. But Seila Law's attorneys say the CFPB's structure "unduly inhibits the President's ability to supervise the exercise of the executive power" and "badly flouts the separation of powers." They're urging the justices to invalidate the agency entirely or to let Congress redo the agency's structure. The Trump administration says the court can simply strike from the law the restriction on removing the agency's head.

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College recruiter told Okla. students to line up by skin color

OKLAHOMA CITY — A college recruiter was fired after high school students in Oklahoma City said he had them line up by the color of their skin and then by their hair texture.

Harding Charter Preparatory High School student Korey Todd told KFOR-TV that during the Feb. 24 assembly, the recruiter from Oklahoma Christian University “barely talked about the school itself.”

“He was like, ‘All right, let’s play a little game,’” Todd said. “Then he said, ‘OK everyone, now line up from darkest to lightest skin complexion.’”

The 11th graders were then told to shuffle again.

Student Rio Brown said, “He told us to line up nappiest hair in the back and straightest hair in the front.”

The university told the TV station that the admissions counselor is no longer an employee.

Bryant’s widow ‘devastated’ by report deputies shared photos

LOS ANGELES — The widow of basketball star Kobe Bryant is “absolutely devastated” by allegations that deputies shared graphic photos of the helicopter crash scene where Bryant, their 13-year-old daughter and seven others were killed, her lawyer said in a statement Saturday.

The Los Angeles Times reported on Thursday that a public safety source with knowledge of the events

had seen one of the photos on the phone of another official in a setting that was not related to the investigation of the crash. He said the photos showed the scene and victims’ remains. The source spoke on condition of anonymity.

The Los Angeles Sheriff’s Department said in a statement Friday it was investigating the allegations detailed in the newspaper’s report.

Thousands bury Hezbollah fighters killed in Syria’s Idlib

BEIRUT — Thousands of mourners thronged the coffins of five fighters from the Lebanese militant group Hezbollah, whose funeral was held Sunday in southern Beirut after they were killed in neighboring Syria’s northwestern Idlib region.

The fighters were among at least eight Hezbollah members who died Friday in Turkish attacks amid fierce fighting between Syrian Presi-

dent Bashar Assad’s forces and Turkish troops and allied militiamen. The deaths marked the highest for Hezbollah in Syria in years.

The funeral was held in Beirut’s southern district of Ghobeiri. A crowd of a few thousand people — relatives and supporters — walked behind five coffins wrapped in yellow Hezbollah flags amid cries of “Allahu akbar,” meaning “God is great.”



People dance as an effigy of Lady Maslenitsa burns during celebrations of Maslenitsa, or Pancake Week, on Sunday in Veliky Novgorod, about 340 miles northeast of Moscow. Maslenitsa is a holiday marking the end of winter and dating to pagan times.

FCC proposes fines for cell carriers that shared user data

NEW YORK — U.S. regulators have proposed fining the four major U.S. phone companies more than \$200 million combined for improperly disclosing customers’ real-time location to other companies.

The proposed fines by the Federal Communications Commission amounted to \$91 million for T-Mobile, \$57 million for AT&T, \$48 million for Verizon and \$12 million for Sprint.

The amounts vary based on how long each company sold the user data and how many companies and organizations it sold the data

to. The phone companies can object, and the amounts could change.

Critics said the FCC took too long, and the proposed fines were too low.

“Instead of meetings its obligation to come down hard on the wireless carriers that are guilty in this case, the FCC dragged its feet and issued penalties that let these companies off easy,” said Sen. Edward Markey, D-Mass.

Lisa Hayes of the advocacy group Center for Democracy & Technology said the FCC’s “weak enforcement response” demonstrates why the U.S.

needs a comprehensive privacy law.

Location data makes it possible to identify the whereabouts of nearly any phone in the U.S. within seconds.

According to published reports, phone companies were selling access to such data to little-known companies such as LocationSmart and Zumigo. These data brokers then sold the information to other “location-based” services, like prison-communications company Securus. The FCC said the phone companies failed to ask customers for consent.

S. Africa removes migrant squatters in Cape Town

JOHANNESBURG — Hundreds of foreign migrants have been removed from central Cape Town by South African authorities following a monthslong standoff.

The migrants, who were moved Sunday, had demanded to be relocated to other countries, claiming

they had been threatened by violence last year. But the group lost their court bid to compel the government to fly them to what they said would be safer countries, including the U.S. and Canada.

The foreigners had camped outside Cape Town’s Green Market

Square. Authorities said they will verify their identities and will process those seeking asylum.

The removal of the foreigners was largely a calm operation, with the authorities getting little resistance from the migrants, except for some heckling and chanting.

Slovakia’s populists win by opposing corruption

BRATISLAVA, Slovakia — Slovakia’s center-right populist opposition claimed victory Sunday in the country’s parliamentary election, ending the reign of the long-dominant but scandal-tainted leftist party in a move that analysts said showed a strong desire by voters to end corruption.

According to final results released Sunday by the Statistics Office, the Ordinary People group captured 25% of Saturday’s vote and 53 seats in the 150-seat parliament. The senior ruling leftist Smer-Social Democracy party led by former populist Prime Minister Robert Fico came in second with 18.3% or 38 seats.

The results steered the country to the right and could eventually make a local ally of France’s far-right National Rally party, led by Marine Le Pen, a part of Slovakia’s governing coalition.

In Florida, spring break crackdown:

Spring breakers be forewarned: You still can’t drink booze in March on the beach in Panama City, Florida, which is seeking to curb rowdy parties.

The Panama City News Herald reports that the monthlong ban is paired with a 2 a.m. deadline to buy alcohol anywhere within city limits.

Panama City Police Chief Drew Whitman says zero tolerance policy originally enacted in 2015 has helped the city transition from a national spring break hot-spot to a more family-friendly destination all year long.

Whitman says enforcing the ban includes extra officers on the beach, some on all-terrain vehicles. Violators can be fined or even jailed.

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EDITORIALS

Millennium Park's new attraction: Free speech

Millennium Park is one of the jewels of Chicago — a 24-acre expanse featuring a naturalistic garden, a concert venue, a winding bridge, a fountain featuring a giant LED display and the stainless steel sculpture known as The Bean, to cite just a few attractions. Since opening in 2004, the park has held an irresistible pull for tourists as well as locals, becoming as synonymous with Chicago as the Willis Tower or Midway Plaisance.

What makes it a magnet for visitors also makes it an appealing place for those who have a message they want to spread. In 2018, a group of Wheaton College students began traveling there every Friday to preach the gospel and hand out religious material. But park security staffers repeatedly told them their evangelizing was not allowed. Several individuals who circulate petitions for various causes say they, too, have been stopped.

In April, in an attempt to clarify its policy, the city issued rules banning “the making of speeches and passing out of written communications” in 10 of the park’s 11 sections (“rooms”) — with The Bean, the most popular site, placed off limits. The policy also forbade any conduct that “interferes with or disrupts another visitor’s peaceful enjoyment of a performance or amenity in the Park.”

The evangelists and petitioners went to court, arguing that the restrictions violated their rights to free speech and free exercise of religion. On Feb. 20, U.S. District Judge John Robert Blakey said that because the rules were “constitutionally flawed,” the city was likely to lose the lawsuit. He blocked enforcement while the case proceeds.

The city and its partner, the Millennium Park Foundation, say they want to preserve nearly the entire park as a unique haven for the appreciation of nature and art. But public parks have long been places where people can hear speeches, join rallies or hand out leaflets. As Judge Blakey noted, Millennium Park “fits the bill as a traditional public forum: It is free, open to the public and serves as a public thoroughfare.”

As such, it can’t just be sealed off from any expressive activity that the city would prefer not to



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Wheaton College student Jeremy Chong preaches the gospel in Chicago’s Millennium Park on Feb. 21.

FROM A SEPT. 23, 2019, CHICAGO TRIBUNE EDITORIAL

Restricting expression to such a zone is too limiting

Public parks, the Supreme Court noted in 1939, “have immemorially been held in trust for the use of the public and, time out of mind, have been used for purposes of assembly, communicating thoughts between citizens, and discussing public questions.”

In such spaces, you don’t need to get a permit, pay a fee or rent a hall. You can just show up and convey your message to anyone who is open to it. Others in the park are free to ignore you, argue with

you or walk away.

The city, however, has tried to seal The Bean off from such activities. It divides Millennium Park into 11 sections — and tolerates free communication in just one of them, in the northwest corner. So some 90% of the space — including The Bean — is off-limits to anyone with a message to share.

The city’s policy, in seeking to ban speech activity in nearly all of the park, is too strict and appears to run afoul of the

First Amendment.

The city already bans loudspeakers and bullhorns, and it certainly has the right to police noise and conduct in spaces where musical or other performances are taking place.

But before the city can forbid free expression in a public space, it needs a good reason — and it needs to “leave open ample alternative means for communication of the information,” as the Supreme Court has stipulated.

tolerate. The rules leave way too much enforcement discretion. In court, those defending the restrictions were vague about what constitutes a “speech”; one city official said it depends on “the intent of the speaker.” A foundation officer hedged on whether it would be a violation to hand out

copies of “Moby-Dick.” Security guards, the judge noted, are given no training on how to distinguish between permissible and prohibited activity. The murkiness is a recipe for arbitrary action.

And where is the need for these regulations? Blakey was

struck by the lack of evidence that park visitors had been disturbed by the activities the city chose to ban. Maybe it’s better to detect an actual problem before jumping to “solve” it. The mere possibility that someone, someday, might object is not enough to warrant such sweeping restrictions.

Millennium Park is a place of color, space, imagination and variety, and there is no reason to believe its many attractions can’t coexist with people who want to communicate their beliefs. It has been a great success, and allowing free speech is not likely to change that.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

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Yes, his employees were indispensable, and he can boast that he and they created thousands of jobs that have made it possible for parents to

buy homes, send their kids to college, and retire in comfort.

Who do you think pays the taxes in this country, Bernie, so you have the money to redistribute?

Mr. Bloomberg has writers and consultants who can elaborate, but you get the idea. So far he has been running as a pale-rider progressive, with plans for a \$5 trillion tax increase, expanded student loan forgiveness and increased Social Security benefits. He’s for gun control and cares about climate change.

None of that sets him apart from the other Democrats on a debate stage.

What would set him apart is if he took on Bernie’s socialism directly and in moral and human terms.

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Itto Outini, who moved to the United States two years ago, stands in the Bell Engineering Center at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville.

A Moroccan orphan finds the American Dream is also accessible

BY ITTO OUTINI

Penniless and sightless, I arrived in the United States from Morocco more than two years ago determined to succeed, though the unknown felt overwhelming. I had no idea how I would navigate a new country, let alone technology that I had never had access to back home.

To dream of a better life had always seemed impossible. An orphan in a small, isolated village in the Middle Atlas mountains, I worked for my keep with relatives, a poor family, and could not attend school.

I had steadily been losing sight in one eye when one of those relatives beat and stabbed me in my other eye and I was abandoned at a hospital. I never saw my relatives again. I was 17 years old and totally blind.

With help from others amid years of homelessness, I made my way. I learned how to use Braille in just one day, and finished my education in a school for the blind in half the normal time. I finished college in three years, the normal pace in Morocco.

Still, my world was very small.

The only way for me to learn was usually verbal communication, and my exams were performed with the

help of a sighted person through Braille or oral assignments. I needed friends and classmates to read from the internet for me since I could not afford screen-reading technology.

I had heard that a wonderful digital world existed, but without a screen reader, smartphone, iPad or tablet, it seemed like a fantasy. Braille books, my cane and my friends were the only way I could find my way.

I passed my Toefl (Test of English as a Foreign Language) exam and boarded a plane bound for the University of Arkansas and a graduate degree in journalism, thanks to a Fulbright scholarship.

But when I arrived in the U.S., I did not know how to use a cellphone.

When I reached Fayetteville, Arkansas, I did not know the voice of my new host father, who was picking me up at the airport. But an accessibility helper at the airport assisted me. Other than that, I was lost until my host father bought me an iPhone at an expense that would have fed me and covered five months of rent in Morocco.

I was embarrassed to tell him that I didn't know how to use it. He was so kind to learn about digital tools for the blind and explained the accessibility

shortcut to the iPhone's screen reader. Thus, I met Siri, my new eyes, and I began to explore my neighborhood, and the world. So, too, the VoiceOver screen reader never tired, never became impatient, nor ignored my requests.

Then came a computer with a screen reader, but at first I didn't even know how to turn it on. I touched the keyboard, and it meant nothing. It felt like a bunch of useless bumps. After failing to use the first computer, my host father did more research and provided me with more machines — a talking computer, an iPad, Braille display and several talking devices, as well as a Braille keyboard. Now I could use the internet for my classes.

I had to quickly learn how to use a computer keyboard to perform my assignments. I thought I would never make it through grad school, never know my classmates or know how my professors viewed my struggles with the technology.

The people of Fayetteville soon began volunteering to read my texts out loud while I rushed to learn this new digital world. I learned how to do the basics and was thrilled after two months that I could do things that seemed so daunting at first. I started

using libraries for the blind, such as Bookshare and the Library of Congress, and online Braille services.

I became an independent student, and I deeply appreciated the support of my host family, the Fulbright organization and my friends and classmates.

I realized that if people with special needs are given opportunities, they will perform and work as hard as everyone else. We only need to be given opportunities.

The Fulbright scholarship gave me the opportunity to flourish so that I can now help others.

Coming from a lonely place, where electricity was rare, a bus passed by infrequently and hope was stillborn, I've learned that America is not just where the latest technology flourishes, but it's where humanity helps impossible-seeming dreams come to life.

I recently finished my master's degree, and I can't wait to help those who are waiting and dreaming, hope against hope, to see and hear the world come alive — to help people like me.

Itto Outini is a journalist living in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

The world needs businesses to speak out on climate. Workers can lead the charge.

BY BILL WEIHL

When it comes to climate change, it's easy to see why many people struggle to figure out what they can do. Changing habits is important but seems insufficient — and changing big systems often seems impossible. But if you work for, or are considering working for, an influential company, you are in an incredibly powerful position to affect our course on climate.

To understand why, it helps to understand what corporations are — and aren't — doing about climate change. Companies are buying renewable energy, electrifying vehicle fleets and even committing to drawing down past emissions. Yet businesses aren't going all-in on climate. Many companies are moving too slowly in reducing their emissions — or marketing products that increase emissions. Most important, even pro-climate companies rarely advocate strongly for public policy.

Avoiding dangerous climate change will require reducing global emissions 50% by 2030 and 100% by 2050 (with “negative emissions” thereafter). To decarbonize so fast, in a way that's equitable for frontline com-

munities and transitioning industries, we need policies that define market rules.

To enact those policies, we need businesses to understand that climate silence is not neutrality, but complicity. While customers and investors can convey this message, I believe workers can drive change fastest.

I've come to this perspective through my experiences working in corporate sustainability. As Google's “green energy czar” and Facebook's director of sustainability, I spent 15 years moving two of the world's largest companies toward 100% clean energy. I'm proud of my work and the work of my colleagues. But emissions are rising when they should be rapidly falling. Businesses must do more — and they've got an opportunity to go all-in on climate right here in Illinois, where the legislature is considering the nation-leading Clean Energy Jobs Act.

Consider an example from my state, California. In 2015, the legislature considered a bill, S.B. 350, which would have mandated a 50% reduction in statewide gasoline use. Big Oil vigorously opposed the provision while other companies, many known as climate leaders, mostly stayed

home. The resulting defeat of SB 350's gas provision affected the planet's trajectory — and the health of Californians — far more profoundly than any corporate sustainability program.

Employees and students could have changed the outcome on S.B. 350, and they can change the game going forward. Businesses are competing fiercely for talent, giving workers leverage to ask for change. And polls show that younger workers want aggressive climate action. Recent climate walkouts at Amazon and Google were the leading edge of a coming wave.

One analogy for the shift we need comes from the LGBTQ rights movement. A decade ago, companies proudly said, “We don't discriminate.” Today, because of pressure from employees and customers, many businesses say, “We don't stand for discrimination. We advocate for equality.” Today, on climate, companies proudly say, “We don't pollute.” We need them to say, “We don't stand for pollution. We advocate for a clean economy.”

To drive change, a group of us — students, workers, sustainability professionals and activists — recently launched an initiative called ClimateVoice. Most ur-



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Google employees make their way up Market Street to join others in a climate strike rally at City Hall in San Francisco on Sept. 20.

gently, we'll be asking businesses to support critical state and regional climate bills, including the Clean Energy Jobs Act here in Illinois.

Corporate sustainability is no longer enough. We need aggressive, equitable, societywide decarbonization. Companies have influence, and we can and must

demand that the businesses we buy from, invest in, welcome into our communities and, most importantly, work for, raise their voices on behalf of our future.

Bill Wehl is a former sustainability executive at Google and Facebook and founder of ClimateVoice, a nonprofit advocacy group.

PERSPECTIVE

On bail reform, more context needed to understand report

BY TIMOTHY C. EVANS

In a recent editorial, the Chicago Tribune criticizes my September 2017 judicial order, which was designed to reform the bail system in Cook County. The Tribune also states that a May 2019 report issued by my office presents biased data to support these reforms. The newspaper's criticisms mistake our effort to provide statistics and data to the public as a defense rather than a description of bail reform.

The 2019 report defines this phase of bail reform as applied to felony cases that have received a public safety assessment (PSA), which provides input to judges about a defendant's likelihood to be arrested again and/or fail to appear at future court dates. Most important, bail reform is designed to comply with the law. In our country, the law states: "... liberty is the norm and detention prior to trial or without trial, is the carefully limited exception." For this reason, I champion pretrial release as a fundamental right to liberty and not a simple administrative option.

Denial of pretrial release because an individual cannot afford bail harms the lives of defendants — who are presumed innocent at this stage of the case — by adversely affecting their employment, housing, education, child care and ability to prepare for trial. National research has shown that pretrial detention actually increases the likelihood that detained individuals will commit crimes upon their eventual release, creating a longer-term risk to public safety. The bail decision, as described in my judicial order, must balance public safety, the presumption of innocence and a defendant's right to be released on bail.

The 2019 report clearly states that it drew on a data set of felony defendants who received a PSA. Yet, the editorial criticizes the report for excluding some individuals arrested on misdemeanor charges, not felonies, who were later accused of murder. These cases involve tragic incidents that could have been prevented if all misdemeanor arrestees in Cook County were detained in jail — a measure that would conflict with the law. Some of the other cases cited by the Tribune Editorial Board did not receive a PSA.

The editorial, unlike an earlier Tribune news story about the report, incorrectly asserts that



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Defendants accused of felony crimes wait in a Cook County Jail holding cell for their initial appearance in bond court on Dec. 19, 2019.

the report did not count certain charges — such as domestic battery and assault with a deadly weapon — as new offenses. The report counted all new offenses and divided them into categories, using the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting definition of violent crime and labeling other charges as "person," "weapon," "drug," "property" or "other."

The Tribune editorial further suggests that the reforms were not undertaken with "methodical and independent review." In fact, all criminal justice stakeholders were involved in a multi-year, staged process with the assistance of national experts. Since publication of the Tribune's editorial, the report also has been independently vetted by a criminology professor and scholar, Dr. Arthur Lurigio of Loyola University, who applauds our precise definition of measures, careful and contained analyses and presentation of data. Moving forward, my office is preparing to continue our voluntary data publications on

the court's website with the addition of misdemeanor cases and any felony cases that do not undergo a PSA.

The editorial also overlooks important facts in the report and about bail reform in general. Bail reform addresses longstanding racial disparities in the criminal justice system. More than 8 out of 10 felony defendants of all ethnic groups assessed with a PSA attended all their court appearances and were not charged with any new offenses while awaiting trial. In this population of defendants, African American defendants were more than twice as likely to be released on non-cash bonds (117% increase) after bail reform, and 8 out of 10 African American defendants were not charged with a new offense while awaiting trial in the community. There was also an 80% increase in the number of Latino defendants who received non-cash bonds, and nearly 9 out of 10 Latino defendants remained charge-free while their cases were pending.

Altogether, these efforts have helped reduce the average daily jail population by 24% from September 2017 through January 2020.

The taxpayer dollars saved on incarceration could be spent to address unmet needs in the community, including assistance with employment, housing, substance use treatment and mental health services — all of which would contribute to reducing crime.

Understanding the full effect of bail reform on public safety will take time. We must remain mindful that our approach to the bail process must consider public safety without sacrificing fairness and liberty. In collaboration with justice system stakeholders and external researchers, the Circuit Court of Cook County will continue to focus on this issue and make adjustments as needed to protect public safety and respect the rights of the accused.

Timothy C. Evans is chief judge of the Circuit Court of Cook County.

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Homeless man united strangers

Daniel's home for two years was a 10-foot square of city real estate at the southwest corner of Adams and Clark streets. Daniel was there during the day as the world streamed past, and, at night, Daniel slept on layers of blankets that he rolled and stored by the next day's light. "Have a good day," Daniel said as we all walked by. Some stopped to talk.

Daniel adopted a kitten, Casper, a wisp of a white cat, and we watched as Casper grew. Daniel placed a small cat hut next to his bedding and wrapped it with a blanket on cold nights. Daniel, with all odds against him, was the one who impressed those of us with odds in our favor with his resilience and good cheer. I marveled at how, for two winters straight, Daniel slept outside on the coldest of nights, no matter the challenges the night might bring. And, every morning, it was the same. Daniel was up and ready to face another day.

One day two weeks ago, all of Daniel's possessions were gone. At first, I thought Daniel must be in a better place — one with walls and heat and protection from the rain. A few days later, I saw a woman taping a sympathy card next to Daniel's light pole. Daniel had died unexpectedly from what was believed to be complications of a foot infection. Handwritten tributes, many commenting on Daniel's kindness, grew over the next couple of days.

One time, as I stood reading the tributes, a woman stopped, and we shared memories of Daniel and his impact on us. Two random people, this woman and I, for an instant bound together by a person who had touched both our lives. In tribute to Daniel, let us all remember the positive influence a single person can have on the lives of so many. Our actions, our words and the impressions we create, can help in ways we may never realize but that carry on well past our day's end.

— Diane MacArthur, Chicago

Transit crimes imperil riders

Reaction is inaction after the fact. That is what we are currently facing in the city of Chicago, a reaction to the rise in violent crimes on CTA trains. This is troubling to me as a rider and resident. The city has plans to increase police and SWAT presence on the platforms, and I have noticed the officers in the past week. But why, as a city, are we waiting for public safety to get worse before it becomes a priority?

Mayor Lori Lightfoot has introduced new fees to consumers who take ride-share transportation downtown. She said this is to reduce congestion and encourage more people to take transit. The mayor is not encouraging people in the slightest; she is discouraging and penalizing a behavior without addressing why it exists in the first place. Residents and visitors recognize the rising level of criminal events happening on the trains, and if not on the trains, in the direct vicinity around them.

Public transit is my preferred means of transportation; it's a valuable and robust feature of this city. Not many cities can say that. I recognize riding transit supports the city, reduces congestion and is an environmentally beneficial decision. I've come to the point where I will use ride-share two to three times a week in lieu of taking the train, often based on the time of day or my destination.

I have not been in a situation where I have felt in danger. I am grateful in a position where I can afford the new ride-share surcharge. But what about the individuals who don't have the means? There are countless individuals who are subjected to unsafe situations because there is no alternative for them.

The additional security presence is welcome for the time being, but I certainly hope it is not the solution. Once police presence declines, there is nothing stopping the situation from returning. While transit safety is a hot topic now, the issue is bigger than that. We welcome reform, and we are waiting.

— Mike Ellison, Chicago

Here are 4 ways to protect yourself from fake news

BY ELIZABETH STOYCHEFF

You might have fallen for someone's attempt to disinform you about current events. But it's not your fault.

Even the most well-intentioned news consumers can find today's avalanche of political information difficult to navigate. With so much news available, many people consume media in an automatic, unconscious state — similar to knowing you drove home but not being able to recall the trip.

And that makes you more susceptible to accepting false claims.

But, as the 2020 elections near, you can develop habits to exert more conscious control over your news intake. I teach these strategies to students in a course on media literacy, helping people become more savvy news consumers in four simple steps.

1. Seek out your own political news

Like most people, you probably get a fair amount of your news from apps, sites and social media such as Twitter, Facebook, Reddit, Apple News and Google. You should change that.

These are technology companies — not news outlets. Their goal is to maximize the time you spend on their sites and apps, generating advertising revenue. To that end, their algorithms use your browsing history to show you news you'll agree with and like, keeping you engaged for as long as possible.

That means instead of presenting you with the most important news of the day, social

media feed you what they think will hold your attention. Most often, that is algorithmically filtered and may deliver politically biased information, outright falsehoods or material that you have seen before.

Instead, regularly visit trusted news apps and news websites directly.

These organizations actually produce news, usually in the spirit of serving the public interest. There, you'll see a more complete range of political information, not just content that's been curated for you.

2. Use basic math

Untrustworthy news and political campaigns often use statistics to make bogus claims — rightfully assuming most readers won't take the time to fact-check them.

Simple mathematical calculations, which scholars call Fermi estimates or rough guesstimates, can help you better spot falsified data.

For instance, a widely circulated meme falsely claimed 10,150 Americans were "killed by illegal immigrants" in 2018. On the surface, it's hard to know how to verify or debunk that, but one way to start is to think about finding out how many total murders there were in the U.S. in 2018.

Murder statistics can be found in, among other places, the FBI's statistics on violent crime. They estimate that in 2018 there were 16,214 murders in the U.S. If the meme's figure were accurate, it would mean that nearly two-thirds of U.S. murders were committed by the "illegal immi-

grants" the meme alleged.

Next, find out how many people were living in the U.S. illegally. That group, most news reports and estimates suggest, numbers about 11 million men, women and children — which is only 3% of the country's 330 million people.

Just 3% of people committed 60% of U.S. murders? With a tiny bit of research and quick math, you can see these numbers just don't add up.

3. Beware of nonpolitical biases

News media are often accused of catering to people's political biases, favoring either liberal or conservative points of view. But disinformation campaigns exploit less obvious cognitive biases as well.

For example, humans are biased to underestimate costs or look for information that confirms what they already believe. One important bias of news audiences is a preference for simple sound bites, which often fail to capture the complexity of important problems. Research has found that intentionally fake news stories are more likely to use short, nontechnical and redundant language than accurate journalistic stories.

Also beware of the human tendency to believe what's in front of your eyes. Video content is perceived as more trustworthy — even though deepfake videos can be very deceiving. Think critically about how you determine something is accurate. Seeing — and hearing — should not necessarily be believing. Treat video content with just as

much skepticism as news text and memes, verifying any facts with news from a trusted source.

4. Think beyond the presidency

A final bias of news consumers and, as a result, news organizations has been a shift toward prioritizing national news at the expense of local and international issues. Leadership in the White House is certainly important, but national news is only one of four categories of information you need this election season.

Informed voters understand and connect issues across four levels: personal interests — like a local sports team or health care costs — news in their local communities, national politics and international affairs. Knowing a little in each of these areas better equips you to evaluate claims about all the others.

For example, better understanding trade negotiations with China could provide insight into why workers at a nearby manufacturing plant are picketing, which could subsequently affect the prices you pay for local goods and services.

Big businesses and powerful disinformation campaigns heavily influence the information you see, creating personal and convincing false narratives. It's not your fault for getting duped, but being conscious of these processes can put you back in control.

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How couples can maximize Social Security

BY LISA GERSTNER
Kiplinger

Q: How can my spouse and I make the most of our combined Social Security retirement benefits?

A: Married couples have more to consider to maximize their benefits, but they also have certain advantages. Even if one spouse never earned income covered by Social Security, he or she may claim benefits based on the other spouse's record, as long as the other spouse has started claiming benefits.

If you claim spousal benefits at your full retirement age, you get 50% of your spouse's primary insurance amount — that is, the benefit your spouse is eligible to receive at his or her full retirement age. If your husband or wife waited to claim benefits past full retirement age, the calculation of your spousal benefit does not include any delayed-retirement credits. And if you claim your spousal benefit between 62 and your full retirement age, the benefit is reduced.

If both members of a couple can claim benefits based on their own work history, the lower earner may still get spousal benefits if his or her own benefit is less than half of the other spouse's PIA. In that case, the lower earner receives his or her own benefit plus an additional amount so that the total payout adds up to the maximum spousal benefit for which the lower earner is eligible.

Beyond the ins and outs of spousal benefits, there's the question of when each spouse should start benefits. Ultimately, the spouse with the higher PIA should determine when to start benefits based primarily on the life expectancy of the spouse who is expected to live the longest, says Bill Meyer, CEO of Social Security Solutions. If at least one spouse is likely to live past 80, it often makes sense for the higher earner to delay claiming until age 70.

Meanwhile, the lower-earning spouse may choose to claim his or her own benefits as early as 62 to gain some income. When one spouse dies, the surviving spouse receives 100% of the highest benefit.

Those who were born before Jan. 2, 1954, can use a strategy called "restricting an application to spousal benefits."

Using this method, the higher-earning spouse can temporarily take a spousal benefit, which may prove lucrative in the long run. At full retirement age or later, the higher earner applies for spousal benefits while the lower earner collects his or her own benefit. Because the higher earner has reached full retirement age, he or she gets half of the lower earner's primary insurance amount.

During this time, the higher earner builds delayed-retirement credits on his or her own benefit, and at age 70, the higher earner switches to the boosted benefit. The lower earner switches to a spousal benefit if it's higher than his or her own.

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LISTEN UP

What working women would tell younger selves

BY AMY NELSON | Inc.

I recently tweeted the following: "To my working women friends: If you could give your younger working self any advice, what would you say?"

I was in search of inspiration before afternoon meetings and also, let's be honest, looking for a Twitter distraction from the never-ending saga of the 2020 presidential election.

An hour later, I refreshed my feed and was blown away: The tweet had hundreds of comments and likes. The next morning, the number was well into the thousands, and it's still climbing.

A multitude of women — the vast majority of whom I've never met — had retweeted, tagged their friends to join the conversation and offered up sheer brilliance.

Here are a few replies that stood out to me:

"Don't worry so damn much"
— Stephanie Armour
@StephArmour1

"If you have children early, and are the major earner, try not to succumb to motherhood guilt — it's ok not to fill the role of perfect mother — something we don't expect dads who are major earners to fill. If you love your kids and do your best, they will be fine!"
— Rebecca HughesParker
@RHughesParker

"There will be about a two-minute gap between when you're being told you're too young for the job and when you're told you're too old for the job. Don't listen to any of it. Age is unwinnable for women."
— Megan K. Stack @Megankstack

"Prioritize therapy earlier, invest in great childcare (that's great mom care too), order groceries online, be unapologetic about what you want, (keep) being nice (you don't need to be a mean girl to win), find allies at work and in community, max out your 401k, don't eat at desk."
— Paige Hewlett @paigehewlett

"A job where you can't take an occasional sick day or planned vacation without falling behind or feeling guilty about what you're leaving to coworkers is one where the office is understaffed or you are overloaded. Neither is sustainable."
— EmIpsaLoquitur
@EmIpsaLoquitur

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The thread goes on, and every bit of it is inspiring.

The outpouring of engagement with this simple question only confirmed something I know in my core to be true: Women want to talk seriously about work — and yes, that often includes talking seriously about how work impacts their family life, and vice versa. It's all part of the same puzzle.

It also confirms that women need a place to talk about work and motherhood, beyond a Twitter thread. A place to listen, to react, to be inspired and reassured.

When I followed the thread, I saw a few themes emerge. There are countless posts advocating for

women to negotiate their salaries and to not say yes to the first offer. There are also dozens of messages urging women to apply for jobs even if unsure of their qualifications (reminding me of the oft-quoted statistic that men apply for a job when they meet 60% of the qualifications, but women apply only if they meet 100% of them).

Then there was note after note reassuring women that they can and will find a way to make it all work between their careers and future families.

My very favorite tweet reads, "Girl, have your babies." I agree. (Oh, the hours I spent pondering this in my 20s.)

Working women have so many of the same questions and fears and hopes, no matter how young or old, where we are in our career or the country, or the number of babies we've had or hope to have. The simple truth is that over the course of our lifetimes, we live many shared experiences at work. And we walk away with many of the same lessons.

I turned 40 this month. In the past decade, I've gotten married, welcomed four little girls and pivoted away from a decade-long career as an attorney to start a company that now employs 75 people across 10 states. I still take away so much from the wisdom and advice generously offered on this simple Twitter thread.

So, I have to wonder: What if all of us told our stories more often? What if working women shared the lessons of our work and our choices with one another, our colleagues, our friends, our families? What if our voices reached women we've never met before who needed our support?

What if we used the power of our experience to do more than just survive the workplace, but instead to transform it?

I think we can do this. And I think that in doing so, we can change the world.

Amy Nelson is the founder and CEO of *The Riveter*, a network of community and work spaces built by women.

Tax-saving moves: It's not too late to lower your bill

BY SANDRA BLOCK
Kiplinger

While you should have acted before Dec. 31 to lock in most tax-saving financial moves, there are still a few things you can do between now and April 15 to lower your tax bill.

Contribute to a health savings account

You have until April 15 to set up and fund a health savings account for 2019. To qualify, you must have had an HSA-eligible insurance policy at least since Dec. 1. The policy must have had a deductible of at least \$1,350 for individual coverage or \$2,700 for family coverage.

You can contribute up to \$3,500 to an

HSA if you had single coverage or \$7,000 if you had family coverage. You can contribute an additional \$1,000 if you were 55 or older in 2019, or another \$2,000 if you were married and both spouses were at least 55. Contributions to an HSA will reduce your adjusted gross income.

The money in your account will grow tax-free, and withdrawals used to pay qualified medical expenses are also tax-free.

Stash money in an IRA

You also have until April 15 to contribute to an IRA for 2019. If you're not enrolled in a workplace retirement plan, you can deduct an IRA contribution of up to \$6,000, or \$7,000 if you were 50 or older in 2019. As with HSAs, contributions to a traditional IRA will reduce your adjusted

gross income on a dollar-for-dollar basis, which could also make you eligible for other tax breaks tied to your AGI.

Workers who have a company retirement plan but earn below a certain amount may qualify to deduct all or part of their IRA contributions.

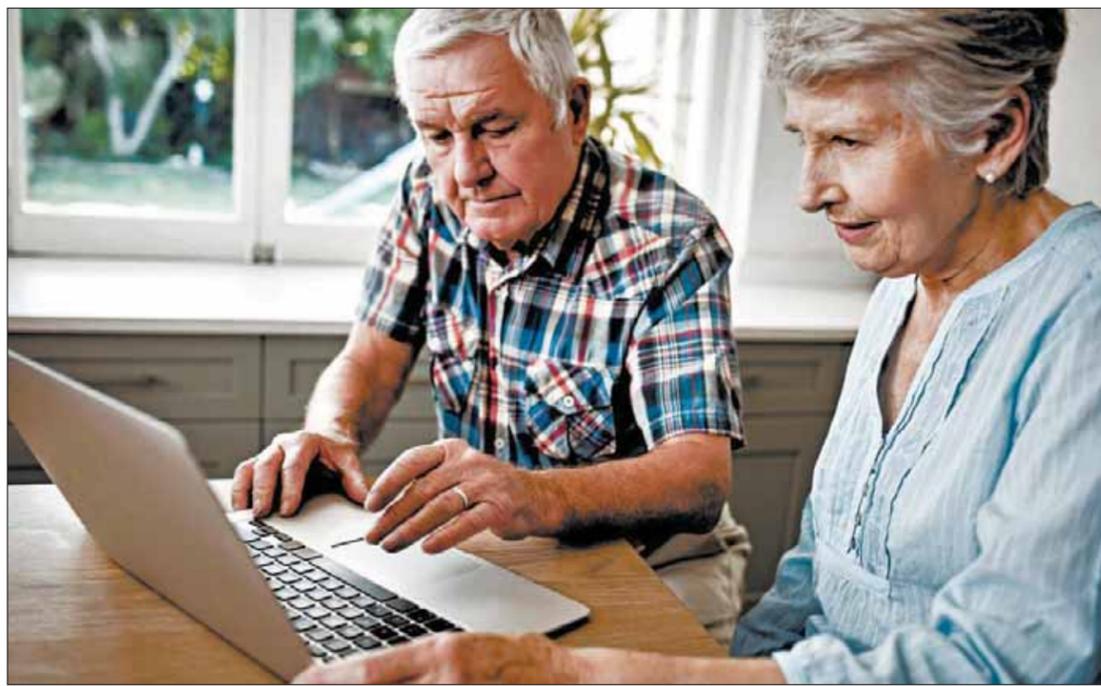
For 2019, this deduction phases out for single taxpayers with AGI between \$64,000 and \$74,000; for married couples who file jointly, the deduction phases out between \$103,000 and \$123,000.

If one spouse is covered by a workplace plan but the other is not, the spouse who isn't covered can deduct the maximum contribution, as long as the couple's joint AGI doesn't exceed \$193,000. A partial deduction is available if the couple's AGI is between \$193,000 and \$203,000.



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Tax DIY vs. preparer: Which makes most sense?

By KATHLEEN FURORE
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Ads for tax prep services and do-it-yourself products are everywhere this time of year.

So, what's the best way to tackle your 2019 tax return? Should you take the DIY approach, which may be a laborious but money-saving option? Or should you put your W-2, credit card statements and other receipts in a folder and head to a professional tax preparer's office?

Three tax pros share their thoughts on the DIY vs. tax preparer question.

Dean Hedeker, a certified public accountant and owner and principal of Hedeker Wealth in Lincolnshire, Illinois, says tax software is great for basic returns, "like for someone who works at a company, has kids and not too many investments. This constitutes the vast majority of filers in the U.S. If you have substantial real estate holdings, other investments and/or a business of some sort, those returns can be more complex, and a tax professional is the best option to ensure everything is filled out correctly."

Lloyd Sacks, a certified financial planner and managing director of the private client group at Sacks & Associates in Bridgewater, New Jersey, agrees.

"Most people do not have complex financial situations that require the use of a professional tax preparer or large accounting firm to handle their affairs," he says. "Technology continues to streamline and simplify our lives. Lucky for us, that innovation has spread to the task of filing our taxes. Unless you have itemized deductions that exceed the standard deduction, multiple sources of income, are a business owner or have portfolio income, chances are you would be better served preparing your own taxes."

Sacks himself is a TurboTax proponent for many reasons, including "their intuitive user interface," he says. "It is not difficult to navigate around their site or use their software."

Paul T. Joseph, a CPA at Joseph & Joseph Tax and Payroll in Williamston, Michigan, also recommends going the DIY route if your return is fairly simple.

"Preparing your own return is best suited for people who have one or two W-2s with no dependents," Joseph says. "If you have dependents, you may qualify for child tax credits, educational credits and other types of credits which are more involved and should be done by someone familiar with tax preparation."

According to Joseph, there are several benefits of using tax software.

"It checks all the calculations for you and in some cases will walk you through a simple form. Most of the tax software programs will allow you to e-file your return through their software package at a cost," he says. "Also, most of the packages will provide a summary sheet where you can double check your work before filing the return."

There are things to watch out for if you go the DIY route, Joseph notes.

"The cons of using tax software is that you are probably missing deductions you may be entitled to," he says. "You essentially become your own tax professional and, therefore, there may be things that you qualify for on the return but are unaware of when you file your own return."

It's a different story for the self-employed, other business owners or filers with substantial net worth "who may have more multifaceted finances and derive income from multiple sources, which can quickly create a tangled web when it comes time to pay their taxes and file returns," Sacks says. "Often what we see are underpayments requiring one of our advisers to search through previous years of returns and file amendments, something which the ordinary taxpayer seldom has to do."

Other issues also come in to play when dealing with more complex situations. Those include the titling of property, estate planning and wealth transfer, all of which may require the use of a certified financial planner or professional tax preparer, Sacks says.

Feeling SECURE? New act brings questions about beneficiaries



By ELIOT RAPHAELSON
The Savings Game

Many readers have written me with questions about the SECURE Act, the new federal law enacted in December that significantly changed the rules governing retirement accounts. In this column, I'll review some of the important issues and discuss some alternative strategies that may mitigate the impact of the law.

First, I want to reiterate that the act does not affect beneficiaries who inherited IRAs on or prior to Dec. 31, 2019.

One of the major changes associated with the SECURE Act is the 10-year limit for many beneficiaries, such as adult children. Such a beneficiary must withdraw the entire IRA balance by the 10th year after the IRA owner's death. The beneficiary is not subject to required minimum distributions for the first nine years after the inheritance, but he/she must withdraw the entire remaining balance by the end of the 10th year.

If the IRA was a traditional IRA, then

all withdrawals will be taxable at ordinary income tax rates of the beneficiary. Thus, gradual withdrawals may make more sense in order to avoid a large income tax in the 10th year because the marginal tax rate may be much higher.

If the account was a Roth IRA, then the withdrawals (whether of principal or gains) are not taxable. So, in the case of a Roth account, there is no downside in waiting until the 10th year for a large withdrawal.

According to IRA expert Ed Slott, there are five classes of designated beneficiaries that are still eligible for a stretch IRA (known as eligible designated beneficiaries, or EDBs):

- Surviving spouses
- Minor children, up to majority (but not grandchildren)
- Disabled individuals, as defined by IRS rules
- Chronically ill people
- Individuals not more than 10 years younger than the IRA owner (generally siblings)

If a minor inherits an IRA, he/she would begin the stretch payment based on the 70-year payout amount each year using the old laws. Once the minor reaches the majority age (which varies by state), the 10-year rule will then apply.

All successor beneficiaries after December 31, 2019, are subject to the 10-year rule. This is the case even if the

original beneficiary is an EDB.

Slott points out that under the old rules, many set up conduit trusts or discretionary trusts to maintain post-death control while minimizing taxes for beneficiaries. However, under the new rules, those advantages no longer apply.

The bottom line is most trusts will need changes because of the Secure Act, and IRA owners who had used IRA trusts should review their estate plan with their attorneys.

As I indicated in a prior column, there are other options an IRA owner can consider. One is to increase the amount left to the surviving spouse and suggest that the spouse name the same beneficiaries. Another option is to plan to make additional Roth conversions, so that beneficiaries will not face large income tax liabilities.

A third option is the use of life insurance, which can be left to a trust. Life insurance is a much more flexible asset. There are no RMDs or complex tax rules, and the proceeds will be tax-free.

Some of these options can be complex. They should be considered only after consultation with a qualified attorney and/or financial adviser.

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The quitting culture

Questions to ask before leaving job

By CARA BRENNAN ALLAMANO
Fast Company

From Megxit to swearing off Facebook to Veganuary and beyond, today's quitting culture shows no signs of, well, quitting.

It was inevitable, then, that the quitting culture would invade the workplace, too.

Lots of people quit their jobs to take advantage of great opportunities. That's not new, of course. What's different now is that many talented professionals often are bombarded by recruiters with employment opportunities offering great pay and attractive perks.

All those tempting jobs are enough to motivate many people to quit, even if they're fairly satisfied with their current position.

The quitting culture is a result of supply and demand, among other factors. The U.S. unemployment rate has steadily declined in the past 10 years, has remained below 4% since 2018, and hit a 50-year low of 3.5% late last year.

While unemployment has declined since 2010, the voluntary turnover rate in the U.S. has steadily increased during the same period, climbing 88% from 2010 to 2018, according to the Work Institute's 2019 State of the Workforce

report. The report adds that "a staggering" 41.4 million U.S. workers voluntarily left their jobs in 2018 primarily for better opportunities.

People buy into the quitting culture partly because it can seem so easy to quit a job and grab that fresh new opportunity. But most job switchers underestimate how difficult transitioning from one role to another can be.

Even if it's a great position and you're truly excited, it takes a lot of time, energy and effort to uproot yourself and settle into a new job at a new company.

Will the effort be worth it? That's just one of the important questions to ask yourself before quitting. Here are some others.

Have you thought strategically about your current job? Are you still learning in your role? Does your manager support your learning and growth? It's worth mentioning that 51% of U.S. employees would quit a job if it didn't provide necessary training, according to Udemy research.

Do you like your colleagues? Is your company doing interesting, meaningful work? Is there a clear path to the next level? Are there other jobs in the company that might be an even better fit than yours?

If you don't like your current job, what steps have you taken to improve the situation? What conversations have you had to find out how your job satisfaction might be improved? Without identifying and owning your role in the



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situation, the same problems may follow you to your new job and the one after that.

Regarding the job you're considering taking, how stable is the new company? Does the CEO have a vision for the company that you think makes good business sense? If the company is a startup, does it have sufficient funding? Be aware that you need to dig deep when considering a new company and a new role.

Finally, ask yourself if quitting your job is a knee-jerk reaction or a strategic move toward fulfilling your master career plan. This is a critical consideration, as it can have a long-lasting impact. Think about it: Even though our economy has been going strong for years, it's not expected to maintain this level of growth forever. When things shift and job growth slows, employers will have the upper hand again.

And a lot of job-hopping on your résumé could make you less attractive to employers compared to professionals who followed a more thoughtful career path.

Show employees you care

Want to help your employees reach their full potential? Then show them that you genuinely care.



Go beyond
Think outside the standard wage and benefits box you provide to your employees. See what you can do to improve their work environment and make it a more welcoming and pleasant place to be. Ask your employees what their career goals are and help them achieve them.



Welcome new people
Have an existing staff member mentor new hires until they get on their feet and host a welcoming party with food and beverages so that everyone has a chance to meet your new hires in a relaxed setting.

Talk to them
Show that you care about your staff members by chatting with them about things other than work. Take a real interest in what they do outside of work.



Let them take the lead
Be more of a coach to your employees than a boss. Provide as much autonomy as possible to staff members to explore new ideas and complete projects their way, not your way.

Don't be oblivious
Note when people are going through a rough time and allow them to work from home or take a day off or lighten their workloads. Also, be an ear when they need to vent or share their struggles.

SOURCE: Inc.

SUCCESS

The perks that really work

Keep quality people by treating them with respect, caring about their wellbeing

BY MARIA HAGGERTY | Inc.

It was fun while it lasted.

But it's time to put away the indoor slides, break-room kegs and foosball tables. While these fun-focused distractions may seem like a great way to attract young talent, these perks truly aren't retaining quality employees. They're a novelty and infantile and they actually distract from what will really make the members of a team happy in the long term: feeling individually valued and respected by you.

Here are a few ways small-business owners can deliver on this, without the need to bring in games or tap into much-needed funds.

Focus on wellness

Larger companies spend big on wellness programs for employees, but that's likely not sustainable for a small business. And with more questions than answers about whether these programs actually yield significant results, it's a tough spend to justify. But there are ways you can directly and cost-effectively address your employees' health.

For example, lack of hydration seems like something only athletes need to worry about, but when someone is even slightly dehydrated it affects their mood and mental performance. One study found that when dehydration reduces body mass by more than 2%, mood is influenced, fatigue is greater and alertness is lower. Specialty coffee drinks, soda or sports drinks don't really help, and they're often loaded with sugar.

What can you do? A company called Lavit created a cold still and sparkling flavored-water dispenser that uses 100% recyclable aluminum capsules. Employees get a perk and a healthy mood boost, while the company sends a positive message about the environmentally conscious nature of its culture.

Another low-cost wellness initiative is to establish a safe space where employees can destress, decompress, cry or do whatever they need to do, privately, without fear of judgment. For something a little more active, consider creating activity paths outside the building for walking or biking.



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Supplying employees with a few colorful, retro community bikes to enjoy won't cost much either.

And encourage them to take breaks. Set the tone by going on a walk during lunchtime.

Change the office surroundings

A workplace with natural light, good ventilation and comfortable temperatures can reduce absenteeism, which costs companies roughly \$2,650 to \$3,600 per worker annually. It's not just standard office settings that this concept applies to, though. For example, because a significant number of my employee base works in a 400,000-square-foot warehouse, I put a plan into action to ensure 100% compliance of a facility that is dust-free and has clean air.

For startups looking for a low-investment upgrade, adding plants to a workspace is manageable and effective. There are plants in our offices that I brought in when I started this business 20 years ago.

Greenery adds an aesthetic component to the environment, it's naturally calming, improves air quality and can increase attentiveness and raise productivity. Well-

positioned plants also can reduce noise levels in an open office setting.

Allow employees to personalize their space

The average worker spends roughly 90,000 hours of his or her life at work. Being given control over an environment where they spend more time than anywhere else creates a happier, more productive and loyal team.

If you're unable to make changes to your office infrastructure, allowing for personalization is an excellent alternative that shows employees you respect them as individuals.

Being able to customize temperature, control lighting and regulate the sound in their workspace provides employees with some autonomy. Today, there are myriad ways to address these preferences at all cost levels, from white noise machines to smart home products like Nest, sound-absorbing wall panels and more.

Offer flexible schedules

This is a no-cost benefit that offers employees more work-life balance. According to First Round State of Startups 2019 — the industry's largest data set on what it's like

to run a startup — 41% of respondents said working from home boosts their productivity. And with 64% of companies reporting they have a work-from-home policy in place, this benefit is becoming more of a standardized part of any competitive offer.

Treating employees as professional, responsible adults by offering flexible paid time off has become a popular incentive, if you can make it work. When employees are away from the office, providing tangible benefits to enjoy during that free time is excellent for morale. If your company is in an industry that offers products or services you're able to pass along to your employees, consider doing so.

In the end, there is one foolproof trick to discovering what benefits will truly make your employees feel happy and valued: Ask them. You should be customizing perks to your business and employees.

Finding good people can be hard, especially with unemployment so low, which is why talent acquisition has become so competitive. Challenge yourself to identify the perks that will attract and keep the best people.

Maria Haggerty is CEO of Dotcom Distribution, which provides B2C and B2B fulfillment and logistic services to emerging and established e-commerce brands.



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JAMES WARD 1921-2020

Former travel agency owner was R.H. Donnelley Corp. exec

By Bob Goldsborough

James R. Ward was an executive at R.H. Donnelley Corp. who later owned a Hinsdale travel agency and sold farmland in Kane, Kendall and LaSalle counties.

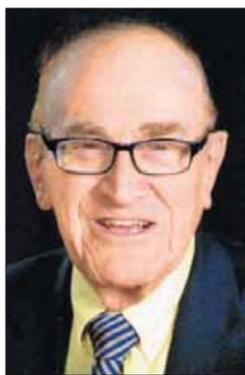
Ward, 98, died of natural causes on Jan. 24 at Wynscape Health & Rehabilitation Center in Wheaton, said his son Jeffrey. He had been a longtime Glen Ellyn resident until moving to a Wheaton retirement community in mid-2019.

Born James Robertson Ward in Aurora, Ward's family moved around northern Illinois when he was a child, eventually settling in the Plainfield area. Ward graduated from Plainfield High School in 1938.

Ward attended college at Northwestern University, where he edited the student newspaper, the Daily Northwestern, in 1941. During his senior year, Ward worked in the federal Office of Civilian Defense's Youth Division.

After earning his bachelor's degree with honors from Northwestern in 1942, Ward served in the Navy as an aviation specialist, first stateside and then in the South Pacific during World War II, his family said.

Ward received a master's degree in journalism from Northwestern in 1947 and afterward worked for about a year as an overnight news writer for Chicago's WBBM-Ch. 2. He then joined appliance maker Hotpoint, where he worked as a special assistant to the president. In that role, Ward



FAMILY PHOTO

James Ward once worked as an overnight news writer for Chicago's WBBM-Ch. 2.

wrote marketing materials and handled promotional activities.

Around 1954, Ward was hired by R.H. Donnelley, where he worked as a Midwest sales manager for 32 years. He retired at age 65 in 1986 and then purchased Hinsdale Travel, which he owned and helped to run until 1996, when he sold it to Laurette Karuhn.

"He wanted in his retirement to do something else," Karuhn recalled. "And he was very into advertising, so he was open to doing that all the time. And he didn't want to be here more than 10 years. So I was the manager and he gave me the option to buy the agency from him and I did."

"He was just somebody that you enjoyed working for because he knew the business and he always was interested in you as a person and in your family members," said Germaine Moore, Hinsdale Travel's

assistant manager.

In 1996, Ward found himself yet another act, taking a sales job with St. Charles-based Coleman Land Company. Ward had taken a keen interest in farmland, and sought out Coleman Land as a place where he wanted to work.

Ward enjoyed yachting, amateur radio and studying his Scottish heritage. Ward also was active in the non-profit group Chicago Farmers, and as part of his service to the group, he helped set up a student scholarship program and helped raise funds by coordinating international trips for the group for 17 years.

After retiring from Coleman Land at age 86 in 2007, Ward continued editing newsletters for nonprofit groups and going on several international trips each year.

Ward also was fascinated by the Civil War experience of his grandfather, Amos Robertson. Ward wrote the story of his grandfather's wartime experience and expanded that into a narrated DVD with photos and maps titled "Marching with Amos."

Ward was married to Mary Lorena Lotts for 41 years until her death in 1988. His second wife, JoAnn Williams, died in 2009.

In addition to his son Jeffrey, Ward is survived by another son, Robertson; three grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Services were held.

Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.

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Arnold, Hugh B.

Hugh B. Arnold. Beloved husband of Sandra, nee Rothe; dear father of Susan Freel, Dr. Sharisse Rehring, Denise Fitz-Gibbon, Paige Farber, and Andrea Gifford; loving grandfather of Emma and Harrison Freel, Jacob, Joshua, and Olivia Rehring, Benjamin and Lucas Fitz-Gibbon, Laine, Spencer, and Sloane Farber, and Mason Gifford; caring brother of Jeff Adelson. A memorial service will be held Tuesday, March 3, 12 Noon, at Chicago Sinai Congregation, 15 W. Delaware Pl, Chicago. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to DePaul University College of Law, <https://alumni.depaul.edu/Givenow?id=1668&appealcode=L MW20>. For info, call **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 847-256-5700.



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Arnold, Hugh B.

In a career spanning more than half a century, esteemed labor lawyer Hugh B. Arnold (of Arnold and Kadjan, LLP) used his legal expertise, humor, charm and an outsized personality to advocate effectively for working people, while at the same time, earn the respect of the management lawyers he faced. He felt that everybody deserved the chance to make a good living, work hard, and to come home at the end of the day with something to show for it. He had the ability to relate to workers, solve problems, and create solutions that both management and labor could ratify.

He was passionate about the American labor movement, as well as his clients and their causes. Over time, he represented clients that included unions and their fringe benefit funds throughout Illinois for a wide variety of construction trades including: painters, glaziers, electricians, Teamsters, bricklayers, plumbers, patternmakers, masons, auto mechanics, food and commercial workers, and laborers, among others. He was the architect of the IBEW's International Family Medical Care Plan that has been adopted throughout the nation. He was involved in the litigation of many significant cases, including *McDaniel vs. University of Chicago* which was litigated in both the United States Supreme Court and United States Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit and recognized an implied private right of action under the Davis-Bacon Act.

An honored labor lawyer and ardent family man, Hugh B. Arnold was a devoted husband and loving father. He is survived by his wife Sandra, five daughters (Susan Freel, Sharisse Rehring, Denise Fitz-Gibbon, Paige Farber, Andrea Gifford), as well as 11 grandchildren. His booming presence and zest for life will truly be missed by all.

Services will be held Tuesday, March 3, 2020, 12:00 p.m. at Chicago Sinai Congregation located at 15 West Delaware Place, Chicago, IL 60610. In lieu of flowers, please honor Hugh B. Arnold by donating to the DePaul Law School Scholarship Fund at <http://give.depaul.edu/hugh>.

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Blumenthal, Elaine M.

Elaine Blumenthal, née Mendelson. Beloved wife of the late Henry "Hank"; dear mother of Douglas (Stacey) Meyer, Danna Joy Meyer, and Sandi (George) Segenreich; loving grandmother of Jamie (Brett), Lindsay (Matt), Steven, Rachel, and David; proud great-grandmother of five; fond sister of the late Ruth Kutcher. Memorial service Tuesday, March 3, 2 PM, at **Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home**, 111 Skokie Blvd, Wilmette. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the charity of your choice. For info: 847-256-5700.



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Chakiris, Scott

Scott Chakiris (nee Miller), 72, passed away on Wednesday, January 29, 2020. Born October 23, 1947 in Iowa City, Iowa, Scott was a long-time resident of Chicago after growing up in New York City through the age of 21. Scott worked for many years in pharmaceutical compliance, retiring in 2012. Daughter of Warren Miller (author of Cool World) and Adelaide. Loving friend and companion of Rich Wamsley. Beloved Mother to Nicholas (Stacie) and Sylvia Wehrle (Neil). Dear sister to Eve Guarnuccio (deceased). Proud grandmother to Hannah, Ingrid and Finlay. Scott will be remembered by family and friends as a lover of art and literature, a skilled seamstress and quilter and a wonderful cook. Private family services were held.

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See Marc J. Stolfe notice.

Dosen, Manda P.

Manda P. Dosen (nee Perkovich), born March 16, 1925, passed away on February 28, 2020. Beloved wife of 70 years to late Michael T. Dosen, loving mother of Rev. Anthony J. Dosen, C.M. and Sr. Maryann Dosen ssfcr. Preceded in death by her parents Ivan and Manda Perkovich, sister of the late Matthew (late Mary) Perkovich, late Daniel (late Helen) Perkovich, late Catherine (late Joseph) Buncich, late Ann (late Thomas) Dujmovich, late Robert (late Mary) Perkovich, late Luke (late Sophie) Perkovich, late Stephen Perkovich, late Mary Perkovich, late Lucille (late John) Spudic, late Helen Perkovich. Fond aunt and great aunt of many nieces and nephews. Dear cousin of Fran Malinaric and family. Manda was an Office Manager at the National Tea Store, 95th St., Life Long Member of Sacred Heart Parish, Altar and Rosary Society, St. Florian Lodge #44 K.S.K.J. Visitation Tuesday, March 3, 2020 from 2:00 pm to 9:00 pm at Elmwood Chapel, 11200 S. Ewing Ave, Chicago. Visitation also Wednesday March 4, 2020 at Sacred Heart Croatian Church (96th and Escanaba Ave, Chicago) from 9:00 am until Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 am. Family and friends Meet DIRECTLY at the church. Entombment Holy Cross Cemetery Mausoleum. In lieu of flowers make donations to Mala Skola Orphanage Vares, Bosnia, Sisters of St. Francis of Christ The King is preferred. (773) 731-2749.

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In 2005 the woman who accused NBA star Kobe Bryant of rape settled her lawsuit against him.

Fleischer, Marlene 'Lenie'

Marlene "Lenie" Fleischer, nee Goldstein, age 86, beloved wife and best friend for 58 years of the late David Fleischer; loving mother of Debbie (Ron) Starr; adored Gramma of Dana (Eric) Glaser and Jori (Matt) Hutter; proud Great Gramma of Luke, Zev, and Harper; devoted daughter of the late Louis and the late Anna Goldstein; cherished sister of the late Bernard (Norene) Goldstein and the late Edie (Sheldon) Goldberg; dear sister-in-law of Larry (late Beverly) Fleischer and the late Ray (Marlynn) Fleischer; treasured aunt and friend to many. Service Wednesday, 2:00 p.m. at The Chapel, 195 N. Buffalo Grove Rd., Buffalo Grove (1 blk N. of Lake Cook Rd.) Interment at Shalom Memorial Park will be private. In lieu of flowers, contributions to Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, 954 W. Washington, Suite 305, Chicago, IL 60607, www.lls.org or American Heart Association, 300 S. Riverside Plaza, Chicago, IL 60606, www.heart.org. Info: The **Goldman Funeral Group**, www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com (847) 478-1600.



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Gardiner, John T. 'Sean'

John "Sean" T. Gardiner, 90, native of Ballinalacken, Lisdoonvarna, County Clare, Ireland. Beloved husband of the late Helen nee Loughney. Loving father of Rosemary (Brian) Towey and Mary Ellen Schwartzhoff. Cherished grandfather of Marty, Rohan & Seamus Towey and Jack, Katie, & Frank Schwartzhoff. Dear brother of the late Teresa (the late Con) Howard, Margaret "Peg" (late John) Potter, the late Joseph (Margaret) Gardiner, the late Thomas (Mary) Gardiner, Anne (the late Thomas) Hegarty, the late Mary (Peter) Gardiner, and James "Jimmy" Gardiner. Dear brother-in-law. Fond uncle to many nieces and nephews. Wonderful friend and neighbor to all. Visitation at **Cooney Funeral Home**, 625 Busse Hwy, Park Ridge on Tuesday from 3 to 9 p.m. Funeral Wednesday, prayers at 9:30 a.m. to St. Eugene Church for 10:00 am Mass. Interment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. For information please call 847-685-1002 or visit www.cooneyfuneralhome.com

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George-Baskin, Lorene M.

Lorene Mary George-Baskin, 64, a resident of Ingleside, IL, passed away Wednesday, February 26, 2020 at her home. She was born July 27, 1955 in Normal, IL to John and Ada George. Lorene worked for NICASA in Round Lake for over 20 years. She enjoyed reading, cooking, and all of her pets. Lorene is survived by her husband of 39 1/2 years, Glen George-Baskin, her daughter Leah (Jason) Sandri, her grandchildren Harris and Ambrose Sandri, and her siblings John (Judy) George, Paul (Norman) George, and Darlene Craig. She was preceded in death by her parents. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to NICASA or The Ark. A celebration of her life will take place in the spring of this year. The funeral arrangements were entrusted to Strang Funeral Chapel & Crematorium 410 E. Belvidere Rd. Grayslake, IL 60030. For more information please contact (847)223-8122 or log onto www.strangfuneral.org.



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Kordik, Lorraine F.

Lorraine F. Kordik (nee Kudlinski), 88, the matriarch of her family, of Addison, passed away Friday, February 28. Beloved wife of the late Joseph "Yako"; dear sister of Joann Kudlinski, Eli(Jo) Bordean, the late James (the late Karen) Kudlinski, and the late Diane (the late Al) Szyrak; fond aunt of many nieces and nephews and proud great aunt of many great nieces and nephews. Visitation Wednesday, March 4 from 9:30am until time of service 11:00am at the **Countryside Funeral Home and Crematory** 333 S. Roselle Rd. (1/2 mile south of Irving Park Rd.), Roselle. Entombment Queen of Heaven. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Mercy Home for Boys and Girls at www.mercyhome.org, appreciated. Info (630)529-5751 or www.countrysidefuneralhomes.com



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Kuhns, Paul Robert

Paul Robert Kuhns, beloved son of Tom and Amy, and brother of Ben (Kathryn), Peter (Christy), and Betsy Kuhns died suddenly February 28th 2020 at the age of 23. A 2014 graduate of New Trier High School, Paul attended Oakton Community College, achieving high honors in computer science before transferring to the University of Illinois (Champaign) for his computer science degree. Paul was a long-time member of Boy Scout Troop 17, achieving the rank of Eagle Scout in 2013. A 10-year member of the Christ Church Winnetka; choir, music, along with rugby and computer science were his passions. He was well known for his sharp mind, clever sense of humor, and extremely caring, patient, and generous nature. He will be terribly missed by his family, friends, and all those who knew him.

Funeral service Wednesday, March 4th 11:00 a.m. at Christ Church (Winnetka) 784 Sheridan Road, Winnetka Illinois 60093. In lieu of flowers, the family asks memorials be directed to the Christ Church Choir Program, Attn: Richard Clemmitt; 470 Maple Street, Winnetka Illinois 60093 or Boy Scouts of America Northeast Illinois Council Attn: Rebuilding Ma-Ka-Ja-Wan 850 Forest Edge Drive. Vernon Hills, Illinois 60061. Funeral Info: (847) 675-1990 or www.donnellanfuneral.com



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ON MARCH 2 ...

In 1793, the first president of the Republic of Texas, Sam Houston, was born near Lexington, Va.

In 1824 composer Bedrich Smetana was born in present-day Litomysl, Czech Republic.

In 1836 Texas declared its independence from Mexico.

In 1837 Chicago's Rush Medical College, forerunner of Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center, was incorporated.

In 1877 Republican Rutherford B. Hayes was declared the winner of the 1876 presidential election over Democrat Samuel J. Tilden, even though Tilden had won the popular vote.

In 1897 President Grover Cleveland vetoed legislation that would have required a literacy test for immigrants.

In 1899 Mount Rainier National Park in Washington state was established.

In 1900 composer Kurt Weill was born in Dessau, Germany.

In 1904 children's author Theodor Seuss Geisel — popularly known as "Dr. Seuss" — was born in Springfield, Mass.

In 1917 Puerto Ricans were granted U.S. citizenship.

In 1923 Time magazine made its debut.

In 1930 author D.H.

Lawrence died in Vence, France; he was 44.

In 1931 former Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev was born in Privolye in the then-Soviet Union.

In 1933 the motion picture "King Kong," starring Fay Wray, had its world premiere in New York.

In 1939 Roman Catholic Cardinal Eugenio Pacelli was elected pope; he took the name Pius XII. Also in 1939 the Massachusetts legislature voted to ratify the Bill of Rights, 147 years after the first 10 amendments to the U.S. Constitution had gone into effect.

In 1942 singer-songwriter Lou Reed was born in Freeport, N.Y. Also in 1942 novelist John Irving was born in Exeter, N.H.

In 1943 the World War II Battle of the Bismarck Sea began.

In 1949 an American B-50 Superfortress, the Lucky Lady II, landed at Fort Worth, Texas, after completing the first nonstop round-the-world flight.

In 1955 the William Inge play "Bus Stop" opened at the Music Box Theatre in New York.

In 1965 the movie version of Rodgers and Hammerstein's musical "The Sound of Music" had its world premiere in New York.

In 1977 the U.S. House adopted a strict code of ethics that limited outside earnings and required detailed financial disclosures

by its members.

In 1985 the government approved a screening test for AIDS that detected antibodies to the virus, allowing possibly contaminated blood to be excluded from the blood supply.

In 1989 representatives from the 12 European Community nations agreed to ban all production of chlorofluorocarbons, or CFCs, by the end of century.

In 1990 more than 6,000 drivers went on strike against Greyhound Lines Inc. (The company, later declaring an impasse in negotiations, fired the strikers).

In 1991 Iraq released CBS newsman Bob Simon and his crew, held captive for nearly six weeks.

In 1992 a jury was seated in Simi Valley, Calif., in the assault trial of four Los Angeles police officers charged with beating motorist Rodney King. Also in 1992 the U.N. General Assembly welcomed eight former Soviet republics and San Marino as its newest members.

In 1995 the Mexican government and Zapatista rebels reached a tentative agreement to end the peasant uprising that the rebels launched two months before in the southern Mexican state of Chiapas.

In 1998 the U.N. Security Council unanimously endorsed Secretary General Kofi Annan's deal to open Iraq's presidential palaces to arms inspectors.

In 2000 former Chilean dictator Gen. Augusto Pinochet left Britain for his homeland, hours after he was ruled mentally unfit to stand trial on charges of human rights abuses.

In 2003 Iraq crushed another six Al-Samoud 2 missiles, as ordered by U.N. weapons inspectors.

WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

ILLINOIS	
March 1	
Pick 3 midday	174 / 8
Pick 4 midday	9249 / 0
Lucky Day Lotto midday	03 21 22 24 45
Pick 3 evening	337 / 8
Pick 4 evening	4469 / 9
Lucky Day Lotto evening	01 09 10 19 45
March 2 Lotto: \$4M	
March 3 Mega Millions: \$65M	
March 4 Powerball: \$90M	
WISCONSIN	
March 1	
Pick 3	663
Pick 4	4995
Badger 5	14 16 25 26 27
SuperCash	07 17 19 21 23 39

INDIANA	
March 1	
Daily 3 midday	435 / 9
Daily 4 midday	4452 / 9
Daily 3 evening	015 / 9
Daily 4 evening	9297 / 9
Cash 5	06 11 17 36 38
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Linzer, Helen

Helen Linzer nee Blaszkiewicz, age 94, of Chicago. Beloved wife of the late Charles Linzer, Sr.; loving mother of Karen (Ernest) Nora, Theresa (David Stence) Conway and step-mother of the late Charles Linzer, Jr.; proud grandmother of Taylor (Nick Ftikas) Nora, Gerit (Mike) McAllister, Chris Nora, Matthew Stencil, Shane Conway; great-grandmother of Lucas, Garrett, Delilah and Annie; dear sister of the late Genevieve (Stanley) Gutt, Jennie (Emil) Jansky and Matthew Blaszkiewicz; sister-in-law of Mary Blaszkiewicz. Visitation Monday March 2, 3:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at **Donnellan Family Funeral Home**, 10045 Skokie Boulevard at Old Orchard Road, Skokie, IL. Funeral Mass Tuesday March 3, 10:00 a.m. at Saint Joan of Arc Church, 9248 North Lawndale Avenue. Evanston, IL Interment Private. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Little Sisters of the Poor, 2325 N. Lakewood Avenue, Chicago, IL 60614. Info (847) 675-1990 or www.donnellanfuneral.com



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Marquez, Antonio

Antonio Marquez, Korean War Veteran, age 88. Loving husband of Eelida, nee Diaz; adored father of Nereida (Leo) Echevarria, Anselmo (Lourdes) Marquez, Christine (Charles) Nutile, Lydia (Patrick) Conroy, and Antonio Jr. (Anne) Marquez; devoted son of the late Anselmo and Dolores, nee Lopez; cherished grandfather of 11 and great-grandfather of 11. Funeral Tuesday 9:00 a.m. from **Richard Modell Funeral Home & Cremation Services**, 5725 S. Pulaski Rd. to St. Rita of Cascia Church Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to asulatetourheroes.com would be appreciated Visitation Monday 3-9 p.m. For info (773)767-4730 or www.rjmodellfh.com
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Reiner, Sharon Faith

Sharon Faith Reiner, 73, of Buffalo Grove IL, passed away from a 7-year battle with ovarian cancer on March 1, 2020 with her family at her side. She was preceded in death by her parents Benjamin and Dorothy Kazanow and in-laws Hyman and Miriam Reiner. Sharon was a devoted wife of 51 years to Reuben, after meeting 53 years ago through B'nai B'rith Young Adults. Best friend and mother to Cheryl (Jordan) Cheifetz, Erica (Glade Tonks), and Ryan (Sarah Thomas). Grandmother extraordinaire to Robin and Harris Cheifetz. Fur mother to Jake and fur grammy to Ozzie, Runik, and Harley. She is also survived by her brother Spencer (Sandra) Kazanow and brothers-in-law Stanley and Larry Reiner as well as nephews Jeffrey and Steven (Cammie) Kazanow, Jared Reiner and nieces Faith (Matt) Shachter and Kara (Jason) Hendren. She was preceded in death by her sister-in-law and friend, Felice Reiner. She had a love of carnations and playing slot machines. Sharon was a hard-working woman who retired after 20+ years from Kohl's and after 24 years with Robert Half International. She adored her family more than anything in life and always did more for others than herself. She was truly selfless. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her! Service Wednesday 10AM at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 195 North Buffalo Grove Rd. (1 block north of Lake Cook Rd.) Buffalo Grove, IL. Interment Jewish Oakridge. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Congregation B'nai Shalom, 701 Aptakisic Road, Buffalo Grove, IL 60089, www.bnaishalom.org. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Buffalo Grove Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com

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Speros, Michael Joseph

Michael Joseph Speros, age 53, of Hoffman Estates, IL, passed away on February 28, 2020. Beloved son of Eleanor Speros; loving brother of Gina Lundell and Robert Speros. Michael enjoyed traveling, had many friends all over the country, and he was a huge sports fan. A Celebration of Life will be held on Saturday, June 20, 2020. Contact inhonorofmichaelsperos@gmail.com for details. Donations may be made to the Chicago Hearing Society.
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Spiotto, James E.

James E. Spiotto, 73, of Lincolnwood, passed away on February 27, 2020 from a sudden heart attack. Beloved husband of Ann Spiotto, nee Humphreys. Loving father of Michael (Michelle) Spiotto, Mary (Sean) Sullivan, Joan (Mike) Murphy, and Kathy (Kyle) Manny. Dedicated grandpa of James "Jack", Michael "Ben", Sean, Claire, Ryan, Annie, Marie, James "Jimmy", and Betty. Dear brother of Joan (Bob) Lynch and the late Michael Spiotto. Adored son of the late Michael and Vinetta Spiotto. Loving brother-in-law of Mary, Tom (Jo), Ivan (Julie), and Kathryn (Lou Zanine) Humphreys. Proud uncle of Tim (Tansy) Lynch, Beth Lynch, Julie (Erik) Wahlborg, Elizabeth, Tom, Greg, Ian, and Lucy Humphreys. Dear cousin and friend of many.

Jim was partner at Chapman and Cutler LLP for over 30 years. He was a nationally known expert in his field, a lawyer's lawyer, and an amazingly effective advocate for his clients. He will truly be missed by all.

Funeral services, Monday March 2nd, 11 AM, **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home**, 6150 N Cicero Ave, to Queen of All Saints Basilica for a Funeral Mass at 11:30 AM. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers, donations in Jim's name may be made to The Catholic Charities, 721 N LaSalle Dr, Chicago, IL 60654, or <https://www.catholiccharities.net/DonateNow/GeneralDonations.aspx>, or The University of Chicago Law School, c/o James and Ann Spiotto Scholarship Fund, 5235 S Harper Court, 7th Floor, Chicago, IL 60615, or <http://give.uchicago.edu/law>. Visitation Sunday, March 1st, 1 PM to 7 PM, at the funeral home. Information 773-736-3833 or visit www.smithcorcoran.com.

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Stolfe, Marc J.

Marc J. Stolfe Dearly beloved husband of Jennifer Nee Childre. Loving father of Alexandra, Andrew and Benjamin. Stepfather of Eric. Beloved son of James and Patricia Stolfe. Dear brother of Laura Sue (Louis) Colella, Brian (Cynthia), and Michael (Martha) Stolfe. Fond nephew, uncle, cousin and friend of many. Visitation Wednesday, March 4 at Williams-Kamp Funeral Home, 430 East Roosevelt, Wheaton, from 3 until 8 P.M.. Funeral Mass Thursday 10 a.m. at St. Philip the Apostle Church, 1223 W. Holtz, Addison. Int. Mt. Carmel Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to the American Diabetes Association would be appreciated.
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van Delft, Jan

On Friday, February 28, 2020, Jan van Delft, loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather passed away at age 91.

Jan was born in Amsterdam, The Netherlands on January 30, 1929 to Jan and Reina van Delft. He was part of the resistance in occupied Holland during WWII and became a military police officer in the Royal Netherlands Marechaussee after the war. In 1951 he embarked on a long, successful airline career by joining Pan American, and shortly thereafter KLM Royal Dutch Airlines. Jan's career took him and his family all over the world while living in Canada and the United States. In 1990 the Queen of the Netherlands bestowed upon him a Knighthood into the Order of Oranje-Nassau for special merits to society. Making the world a better place never deterred him from being a devoted father, husband and grandfather, as well as a tremendous football and hockey fan. Jan was preceded in death by his devoted wife of 57 years, Henderika. He is survived by his three children, John (Susan) van Delft of Flower Mound, Texas; Christina (John) Wierz of Kiel, Wisconsin; Reina (John) van Delft-Pickering of Northville, Michigan. He was a loving (Opa) to his six grandchildren, Jonathan, Michael (Mary), Stephen (Morgan), Emily (Robert), Hannah, Ian; and great grandfather to Landon, Finnegan, Kaiden and soon to be born baby girl Atchison.

A sharing of memories and a memorial celebration of his life will be from 3 to 5:00 P.M. Friday March 6, 2020 at **Yurs Funeral Home**, 405 E. Main St. (corner of Rt. 25 & Rt. 64), St. Charles, IL 60174

For further information please call **Yurs Funeral Home** St. Charles. 630-584-0060 or www.yursfuneralhomes.com

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LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE PURSUANT TO THE ILLINOIS MUNICIPAL BUDGET LAW BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE DU PAGE WATER COMMISSION PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on April 16, 2020 at 6:30 p.m., a public hearing will be held by The Chairman and Board of Commissioners of the DuPage Water Commission, DuPage, Cook, Will and Kane Counties, Illinois at the Office of the Commission, 600 East Butterfield Road, Elmhurst, Illinois, for the purpose of considering the 2020-2021 budget and appropriation ordinance in accordance with the Illinois Municipal Budget Law, 50 ILCS 330/1 et seq.

Copies of the tentative budget and appropriation ordinance are available for public inspection between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, at 600 East Butterfield Road, Elmhurst, Illinois. Citizens attending the hearing shall have the right to provide written and oral comments and ask questions concerning the budget and appropriation ordinance.

Carolyn A. Johnson Clerk
DuPage Water Commission
3/2/2020 6612710

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.

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OAK PARK
Identified also as Area(s) 16, 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 7, 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 2nd day of March, 2020.

FRITZ KAEGI
ASSESSOR OF COOK COUNTY
3/2/2020 6617801

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Notice of Lien Sale / Public Auction

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#405, 1401 N Plum Grove Rd Schaumburg IL 60173 Ph 847.843.1027: 214 Cameron Lilly, 2132 Sylvia Munguia. **#422, 232 South Lake Street Aurora IL 60506 Ph 630.966.0965:** 1030 William A Brodtkorb, 1039 Matthew Mulvihill, 1042 Martha O Chora, 1059 Gus Zepeda, 1071 Natalie Zavala, 1162 Michael A Davis, 1197 Kandi L Keating, 1199 Ronnie Johnson, 2072 Maria Ortiz, 3048 Leslie Mancilla, 3098 Caroline M Rajca-Corman, 3159 Cynica M Townsend, 3168 Jessica Rohrer, 3318 Kathy Brothers. **#442, 2625 E Main Street Saint Charles IL 60174 Ph 630.584.0580:** 3119 Jeffrey N Murphy, 5105 Jeffrey N Murphy, 5136 Jeffrey N Murphy. **#504, 1414 N Rand Rd Arlington Heights IL 60004 Ph 847.818.1773:** 1149 Daisy Rojas. **#511, 1125 E St Charles Rd Lombard IL 60148 Ph 630.495.1658:** 2048 John A Pingel, 2105 Eric Hodges, 2126 Deana Toledo, 3148 Dominick Cooper. **#554, 1650 N Randall Rd Aurora IL 60506 Ph 630.907.9870:** 1056 Alisa Simms, 1403 Michael Colvreck, 2028 Margarita Molina, 2047 Margarita Molina, 2103 Jaqueta Evans, 2119 Manuel Ochoa, 2178 Bethaney Hope, 3004 Tawanna E. Bates, 3059 Bethaney Hope, 3075 Luis Rivera, 3101 Briana Clowney, 3168 Michelle Slaughter, 2028 Margarita St Addison IL 60101 Ph 630.543.6303: 1187 Duane Nystrom. **#559, 953 S State Route 83 Elmhurst IL 60126 Ph 630.279.2522:** A2125 Devonya Hill, C1203 Rigo Vargas. **#567, 1455 S Barrington Rd Barrington IL 60010 Ph 847.381.3100:** 2108 William Goode. **#568, 1950 N Washington St Naperville IL 60563 Ph 630.505.0001:** 1007 Rebecca C. Wilkerson, 1120 Rebecca C. Wilkerson, 3022 Kris Neale, 3114 Daniel Mancilla, 5037 Will Atkins, 5037 Will Atkins. **#569, 1800 Des Plaines Ave Forest Park IL 60130 Ph 708.209.1100:** 2320 Latoya Townes, 1074 Malissa Wilcher, 2482 Duneira Lake, 2459 Kyra Green. **#570, 405 Shawmut Ave La Grange IL 60525 Ph 708.352.0001:** 1221 Raymond Rodriguez, 1266 Nancy R Carrino, 2130 James F Frohnapfel.

And, due notice having been given, to the owner of said property and all parties known to claim an interest therein, and the time specified in such notice for payment of such having expired, the goods will be sold to the highest bidder or otherwise disposed of at a public auction to be held online at www.StorageTreasuries.com, which will end on Thursday, March 19, 2020 at 10:00AM.

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VOTE EARLY MARCH 2 – 16, 2020

Official notice is hereby given, by Cook County Clerk Karen A. Yarbrough, that EARLY VOTING for the Presidential Primary Election being held on Tuesday, March 17, 2020, will be held at the following locations: This notice applies only to SUBURBAN Cook County.



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SUN Mar. 8 and 15	10 a.m. to 4 p.m.	SUN Mar. 8 and 15	10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Arlington Heights, IL 60005
- ▲ **Barrington Hills Village Hall**
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Barrington Hills, IL 60010
- ▲ **Bellwood Village Hall**
3200 Washington Blvd.
Bellwood, IL 60104
- ▲ **Des Plaines Public Library**
1501 Ellinwood St.
Des Plaines, IL 60016
- ▲ **Elk Grove Village Hall**
901 Wellington Ave.
Elk Grove Village, IL 60007
- ▲ **Elmwood Park Village Hall**
11 W. Conti Pkwy.
Elmwood Park, IL 60707
- **Evanston Civic Center**
2100 Ridge Ave.
Evanston, IL 60201
- ▲ **Franklin Park Village Hall**
9500 Belmont Ave.
Franklin Park, IL 60131
- ▲ **Glenview Village Hall**
2500 E. Lake Ave.
Glenview, IL 60025
- ▲ **Hoffman Estates Village Hall**
1900 Hassell Rd.
Hoffman Estates, IL 60169
- ▲ **Melrose Park Village Hall**
1000 N. 25th Ave.
Melrose Park, IL 60160
- ▲ **Mount Prospect Village Hall**
50 S. Emerson St.
Mount Prospect, IL 60056

- ▲ **Niles Village Hall**
1000 Civic Center Dr.
Niles, IL 60714
- ▲ **Norridge Village Hall**
4000 N. Olcott Ave.
Norridge, IL 60706
- ▲ **Northbrook Village Hall**
1225 Cedar Lane
Northbrook, IL 60062
- ▲ **Oak Park Village Hall**
123 Madison St.
Oak Park, IL 60302
- ▲ **Palatine Village Hall**
200 E. Wood St.
Palatine, IL 60067
- ▲ **Park Ridge - (Centennial Activity Center)**
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Park Ridge, IL 60068

- ▲ **Schaumburg - (Trickster Art Gallery)**
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Schaumburg, IL 60193
- ▲ **Skokie Village Hall**
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Skokie, IL 60077
- ▲ **Streamwood Village Hall**
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Streamwood, IL 60107
- ▲ **Wheeling - (Chamber Park) NEW**
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Wheeling, IL 60090
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Wilmette, IL 60091

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Maywood, IL 60153
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Rolling Meadows, IL 60008
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Room 149
Skokie, IL 60077
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Chicago, IL 60602

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- ▲ **Alsip Village Hall**
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Alsip, IL 60803
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Berwyn, IL 60402
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Burbank, IL 60459
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Calumet City, IL 60409
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Calumet Park, IL 60827
- **Cicero Community Center**
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Cicero, IL 60804
- **Cicero PSO Building**
5410 W. 34th St.
Cicero, IL 60804
- ▲ **Crestwood - (Andrew Biela Senior Citizen Center)**
4545 Midlothian Turnpike
Crestwood, IL 60445
- ▲ **Hodgkins Village Hall**
8990 Lyons St.
Hodgkins, IL 60525

- ▲ **Lansing Public Library**
2750 Indiana Ave.
Lansing, IL 60438
- ▲ **Lemont Township Hall**
1115 Warner Ave.
Lemont, IL 60439
- ▲ **Lynwood Senior Youth Center**
21490 Lincoln Hwy.
Lynwood, IL 60411
- ▲ **Matteson Community Center**
20642 Matteson Ave.
Matteson, IL 60443
- ▲ **Oak Forest City Hall**
15440 S. Central Ave.
Oak Forest, IL 60452
- **Oak Lawn Village Hall**
9446 S. Raymond Ave.
Oak Lawn, IL 60453

- ▲ **Olympia Fields - Sunrise Villa**
3633 Breakers Dr.
Olympia Fields, IL 60461
- ▲ **Orland Township Hall**
14807 Ravinia Ave.
Orland Park, IL 60462
- ▲ **Palos Heights Recreation Center**
6601 W. 127th St.
Palos Heights, IL 60463
- ▲ **Prairie State College - ATOC Center NEW**
202 S. Halsted St.
Chicago Heights, IL 60411
- ▲ **South Chicago Heights Senior Center NEW**
3140 Enterprise Dr.
South Chicago Heights, IL 60411

- ▲ **South Holland - (South Suburban College)**
15800 S. State St.
South Holland, IL 60473
- ▲ **Stickney-Forest View Public Library**
6800 W. 43rd St.
Stickney, IL 60402
- ▲ **Tinley Park Village Hall**
16250 S. Oak Park Ave.
Tinley Park, IL 60477
- ▲ **Bridgeview Courthouse**
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A batter practices bunting off a machine from close distance with a door-sized backstop in the right-field corner.

Slogans, once printed on T-shirts, now are painted on a clubhouse wall.

Welcome to Joe Maddon's new spring training home with the Angels. And his present and past associates couldn't be happier that the former Cubs manager has returned to his baseball roots.

"This was home for him for a long time," said second baseman Tommy La Stella, who went from the Cubs to the Angels one year ahead of Maddon. "He's back home and around all the familiar faces, and now he's bringing back the alumni. I know he was really looking forward to that. I see him enjoying it."

Maddon, 66, is scheduled to return Monday with the Angels to Sloan Park in Mesa, the Cubs' spring training home, where his knack for orchestrating work and fun was on display the last five springs.

While embracing the changes under Maddon's successor, David Ross, several Cubs players said they're looking forward to Maddon's return to Mesa.

"Coming into camp, you knew things were going to be different," left fielder Kyle Schwarber said. "It's part of the game. It's going to be nice to have (Maddon) over here and see everyone again."

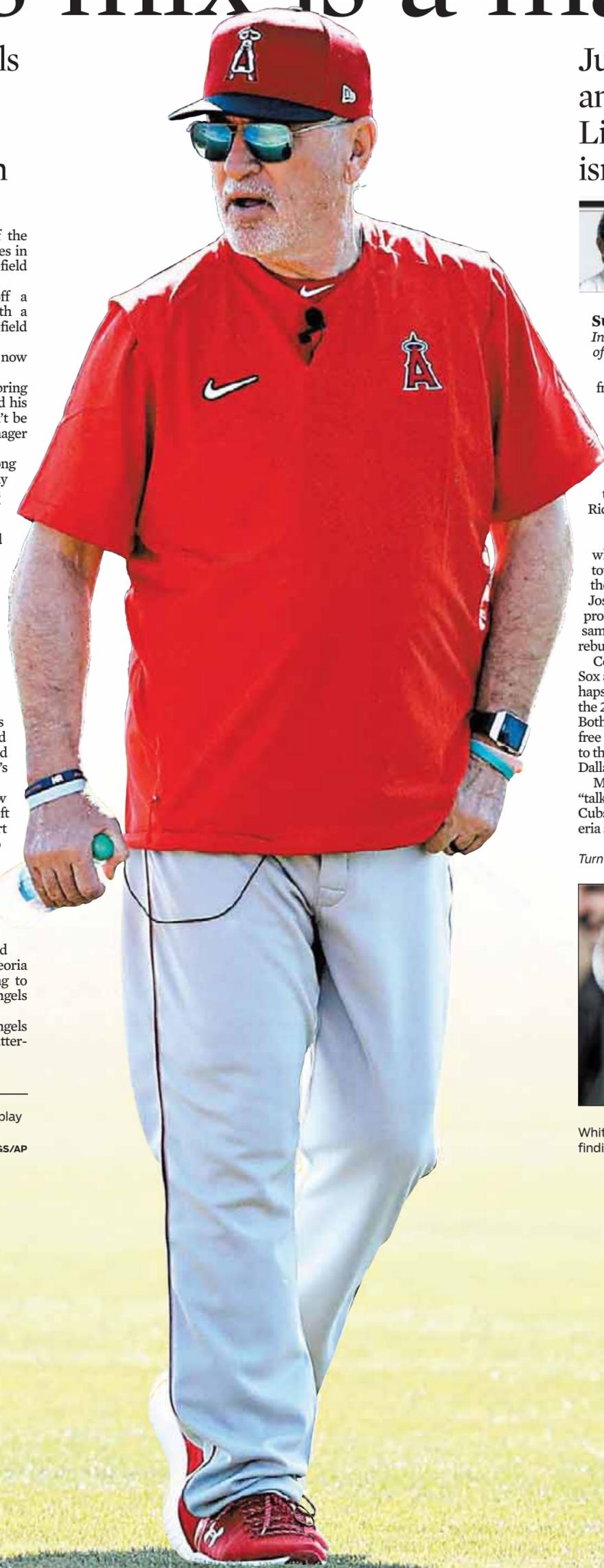
Some Cubs supporters couldn't wait until Monday to see Maddon. John and Laurie Rizzo, the parents of Cubs first baseman Anthony Rizzo, watched their son play Friday night in Peoria against the Padres before traveling to Scottsdale to watch Maddon's Angels face the Giants on Saturday.

Accompanying Maddon to the Angels were former Cubs coaches Brian Butter-

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Joe Maddon will bring his Angels to play the Cubs on Monday at Sloan Park.

DARRON CUMMINGS/AP



Just ask Renteria and Maddon: Life after Cubs isn't all that bad



PAUL SULLIVAN
In the Wake of the News

TEMPE, Ariz. — While White Sox outfielder Eloy Jimenez was touting teammate Luis Robert as "the next Mike Trout" on Sunday morning at Camelback Ranch, Angels manager Joe Maddon was tossing bouquets at the Sox

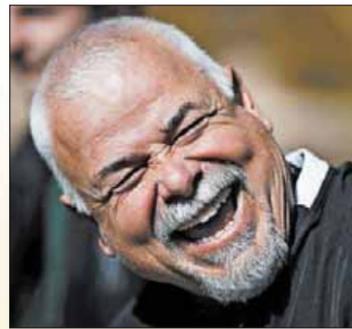
from his perch at Tempe Diablo Stadium.

"These guys still have to get out here and perform," Maddon said. "And Minnesota is in their division too, right? And they're pretty nice. But I do like what they've done, and I think (manager) Rick Renteria has done a great job also. "I'll definitely be pulling for them."

Maddon paid attention to the Sox while he managed on the other side of town the last five years, watching them dump stars such as Chris Sale, Jose Quintana and Adam Eaton for prospects and then go through the same growing pains as every other rebuild.

Comparisons between the current Sox and Maddon's 2015 Cubs are perhaps inevitable because those Cubs, like the 2020 Sox, were in Year 4 of a rebuild. Both teams also picked up prominent free agents in the offseason: Jon Lester to the Cubs and Yasmani Grandal and Dallas Keuchel to the Sox this winter.

Maddon famously said he would be "talking playoffs" when he took over the Cubs after the 2014 season, while Renteria said this winter, "I expect us to

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ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

White Sox manager Rick Renteria is finding plenty to laugh about this spring.

ILLINOIS 67, INDIANA 66

Illini win 20th, fourth in a row

Dosunmu's 3-pointer, Feliz's steal preserve victory over Hoosiers

BY TERRY TOWERY
Associated Press

CHAMPAIGN — Ayo Dosunmu is becoming legendary at Illinois for his hustle, talent and an intangible yet reliable ability to take over a game and win it in the final seconds.

The sophomore guard added another chapter Sunday, scoring a game-high 17 points, including a key 3-pointer down the stretch, to

lead the Illini over Indiana 67-66.

"He's amazing," Illinois coach Brad Underwood. "I'm blessed to have guys like Ayo and Kofi (Cockburn). Ayo did that in high school. He's confident and a winner, period."

Dosunmu's 3-pointer with 1 minute, 28 seconds remaining put Illinois (20-9, 12-6 Big Ten) up 65-60. Rob Phinisee hit a 3 with 1:14 left to pull Indiana (18-11, 8-10) within two.

After Da'Monte Williams missed the front end of a one-and-one for Illinois and Indiana's Trayce Jackson-Davis missed a pair of free throws but got his own

rebound, Illini guard Andres Feliz ripped the ball away from Phinisee and called a timeout with 13 seconds left.

Dosunmu was fouled and hit both free throws to make the score 67-63. Phinisee hit a 3-pointer at the buzzer for the final score.

"I'm pretty confident and I put the work in," Dosunmu said. "So when the time comes, I can take the right shot."

Asked whether he used to envision himself winning games at the last second when he was younger, Dosunmu laughed.

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HOLLY HART/AP

Illinois guard Ayo Dosunmu drives past Indiana's Rob Phinisee as he heads to the basket Sunday. Dosunmu scored a game-high 17 points.

TOP OF THE SECOND

Sharapova in Hall of Fame? No way

By LZ GRANDERSON
Los Angeles Times

Last week, five-time Grand Slam champion Maria Sharapova said goodbye to tennis. What is not clear is whether the former world No. 1 will get to say hello to the International Tennis Hall of Fame.

That's because Sharapova is the most accomplished player to be banned for using a performance-enhancing drug. In 2016 a tribunal banned her for testing positive for meldonium, which increases stamina and focus.

Making matters worse, after serving her 15-month sentence, Sharapova managed to win only one, lower-rank title. Granted, her last years on tour were besieged by a litany of injuries, but the reality is she was not particularly well-liked by players before the suspension and was viewed by some players and journalists as nothing more than a despised cheater upon her return.

How the ITHF handles her legacy will be fascinating.

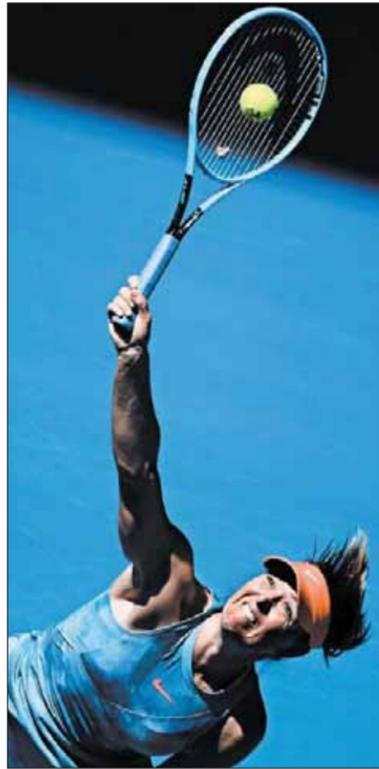
"It's a ways off," said Anne Marie McLaughlin, vice president of communications and enshrinement for the hall. "And we've already had quite a few retirements announced for this year with the Bryans (Bob and Mike), Leander Paes, Caroline Wozniacki ... and it's only February. That's a lot of deserving players who will be eligible around the same time."

A player must be retired five years to become eligible. In 2017, however, the ITHF changed its rules to include automatic ballot inclusion for players who have won at least three Grand Slam titles and been ranked No. 1 for at least 13 weeks. It also allows players who have won at least five Grand Slams, such as Sharapova, to be automatically included on the ballot.

"Maria is the first player to have retired who meets the level of accomplishments to be put automatically on the ballot," McLaughlin said.

Roughly 150 tennis journalists and Hall of Fame members are involved in the voting process. Fan voting is also a factor, which might prove to be an important element as it pertains to Sharapova.

Despite going 2-20 head to head and winning less than a fourth as many Grand Slams, the 32-year-old Sharapova comfortably outearned Serena Williams in endorsements for most of their time together on tour. Sharapova might be viewed as a cheater now, but this speaks to her im-



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Maria Sharapova was using meldonium for 10 years and before failing a drug test.

mense popularity around the world. In fact, when the ban was lifted, tournament directors immediately granted her wildcard entries, recognizing her name still got butts in seats.

And there is also a question of whether voters believe she purposely used the banned substance to gain an unfair advantage. Or do they accept she took it only to treat a heart ailment and address her family's history of diabetes, as she claimed.

Sharapova had been using meldonium for 10 years and said she was unaware it had been newly banned before failing the drug test. The International Tennis Federation and the WTA said it warned players five times the drug would soon be banned before initiating the change.

Sharapova acknowledges not reading the emails thoroughly and took responsi-

bility for the failed test.

But will voters believe her excuse?

Do you believe her?

Because I don't.

The Latvian chemist who invented the drug said he did so to help Soviet troops breathe better when fighting in the mountains of Afghanistan. The World Anti-Doping Agency announced in 2015 it was banning the substance in 2016. After the change, more than 170 athletes — nearly all from Eastern Europe — failed the test. We're talking Olympic medalists from a variety of sports.

Boxer Alexander Povetkin had his title fight against Deontay Wilder called off for testing positive for meldonium. Povetkin claimed it was left over in his system from before it was banned. However, random tests performed more than a month before the scheduled fight — and weeks before the failed test — did not find the substance in his system. In other words, it is clear Povetkin was trying to get a competitive advantage before the fight.

I get not checking emails. Lord knows, it's among my least favorite things to do. But it's quite the coincidence to have the one drug designed to help soldiers climb every mountain also be the drug of choice to address all of her ills. Williams' husband, Alexis Ohanian, isn't buying it. He threw major shade Sharapova's way by rocking a D.A.R.E. T-shirt at the U.S. Open while his wife was en route to a 6-1, 6-1 victory over Sharapova.

As we all know, baseball has had to deal with this issue for years, and the consensus has been that no one found to have used PEDs gets in the Hall of Fame. But this is tennis' first brush with the controversy. We're years from Sharapova being eligible, but if the journalists who cover this beautiful sport want to protect it, they can't allow time to heal this wound.

Sharapova was an amazing player who battled multiple shoulder injuries to become one of the greatest to pick up a racket. She was known for her powerful groundstrokes, her loud on-court grunts and her relentlessness. She also was suspended for using a performance-enhancing drug. What Sharapova has done automatically gets her name on the ballot. And what she has done should automatically keep voters from rewarding her.

Baseball doesn't always handle cheaters the right way (see "Asterisks, Houston"), but it has the Hall of Fame part right.

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FIRE

SOUNDERS 2, FIRE 1

Wicky era starts with unlucky, tough loss

Stoppage-time goal boosts MLS defending champions

BY TIM BOOTH
Associated Press

SEATTLE — Jordan Morris was more than a little disappointed. He wasn't downright angry because he understood the decision in the bigger context, but learning he was going to be on the bench the day the Seattle Sounders celebrated their latest MLS Cup title didn't sit well.

"I was a little frustrated. It's the first game, you always want to be out there," Morris said. "But I always respect the coaches, their decisions and what's best for the team."

When he did enter at halftime, Morris was clearly the best player on the field. He scored two second-half goals, the second in the third minute of stoppage time, and the Sounders opened their title defense with a 2-1 victory over the Chicago Fire on Sunday.

The team started the day parading the MLS championship trophy through the streets of Seattle and unveiling its second championship banner. But much of the opener had been a frustrating mix of being outplayed for stretches and missing several easy opportunities.

Morris was the difference after coming on as a substitute. His goal in the 62nd minute off a cross from Cristian Roldan pulled the Sounders even. The two connected again in stoppage time. Off a corner kick from Joao Paulo, Roldan whipped a header across the front of the goal, and Morris was standing at the back post to nod it home.

"(Roldan) put in two really good balls, and I was just fortunate enough to be there to finish them," Morris said.

Robert Beric scored in the 46th minute for the Fire, playing their first game under coach Raphael Wicky.

The Fire had two first-half goals waved off because they were offside. The Sounders also had a goal in the 56th minute overturned on video replay after Morris was ruled offside.

"We're very disappointed," Beric said. "We had a good game. It was just the last 10 or 15 minutes, we dropped, and unluckily we lose at the end. We didn't deserve that."

Morris was relegated to coming on as a substitute more as a precaution than anything else. He played 84 minutes Thursday night in the CONCACAF Champions League, and coach Brian Schmetzer didn't want to overuse him this early and raise the risk of injury.

"But then Jordan's anger turned into, 'I'm a team guy and I'm going to accept this decision,'" Schmetzer said. "I could just tell when we had spoken to him about getting warmed up and he was going in at halftime, you could see on his face that he was motivated."

Many of the 40,126 who filled CenturyLink Field marched to the stadium before the match with the championship trophy leading the way and reveled in the celebration and memories of the title won 3½ months earlier in the same stadium with a victory over Toronto.

But the MLS opener came at the end of a disappointing and frustrating couple of weeks for the club. The Sounders were surprisingly ousted from the Champions League by CD Olimpia of Honduras, blowing leads in both matches of the two-leg series before being eliminated on penalty kicks.

It was a competition the Sounders put significant effort and resources into this season in the hope of being the first MLS squad to win the competition under its current format, only to be the lone MLS team eliminated in the round of 16.

"As the clock was ticking down (Sunday) and thinking it might end 1-1," Schmetzer said, "that was exactly on my mind: Can we get a last-minute goal, can we send the fans home happy, can we energize the team? I think that happened."



ABBIE PARR/GETTY

Robert Beric, who scored the Fire's only goal, moves the ball vs. the Sounders.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL



NATI HARNIK/AP

Northwestern's Miller Kopp shoots against Nebraska's Jervay Green on Sunday.

NORTHWESTERN 81, NEBRASKA 76 (OT)

Determined Cats halt 12-game skid

Imperfect hosts: Cornhuskers manage to miss 22 free throws

Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — Miller Kopp took Northwestern's first shot in overtime Sunday, draining a 3-pointer that triggered a 7-0 run, and the Wildcats held on for an 81-76 win over Nebraska that snapped their 12-game losing streak.

"It was nice to knock that down just to give us a little bit of momentum," Kopp said. "I made a 3 (and) then we came down and hit a nice floater. The biggest thing, though, was our defense in that time. We got stops."

Northwestern (7-21, 2-16 Big Ten) forced two turnovers and made a pair of layups to go up 74-67 with 3:15 left in overtime — a spurt that coach Chris Collins said his young team needed to win on the road.

"They were really determined; they didn't look rattled," Collins said of his team in overtime. "Those first two minutes, that was kind of the story to get the separation we needed."

Nebraska (7-22, 2-16) cut its deficit to 78-76 on Dachon Burke Jr.'s 3-pointer with 46 seconds left, and the Cornhuskers had a chance to tie 22 seconds later when Yvan Ouedraogo missed a pair of free throws. Northwestern hit 3 of 4 free throws to seal the win.

Nebraska lost the game at the free-throw line, where the Huskers hit just 8 of 30 (26.7%). Northwestern made 15 of 20 free throws.

Illinois

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"Oh, yeah," he said. "I mean, I think probably most ballers do that. I know I did."

Feliz scored 15 for Illinois, and Cockburn added 15 points and six blocked shots.

Aljami Durham led Indiana with 13 points. Jackson-Davis had 12 points and 12 rebounds, Devonte Green added 11 points and Phinisee scored 10.

It was a physical and close game from the opening tip. Indiana's largest lead was five points, while Illinois' was seven. The score was tied at 36 at halftime, and the Illini needed runs of 7-0 and 9-0 in the second half to pull ahead.

"That was a good win for Illinois," Indiana coach Archie Miller said. "I have to give our guys credit, too, for playing hard and giving us a chance to win it at the end."

The Illini got a boost from sophomore forward Giorgi Bezhanishvili, the fan favorite who has struggled to score or contribute at all the last couple of months. He lost his starting role and now backs up Cockburn in the post.

But the 6-foot-9 Bezhanishvili played a smart game Sunday, scoring six points and

According to Big Ten Network, no Division I team in the last 10 years had shot less than 30% from the line with 30 or more attempts.

"It's contagious," Nebraska coach Fred Hoiberg said of missing free throws. "I've been around this game long enough, when you miss a few early, it just seems to get in everybody's head. Tempo gets quick, you don't trust your stroke."

"We've been shooting better the last five games, about 65%, then to have a night like this where you make a couple more and you're on the winning end."

Northwestern, which led 37-34 at halftime, saw Nebraska use a 13-4 run to go up 47-41 on Burke's steal and dunk with 14:11 left. But the Huskers scored only nine more points in the next nine minutes, falling behind 63-53.

Nebraska tied the score at 65 on Haanif Cheatam's 3-pointer with 1:51 left and went up 67-65 on a Cam Mack basket with 1:39 left. A pair of Pat Spencer free throws tied the score at 67 with 49 seconds remaining.

Boo Buie scored 15 points for Northwestern, Spencer 12 and Ryan Young 10.

Cheatam led Nebraska with 20 points. Burke scored 19, Mack added 13 and Ouedraogo had 11 points and 19 rebounds.

With the win, Northwestern swept the season series, getting both of its Big Ten wins against the Huskers. The Wildcats moved past Nebraska into 13th place in the conference.

Northwestern plays at Wisconsin on Wednesday.

grabbing six rebounds, and his coach noticed.

"Giorgi was more confident today," Underwood said. "I'm really proud of Giorgi. No one works harder than he does. I need to quit talking about him or I'm going to get emotional. He's just a really good kid."

The Illini pulled into a tie for second place with Michigan State in the conference with two games left. They visit Ohio State on Thursday and finish the regular season at home against Iowa next Sunday. The top four teams in the Big Ten will receive a double bye in the conference tournament.

Underwood saw a lot he liked going into the final week of the regular season.

"That was a great Big Ten basketball game," he said. "It's March now. You get beat, you go home. This right here is why you work and sweat so much back in July. To get to this point makes it all worthwhile."

Underwood understands his team is talented and stands a real chance of going deep into the NCAA Tournament.

"We're in a really, really good place right now," he said. "And it's not even the plays on the floor or the talent. It's those guys in the locker room. If the locker room isn't right, you're not going to win. It's all about character first, and that helps build the culture of winning."

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

St. John's shoots past Creighton

Associated Press

Greg Williams Jr. drained his seventh 3-pointer from right in front of the St. John's bench, springing delirious teammates onto the court as he bounded into their arms during a timeout.

With an out-of-character shooting display from all over the gym, the Red Storm handed No. 10 Creighton a thorough beating that was hard to see coming.

Williams made seven 3s and scored a career-high 21 points as St. John's slowed down the streaking Bluejays in a 91-71 rout Sunday in New York that marked its most lopsided win over a top-10 opponent in 28 years.

"St. John's was terrific," Creighton coach Greg McDermott said. "When you get outscored by 30 on the 3-point line in somebody else's building, it's hard to win."

Rasheem Dunn had 19 points and a career-high 10 assists for the Red Storm (15-14, 4-12 Big East), who stopped a three-game skid. LJ Figueroa added 16 points and 12 rebounds, and Julian Champagnie scored 13.

One of the worst 3-point shooting teams in the country, St. John's went a season-best 14 of 22 (64%) from long range in its biggest victory under first-year coach Mike Anderson. It was the school's first win over a top-10 team at Carnesecca Arena on campus since beating Bernard King and No. 7 Tennessee in December 1975.

St. John's plays many of its high-profile home games at Madison Square Garden.

"It's amazing when you make shots and that ball goes through the hole, it just energizes your whole team," Anderson said. "It's good to see us put 40 minutes together."

Damien Jefferson equaled a career best with 20 points and Ty-Shon Alexander scored 19 for the Bluejays (22-7, 11-5), who had won five straight and nine of 10.

Creighton could have captured its first Big East championship by winning its final three regular-season games, but now needs help after falling two games behind first-place Seton Hall with two to play.

Buckeyes surge late: Duane Washington Jr. tied a career high with 20 points and No. 23 Ohio State surged late to beat No. 19 Michigan 77-63.

CJ Walker had 15 points, and brothers Andre and Kaleb Wesson each added 14 for the host Buckeyes (20-9, 10-8 Big Ten). They have won three straight and eight of their last 10.

Ohio State swept the season series against rival Michigan, winning 61-58 in Ann Arbor on Feb. 4, and reached 20 wins for the third straight season.

Franz Wagner had 18 points and 10 rebounds for the Wolverines. They lost their second straight after winning five in a row.

Zavier Simpson added 12 points and seven assists for Michigan (19-10, 10-8).

Ohio State didn't pull away for good until late. The Wolverines knotted the score at 54 on Jon Teske tip-in with 6:51 left in the game. Andre Wesson then hit a falling 3 off the glass and brother Kaleb followed with another 3 to make 62-54. The Buckeyes grabbed momentum from there. Kaleb Wesson hit another 3 with 1:36 left to give the Buckeyes a 13-point lead to touch off a 7-0 run.

Stanford upsets Colorado: Bryce Wills scored 19 points, including a key layup in the final minute, and Stanford beat No. 21 Colorado 72-64.

Oscar da Silva added 16 points, and Deajon Davis and Tyrell Terry each had 12 for the host Cardinal (20-9, 10-7 Pac-12), who won their fourth straight.

Tyler Bey scored 17 points to lead the Buffaloes (21-9, 10-7), who lost a third consecutive game for the first time this season. McKinley Wright had 13 points and 11 rebounds, and D'Shawn Schwartz had 14 points.

Wills gave Stanford a 65-52 edge with 8:13 remaining to play and that's when the Buffaloes made their move, scoring 10 straight on three baskets by Wright and two more by Bey.

Wills ended a nearly four-minute drought with a short jumper and Colorado missed its next seven shots.

Except for a two-point deficit early, the Cardinal led the majority of the contest.

Stanford led by as many as 15 at 35-20 with 2:27 remaining to play.

The Buffaloes scored the final eight points to pull within seven at 35-28 at the intermission.



KATHY WILLENS/AP

Marcellus Earlington lifts up teammate Greg Williams Jr. during St. John's' win.

CUBS

BASEBALL

Kluber back on mound, looks 'good'

2-time Cy Young winner makes 1st spring start

Associated Press

Corey Kluber faced major league hitters for the first time in 10 months — in a new uniform, no less — and said he didn't feel any different.

"Maybe a little bit beforehand," the Rangers right-hander said Sunday after throwing three innings against the Dodgers. "But once you get out there and start stretching, playing catch, getting loose in the bullpen, all that stuff kinda goes away."

"It just turns into another start, whether it's the regular season or spring training. That's kind of how everything usually goes for me."

It was Kluber's first time facing a major league lineup since May 1 with the Indians, when the Marlins' Brian Anderson hit a line drive off his pitching arm and broke it.

Kluber then injured an oblique during a rehab assignment, which ended his season — and it turned out, his time with the Indians, who traded him to Texas this offseason.

The cool-headed Kluber allowed two runs and two hits Sunday, including a home run to Enrique Hernandez. The 34-year-old also walked two and struck out four.

"The way I would judge a spring training start is, how well I'm able to execute pitches, get the ball where I want, avoid hard contact, which I think I did pretty well for the most part aside from the home run," Kluber said.

An infield hit and two walks put him in trouble in the first, but the Dodgers managed only one run in that inning, on a softly hit ground ball.

"Really good," Rangers manager Chris Woodward said. "I felt like he was spot-on. Balls were moving all over the place, back-door sinkers, front-door sinkers, cutters, his command was good."

"He's always going like he has something to prove out there."

The Indians picked up the \$13.5 million option on Kluber's contract this offseason, but then shipped him to the Rangers in December for veteran outfielder Delino DeShields and relief pitching prospect Emmanuel Clase in an effort to cut payroll.

The Rangers have a \$14 million team option to keep the pitcher in 2021, or they can buy out Kluber for \$1 million. They're hoping he can return to the way he was from 2014-18, when he was one of baseball's top pitchers.

Kluber won AL Cy Young Awards in 2014 and 2017, posting a 2.85 ERA and 1.02 WHIP in 160 starts with the Indians.

Sale faces live batters: It was just a batting practice session, one of the lowest spring training rungs in a pitcher's preparation for opening day. But for Chris Sale, it was progress.

Even after finishing with a fastball that a Triple-A prospect who batted .204 last year managed to hit over the fence Sunday morning in Fort Myers, Fla., Sale and the Red Sox were pleased.

"Let's end on that one," Sale said, laughing, as he walked off the mound.

The last time Sale faced hitters was Aug. 13, when he gave up five runs with 12 strikeouts over 6⅓ innings in a win against the Indians.

The left-hander was put on the injured list after that with elbow inflammation, ending his season at 6-11 with a 4.40 ERA in 25 starts.

Sale will start this season on the IL after reporting to camp with pneumonia, setting him back by about two weeks. He didn't speak to reporters after pitching batting practice.

A month shy of turning 31, Sale was an All-Star seven straight years and got the final out of the 2018 World Series.

Strong debut for deGrom: Mets ace Jacob deGrom took on two nemeses in his first outing of spring training — a bout of nerves, and the Nationals.

The two-time reigning NL Cy Young winner got the best of both.

"Any time I take the mound, I'm nervous," the 31-year-old deGrom said after throwing three scoreless innings in a 3-1 win Sunday.

DeGrom cruised on just 33 pitches, striking out two and allowing one hit against the defending World Series champs



CHARLIE RIEDEL/AP

Corey Kluber faced major league hitters for the first time in 10 months Sunday.



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Pitcher Jon Lester, working against the Rockies last week at Sloan Park, appreciates catcher Willson Contreras for his throwing ability.

CUBS TAKEAWAYS

Run at your own risk

Lester credits Contreras for helping to cut down opponents on basepaths

BY MARK GONZALES

MESA, Ariz. — Here are four takeaways from Cubs spring training Sunday.

1. Jon Lester continues to stymie opponents' running game. Lester has come a long way since 2015, when opponents stole 44 bases against him in 55 attempts.

That number has steadily declined, with only 10 stolen bases against Lester in 16 attempts in 2019, and catcher Willson Contreras nailed J.P. Crawford and speedy Mallex Smith of the Mariners on Sunday.

"When you're not good at one thing, you have to be good at another," Lester said. "We've really worked hard at that, to be efficient to the plate. And anytime you have a talent like Willie and the arm he has, it's just a matter of getting the ball to him with the ball in the air and I like our chances."

Lester believes opposing scouts have taken note of Contreras' throwing ability, which allows pitchers to focus more on the batter with runners at first or second.

Lester threw three innings of one-hit ball and struck out four. He remained indifferent to when he would pitch in the opening three-game series against the Brewers.

"It wouldn't surprise me to see Yu (Darvish) or Kyle (Hendricks)," Lester said of the opening-day assignment. "Kyle has been sneaky. He's probably one of our best pitchers, if not our best pitcher, since I've been here. He lies in the shadows and comes out and deals for us."

"It's a huge honor to pitch opening day. But as long as I have a spot in there, I don't really care."

2. Hard-throwing reliever Manuel Rodriguez leaves with an arm injury. With a fastball clocked at 99 mph and improved control, Manuel Rodriguez has a chance to advance through the Cubs minor-league system quickly.

But that could hinge on test results after Rodriguez left Sunday's game with right biceps discomfort following a pitch to Kyle Lewis. He will be re-evaluated Monday.

Rodriguez, 23, was making his third spring training appearance. He threw a breaking pitch high and out of the strike zone with one out in the sixth inning and wiggled his right hand before play stopped. He walked off the mound with a trainer.

Rodriguez was added to the 40-man roster Nov. 20 after striking out 65 in 47 innings at Class A Myrtle Beach. He posted a 1.96 ERA in 17 games in the second half, striking out 33 and walking only six while limiting opponents to a .212 batting average.

A hopeful sign for the Cubs' Marquee Sports Network?

BY PHIL ROSENTHAL

Here's a bit of good news in YouTube TV's regional sports network negotiations with Sinclair Broadcast Group, the Cubs' partner in Marquee Sports Network.

After saying Thursday it would yank more than 20 Sinclair-owned RSNs over the weekend because negotiations over carriage fees were at an impasse, YouTube TV backed off.

The subscription streaming service, which operates under the aegis of Google parent Alphabet, said it agreed to a temporary extension of its carriage arrangement while it continues to negotiate with Sinclair.

YouTube TV hasn't picked up Marquee, so it is not available on the service despite the detente. But Marquee's future carriage is tied to YouTube TV and Sinclair coming to terms on the Fox Regional Sports Networks that Sinclair purchased from Disney last year and the YES Network, in which Sinclair also has a stake.

The extension fuels hope that the standoff that led YouTube TV to announce it was dropping the Sinclair channels — which hold local TV rights to more than 40 MLB, NBA and NHL teams — was more a bargaining ploy than a shift in philosophy against supporting the cost of carrying RSNs.

While negotiations still could go either way, the latter stance would not have boded well for Marquee.

3. Competition for playing time in center field is tight. Wade Miley of the Reds and Steven Brault of the Pirates are the only left-handed starting pitchers the Cubs face in the National League Central, which wouldn't appear to bode well for Albert Almora Jr.'s playing time.

But Almora continues to make the most of opportunities with the help of a new swing. He ripped a home run in the fourth inning and is batting .583 (7-for-12) with two homers and six RBIs.

Manager David Ross would like to keep Jason Heyward in right field, partly to give Almora and switch hitter Ian Happ plenty of chances to win the center-field job.

Happ is batting .364 (4-for-11) with one double.

4. Dillon Maples will make his spring debut soon. David Ross said reliever Dillon Maples has a shot to make the

Marquee, which launched last month, will be the exclusive home of the roughly 150 regular-season games the Cubs control within the team's multistate TV market, as designated by Major League Baseball.

Like most cable networks, Marquee makes its money through carriage fees that TV service providers pay monthly on the basis of all the homes to which it is made available and through advertising based on the number of viewers it actually attracts.

That dual revenue stream stands to be negatively affected by services with which the channel cannot reach carriage agreements.

The biggest holdouts, less than four weeks before opening day March 26, are Comcast's Xfinity and Dish Network (along with Dish's streaming service, Sling), which serve more than half of the homes in the Cubs market.

Negotiations continue. Comcast has been quiet, but Dish, which dropped the Sinclair RSNs last year, has been publicly adamant in its rejection of the traditional regional sports network business model, citing the financial burden it places on non-fans to subsidize the channels.

Marquee's agreements with AT&T's DirecTV, U-Verse and AT&T TV Now, along with streamer Hulu + Live TV, give Xfinity and Dish customers alternatives to access the channel. YouTube TV including the channel would further help Marquee.

opening-day roster despite not appearing in a spring training game.

"He's got really great stuff, one of best breaking balls in our organization," Ross said after Maples threw his second live batting-practice session. "He's looked pretty good so far, attacking the zone, and he's got some really nasty stuff when he commands it well."

Maples' 98 mph fastball and knee-buckling curve have paralyzed hitters on occasion, but bouts of wildness have hampered him.

Maples, 27, has struck out 38 but has allowed 21 walks and 19 hits in 29 appearances over parts of three major-league seasons. He has one minor-league option left.

The Cubs also are taking a deliberate approach with left-hander Danny Hultzen, who has battled arm injuries throughout his career.

Maddon

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field and John Mallee (after a two-year stint with the Phillies) and popular conditioning coach Tim Buss, who was named quality assurance coach.

Buss brought the same humor he displayed during spring workouts with the Cubs during his five seasons with Maddon.

"He's hilarious," Angels shortstop Andrelton Simmons said. "He brings the light energy every day. If you're not in a good mood, he'll do his absolute best to change that. He's a character."

But while Maddon still is keeping things light, followers have observed he is intent on making the Angels competitive again. He employs many of the methods he learned

coming up through the Angels system from Preston Gomez, Marcel Lachemann and Bob Clear, whose replica jersey he wore during one spring training workout.

"He had a big impact on a lot of the people here for a long time," La Stella said, "so him coming back here, as much as it was a big deal for him, it was a big deal for a lot of people who have been here."

Simmons, a four-time Gold Glove winner, likes the culture Maddon brought that trickles down to coaches such as Butterfield, who coached Hall of Fame shortstop Derek Jeter in the Yankees organization.

"He's business, but at the same time, he incorporates a little laughter in there," Simmons said. "Sometimes you're taking him very seriously, and he'll start talking about something and (you're) wondering, 'What is he talking about?'"

"Then you realize he's messing around.

He can be very business-oriented, but he knows how to keep it light. That's the vibe they've brought — go to work but have fun."

Cubs infielder David Bote appreciated the way Maddon defended his players. Bote said the Angels were a good landing spot for Maddon.

At the same time, Bote and other players viewed the transition to Ross as seamless because of the attachment to the players Ross and his coaches have.

"They're so invested in us and have shown as much passion for us as (Maddon) did," Bote said. "It's cool because (President) Theo Epstein and (general manager) Jed Hoyer are hiring guys who care."

"It makes that transition seamless because they show they care. You can trust them. That's the most important thing, that trust and their intentions are with us in mind, and vice versa."

WHITE SOX



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White Sox ace Lucas Giolito runs last month at Camelback Ranch. Giolito said he "felt comfortable" pitching his first batting-practice session.

Giolito faces hitters

Ace throws 1st batting-practice session as he recovers from a muscle strain

BY LAMOND POPE

GLENDALE, Ariz. — White Sox ace Lucas Giolito had a brief conversation with Yasmani Grandal after the two squared off Sunday in batting practice.

"I was saying I'm happy that he is on our team because he was barreling up my heater the whole time," Giolito said with a laugh.

Grandal hit a couple of Giolito pitches to the wall, one to right field and the other to right-center.

"He was telling me the way I was sequencing pitches to him, it was easier for him to get the barrel to the ball, which makes sense because I wasn't trying to sequence pitches," Giolito said. "I was just trying to try to throw to locations. We'll see what the schedule calls for next. I believe a game soon, and we'll continue to work once we enter game situa-

tions as well."

Giolito faced Grandal and James McCann on Sunday as he continues to rebound from a muscle strain in the rib-cage area. It was his first time facing hitters this spring.

"I was happy with where my fastball was," Giolito said. "Was throwing it where I wanted for the most part. Changeup was pretty solid, slider, curveball, threw a couple curves in the strike zone I was happy with. That's all I want to take away from (the) first live (session) is seeing hitters in the box and staying in the strike zone."

Giolito threw 15 pitches from the windup and, after a break, 15 more from the stretch.

"I felt comfortable," he said. "I wasn't really trying to sequence anything. Just trying to work on pitches to locations that I feel like I need to focus on. And I was right

around where I wanted to be for the most part. It was a good experience."

Sox manager Rick Renteria said Giolito had good location on his fastball and his changeup looked good.

"He's been champing at the bit (to face batters)," Renteria said. "We're always erring on the side of caution. Just trying to get him enough (work) to put us where we need when we start the season. As (pitching coach Don Cooper) says, 'Happy, healthy and climbing.'"

Giolito had a breakout season in 2019, finishing in the top 10 in the American League in several categories, including ERA (fifth, 3.41) and strikeouts (seventh, 228).

He had a bad case of the flu that caused him to miss SoxFest in late January. While ramping back up leading up to camp, he felt soreness in his rib-cage area.

Giolito threw a couple of bullpen sessions before Sunday's live setting.

"I'm happy with the health," he said. "My arm feels really good. Body feels really good. I felt pretty in sync with my mechanics."

"A couple of things to harp on, but it was a good day. Solid."

Renteria said a Cactus League start might not be far off.

"It's coming up," Renteria said. "Give it a few days. I'd say somewhere later on in the week. Probably likely soon."

Giolito, fellow starter Gio Gonzalez (sore left shoulder) and reliever Jace Fry (sore back) were among the pitchers in various stages of throwing Sunday. Gonzalez and Fry threw bullpen sessions.

"The guys are looking good," Renteria said.

Giolito said there's enough time to be ready for the start of the season in late March.

"Oh, yeah, we're progressing along nicely," he said. "Once we start getting into game situations, then start building up more and more."

'He's going to be the next Mike Trout'

Robert draws high praise from White Sox teammate Jimenez

BY LAMOND POPE

GLENDALE, Ariz. — The power potential of the White Sox was on display Saturday at Surprise Stadium.

First, left fielder Eloy Jimenez hit a two-run home run to right-center in the second inning against the Rangers. Two innings later, center fielder Luis Robert connected for a solo homer to left-center.

Jimenez suggested it's a sign of things to come.

"You're going to see that a lot this year," Jimenez said Sunday at Camelback Ranch. "It's going to be fun."

Jimenez, 23, led American League rookies with 31 home runs in 2019. Robert, 22, hit a combined 32 homers at three minor-league levels.

"Every time I hit a home run, it's important," Robert said through an interpreter, "and that was good because I was able to get a home run in the same game as Eloy. ... It was fun."

Jimenez and Robert didn't play Sunday against the Angels in Tempe. But Jimenez sees similarities between Robert and Angels superstar center fielder Mike Trout.

"He's really good," Jimenez said of Robert. "He's been work-



JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Luis Robert doubles against the Mariners early last month. Robert hit a combined 32 homers at three minor-league levels in 2019.

ing really hard. Like I've said before, he's going to be the next Mike Trout.

"He knows how to handle (high expectations). I don't really help him with that; he just comes up with that. That's why I say he's a really good player and he can be the next Mike Trout, because he can handle everything."

Jimenez doesn't feel he's adding too much pressure on Robert with that comparison.

"I'm just saying I know he's going to do it because the work he does every single day," Jimenez said. "I don't think he has pressure on him because he's got me, he's got (Jose Abreu), he's got

(Yoan) Moncada, so he's going to be fine."

While Trout didn't come up, Robert did address how he's dealing with high expectations.

"I know that everybody is looking at me," he said. "They've been doing that before I even signed this last contract. It's not anything different. I just have to put my focus on the game."

Jimenez didn't have a player comparison for himself. But he said he's feeling "really good" about his approach at the plate.

"I'm getting more comfortable," he said. "That's what I want to feel when I get to the plate when I play those games. Don't

try to do too much, just try to feel myself again and (be) ready to go."

Edwin Encarnacion and Yasmani Grandal nearing action:

Designated hitter Edwin Encarnacion (back stiffness) is likely to return Tuesday against the Athletics, manager Rick Renteria said. Encarnacion was a scratch Thursday against the Mariners and has not played since.

Catcher Yasmani Grandal (left calf strain) is in line to play in a B-game Wednesday against the Reds.

"(Grandal will) be catching probably three innings and getting some at-bats to see if we can get some breaks out of the box," Renteria said. "We'll be able to control that, so after he comes out of catching, we'll probably lead him off every inning to see if we can get something out of that."

Andrew Vaughn and Nick Madrigal produce:

Andrew Vaughn and Nick Madrigal, the Nos. 2 and 4 prospects in the organization, each went 1-for-4 with an RBI in Sunday's 8-7 victory against the Angels. Madrigal knocked in a run with a single in the eight-run fourth. Vaughn's RBI came on a groundout in the fourth, and he singled in the sixth.

Most of the regulars did not play. Starting right fielder Nomar Mazara went 1-for-2 with a single, an RBI and a walk.

Sullivan

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compete and be in the conversation for postseason play?"

Maddon's bold prediction rang true.

Now it's Renteria's turn. "The (Sox) rebuild, regarding their own players and now the guys they've brought in, it's a tough lineup, especially in that ballpark," Maddon said. "It's all about pitching. As they pitch, they're going to really ascend quickly, because they're going to hit. All the way around the diamond now, they're jacked up."

"Getting Grandal was a big play, and (Yoan) Moncada developing like he has ... I worked him out (with the Rays) in St. Petersburg before he signed (with the Red Sox). He needed time, went to Boston and then to the White Sox. Now all of a sudden last year he became a much different out, and his defense got better too."

"I'm a big Eloy fan, and going around the diamond, (Tim) Anderson at shortstop, they're pretty tough. They've done a nice job of putting together acquisitions, but they've done some nice home-grown stuff too."

Renteria and Maddon are in the club of managers hired and fired by Cubs President Theo Epstein, each leaving the job abruptly despite doing what he was asked to do.

The Cubs brought in Renteria to teach the young players and instill a positive message after Epstein fired Dale Sveum for his alleged "tough love" approach to Starlin Castro and Anthony Rizzo.

The Cubs won 73 games in the first year of Renteria's three-year deal, but Maddon's unexpected availability after he opted out of his contract with the Rays was too delicious for Epstein to pass up, and Renteria was promptly fired.

"In this business of trying to win a world championship for the first time in 107 years, the organization has priority over any one individual," Epstein wrote in a statement. "We decided to pursue Joe."

It was a cold, calculated move, but it paid off.

The Cubs signed Lester while acquiring Dexter Fowler, Miguel Montero and others, and the rebuild turned the corner in 2015. They didn't know in spring training that Kris Bryant, Addison Russell and Kyle Schwarber would jell together that summer and help turn the Cubs into a 97-win wild-card team.

Maddon credited the post-All-Star-break decision of switching Russell to short and Castro to second, plus a four-game sweep of the Giants in August, as the key moments that "set everything apart" and showed the Cubs were for real.

"It's not like it happens always in the beginning of the year," he said.

While Renteria continued to go through the normal frustrations during the first few years of rebuilding on the South Side, Maddon's Cubs went from World Series champions in 2016 to third place and out of the playoffs last year, leading to his exit in favor of former Cubs catcher David Ross.

Maddon quickly hooked up with the Angels, who fired Brad Ausmus after one year to bring Maddon back to the organization he grew up with. He's scheduled to return to Sloan Park in Mesa on Monday, and friends are asking him to drive the "Cousin Eddie," his RV that's parked outside the right-field fence at Tempe Diablo Stadium.

"I don't know about that," he said. "But I will bring a special guest."

So all's well that ends well for the fired Cubs managers?

We'll soon find out, though Renteria and Maddon seem to have found perfect landing spots after being discarded.

Every new manager gets credit in spring training for changing the culture, and just as Maddon installed the funhouse atmosphere in 2015 spring training as a change from the Renteria regime, Ross basically shut it down as a change from Maddon — though he did bring a Pop-A-Shot basketball game to camp last week.

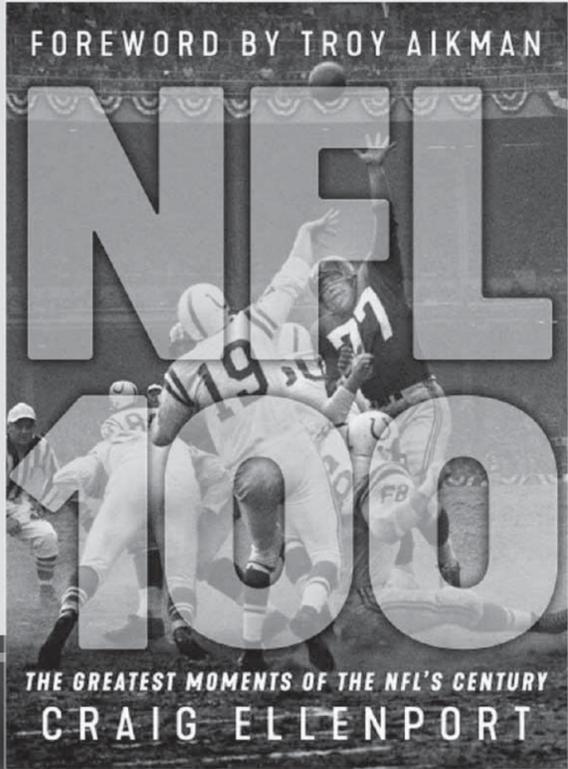
Cubs players have raved about the "energy" Ross has brought to camp.

"I love it," Maddon said. "I'm happy to hear that. We all have different messages, different methods. We talked about that earlier, David coming in here with a different method. It could be good for the group. I hope it is good for the group."

"These are my guys. I want them to do extremely well. However that is being portrayed, that's great. But I think you can see that (energy) almost anywhere."

Now Maddon is excited to have the real Mike Trout, while Renteria may turn the corner with the next Mike Trout.

Apparently there's life after Wrigley Field after all.



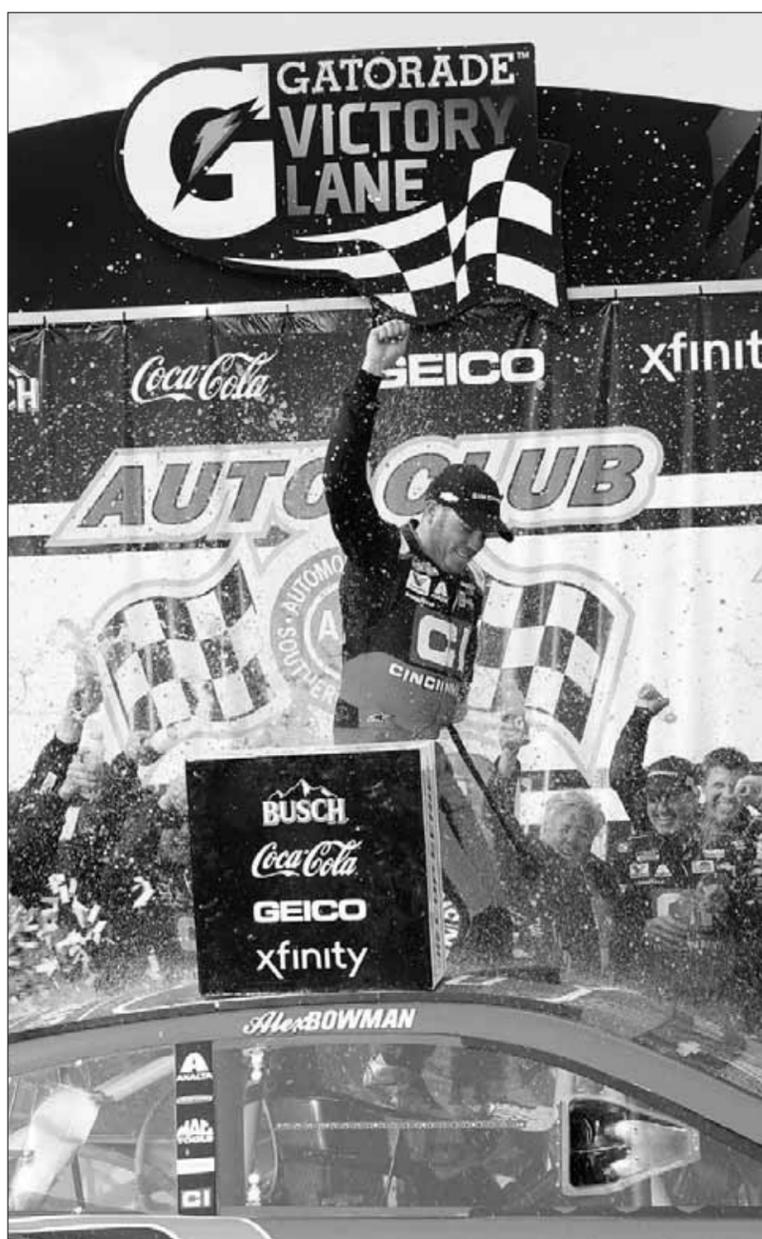
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SPORTS



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Alex Bowman celebrates after winning Sunday's NASCAR Cup race in Fontana, Calif.

NASCAR

Bowman's strong start paying off

After positive early-season signs, he earns 2nd career win

By GREG BEACHAM
Associated Press

FONTANA, Calif. — Before Alex Bowman started looking for tattoo shops somewhere between Los Angeles and Phoenix, he celebrated a win that suggested even more permanent success ahead for the hard-working driver and his resurgent team.

Bowman raced to his second career NASCAR Cup Series victory Sunday, holding off Kyle and Kurt Busch at Fontana.

The win was the culmination of a tremendously encouraging weekend for Bowman, who has run 156 Cup races without extraordinary success. He is in the final year of his contract with Hendrick Motorsports.

But his No. 88 Chevrolet felt like the fastest car on this weathered, wide asphalt from the moment they unloaded — and Bowman decisively proved he knew what to do with it.

"We've been so good to start this season," Bowman said. "We've got to go win a bunch more, but it feels good to have one early."

Bowman's future might be uncertain, but he's fine with it after this dominant performance at Fontana. He led 110 laps and managed to stay out front after the final pit stops before cruising to the checkered flag in a smooth, fairly uneventful race featuring only one caution outside of the stage breaks.

"There's never a situation that I feel completely comfortable in," Bowman said.

"I feel like if somebody doesn't want you driving their race car, you're not going to be driving it. Hendrick Motorsports is where I want to be. It's where I want to stay for the rest of my career. It's where I've always wanted to be. It is a contract year, but every year of my career has been a contract year."

The 26-year-old Arizonan grew up racing weekly in nearby Pomona. He collected the track's oversized surfboard trophy and parted with his team — but he also thought ahead with trepidation to the "88" tattoo he'll have to get soon because of a pact with Aaron Gillespie, a friend who's the drummer for metalcore band Underoath.

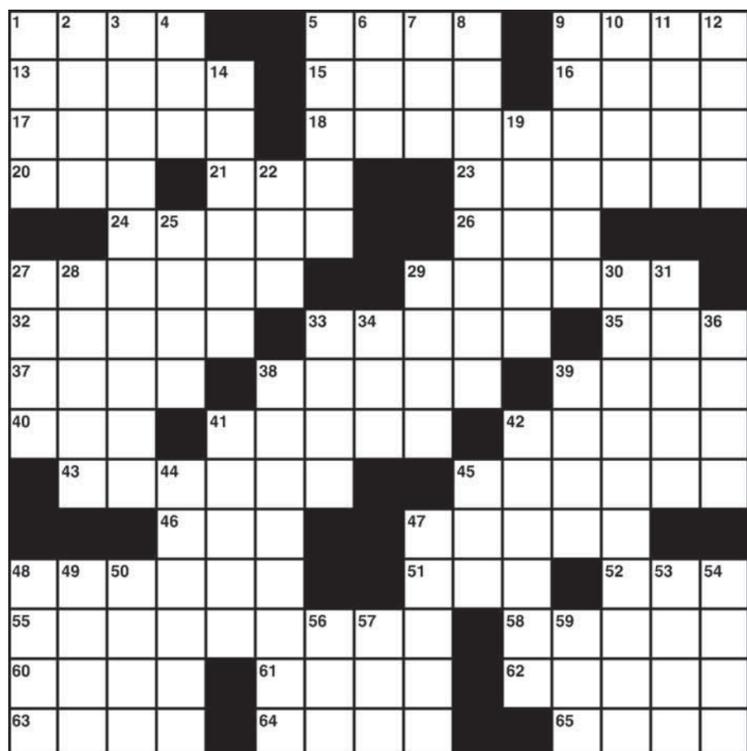
"We made a bet at Daytona," Bowman said with a grimace. "We've been talking about it for the last two weeks. Apparently I have to get a neck tattoo, which I'm not real sure if that's going to happen or not. But yeah, next time we're all together, I guess we're all going to get tattoos."

Defending Fontana champion Kyle Busch was 8.9 seconds behind in second place in his Joe Gibbs Racing Toyota. His older brother Kurt was third, and Bowman teammate Chase Elliott came in fourth.

Six-time Fontana champion Jimmie Johnson finished seventh after running near the front for most of his final race as a full-time driver at the NASCAR track closest to his native El Cajon, California, about 100 miles away. His winless streak is at a career-worst 98 races, but he showed impressive pace before his Hendrick teammate took charge of the race.

Johnson started on the front row at the track where he has won more than any other driver, starting with his first career Cup win in 2002.

Crossword



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ACROSS

- 1 Deathly pale
- 5 Vagabond
- 9 Competent
- 13 Courted
- 15 MIT or Texas A&M
- 16 Easier ___ than done
- 17 Ascended
- 18 Refusing to obey
- 20 "Not ___"; words to the impatient
- 21 Deface; spoil
- 23 Century 21, e.g.
- 24 Blackish wood
- 26 Moving vehicle
- 27 Mental health
- 29 Walk as quietly as possible
- 32 Fully conscious
- 33 Michelin's inventory
- 35 Prefix for occupied or view
- 37 Walking stick
- 38 Fling
- 39 Youthful
- 40 Relatives
- 41 Liberated
- 42 Shopping binge
- 43 Business magnate
- 45 Drives too fast
- 46 Location of the humerus

DOWN

- 1 Out of town
- 2 Miffed
- 3 Folk singers' gathering
- 4 Simple reply
- 5 Move quickly
- 6 End of the lunch hour, often
- 7 Overall part
- 8 Summary
- 9 Tilted
- 10 Arrestee's hope
- 11 Dryer fuzz
- 12 Nervous
- 14 Reduce to a lower rank
- 19 By ___ and bounds; rapidly

Solutions

- 47 Makes tea
- 48 Angel
- 51 Suffix for expert or treat
- 52 Family member
- 55 Shining example
- 58 South American country
- 60 Charitable gift
- 61 Snout
- 62 Allergic skin reaction
- 63 Mrs. Truman
- 64 Polishes off
- 65 Cribbage markers
- 22 Not ___ longer; no more
- 25 Two-wheeler
- 27 Bag
- 28 Expect
- 29 Stepped
- 30 Tyrannical
- 31 Made a boo-boo
- 33 Now and ___; occasionally
- 34 Anger
- 36 Facial features
- 38 Brass instrument
- 39 Gush forth
- 41 Public
- 42 Oration
- 44 Hug
- 45 Yrbk. section
- 47 Liver secretions
- 48 Grouch
- 49 ___ in the wall; tiny restaurant
- 50 Shade trees
- 53 Designer Cassini
- 54 Suffix for cold or bold
- 56 ___ good deed; help someone
- 57 Ending for long or strong
- 59 In style

GOLF

Im secures 1st PGA Tour title

By TIM REYNOLDS
Associated Press

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. — Sungjae Im is tireless, and no longer winless.

The 21-year-old South Korean started fast and finished stronger Sunday, winning The Honda Classic by one shot over Mackenzie Hughes and Tommy Fleetwood for his first career PGA Tour victory in his 50th attempt.

Im shot a 4-under 66 on Sunday, finishing at 6 under to match the second-highest winning score since the Honda moved to PGA National in 2007. He was the tour's rookie of the year last season, plus has played more tournaments and more rounds than anyone since the 2018-19 season began nearly a year and a half ago.

And now, he's a winner — the seventh from South Korea to win on tour, and the Honda's 10th international champion in the last 16 seasons. He's also the fifth player to get that first win at PGA National in the Honda, joining Keith Mitchell in

2019, Michael Thompson in 2013, Y.E. Yang in 2009 and Mark Wilson in 2007.

Im birdied four of his first five holes, then birdied two of the final four to finish off the victory and pick up \$1.26 million.

Hughes, a Canadian who made the cut on the number Friday, shot his second consecutive 66. Playing alongside Im, he was part of some serious fireworks on the last two holes and missed a birdie putt at the par-5 finishing hole that would have gotten him into a tie for the top spot.

Fleetwood, who is still seeking his first PGA Tour win, started the day one shot clear of the field and started birdie-birdie to get to 7 under at that point — matching what was the low score in relation to par of the week.

Then PGA National did what it usually does, that being not let anyone run away from the pack.

Fleetwood made bogey on the par-4 6th and couldn't get up and down from a greenside bunker on the par-4 8th, giving back what was left of his lead at that point and sharing the top spot at 5 under with Im and Steele.

SCOREBOARD

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Toronto	42	18	.700	—
Boston	41	17	.693	½
Philadelphia	37	24	.607	½
Brooklyn	26	33	.441	1½
New York	18	42	.300	24
SOUTHEAST				
Miami	38	22	.633	—
Orlando	27	33	.450	11
Washington	22	37	.373	15½
Charlotte	21	39	.350	17
Atlanta	19	43	.306	20
CENTRAL				
x-Milwaukee	52	8	.867	—
Indiana	36	24	.600	16
Chicago	20	40	.333	32
Detroit	20	42	.323	33
Cleveland	17	43	.283	35

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Houston	39	20	.661	—
Dallas	37	24	.607	3
Memphis	29	31	.483	10½
New Orleans	26	34	.433	13½
San Antonio	25	33	.431	13½
NORTHWEST				
Denver	41	19	.683	—
Utah	37	22	.627	¾
Oklahoma City	37	23	.617	4
Portland	26	35	.426	15½
Minnesota	17	42	.288	23½

PACIFIC

L.A. Lakers	46	13	.780	—
L.A. Clippers	41	19	.683	½
Sacramento	26	34	.433	20½
Phoenix	24	37	.393	23
Golden State	13	48	.213	34

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SUNDAY'S RESULTS

Milwaukee 93, Charlotte 85
Minnesota 111, Dallas 91
L.A. Clippers 136, Philadelphia 130
Sacramento 106, Detroit 100
Denver 133, Toronto 118
L.A. Lakers 122, New Orleans 114
Washington 114, Golden State 110

MONDAY'S GAMES

Houston at New York, 6 p.m.
Portland at Orlando, 6 p.m.
Utah at Cleveland, 6 p.m.
Memphis at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Dallas at Chicago, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY'S GAMES

San Antonio at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
Brooklyn at Boston, 6:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
Golden State at Denver, 8 p.m.
Toronto at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Philadelphia at L.A. Lakers, 9 p.m.
Washington at Sacramento, 9 p.m.

CLIPPERS 136, 76ERS 130

PHILADELPHIA: Harris 11-21 0-1 25, Robinson III 1-3 0-0 2, Horford 4-11 3-12, Milton 14-20 4-5 39, Richardson 4-6 0-0 9, Korkmaz 2-9 2-3 8, O'Quinn 0-1 2-4 2, Scott 4-6 0-0 11, Pelle 0-0 0-0 0, Thybulle 3-5 0-2 7, Burks 5-13 2-15. Totals 48-95 13-20 30.
Leonard 10-20 8-9 30, Morris Sr. 3-4 2-2 9, Zubac 2-2 0-0 4, Beverley 0-3 0-0 0, George 8-13 4-5 24, Green 2-3 0-0 5, Harrell 7-12 10-24, Jackson 4-5 4-13, Shamet 1-2 0-0 3, Williams 8-12 5-8 24. Totals 45-76 33-41 136.

PHILADELPHIA 39 33 24 34 -130

L.A. Clippers 34 36 38 28 -136

3-Point Goals: Philadelphia 21-43 (Milton 7-9, Scott 3-4, Burks 3-7, Harris 3-7, Korkmaz 2-6, Thybulle 1-3, Horford 1-4), L.A. Clippers 13-24 (George 4-8, Williams 3-4, Leonard 2-5, Green 1-2, Beverley 0-2).

Fouled Out: Philadelphia 1 (Horford), L.A. Clippers None.

Rebounds: Philadelphia 37 (Horford 8), L.A. Clippers 37 (Harrell 9).

Assists: Philadelphia 27 (Horford 6), L.A. Clippers 25 (Williams 8).

Total Fouls: Philadelphia 28, L.A. Clippers 17. A: 19,068 (18,997)

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	41	13	12	94	218	167
Tampa Bay	41	19	5	87	230	183
Toronto	35	23	8	78	233	218
Florida	33	26	7	73	224	224
Montreal	30	28	6	69	203	207
Buffalo	29	28	6	66	188	205
Ottawa	23	31	12	58	178	224
Detroit	15	47	3	35	155	255

METRO

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Washington	40	19	6	86	226	199
Philadelphia	38	20	7	83	220	190
Pittsburgh	37	21	6	80	204	178
N.Y. Islanders	35	21	8	78	181	175
Columbus	32	21	7	78	175	179
Carolina	35	24	5	75	207	183
N.Y. Rangers	35	26	4	74	217	203
New Jersey	26	27	12	64	177	216

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	39	17	10	88	213	184
Colorado	39	18	7	85	221	172
Dallas	37	21	7	81	177	168
Nashville	32	24	8	72	204	204
Winnipeg	33	28	6	72	201	198
Minnesota	32	26	7	71	206	206
Chicago	29	28	8	66	195	207

PACIFIC

W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA	
Vegas	36	23	8	80	216	202
Edmonton	34	23	8	76	204	201
Calgary	34	26	7	75	201	206
Vancouver	34	25	6	74	214	204
Arizona	32	27	8	72	187	178
San Jose	28	33	4	60	169	209
Anaheim	26	31	8	60	168	205
Los Angeles	25	35	6	56	164	206

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

SUNDAY'S RESULTS

Philadelphia 5, N.Y. Rangers 3
Calgary 3, Florida 4
Columbus 5, Vancouver 3
New Jersey 3, Anaheim 0
Washington 4, Minnesota 3
Los Angeles 4, Vegas 1

MONDAY'S GAMES

Colorado at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Nashville, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY'S GAMES

Montreal at N.Y. Islanders, 6 p.m.
Ottawa at Pittsburgh, 6 p.m.
St. Louis at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m.
Boston at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.
Buffalo at Winnipeg, 7 p.m.
Nashville at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Anaheim at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Vegas, 9 p.m.
Toronto at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES

Philadelphia at Washington, 6 p.m.
Columbus at Calgary, 7:30 p.m.
Anaheim at Colorado, 8:30 p.m.
Arizona at Vancouver, 9:30 p.m.

PHILADELPHIA 5, N.Y. RANGERS 3

Philadelphia	3	2	0	5
N.Y. Rangers	0	1	2	3

FIRST PERIOD: 1, Philadelphia, Niskanen 8 (Aube-Kubel, Sanheim), 1:52 (pp). 2, Philadelphia, Couturier 21 (Voracek, Konecny), 11:19 (pp). 3, Philadelphia, Raffl 7 (Grant), 17:53 (sh). **Penalties:** Lindgren, NYR (Hooking), 0:23; Laughon, Phi (Hooking), 5:36; Strome, NYR (Hooking), 10:46; Hayes, Phi (Tripping), 16:16. **SECOND PERIOD:** 4, Philadelphia, Grant 15 (Sanheim, Pitlick), 1:23. 5, N.Y. Rangers, Zibanejad 31 (Panarin, DeAngelis), 12:34 (pp). 6, Philadelphia, Konecny 23 (Provorov, Voracek), 15:34 (pp). **Penalties:** N.Y. Rangers bench, served by Buchnevich (Unsportsmanlike Conduct), 8:39; Lemieux, NYR (Misconduct), 8:39; Thompson, Phi (High Sticking), 12:17; Sanheim, Phi (Tripping), 13:20; Strome, NYR (Slashing), 15:29; Howden, NYR (Tripping), 17:13. **THIRD PERIOD:** 7, N.Y. Rangers, Buchnevich 15 (Zibanejad, DeAngelis), 5:33 (pp). 8, N.Y. Rangers, Zibanejad 32 (Howden, Panarin), 12:39 (pp). **Penalties:** Niskanen, Phi (Interference), 5:21; Thompson, Phi (Tripping), 11:29. **SHOTS ON GOAL:** Philadelphia 13-7-6-26. N.Y. Rangers 9-5-12-26. **POWER PLAYS:** Philadelphia 3 of 5; N.Y. Rangers 3 of 6. **GOALIES:** Philadelphia, Hart 22-12-3 (26 shots-23 saves). N.Y. Rangers, Lundqvist 10-12-3 (26-21). **A:** 18,006 (18,006). **T:** 2:21. **Referees:** Wes McCauley, Chris Rooney. **Linesmen:** Trent Knorr, Kory Nagay.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

HOW AP MEN'S TOP 25 FARED

Sunday
1. Kansas (26-3) did not play. Next: vs. TCU, Wednesday.
2. Baylor (25-3) did not play. Next: vs. No. 22 Texas Tech, Monday.
3. Gonzaga (29-2) did not play. Next: TBD.
4. Dayton (27-2) did not play. Next: at Rhode Island, Wednesday.
5. San Diego St. (28-1) did not play. Next: TBD.
6. Florida St. (24-5) did not play. Next: at Notre Dame, Wednesday.
7. Duke (23-6) did not play. Next: vs. NC State, Monday.
8. Kentucky (24-5) did not play. Next: vs. Tennessee, Tuesday.
9. Maryland (23-6) did not play. Next: at Rutgers, Tuesday.
10. Creighton (22-7) lost to St. John's, 91-71. Next: TBD.
11. Louisville (24-6) beat Virginia Tech 68-52. Next: TBD.
12. Villanova (22-7) did not play. Next: at No. 13 Seton Hall, Wednesday.
13. Seton Hall (22-7) did not play. Next: vs. No. 12 Villanova, Wednesday.
14. Oregon (22-7) did not play. Next: vs. California, Thursday.
15. Auburn (24-5) did not play. Next: vs. Texas A&M, Wednesday.
16. Penn St. (21-8) did not play. Next: vs. No. 24 Michigan St., Tuesday.
17. BYU (24-7) did not play. Next: TBD.
18. Iowa (20-9) did not play. Next: vs. Purdue, Tuesday.
19. Michigan (18-11) lost to No. 23 Ohio St. 77-63. Next: TBD.
20. West Virginia (19-10) did not play. Next: at Iowa St., Tuesday.
21. Colorado (21-9) lost to Stanford 72-64. Next: TBD.
22. Texas Tech (18-11) did not play. Next: at No. 2 Baylor, Monday.
23. Ohio St. (20-9) beat No. 19 Michigan 77-63. Next: TBD.
24. Michigan St. (20-9) did not play. Next: at No. 16 Penn St., Tuesday.
25. Houston (22-7) beat Cincinnati 68-55. Next: TBD.

SUNDAY'S SCORES

EAST
Coast Guard 89, Worcester Tech 86 (OT)
Ithaca 80, RPI 69 (OT)
Monmouth (NJ) 80, Manhattan 60
NYIT 85, Daemen 82 (OT)
Quinnipiac 71, Marist 52
Rider 65, Fairfield 51
SUNY Delhi 94, Pine Manor 42
Saint Louis 72, Rhode Island 62
South Florida 64, Temple 58
St. John's 91, Creighton 71
St. Joseph (Conn.) 88, Albertus Magnus 84
Towson 75, Northeastern 72
Tufts 102, Colby 94, 2OT
Xavier 66, Georgetown 63
Yeshiva 86, Purchase 74
SOUTH
Centenary 77, Texas Lutheran 56
Centre 72, Berry 69
FIU 67, Charlotte 52
Louisville 68, Virginia Tech 52
Old Dominion 85, FAU 80 (OT)
Transylvania 49, Rose Hulman 48
UNC-Pembroke 88, Georgia Southwestern 65
MIDWEST
Illinois 67, Indiana 66
Northwestern 81, Nebraska 76 (OT)
Ohio St. 77, Michigan 63

SUNDAY'S RESULTS

Houston 68, Cincinnati 55
North Texas 78, W. Kentucky 72 (OT)
Rice 77, Middle Tennessee 66
UTEP 75, Southern Miss. 56

HOW AP WOMEN'S TOP 25 FARED

Sunday
1. South Carolina (29-1) beat No. 12 Texas A&M 60-52. Next: TBD.
2. Baylor (27-1) did not play. Next: vs. Texas, Thursday.
3. Oregon (28-2) beat Washington 92-56. Next: TBD.
4. Stanford (25-5) beat No. 24 Arizona St. 55-44. Next: TBD.
5. Louisville (27-3) beat Virginia Tech 70-58. Next: TBD.
6. UConn (25-3) did not play. Next: vs. South Florida, Monday.
7. Maryland (25-4) beat Minnesota 99-44. Next: TBD.
8. N.C. State (25-4) beat Virginia 75-64. Next: TBD.
9. UCLA (25-4) beat Utah 77-54. Next: TBD.
10. Mississippi State (25-5) beat Mississippi 84-59. Next: TBD.
11. Gonzaga (28-2) did not play. Next: TBD.
12. Texas A&M (22-7) lost to No. 1 South Carolina 60-52. Next: TBD.
13. Arizona (23-6) lost to California 55-54. Next: TBD.
14. Northwestern (26-3) did not play. Next: TBD.
15. Kentucky (21-7) lost to Vanderbilt 70-64. Next: TBD.
16. DePaul (25-5) lost to Marquette 90-83. Next: TBD.
17. Oregon St. (22-8) beat Washington St. 73-58. Next: TBD.
18. Iowa (23-6) lost to Rutgers 78-74. Next: TBD.
19. Florida St. (22-7) lost to Notre Dame 70-67. Next: TBD.
20. South Dakota (27-2) did not play. Next: TBD.
21. Missouri St. (24-4) beat Bradley 69-66. Next: TBD.
22. Indiana (23-7) beat Michigan 78-60. Next: TBD.
23. Princeton (24-1) did not play. Next: vs. Columbia, Friday.
24. Arizona St. (20-10) lost to No. 4 Stanford 55-44.
25. TCU (20-7) lost to Texas Tech 87-83. Next: TBD.

SUNDAY'S SCORES

EAST
Boston College 88, Syracuse 81
Drexel 63, Towson 60
Lehigh 82, Loyola (Md.) 64
Rutgers 78, Iowa (Ia) (OT)
Seton Hall 66, Butler 53
St. John's 74, Xavier 37
Villanova 74, Providence 63
SOUTH
Alabama 73, Missouri 61
Coll. of Charleston 66, Northeastern 61 (OT)
Duke 73, N. Carolina 54
Georgia 65, Florida 59
Georgia Tech 56, Clemson 44
James Madison 69, Delaware 64
Louisville 70, Virginia Tech 53
Mississippi 73, Pittsburgh 54
Mississippi St. 84, Mississippi 59
NC St. 75, Virginia 64
Notre Dame 70, Florida St. 67
S. Carolina 60, Texas A&M 52
Tennessee 56, Auburn 55
UNC-Wilmington 56, Hofstra 43
Vanderbilt 70, Kentucky 64
MIDWEST
Creighton 95, Georgetown 78
Drake 83, Valparaiso 79
Illinois St. 66, S. Illinois 56
Indiana 78, Michigan 60
Marquette 90, DePaul 83
Maryland 99, Minnesota 44
Michigan St. 99, Penn St. 80
Missouri St. 69, Bradley 66
N. Iowa 73, Loyola of Chicago 70
SOUTHWEST
Arkansas 75, LSU 71
Texas Tech 87, TCU 83

TENNIS

BLACKHAWKS



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One crafty veteran

De Haan threw himself into creating a new brew for charity as he recovers

BY PHIL THOMPSON

Who knew beer could be part of the process for recovering from a hockey injury?

Blackhawks defenseman Calvin de Haan started a brewery as a business and later had an idea to make a specialty beer for charity. But along the way he found the charity project helped him endure a demoralizing third season-ending right shoulder injury.

"I'd obviously rather be playing than focusing on this, but it's been really helping me pass the time and keep my mind focused on other things," he said. "I've (had) three shoulder surgeries in the past three years, so it's been a grind mentally. It's keeping me a little bit more occupied, focusing on being a human versus a robot at the rink."

The beer, Loud Barn Lager, made its public debut Saturday at Goose Island Taproom, about a half-mile from the United Center. It will be sold the night of every Hawks home game in March until supplies run out, and all proceeds benefit the team's foundation.

De Haan brought down brewmaster Jamie Maxwell from his company, Ridge Rock Brewing in Carp, Ontario, to work with Goose Island on the beer, though de Haan did plenty of taste testing.

T.J. Annerino, Goose's Island experiential market director, described the flavor as "easy drinking."

"They actually took the hop character down a bit right before they brewed it, and it came out very approachable, not crazy bitter," Annerino said. "I like to think of it as just a good hockey beer."

Annerino and his team worked with de Haan on the name.

"The reason we picked that ('Loud Barn Lager') is it's a tribute to the Blackhawks fans, the consecutive sellouts, the anthem — it's an iconic rink to play in," de Haan said. "I remember coming here as an opposing player and hearing Jim Cornelison belt out the national anthem as loud as he can, the fans are standing up, then you see Duncan Keith, Brent Seabrook, Patrick Kane, Jonathan Toews, Corey Crawford and you're like, 'I gotta play tonight,' like this is surreal."

It also was a nod to de Haan's roots.

"We took some Canadian slang because we're hillbillies back home and the rink is 'the barn,'" he said.

Three years ago, de Haan and three buddies started the brewery on a lark to fulfill a "pipe dream" and provide a watering hole in their hometown of Carp. They converted an old building that became something of an eyesore but had a quirky history. It had been used as a bank, a pharmacy and a gas station, among other things, but there are legends associated with the building.

"We have a conference room in the basement that we call the 'Vault Room,'" de Haan said. "But back in the day, the biggest bank heist in Canada, in like the '30s or something, was planned and executed in that building, like tunneled up underneath into the bank in our small little hillbilly town back home. ... No one knows where the money went."

Now it's the social venue for the small



Calvin de Haan, right, shares a beer with T.J. Annerino at Goose Island Brewery.



"Loud Barn Lager" was created to support the Chicago Blackhawks Foundation.

community, where residents pull up in snowmobiles.

He wanted to set down roots in Chicago and thought establishing a signature charity event — similar to Duncan Keith's concert and Brent Seabrook's bowling event — would be a good first step.

Despite starting a brewery and partnering with Goose Island, de Haan doesn't know much about the brewing process. But, he said, "since I've been hurt, I've been doing a lot of reading and research on it to try to understand everything. It's cool. Beer's a good way to bring people together. That's kind of how T.J. and I have become buddies."

They bond over beer and their love of hockey. Annerino plays amateur league hockey — a defenseman just like de Haan.

Four years ago, when Goose Island had a corporate team, several coworkers attended a game at McPettridge Sports Center on the North Side during which Annerino took a stick to the face, resulting in a split forehead and a trip to the emergency room.

"They thought it was the coolest thing that they've ever seen," Annerino said of his coworkers.

Annerino now plays at Morgan Park Sports Center. But standing next to de Haan behind the taproom's bar, he blushed at the mention of his own dabbling in hockey.

"Don't model your game after me," de Haan joked. "That's probably not the smart thing to do."

De Haan has had plenty of such lighthearted moments with Annerino and the Goose Island staff, such as playing video games with brewmasters.

It's part of his healing process, and de Haan shared his passion for beer with teammates as well.

"We're out on the road and he's like, 'Hey, let's go grab a beer here and try all these different beers,'" said Drake Caggiula, who calls de Haan a mentor. "So I know he's definitely into that, and it's cool to see that he's doing this for charity."

Caggiula and de Haan met last summer at the wedding of Ryan Strome (Hawks teammate Dylan Strome's brother), and now they live in the same building in Chicago, often riding to the airport and the rink together. And beer was a natural for the Ontario natives — Goose Island's 312 Urban Wheat Ale is Caggiula's local favorite.

"He's great at 'Call of Duty,' he's very outgoing, he's super easy to talk to," Caggiula said of de Haan. "He likes to run and mess around and be a little bit quirky. That's kind of what I'm like too."

Caggiula and de Haan also have been part of each other's support systems while each dealt with injuries. Caggiula missed most of November and all of December while in concussion protocol.

"He's had his shoulder injuries and he's been out for lengthy periods of time, and he's been able to help me deal with that and get through that mentally," Caggiula said. "And (when) he got hurt (in December), we were kind of going through it together."

De Haan said his recovery from shoulder surgery has been going well ("no complaints") and he feels good.

"It's just a slow process, that's all. Part of the grind," he said. "I've done it so many times now, it's almost become clockwork. Just trying to stay positive. Trying to not think 'woe is me' and everyone's not out to get you is the hardest part. (But) doing something like this with T.J. and Goose Island has been a cool venture."

BULLS

BULLS TAKEAWAYS

LaVine's plea: Don't let that doubt creep in

BY JAMAL COLLIER

There was so much optimism not long ago.

The Bulls started the season dreaming of a return to the playoffs. They believed their young core was ready to take a step forward and ditch the painful slog of a rebuild to qualify for the postseason for the first time since 2016-17.

And even as this nightmare season began spiraling out of control quickly, the Bulls continued to cling to a sliver of hope that perhaps they could turn it all around when they all got healthy.

That all seemed so far away Saturday after the Knicks handed the Bulls a 125-115 loss, their 10th in 11 games. It dropped their record to 20-40 — a season-worst 20 games under .500 and 6½ games out of the final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

The Bulls are all but eliminated from playoff contention. They won only once in February, and the rest of the schedule offers few moments of reprieve, with 17 of the final 22 games against teams currently in playoff position.

"How we arrived here? There are a lot of different factors," Zach LaVine said. "I don't think some people played up to par. I don't think we did the right things game to game. We fight, but we don't get the end result that we need."

"So something has to change. You've got to do something to get those wins and stop stockpiling losses. There's a lot of things you've got to take into consideration, and you've got to look at it in the offseason."

Here are two takeaways after the game.

1. Now comes the difficult task of finishing out this disappointing season. About six weeks remain, and the Bulls are not within shouting distance of a playoff spot. So how will they approach the final 22 games? Will there be signs of progress to hang on to entering the offseason, or will they limp to the finish line?

"You have other stuff creeping into your mind," Zach LaVine said. "You're looking at the finish line instead of looking at the next day, and you have to fight that. I try to just focus on what I can, stick to my routine. I enjoy playing basketball. I had basketball taken away from me with my ACL injury for a while, gave me a new perspective on it. So since that, I play every game that I can."

It's not the first time LaVine has made a sort of open plea to the rest of his team to keep fighting and finish the season strong, rather than using the final stretch for an early extended vacation.

"Stay consistent. Don't let that doubt creep in," LaVine said. "There are going to be frustrations with the season, frustration with the losses. Obviously, you could play the blame game with injuries and 'poor me.' I don't think anybody gives a damn about that. They're going to try to get easy wins. You have to take pride in it. This is still our job. We have to go out there and compete."

Considering the changes reportedly coming to the front office, players have plenty to play for. Some will prove they belong in the plans or take the chance to showcase themselves for another team.

But the Bulls thought they would be playing for so much more, or at least have the opportunity for something greater. Instead, there is the stench of stagnation. With Saturday's loss, the Bulls own the NBA's seventh-worst record — the same slot they drafted in the last two seasons.

"Now that I'm looking back, it's like, damn, we've had so many injuries," said center Wendell Carter Jr., who was playing his first game after missing 22 games with a high right ankle sprain. "I feel like we haven't even had a full healthy team since I've been in Chicago. It just kind of sucks as a team."

2. Wendell Carter Jr. is still playing his way back to full strength (and conditioning). Carter quickly reminded the Bulls of what they had been missing defensively with his block of the Knicks' Elfrid Payton on the first possession. On the first possession on the other end, Carter missed a hook shot, and after the game he acknowledged he already felt fatigued.

Carter, who was playing his first game since Jan. 6, can be forgiven if his conditioning will take some time as the Bulls ease him back into the rotation. He played 18 minutes against the Knicks and scored just six points on 1-of-5 shooting with nine rebounds.

"It's nothing like playing in the game," he said. "Not really focusing on too much right now, just trying to get my second wind back. ... (The ankle) felt OK. Certain movements kind of make it feel a little funny, but that comes with a sprained ankle. They say you've just got to work through that and eventually you won't feel it."

Carter is one of the most important players for the Bulls' future, so his return was a welcome sight even if he is still playing his way back up to speed.

But as the team remains hopeful to get a few more players back in the coming weeks, such as Lauri Markkanen and perhaps Otto Porter Jr., Carter's return also underscores an issue they face in using the final month and a half for evaluation. Each returning player is likely to start under a minutes restriction and will need to be brought along slowly and mixed back into the lineup.

John Paxson, the Bulls vice president of basketball operations, said they still need to "see what we have" after injuries wrecked the team the last few months. They will have little time the rest of this season to get any sort of accurate assessment.

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CHRIS YOUNG/AP

Emergency backup goaltender David Ayres poses with his goalie stick on Friday at the Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto.

What's the emergency?

Emergency goalie protocol talk is on tap for NHL GMs meeting

BY STEPHEN WHYNO
Associated Press

When a 42-year-old Zamboni driver entered as an emergency goaltender and won an NHL game, it became one of the best stories in sports.

But David Ayres going from practicing with the Toronto Maple Leafs to playing against them in the thick of a playoff race also generated debate about what should happen in those rare instances. So emergency goalie protocol will be a significant topic of conversation when general managers open their annual March meeting Monday in Boca Raton, Florida.

"This was a perfect storm," Dallas Stars GM Jim Nill said. "You never think it's going to get to the point where you get two guys hurt, but it did happen. Is it something that happens once every 20 years? Is it a great story? That's what we'll have to discuss."

Ayres is not employed by the Maple Leafs and works as operations manager at the former Maple Leaf Gardens in Toronto. He has for years been one of the organization's on-call practice goalies and even backed up for their top minor league affiliate during a game.

Despite going in for Carolina in a blue and white mask and equipment, Ayres stopped eight of the 10 shots he faced to help the Hurricanes beat the Maple Leafs. Because of that result, Pittsburgh Penguins GM Jim Rutherford didn't think much about the oddity of the situation.

"I guess if the result of the game had've gone the other way, I might've put more thought into it," Rutherford said. "What's going on now is everybody's talking about what if, a lot of what ifs. We can talk in circles about what ifs and everything. I don't have an issue with what just took place. But, like always, I'm open to listen to everybody's thoughts and what everybody's ideas are."

The current rule of each arena making an emergency goalie available for a game stemmed from 2015 incident in Florida that almost caused an assistant coach to put on the pads and play. Because an emergency goalie has only been required to play twice — Ayres and Scott Foster for Chicago in 2018 — executives and officials might find the current protocol better than the old-school notion



FRANK GUNN/AP

Hurricanes right wing Nino Niederreiter (21) and center Martin Necas (88) speak to Hurricanes emergency goalie David Ayres as he takes the ice against the Maple Leafs during second-period in Toronto on Feb. 22.

of making a skater go in net.

"We said it's unfair to the guy on the ice to have to go in there," St. Louis Blues GM Doug Armstrong said. "It didn't make any sense. So, now we said let's see if there's someone locally that can go in the net. It's difficult to find 31 A-plus goalies that go to 41 home games a year. There's always ways to try and see if we can improve it."

Armstrong said he wouldn't be in favor of the expense of carrying a third goalie all season, which would also be impractical. One possibility calls for each team to have a full-time employee at home and on the road ready to serve in goal if needed.

"What, do you go find a guy that's not too bad of a goalie that can practice every day and work in your marketing department or wherever he's working?" Nill said. "He's got to travel with the team all the time. We look at those scenarios. With everything, there's CBA issues involved, there's labor laws involved, so just different things that you have to check off the boxes before you can decide what to do."

Deputy Commissioner Bill Daly said the NHL has to work with the Players' Association on collective bargaining concerns, like determining who counts as a player. Those complications make it no easy fix with perhaps no perfect solution.

"Obviously we want what's best for the game, and we want to make sure people aren't putting themselves in danger by playing goal in a National Hockey League game," Daly said. "That's obviously something we have to continue to work through."

Some other topics that could come up when GMs meet Monday-Wednesday:

■ Some offside reviews are disputable because a player's skate might be in the air, making it unclear even on replay. Coach's challenges are down after a rule change making an unsuccessful challenge a penalty, but this is more about officials getting it right.

"The offside rule I think is going to be discussed again where just breaking the plane would make it a little bit easier to view it

on the video," Rutherford said. "It's always hard for the linesmen regardless which way we do this because everything's happening so fast."

■ A few seasons into hybrid icing, Rutherford is concerned there are too many icing stoppages because players are skating back slower to get the call from linesmen.

"It appears to me that we now have more icings than are necessary where a guy going back for a puck may turn the opposite way where he could've got the puck or he may just play the opposing player at the blue line when he could've got the puck," he said. "I have to find out if other GMs feel the same way, but if we do, maybe tighten that up a bit."

■ Commissioner Gary Bettman said recently the NHL isn't planning to make radical changes to its playoff format like the NBA is considering. But with two of the top three teams in the league — Boston and Tampa Bay — playing in the same division, the current divisional format of those teams potentially facing off in the second round might again be questioned.

"We were in 1 to 8 (in each conference) and there was a disparity in travel and so we went to this format," Armstrong said. "There's going to be pros and cons to whatever decision is made. I understand the logic of talking about 1 to 8, but that's an easy talk in the Eastern Conference. It's a difficult talk in the Western Conference."

■ In-arena medical procedures worked when Blues defenseman Jay Bouwmeester collapsed on the bench earlier this month with a cardiac event. Because of the success of those protocols in situations involving Jiri Fischer, Rich Peverly and Bouwmeester, it's not an area that needs immediate attention but will continue to be looked at to see what can be better.

"It's not something that I think anyone looks at and says, 'OK, this is perfect' because it's such an important thing," Armstrong said. "It's not something that will just stay stagnant. We'll always try to evolve to make sure player safety and fan safety is at the forefront of our game."

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Kobe Bryant and his daughter Gianna attended the game between the Lakers and Mavericks on Dec. 29 in Los Angeles. Four weeks later, on Jan. 26, they died in a helicopter crash.

WNBA lost key advocate

Kobe Bryant was a huge supporter of the women's pro league. Who'll step up now?

BY THUC NHI NGUYEN
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Among some of the most powerful and notable names in entertainment and sports, it was Sparks forward Chiney Ogumike and Las Vegas Aces center Liz Cambage who got the unexpected star treatment. In a dimly lit Staples Center, as nearly 20,000 gathered to mourn the passing of Kobe and Gianna Bryant, Kobe's parents Joe and Pam approached the WNBA stars Monday morning.

In this moment of immeasurable grief, the parents of a legendary basketball player had a message for Ogumike and Cambage, who have five WNBA All-Star appearances combined: We're fans of you guys.

"That blew my mind," Ogumike said, recalling the story from the Feb. 24 memorial service. "But that was what Kobe was raised on. He was our greatest advocate. He had a crazy attention to detail."

The same care Bryant took in advocating for women in sport appeared at the "Celebration of Life," which honored the late NBA star, his daughter Gianna and the seven others who died Jan. 26 in a helicopter crash.

As thousands gathered in Staples Center, with millions more watching worldwide, female empowerment took center stage. Beyoncé opened the program by singing "XO" and "Halo." The video screen at Staples Center showed Gianna's basketball highlights.

The first three speakers of the event following host Jimmy Kimmel and Bryant's widow Vanessa were stars in the women's basketball world: Diana Taurasi, the WNBA and Olympic champion who introduced herself as "the white mamba;" Sabrina Ionescu, the Oregon point guard who hours after eulogizing her friend and mentor became the first college player — male or female — with 2,000 points, 1,000 rebounds and 1,000 assists; and Geno Auriemma, the Connecticut head coach whose team Gianna aspired to join one day.

Shaquille O'Neal, Michael Jordan and Lakers general manager Rob Pelinka would soon take the stage. They shared poignant stories of their friend during his legendary NBA career, but the first part of the speaking lineup highlighted Gianna's life as a budding basketball player and her father's second act as an ally to

women's sports.

"I don't know how you walk away or listen to anything" at the memorial "and not take away that we need to elevate women," Ogumike said.

Kobe was the "total package of influence and impact," UCLA coach Cori Close said.

He was a highly respected former player. He was a current coach, passing his knowledge to the next wave of players. And he was a dad to a girl with big dreams — Gianna hoped to play at UConn then star in the WNBA and wrote papers in school about closing the wage gap between the NBA and WNBA. Gianna's growing interest in the game prompted Kobe's fervent support of women's basketball.

"He walked the walk, but most people just talk the talk," Sparks forward Nneka Ogumike said.

When Cathy Engelbert noticed a WNBA hoodie in the audience of an event Tuesday night hosted by the Sparks, the WNBA commissioner said she gifted Kobe a similar hoodie when she met with him soon after taking her new job in July 2019. He wore the orange sweatshirt with the white WNBA logo during a Lakers game Dec. 29, when he was photographed with Gianna in their courtside seats. It was one of his last major public appearances.

When Engelbert went to the NBA store in New York recently, she noticed all the WNBA hoodies were out of stock. She asked an employee, who didn't recognize the first-year commissioner, if they would get the item back soon.

"You mean the Gigi hoodie?" the employee replied.

From at times turning into a literal billboard for the WNBA, Bryant was also generous with his knowledge of the game. Monique Billings recalled how she worked out with him one summer day. The Atlanta Dream forward, who graduated from UCLA in 2018, approached him to introduce herself. Kobe gave her a puzzled look. "I know who you are," he said.

The moment still gives Billings chills. "It goes back to respect," UCLA's all-time blocked shots leader said. "We work just as hard as the men, sometimes harder. We have to go through a lot being women and having children and still being able to play in the WNBA. I'm hoping that when people like LeBron James and people like Kawhi Leonard and obviously people like Kobe Bryant, the greats of the game, respect



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"He walked the walk, but most people just talk the talk."

— Sparks forward Nneka Ogumike on Kobe Bryant

women's basketball, (others think) 'maybe we should too.'

Billings remembered that Bryant was patient while teaching her footwork during the workout and excited when she mastered it.

Pelinka spoke Monday about how calmly Kobe coached his team of middle school girls against a boys all-star team on which Pelinka's son played. The Mambas "were so well prepared, they functioned like a Swiss watch," the NBA star's former agent said. The girls won in a landslide.

The time Kobe invested in women's basketball players might have been one of his most important contributions.

"It's a little scary to know who's going to take the baton," Close said. "Who's going to step up and not only honor his legacy in that way, but continue the growth and see those opportunities and visions come to fruition?"

Watching Kobe pivot from his successful playing career into life as a coach for his daughter is familiar script for Dee Brown, the general manager of the G League's Agua Caliente Clippers. The 12-year NBA veteran also coached his daughter — Lexie Brown — on her AAU team and ran his own training facility. He realized the dream that Kobe and Gianna were working toward: Lexie, after becoming a McDonald's All-American in high school, playing in two

Final Fours with Maryland and graduating from Duke in 2017, was a first-round WNBA draft pick in 2018.

Brown said it's his responsibility as a basketball executive to ensure that "that not just my daughter, but everybody's daughters, get a full chance of accomplishing those goals that any other male could," Brown said.

"I'm not blind to things that happen in our society, but from my daughter's standpoint, I will fight the fight with them," the father of four, three girls and one boy, added. "I want them to understand that there's a place for you in every organization, situation, environment. If you're good enough, you're smart enough, take pride in not just being great at it, take pride in being a woman being great at it. There's nothing wrong with that."

Brown, who began his professional coaching career in the WNBA with the Orlando Miracle, said the rise of social media has made it easier for NBA players to voice their support of women's basketball today. NBA players see their WNBA counterparts as "peers," Brown said, linked together by "the pureness of the sport."

Washington Wizards guards John Wall and Bradley Beal are among current NBA players who have become vocal supporters of women's basketball. The All-Stars

sat courtside to watch the Washington Mystics win the franchise's first WNBA title last year, wearing matching No. 20 Kristi Toliver jerseys. Toliver, a former Mystics guard who signed with the Sparks as a free agent this month, is also an assistant coach for the Wizards.

Hours after the memorial, Golden State Warriors superstar Stephen Curry attended Ionescu's game in Palo Alto on Monday night. The Oregon star recorded her 26th career triple-double with 21 points, 12 assists and 12 rebounds in No. 3 Oregon's 74-66 win over No. 4 Stanford. Curry sent his approval on Twitter, sharing a tweet about Ionescu's historic night, which took place on Feb. 24, 2020, a date that combined Gianna's, Kobe's and Ionescu's jersey numbers, with the comment "can't write this any better."

To Chiney Ogumike, who Tuesday night was still wearing a yellow wristband from the ceremony with the Nos. 24 and 2 separated by the infinity symbol, Curry, a father to daughters Riley, 7, and Ryan, 4, "literally is embodying what Kobe wanted."

"He amplifies women and that's because he has daughters and he gets it," Ogumike said. "That's the energy that I hope our male allies will provide. It's now creating that accountability so that we crush that gap."

C2E2's sister act

The Egg Sisters, cosplay creators from Warrenville, like to 'do things that make us look not human'

BY DARCEL ROCKETT

People-watching is never as fun as it is at the annual Chicago Comic & Entertainment Expo, known as C2E2. (If there is something comparable, do let me know.)

Talking to creatives who put their passion on the page to fans who recreate and reimagine that artwork into costumes to wear, C2E2 is a space where gawking and admiring craftsmanship put into the genre through the years is expected. It's a place to be seen and make a scene — where months can be spent on creating a 10-pound war hammer for Diane from the manga series "The Seven Deadly Sins" and driving from Iowa to show off the ensemble, or where a wife decides to bedazzle her husband's Stormtrooper costume with 52,000 hand-placed crystals to make a statement piece.

So when people ask why you go to the convention, you just utter the words: Be Cos. Get it? Because the cosplaying. Cosplay brings out the masses, regardless of convention. (Case in point: cosplayers at Wakandacon last summer.)

Cosplay creation is where The Egg Sisters, Courtney Holmes and Dana McGuire, natives of Warrenville, live on weekends and nights after their day jobs of creating websites and serving as a legal secretary, respectively. The duo are actual sisters who have been creating creatures since they were children, McGuire said. Fans of monster movies, they liked to recreate the creatures and have plays in the basement. But it wasn't until 2014 that the sisters tried to marry silicone, foam, mold-making, sewing and monster suits to make something unique on a large scale. The pair focus on creating one or two ambitious designs made from scratch each year, Holmes said.

At C2E2 this year, the sisters were guests at the Bernina booth. (Bernina is an Aurora-based manufacturer of sewing and embroidery systems, a new Naperville store opened in November by Gayle Schliemann.) They showcased their handiwork, a troll of the Zandalari Allied Race from the "World of Warcraft" online role-playing game.

"We like to do things that make



McGuire sits while her sister and Dan Harte apply makeup and prosthetics.



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Courtney Holmes, left, spray paints her sister Dana McGuire to transform her into a Zandalari troll from "World of Warcraft" Saturday at C2E2.

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us look not human — trolls, giant robot suits and lots of different material," Holmes said. "We do something different each time we do a costume. We make a lot of organic things that aren't crisp and perfect ... we like a lot of things that don't really exist in the real world, and we have to interpret them in our own way and recreate them as opposed to a recreation of a character of a superhero that was already made and produced for a TV show. We tend to like things from video games. We like to go hard or go home, I guess. That's the fun."

We talked with the Egg Sisters about their build process, and

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McGuire shows off the finished look. "They like building, they like talking about building and most of the time, they will be happy to help you or give you advice or share what they've done," she says of the cosplay community.

IN PERFORMANCE

Gardiner changes how we hear Beethoven

BY HOWARD REICH

For listeners accustomed to hearing Beethoven performed by a modern orchestra, Friday night's concert at the Harris Theater likely was a revelation.

For those attuned to hearing Beethoven from a period instruments ensemble, the experience surely was a balm.

Not that there's anything remotely wrong with encountering Beethoven as interpreted by today's formidable orchestras, which benefit from the immense force their instruments can produce en masse. It seems fair to guess that Beethoven would have reveled in the enormous dynamic range and sumptuous sound that today's best orchestras routinely yield.



JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

John Eliot Gardiner conducts the Orchestre Revolutionnaire et Romantique on Friday for the Harris Theater's Beethoven Festival.

But there's considerable value in hearing musicians playing Beethoven's music on period instruments and with performance practices of his era. That's exactly what John Eliot Gardiner and the Orchestre Revolutionnaire et Romantique offered during the Harris Theater's Beethoven Festival, an ongoing cycle of Beethoven's nine symphonies and other repertoire.

It's a fitting way to celebrate this year's 250th anniversary of Beethoven's birth (in December): taking us back to how this music sounded when Beethoven was alive. Or at least as close as we can approximate at this late date.

From the concert's opening selection, excerpts of Beetho-

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IN PERFORMANCE

Chicago's many fans of Irish dance turn out for Trinity shows

BY LAUREN WARNECKE

For the second year in a row, the Auditorium Theatre opened its doors to an enthusiastic crowd of Irish dance fans eager to see the Trinity Irish Dance Company (TIDC) in its home town. There's not too much Irish dance that goes on here that doesn't include the Trinity empire in some fashion, but until last year, chances to see its top-shelf professional company were rare. Indeed, it had been a decade since TIDC had presented a full evening in its city of origin until last year's concert at the Auditorium. The success of that winter mix of Trinity classics and new works prompted the venue to go bigger this year, with two shows on Leap Day.

After 40 seasons, and years of

touring all over the world, artistic director Mark Howard and his protégé, associate director Chelsea Hoy, have developed a formula that works. It's commercialized enough to attract "Riverdance" fans, with a little less kitsch and boatloads of creativity. But it's only after seeing this company twice in two years that one realizes TIDC's shows have become largely prescriptive, with more than half of this evening an exact replica of the previous year.

For example, there was Howard's evergreen "Johnny," which propelled his national profile when it premiered in 1991 on "The Tonight Show," and two pairs of pieces performed back-to-back: "Soles" (2018) into

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"It would be a dream if Disney would let us move the show to Hulu," Hilary Duff said in an Instagram post.

Duff wants new home for 'Lizzie McGuire'

Hilary Duff is asking Disney to find a TV home that's more appropriate to the grown-up "Lizzie McGuire."

In an Instagram post, the actress — who's reprising the title character for Disney Plus — said the streaming service isn't the best fit and suggested Hulu instead. The original series, about a girl whose thoughts are expressed by her animated doppelganger, aired from 2001 to 2004 on the Disney Channel.

"Was incredibly excited to launch 'Lizzie' on D+ and my passion remains," Duff said in her post Friday. "However, I feel a huge responsibility to honor the fans' relationship with Lizzie who, like me, grew up seeing themselves in her. I'd be doing a disservice to everyone by limiting the realities of a 30-year-old's journey to live under the ceiling of a PG rating."

The original series was an authentic portrayal of Lizzie as a preteen and teenager, Duff said, and her next chapters should be "as real and relatable."

In an earlier Instagram post, Duff hinted at the Hulu streaming channel that's under the Disney company umbrella as an alternative to the family-friendly Disney Plus. She made a stronger pitch Friday, posting, "It would be a dream if Disney would let us move the show to Hulu, if they were interested, and I could bring this beloved character to life again."

— Associated Press

Box office

1. "The Invisible Man," \$29 million
2. "Sonic The Hedgehog," \$16 million
3. "The Call of the Wild," \$13.2 million
4. "My Hero Academia: Heroes Rising," \$6.3 million
5. "Bad Boys for Life," \$4.3 million
6. "Harley Quinn: Birds of Prey," \$4.1 million
7. "Impractical Jokers: The Movie," \$3.5 million
8. "1917," \$2.7 million
9. "Brahms: The Boy II," \$2.6 million
10. "Blumhouse's Fantasy Island," \$2.3 million

SOURCE: Associated Press
Estimated sales,
Friday-Sunday

Reality check: The globe-trotting reality series "The Amazing Race" is taking a breather as a precaution due to the coronavirus outbreak affecting several countries. CBS said in a statement Friday that it had temporarily suspended production and was sending contestants and crew members home as a precautionary measure. Filming on the show's 33rd season was in its early stages. "At this time, no racers or anyone on the production team traveling with them have contracted the virus, or shown symptoms, and we are not aware of anyone being exposed to it," a network spokesperson said in a statement. "Out of an abundance of caution, everyone involved in the show will continue to be monitored when they return home."

March 2 birthdays: Actor John Cullum is 90. Actress Barbara Luna is 81. Author John Irving is 78. Actress Laraine Newman is 68. Singer Jon Bon Jovi is 58. Actor Daniel Craig is 52. Singer Chris Martin is 43. Actress Rebel Wilson is 40. Country singer Luke Combs is 30. Singer-rapper-actress Becky G is 23.



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Parents mull disclosing abuse to kids

Dear Amy: I am a 42-year-old man. My wife is 40. We were both abused as children. I like to drink, and now, my wife has followed this path.

We have two kids, whom we love very much. Should we tell our kids about our past troubles?

We have done very well for ourselves. Our kids are great. They know we love them, and they have done very well.

Obviously, they see us drink too much at times.

The oldest is going off to college. I've told him about the genetics of alcohol (it does run in our family), but should I tell him about the abuse?

You always talk about being honest, but this seems like it might be too much?

I'm not sure if I'm trying to cover my own insecurities by telling him, or if honesty is the best policy?
— *Loving Father*

Dear Father: Yes, honesty is the best policy. So, let's talk about your drinking.

You seem to gloss over your alcohol abuse by saying that it is genetic; I infer that your childhood abuse has also been a factor and that both are likely related to your drinking.

It is also possible that your childhood abuse was perpetrated by people who were — like you — abusing alcohol.

My point is that you need to start your conversations by getting real about your alcohol abuse. The most impactful statement you could make to your entire family would be to admit that you are abusing alcohol — and to seek recovery.

The worst message you

can send is to tell your kids that alcoholism is genetic (this is partially correct), while you are drinking — and sometimes drunk — in front of them. Your children will sniff out the hypocrisy very quickly. They will also get the message that alcohol is more powerful than they are.

Your kids love you. But all of that love will take a back seat to the vulnerable legacy imposed by your untreated addiction. Children of alcoholics are often high-functioning "fixers," with a deep well of anxiety they hide from the world. (In short, you don't actually know how "great" they are doing.)

Yes, you should tell your children about your childhoods but not right before your son heads off to college and not while you are still drinking.

You should start by admitting your alcoholism, telling your story to a therapist and working toward recovery. Al-Anon's program for kids, Alateen, would be most useful for your kids. Check Al-Anon.org for information about local meetings.

Even if you are not in recovery, this would be a gift for them.

Dear Amy: I've been with my boyfriend for two and a half years. He was married before and had children with his ex-wife (they now are adults). The marriage ended almost 10 years ago, when she told him she had been having an affair.

My issue is that his family continues to invite her to family functions — not just major holidays, but birthdays and such.

I have nothing against her — it just feels wrong!

Am I wrong if I tell them that as long as they continue to invite her to events, we will not attend?

My boyfriend is too nice to tell his family it bothers him, although in my opinion he shouldn't have to.
— *Savvy Girlfriend*

Dear Savvy: Are you the boss of your boyfriend — and his family? Do you get to dictate the terms of their socializing?

You don't have anything against this woman, your boyfriend's family obviously doesn't have anything against her, and your boyfriend likely doesn't care one way or the other, because if he really did, he would give them the message that he didn't want to socialize with his ex.

If you don't want to attend events where his ex is also invited, then you can stay home. But if you make your attendance conditional, you should be prepared for them to choose her.

Dear Amy: I thought your advice to "Old Wounds" was great. Yes, she should tell her parents that she was sexually assaulted in middle school.

I'd like to add, however, that a great way to do this is to write a letter. Face-to-face communication can catch people off guard.
— *Been There*

Dear Been There: I agree that putting thoughts down on paper is an ideal way to frame — and tell — a story. Thank you.

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Mika of Chicago as Narancia from "Jojo's Bizarre Adventure"



Daniel Davidson of Columbia City, Indiana, as Draugr Deathlord from "Skyrim"



Kelly Coffman of Warren, Pennsylvania, as Ysera from "World of Warcraft"



Jake Harris and wife Ashley of New Lenox as Twi'leks from "Star Wars"



Bebe Alkaid of Grayling, Michigan, as Meru from "Legends of Dragoon"



Angela Bell and Keagan Kreps of Kalamazoo, Michigan, as "Overlord" characters



Heather Alred of Wheaton as a Jawa from "Star Wars"



Laura Frieri of Chicago as the Angel of Music from "Phantom of the Opera"



Gennady Sobolev of Lafayette, Indiana, as Shikami from "Infinity"



Alex Woday of Lemont as Harley Quinn

C2E2

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women and LGBTQ representation in the cosplay community after they spoke on the Prop Shop Talk with the Women of SheProp panel. SheProp is a prop-making forum for women, trans and non-binary artists and creators free of judgement and criticism. The sisters were on site this weekend doing a live cosplay makeup demonstration. The interview has been condensed and edited.

Q: How did you come into the cosplaying world?

Holmes: Since we were little kids, we always made our own costumes. It was the first step of freedom when we were younger — our parents would drop us off and we'd go to the convention with our costumes. But not until 2014 did we open ourselves to research and learning. There are a lot of tutorials and outreach and other cosplayers out there showing how they made things. It was around then that we started looking at those things and trying really hard to make big pieces.

Q: How are fans finding the Egg Sisters?

Holmes: On Instagram, Facebook and YouTube. We don't do a lot of commission work actually unless it's for a company. A lot of the work that we do is for ourselves and what we learn, we share. So we pick a project that has a lot of new things we've never done before, we figure out how to do it and then we share it with everyone (what we did wrong, what we did right), so it's kind of just sharing the experience of learning with everybody. On our website, we list every material we use and how to find it. Anyone can ask questions, we're happy to help out. I think that's a lot of the cosplay community; it's a big circle of learning and sharing. It's pretty cool.

Q: How big are the Egg Sisters out there on the cosplay scene?

Holmes: Maybe a slight big fish, in a small pond thing? I don't know. There are a lot of cosplayers now, it's hard to say.

McGuire: We have a niche — doing the special-effects stuff. We're known for that.

Q: What conversations were going on at the panel?

Holmes: It's not about making the costume accurate to the character portrayed in the movies, it's about finding a character that you identify with or like and making it fit your body no matter what it is. I feel when we do that, we find really unique and interesting ways people make their costumes, and sometimes it's even better than the original.



Courtney Holmes, left, and her sister Dana McGuire, right, stand by the Zandalari troll from "World of Warcraft" they created Friday at C2E2. On Saturday, Holmes transformed her sister into a similar character.

McGuire: There was some talk about mansplaining — a lot of female-identifying builders deal with people that expect you don't know what you're talking about because you're a lady. We've had it. And how to deal with that. A lot of it was also about the cosplay community and how it's helped people get over their social anxieties and depression. Tips to craft safely, things to do to make sure you're taking care of yourself. It's all encompassing.

Q: Any advice for people wanting to jump into cosplay?

Holmes: Make costumes that you like and not ones that you think are going to be popular, and make it the way you want to make it — make it yours and don't be afraid to try something new. Fully anticipate failing a lot, add that into your timeline. It's okay because that's how you learn. Lots of doing things over, you'll always do it better the second time.

McGuire: Don't be afraid to reach out



Holmes holds images of a troll of the Zandalari Allied Race from the "World of Warcraft" online role-playing game.

to other fellow cosplayers and makers. A lot of people (we've done it) put people up on this pedestal like "Oh, I aspire to be like them." They're just a person. They like building, they like talking about building

and most of the time, they will be happy to help you or give you advice or share what they've done. The community is amazing.

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'INVISIBLE LIFE' ★★★★★

Gorgeous Brazilian film tracks sisters' stifled lives

BY JUSTIN CHANG
Los Angeles Times

Early on in the gorgeous Brazilian movie "Invisible Life," a young bride, Eurídice (Carol Duarte), gets sick shortly before she and her new husband, Antenor (Gregorio Duvivier), can consummate their union. Maybe it's something she ate, or an attack of nerves, maybe her unspoken suspicions about her arranged marriage are violently expressing themselves.

More or less confirming the latter, Antenor helps her clean up in the bathroom but wastes no time picking up where they left off. When he proudly drops trou, she emits an exhausted, mirthless laugh; you may want to cry well before this deeply moving, slowly blood-boiling movie is through.

Winner of the top prize in the *Un Certain Regard* program at this year's Cannes Film Festival, "Invisible Life" was adapted by Murilo Hauser from Martha Batalha's 2016

novel, "The Invisible Life of Eurídice Gusmão." Directed by the gifted Karim Ainouz, the movie tells the story of Eurídice and Guida (Julia Stockler), two sisters in 1950s Rio de Janeiro who are cruelly, pointlessly deceived and forced to live apart for years. It's a drama of resilient women, thoughtless men and crushingly unrealized dreams, told with supple grace, deep feeling and an empathy that extends in every direction.

As will surprise no one familiar with Ainouz's gifts as a cinematic sensualist ("Futuro Beach"), the movie is also a drama of intensely humid, warm-to-the-touch atmosphere, starting with a prologue that pulls you in with lush jungle scenery and fills your ears with the sounds of rushing water. As Eurídice and Guida wander among the trees, they lose sight of each other and begin calling out, in a moment that foreshadows the greater separation to come.

Life can change in an instant and it does so fre-

MPPA rating: R (for strong sexual content, graphic nudity and drug use)

Running time: 2:19

Opened: Friday, at Facets, 1517 W. Fullerton Ave., facets.org. In Portuguese and Greek, with English subtitles.

quently over the course of this decades-spanning narrative. It begins one night when Guida, the more impulsive and independent-minded of the two sisters, sneaks away from a family dinner to meet a boyfriend; she winds up running off with him to Greece, where he lives. The news comes as a shock to her family, and when Guida returns home to Rio several months later, single and pregnant, her sympathetic mother (Flávia Gusmão) wants to take her back. But her father, Manuel (Antônio Fonseca), a strict, easily shamed man, turns her away and even lies to her about her sister's whereabouts, telling her

that Eurídice has gone off to music school in Austria to become a pianist.

There's a particular cruelty in the lie that Manuel tells Guida, using and even exploiting a dream of Eurídice's without actually letting her realize it. In reality, Eurídice has been married off to Antenor and is still living in Rio, where she will soon contend with an inconvenient pregnancy of her own, derailing or at least delaying her musical ambitions. We hear Eurídice play the piano several times throughout "Invisible Life," once to entertain her parents and a dinner guest, and later in her home, where Antenor has a habit of interrupting her mid-piece. Only late into the film does Ainouz show us Eurídice playing, without interruption, for herself and a few attentive listeners, her music becoming an achingly lovely manifestation of her long-stifled voice.

The narrative toggles fluidly between Eurídice and Guida, gathering emotional force and exquisite

tremors of suspense as they live parallel lives in the same enormous, teeming city. The performances by Duarte and Stockler feel beautifully harmonized even when the two actresses aren't sharing the same space. Guida refuses to return to her parents' house but never stops trying to find her sister, and her handwritten letters to Eurídice help us keep track of the passing years: Guida takes a factory job and gives birth to a son, whom she raises with the help of a kindly prostitute, Filomena (Bárbara Santos); together they become a wonderfully unorthodox family. Eurídice has a daughter; side-lines her piano playing and puts up with Antenor; their marriage is a complex study in relational nuance, full of mutual resentment but also a kind of resigned affection.

The sins of the patriarchy are fairly out in the open in "Invisible Life" — Manuel's dogmatic conservatism, Antenor's man-child ignorance — but there

are no easy or one-note villains. For the director as well as the audience, hating the men in this movie is of secondary importance to loving its women, as Ainouz so clearly does. That love extends also to Filomena and perhaps most of all to a character played by the great Fernanda Montenegro, whose quietly touching performance casts the story in a wrenching but also consoling new light.

Ainouz is working firmly and confidently in a grand tradition of melodrama; there's a hint of Douglas Sirk, a master of the form, in his expressionistic use of color, particularly cool greens and warm reds, to heighten the intensity of his characters' emotions. It's instructive that the movie's English-language title has been truncated to "Invisible Life," making clear that this isn't just Eurídice's story; it's implicitly a story about innumerable unseen women, in 1950s Brazil and beyond, who have toiled and suffered, rebelled and prevailed.

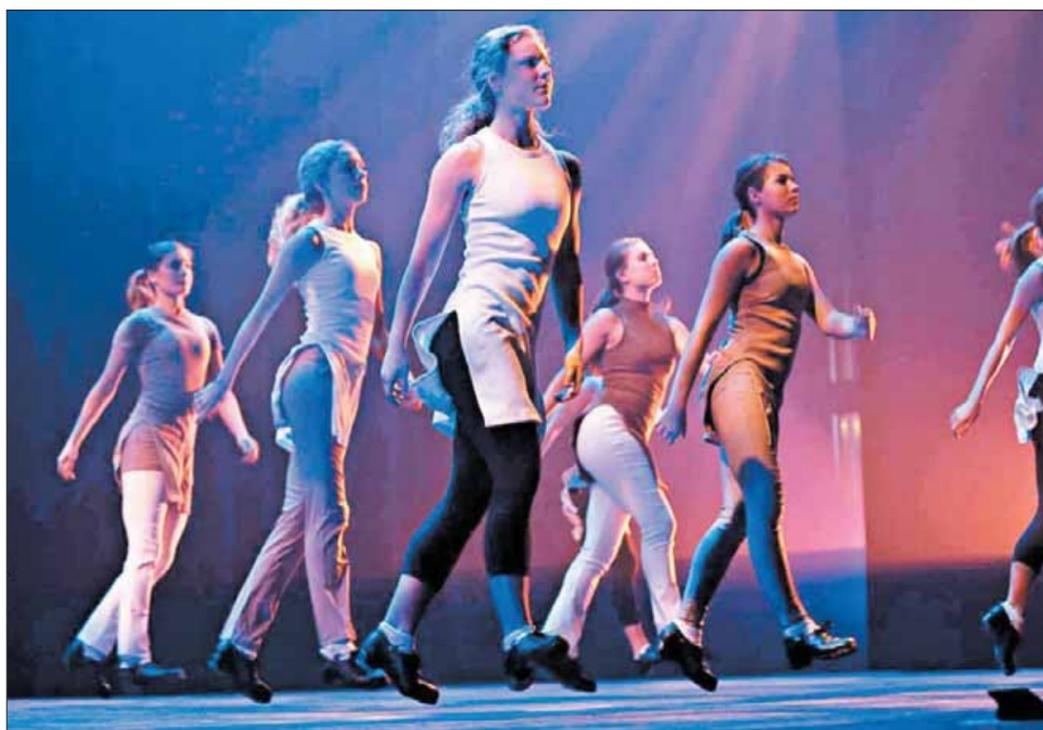
Trinity

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"Push" (2014) — which have a pseudo-edgy, contemporary vibe with all black costumes and stark, dramatic lighting by Al Crawford — and the more traditional "A New Dawn" (2018) into "Black Rose" (2004).

"A New Dawn's" program note waxes poetic about "tall, beautiful women arriving on the Irish shores ... from Spain." It is perhaps a reference to the Milesians, an ethnic group who arrived in Ireland from the Iberian peninsula after traversing Asia and southern Europe.

If I'm right about that, it's not abundantly clear in the choreography — which is a soft shoe reel of winding, criss-crossing lines and circles — although a literal telling probably defeats the purpose, which, I think, is to communicate the multiplicity of cultures captured within this wholly Irish form. The score, played masterfully by TIDC's in-house band, opens with what sounds like didgeridoo. "A New Dawn's" companion piece, "Black Rose," employs hard shoe dancing and rhythm sticks played on the floor while company percussionist Steven Rutledge strikes a massive bass drum called a lambeg. Thinking about the journey the Milesians took draws a metaphorical map to the very real connections between step dancing and



KIRK RICHARD SMITH

Trinity Irish Dance Company performs "Listen," part of its Leap Day performances at the Auditorium Theatre in Chicago.

other percussive dances which have influenced one another via migration: African dance, bharatanatyam, flamenco, tap, clogging.

And if I had to point to a specific theme for the evening, particularly in the parts of this show that were new, it would be that: the many cultural influences which accompany the interwoven histories of these dance forms.

Two distinct examples are "Goddess" (2004), by

Seán Curran, and a world premiere by New York tap phenom Michelle Dorrance and Melinda Sullivan, who kicked off her career as a finalist on "So You Think You Can Dance."

The latter, called "American Traffic," is the more successful of the two. It opens on a line of four women in brightly colored leggings topped by tailored business-like blazers (by costumer Kristine Fatchet). It could almost be called an Irish version of "Swan

Lake's" cygnets. With hands locked behind them and clasped to each other, the quartet rocks on heels and toes, exchanging their feet, without moving positions, in a cappella rhythmic magic. This scene opens up to the full company walking briskly, evoking images of an early morning commute. Regimented, straight-backed walking gives way to an easier, arm-swinging stroll — before work vs. after work, maybe, or Monday vs. Friday—which

weaves curious patterns until the dancers find themselves in a straight line downstage. An extraordinary insert of hand clapping here, plus a cameo by Rutledge, hinting a role as a busker, leads to a series of sequences alternating between Irish and American tap dance. Time steps and paradiddles come as easily as skips and point hop backs for these seasoned professionals, who do a pretty good job dropping their shoulders and insert-

ing some swagger into the tap portions of this piece.

It feels like an authentic collaboration between two extraordinary forms, whose differences can be appreciated seeing them side-by-side in this way. "Goddess," on the other hand, feels like an artificial exploration of its inspiration, taking the rhythms of India translated to hard shoe Irish dancing. The exercise is an interesting one — distilling konnakol (a form of syllabic vocal percussion) and tabla music into Irish steps — but even after a session with members of Natya Dance Theatre to refine the more distinctly Indian portions of this piece, it still comes off a little like "It's Small World After All."

In addition to several musical interludes by TIDC's exceptional musicians, a repeat of the rock-inspired spectacle "An Sorcas" (2019), and a special appearance by Irish fiddling master Liz Carroll, two more new works round out this program. "Listen," by former "Riverdance" performer Colin Dunne, the opener, flirts with microphone echoes as a metaphorical call from Irish ancestors. And "Home" is a fun and playful take on the traditional tune "Boolavogue," in which a group of friends gathers around the kitchen table in a percussive paradise of bottles, plates and spoons.

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Gardiner

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ven's rarely performed ballet music for "The Creatures of Prometheus," listeners had to recalibrate aural expectations. Rather than the mighty blocks of orchestral sound we're used to hearing, Gardiner and friends produced a far more transparent, less bombastic sonority. This was Beethoven on a human scale, the orchestra addressing the audience as if on an even footing rather than from an Olympian position of power.

Once you adjusted to the scaled-down dynamics, a remarkable transformation occurred: pianissimos seemed softer, fortissimos louder, crescendos more striking. Subtle nuances often lost when modern orchestras roar suddenly became crisply apparent. The inner workings of the music — in which individual voices intermingled — signaled the real drama inside the score.

It was enlightening to discern each individual note in fast-running scalar passages, to behold themes rippling across the orchestra's full breadth. This was Beethoven in his most direct expression, unencumbered by sonic overload.

The evening's high point came in the form of the



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Soprano Lucy Crowe sings as John Eliot Gardiner conducts the Orchestre Revolutionnaire et Romantique Friday.

composer's Symphony No. 1, which observers often deem rooted in the earlier achievements of Haydn and Mozart. I've always considered this a forward-looking work, and Gardiner's performance affirmed that view. For Beethoven's rhythmic tension, fierce syncopations, galvanic downbeats and other foreshadowing of music yet to come rang out more clearly than ever when dispatched by Gardiner's tautly disciplined ensemble (with violins and violas standing throughout this performance).

It's true that one could not bask in the sensuous-

ness of the finest modern wind sections, nor the tonal glow of contemporary strings (which the Chicago Symphony Orchestra consistently provides in its own ongoing Beethoven symphonies cycle). But there was much to be learned from the sheer clarity of ensemble sound and the comprehensive musicianship of these instrumentalists.

The evening also featured soprano Lucy Crowe in "Ah! Perfido" and two "Leonore" excerpts: "Ach, Brich Noch Nicht, Du Mattes Herz!" and "Komm, Hoffnung, Lass Den Letzten Stern." Crowe brought

palpable drama to each while negotiating unforgiving technical demands.

Gardiner also offered the "Leonore" Overture No. 1, which doesn't generate quite the intensity of the more frequently performed Overture No. 3. But Gardiner made a strong case for it, if only because there's ample excitement to be had when you can hear every note Beethoven wrote.

Program note: The evening's opulently produced program book contained an insert from the Harris Theater staff: "There is one person who played an immeasurable role in bringing the Beethoven Festival to Chicago who is not here with us tonight. Patricia Barretto has led the Harris Theater through three remarkable seasons as our president and CEO, while undergoing treatment for breast cancer. She is unable to attend tonight's performance, but she is in our thoughts."

John Eliot Gardiner and the Orchestre Revolutionnaire et Romantique will perform through March 3 at the Harris Theater for Music and Dance, 205 E. Randolph St.; ticket prices vary; 312-334-7777 or www.harristheaterchicago.org.

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WATCH THIS: MONDAY



Peter Weber

"The Bachelor" (7 p.m., ABC): It's good to be "The Bachelor" in most respects, because that role puts a guy in the power seat as he goes looking for love among a bevy of beauties. This two-hour "Women Tell All" special episode, however — a staple in every season of this show — often is an exception to that rule, since it provides a forum to the candidates already eliminated by Peter Weber, this season's Bachelor.

"9-1-1: Lone Star" (7 p.m., FOX): Owen, Michelle (Rob Lowe, Liv Tyler) and the team rush to help a young family whose home has suffered a deadly infestation of rattlesnakes, then try to rescue a man suffering from dementia from a hazardous situation that he created in the new episode "Monster Inside." Later, Michelle finally learns the truth behind her sister's disappearance, while Owen adopts a cancer-stricken firehouse dog.

"Black Lightning" (8 p.m., CW): Heroes, to your battle stations! The members of the Pierce family immediately begin the process of preparing for a long and arduous fight when they learn that Gravedigger (guest star Wayne Brady) and the Markovians already are moving to attack Freeland in the taut new episode "The Book of War: Chapter Two." Cress Williams, Nafessa Williams, China Anne McClain, Christine Adams, James Remar and Damon Gupton star.

"Kids Baking Championship" (8 p.m., 11 p.m., Food): Season 8 of this competition series concludes with two new back-to-back episodes, starting with "Dinomighty," in which hosts Valerie Bertinelli and Duff Goldman challenge the four remaining bakers to make 3-D dinosaur cookies shaped like a tyrannosaurus, velociraptor, stegosaurus, brontosaurus or triceratops.

"Aquarela" (8 p.m., Starz): Don't go into Victor Kossakovsky's 2019 documentary looking for a strong story or absorbing characters, but you will not be bored. In a sense, the film is a stark warning against climate change, and presents an eye-popping series of images showing man at the mercy of water in its many forms, but many viewers may find themselves suffering from sensory overload after awhile.

"Breeders" (9 p.m., 10:14 p.m., 12:32 a.m., FX): Martin Freeman ("Sherlock") and Daisy Haggard ("Episodes") star in this new 10-episode Britcom as Paul and Ally, both of whom are juggling busy full-time careers along with the non-stop parental demands that come with raising young kids Luke and Ava (George Wakeman, Jayda Eyles).

TALK SHOWS

"Conan" (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Entertainer Flula Borg; comic Cameron Esposito.*

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): TV host Rachel Maddow; actress Pamela Adlon; Joji performs.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actor Ty Burrell; journalist John Heilemann; James Taylor performs.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live!" (10:35 p.m., ABC): Celebrity guests and comedy skits.*

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'THE TIMES OF BILL CUNNINGHAM' ★★ 1/2

Beguiling photographer justifies yet another doc

BY ROBERT ABELE

Los Angeles Times

The great New York Times photographer Bill Cunningham, who died in 2016 at age 87, liked to call himself a "fashion historian," a surprisingly stodgy term for someone whose street eye for everyday style — whether highborn or low-cost, chic or cheeky — suggested a roving cultural omniscience. In what people wore, he seemed to know (and loved showing us) who we were.

But in that self-descriptor there's more than a hint of charming self-effacement about his devotion and talent, and it's a personality trait on full, winning display in a lively, previously unseen 1994 interview that's the archival center of an equally spirited new documentary about him, "The Times of Bill Cunningham," a first feature made by the man heard off-camera questioning him in the footage, Mark Bozek. (The third voice you'll hear throughout is Sarah Jessica Parker as narrator.)

This is the second documentary about Cunningham, coming nearly a decade after Richard Press' verité on-the-job portrait, the justly acclaimed 2011 film "Bill Cunningham New York." But Bozek's doesn't feel like a rehash, primarily because of how front-and-center its subject is in all his boyish ebullience, the lit-up eyes and toothy smile animating story after story about how a hat-making Boston boy from a conservative Catholic household became a sought-after milliner in high-society designer circles post-World War II and eventually the Olympus-sporting, bicycling chronicler of flamboyance under the sun and finery



GENE SISKEL FILM CENTER

Bill Cunningham, covered in wires, straps and other camera equipment, at a fashion show that had no runway.

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Running time: 1:14

(Brando, Bernstein, Mailer) make for an effervescently anecdotal bildungsroman.

at night.

Cunningham's beguiling openness, coupled with as many estate-sanctioned photographs from his collection as Bozek can squeeze into the brisk running time, easily overcome a general roughness of assembly — some jarring music cues, choppy edited montages and an unfortunately discordant instance of name-checking the earlier doc (via Parker's narration) in a way that sounds begrudging and mildly insulting.

Bozek's background is as a shopping network honcho — the Bradley Cooper character in David O. Russell's "Joy" is him — so it's not surprising he knows the entertainment value in centering a biopic around a warm, engaging figure telling his own life story. Cunningham's early days creating toppers for moneyed women and famous names who oozed personal style, his catching Paris fashion shows while stationed in France with the Army, and rubbing elbows with living legends at his cramped Carnegie studio

Though Cunningham's reputation as an equal-opportunity fashion chronicler is legion, he definitely knew what he did and didn't like. He preferred the sidewalk to runways when looking for how fashion permeated society, natural elegance to camera-conscious posers, and the fashion-conscious to the style-expedient. He viewed many Hollywood stars as illusory figures of superficial glamour who didn't know how to dress in real life.

At the time Bozek filmed him, AIDS was devastating the fashion world, and a scheduled 10-minute sit-down became an extended, enthusiastic interview until Bozek ran out of videotape. It's fair to assume one reason is that even in so modest a super fan of the sartorial as Cunningham, his recognizing that life, like fashion, is both monumental and fleeting was enough to get a passionate witness talking, sometimes through tears.

And for that, we can be grateful for a record such as "The Times of Bill Cunningham."

MONDAY EVENING, MAR. 2

	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
BROADCAST	CBS 2	The Neighborhood	Bob Hearts Abishola	All Rise: "Maricela and the Desert."	Bull: "Billboard Justice."	News (N) ♦		
	NBC 5	The Voice: "The Blind Auditions, Part 3."				(9:01) Manifest: "Carry On."		NBC 5 News (N) ♦
	ABC 7	The Bachelor: "Women Tell All."				The Good Doctor: "Fixation."		News at 10pm (N) ♦
	WGN 9	black-ish	black-ish: "Gap Year."	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N)		WGN News at Ten (N)
	Antenna 9.2	It's a Living	3's Comp.	Family Ties	Growing	Designing	Murphy	Carson ♦
	Court 9.3	♦ Closing Arguments (N)		Closing Arguments with Vinnie Politan	♦			
	PBS 11	Chicago Tonight (N)	Great Performances: "An Intimate Evening With David Foster."			Leonard Cohen -- Tower of Song		
	CW 26.1	All American (N) ©		Black Lightning (N) ©		Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©
	The U 26.2	Dr. Phil (N) ©		Tamron Hall ©		The Steve Wilkos Show		Cops ©
	MeTV 26.3	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	Green Acres	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett
	H&I 26.4	Star Trek: "Space Seed."		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek ♦
	Bounce 26.5	Passenger 57 (R,'92) ★★	Wesley Snipes. ©			Armed Response (R,'17) © ♦		
FOX 32	9-1-1: Lone Star: "Monster Inside."		(8:01) Prodigal Son: "Wait & Hope."		Fox 32 News at Nine (N)		Modern Family ©	
Ion 38	Criminal Minds ©		Criminal Minds ©		Criminal Minds ©		Criminal ♦	
TeleM 44	♦ Exatlón EE. UU. (N)		La Doña (N) ©		Operación Pacífico (N) ©		Chicago (N)	
MNT 50	Chicago P.D. ©		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU		Chicago ♦	
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CABLE	AE	Live PD (N)	Live PD (N)	Live Rescue: "Live Rescue -- 03.02.20."				Live PD
	AMC	♦ (5) Hack Saw Ridge ★★		Better Call Saul (N) ©		(9:15) Dispatches From Elsewhere (N)		
	ANIM	Alaska- Last Frontier		Alaska- Last Frontier (N)		Bus People (N)		Bu. People
	BBCA	Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Trek: DS9 ♦
	BET	♦ Diary of Mad		Tyler Perry's Temptation: Confessions of a Marriage Counselor				
	BIGTEN	♦ Track/Field BIG Wres		BIG Wres	BIG Wres	Womens		Swim ♦
	BRAVO	Below Deck Sailing Yacht		Below Deck (N)		Spy Games (N) ©		Watch (N)
	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)		CNN Tonight (N)		Tonight (N) ♦
	COM	♦ The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office		Daily (N) ♦
	DISC	Street Outlaws: "NOLA vs. Detroit: Eyes on Memphis."						Fastest (N) ♦
	DISN	Fam Jam	Gabby	Sydney-Max	Roll With It	Coop	Sydney-Max	Bunk'd ©
	E!	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Room (N)	Fraser's (N)
	ESPN	♦ College Basketball (N)		College Basketball: Texas Tech at Baylor. (N) (Live)				SportCtr (N)
	ESPN2	♦ Wm. Basketball (N)		All-Star Football Challenge				WSOP ♦
	FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)		Fox News
	FOOD	Kids Baking (N)		Kids Baking (N)		Kids Baking (Season Finale) (N)		Chopped (N)
	FREE	♦ Guardians	Back to the Future (PG,'85) ★★	Michael		J. Fox. ©		700 Club ♦
	FX	♦ (6:30) Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle ('17) ★★				Breeders (Series Premiere) (N) ©		Breeders ♦
	HALL	A Novel Romance (NR,'15)	Amy Acker. ©			The Birthday Wish (NR,'17) © ♦		
	HGTV	Home Town (N) ©		Home Town (N) ©		Home Town ©		Home ♦
	HIST	American Pickers		American Pickers (N)		(9:03) Pawn Stars (N)		Pawn ♦
	HLN	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic
	IFC	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men
	LIFE	A Walk to Remember (PG,'02) ★★	Shane West. ©			(9:03) Easy A (PG-13,'10) ★★		© ♦
	MSNBC	All In With (N)		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)
	MTV	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridic. (N)	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous. ♦
	NATGEO	Brain Games: Bonus (N)		Brain Games (N) ©		(9:03) Brain Games ©		Brain ♦
	NBCSCH	NBA Basketball: Dallas Mavericks at Chicago Bulls. (N) (Live)				Postgame		Bulls (N)
	NICK	♦ Alvin and the Chipmunks	Friends ©	Friends ©		Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ♦
	OVATION	♦ (6) Lethal Weapon 4 (R,'98) ★★	Mel Gibson.			Inferno (PG-13,'16) ★★	Tom Hanks. ♦	
	OWN	Dateline on OWN		The Real Story w/Salinas		Deadline: Crime		Dateline ♦
	OXY	NCIS: "Personal Day."		NCIS: "Incognito." ©		NCIS: "Double Trouble."		NCIS ♦
PARMT	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©		Cops (N) ©		Cops ©	
SYFY	♦ (6) R.I.P.D. (PG-13,'13) ★		Underworld: Blood Wars (R,'16) ★★		Kate Beckinsale.		Futurama	
TBS	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Conan (N)	
TCM	Laura (NR,'44) ★★	Gene Tierney. ©			(8:45) The Ghost and Mrs. Muir (NR,'47) ★★		© ♦	
TLC	90 Day Fiancé: Before the 90 Days				90 Day Fiancé		sMothered ♦	
TLN	Supernatural	IMPACT	Faith Chi	Faithwire	Robison	Billy Graham	Ask God ♦	
TNT	Beauty and the Beast (PG,'17) ★★	Emma Watson. ©				Benjamin Button ♦		
TOON	Home Movie	Burgers	Burgers	Rick & Mo	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Family Guy	
TRAV	Beyond the Unknown (N) ©				Beyond the Unknown (N)		Unknown ♦	
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	SHO	Homeland ©		Kidding ©		Homeland ©		Desus (N)
	STARZ	(7:05) Wrong Man ©		Aquarela (PG,'18) ©				(9:32) Outlander © ♦
STZNC	♦ (5:08) Scarface ('83) ★★		White Boy Rick (R,'18) ★★		Matthew McConaughey.		Searching ♦	



AMAZON STUDIOS

Kristen Stewart stars as Jean Seberg in the new biopic about the New Wave icon.

'SEBERG' ★

Stewart can't save superficial biopic

BY ROBERT ABELE

Los Angeles Times

If "Breathless" star Jean Seberg hadn't existed, a hard-boiled novelist would have had to invent her — a glittering Hollywood/New Wave icon of modern style and civil rights outspokenness who survived a gauntlet of male impresarios only to be laid low by FBI smear tactics harsher than any showbiz gossip monger's.

And in Benedict Andrews' color-saturated fever-dream biopic "Seberg," Kristen Stewart's knife's-edge allure helps cut straight to what was lonely, searching and defiant in Seberg as she began an affair with Black Panther revolutionary Hakim Jamal (Anthony Mackie) that, as dramatized here, triggered spiteful surveillance from one crass, judgmental fed (Vince Vaughn) and stalker-ish protectiveness in a younger colleague (Jack O'Connell).

It's difficult, however, to latch on to Seberg's tragic descent as star, do-gooder, wife, lover or mother when the overwrought and retro-fantastic movie around Stewart plays like an ad for a perfume called Paranoia as conceived by a soap opera writing staff. (Joe Shrapnel and Anna Waterhouse are the credited screenwriters.)

Nothing against cinematographer Rachel Morrison's period panache, but it only ever feels like a

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gloss, not a coloring, and Zazie Beetz's role as Jamal's wife Dorothy is so thankless it's tempting to

read her disappointment face as, "This is how we have to get the Panthers depicted in a major movie?" By the end, Stewart is enough of a force to give Seberg's darkest moments their due, but it's too little, too late for the superficial soup that is the movie that bears her name.

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Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Delegate and strategize. Maintain balance amid upheaval. Avoid snap judgments or assumptions. Edit and revise before broadcasting. Monitor news for changes. Consider words carefully.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 9. Compute expenses, especially before spending. Delays or mistakes could mess with your cash flow. Focus on basics and stay in communication.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 9. Keep your positive attitude, despite roadblocks or delays. Accommodate another's demands. Ask questions, even if you're nervous. Market your ideas vigorously. Advance a personal cause.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 7. Get productive behind closed doors. Find a private hideaway to really think. Avoid snap decisions, miscommunications or silly mistakes.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Keep your part of a team bargain. Stay out of arguments that don't concern you. Miscommunications come easily. Distractions abound. Shoulder your load.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Simplify plans. Don't get yourself into debt, or trouble. Make adjustments with a professional project. Miscommunications or delays could arise.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Explore and investigate. The news could affect your route. Avoid controversy or expensive detours. Proceed with caution or risk breakage.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Stick to your budget, despite changes. Don't squander savings or let cash flow slip through your fingers. Technical difficulties could arise.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Compromise with your partner to avoid misunderstanding. Actions and words can be easily misconstrued. Slow down to make sure you're on the same page.

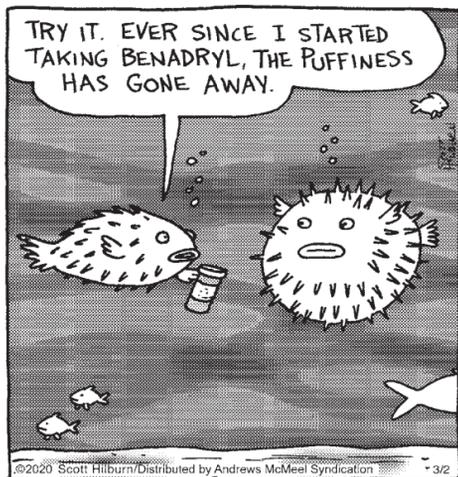
Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. The pace could pick up. Slow to avoid missteps or accidents. Get support if needed. Prioritize your physical health. Tempers could be short. Stay cool.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 7. Keep your compassion with someone close, despite frustrating circumstances. Old assumptions could get challenged. Avoid blurting out something you'd later regret. Prioritize love.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 7. Domestic matters have your attention. Clean up a mess. Make necessary repairs or upgrades. Communication breakdowns or delays could challenge.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater



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Bridge

Here are the answers to the weekly quiz:

Q.1—Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ 5 ♥ Q976542 ♦ 5 ♠ KJ93

	East	South	West	North
1♥	Pass	1♠	2♣	
3♠	?			

What call would you make?

A.1—The auction might be making your head spin, but you will never choose to defend 4S with this hand. Don't wait for them to bid it. Bid 5C.

Q.2—North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ A1074 ♥ K108 ♦ 86 ♠ 10973

	East	South	West	North
1♦	Pass	1NT	2♥	
3♦	?			

What call would you make?

A.2—Your doubleton diamond is probably worthless, but this hand is still a mandatory raise. Bid 3H.

Q.3—East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ J95 ♥ QJ10632 ♦ K532 ♣ Void

You open 2H, left-hand opponent passes, and partner bids 3C. What call would you make?

A.3—Partner usually starts with 2NT when he has tolerance for your suit. 3C is a forcing bid suggesting no tolerance for hearts. Try your other suit. Bid 3D.

Q.4—Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:
♠ Q632 ♥ AKJ10 ♦ A5 ♣ A64

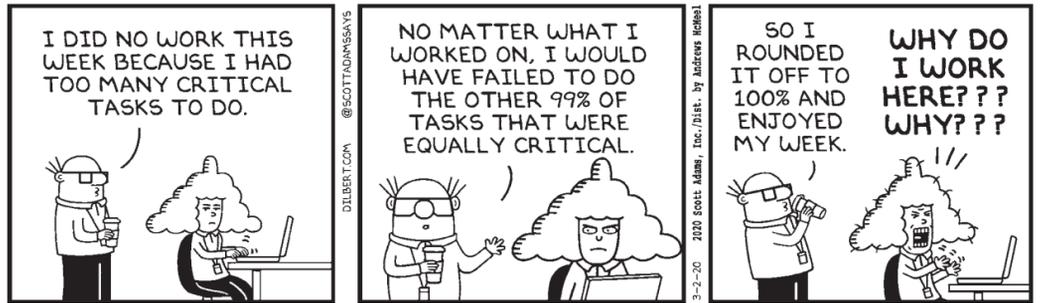
	South	West	North	East
1♣	Pass	1♥	Pass	
?				

What call would you make?

A.4—This hand is worth at least 19 points in support of hearts. It is too good for 3H. Bid 4H.

— Bob Jones
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Dilbert



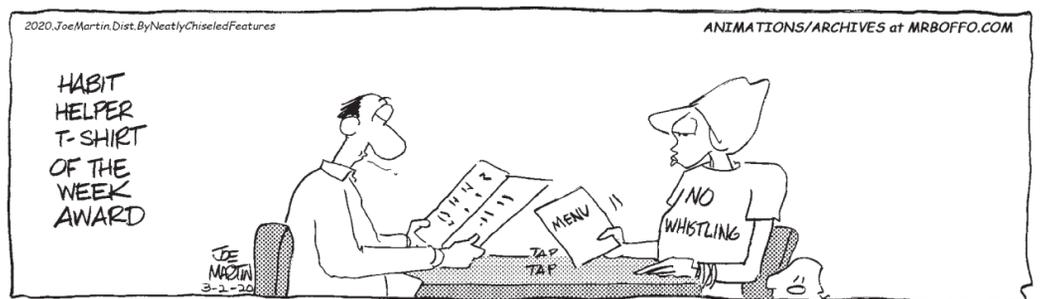
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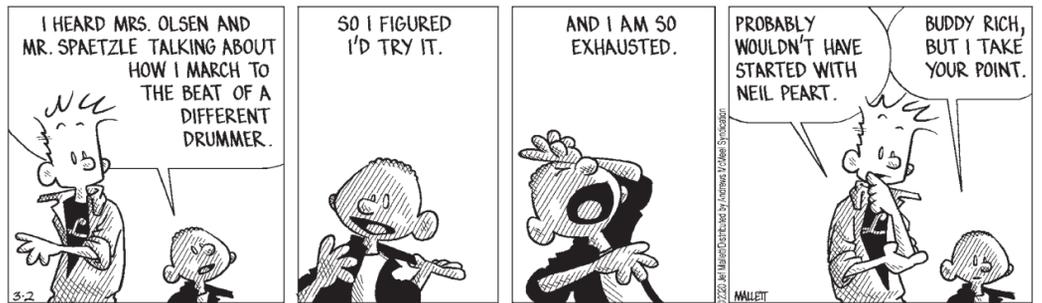
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Mr. Boffo



Frazz



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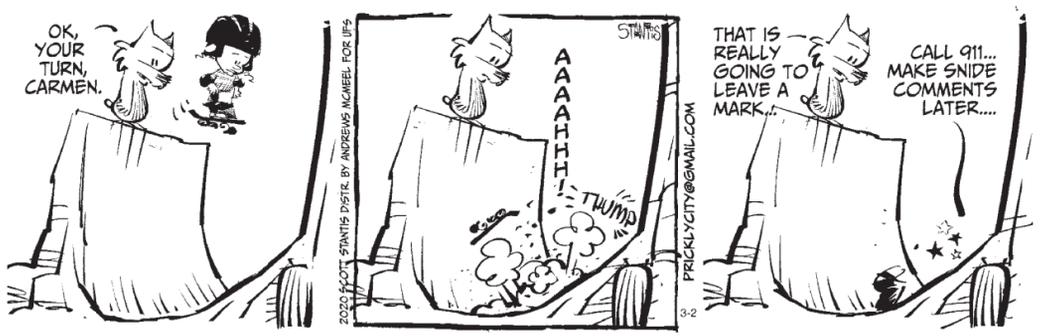
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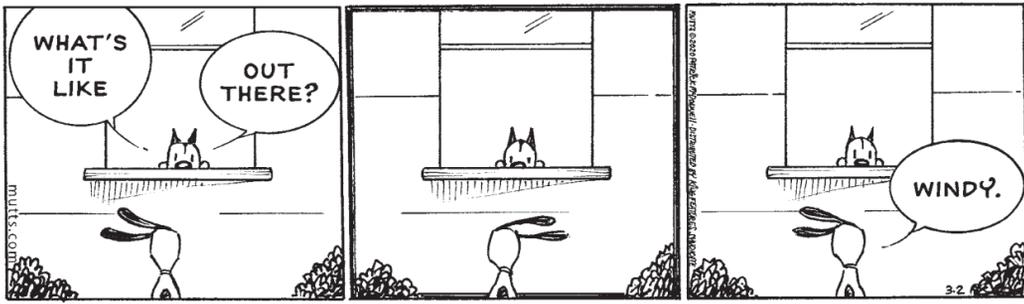
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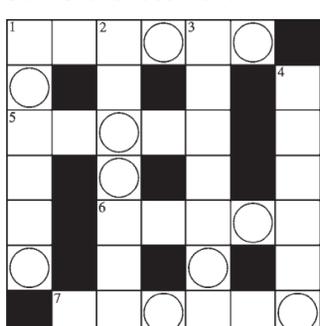
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Trivia Bits

The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 was enacted to protect against what?
A) Accounting and business fraud
B) Copyright infringement
C) Illegal immigration
D) Terrorism
Saturday's answer: Cinematographer Emmanuel Lubezki earned consecutive Oscars for "Gravity," "Birdman" and "The Revenant"
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Jumble Crossword

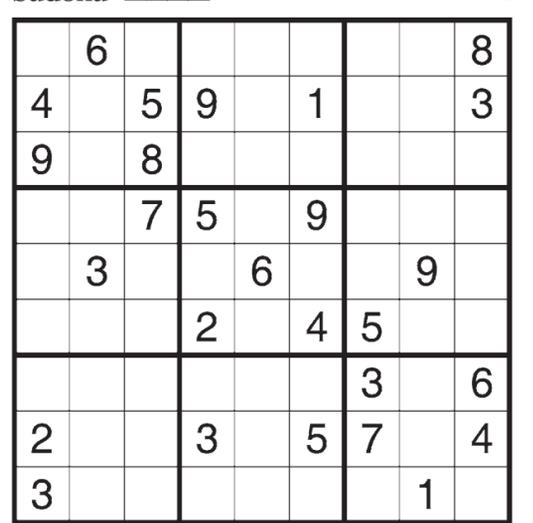


CLUE ACROSS
1. Invalidate a law
5. View
6. Join together
7. ___ of corn
ANSWER
EARPLE
ATVSI
NIEUT
KLENRE
CLUE DOWN
1. Movie ___
2. Cow
3. ___ Peninsula
4. Disclose
ANSWER
VIRWEE
ASEURPT
NBRAAIA
LAERVE
How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

BONUS ○○○○○○ ○○○○○○
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ANSWERS: 1A-Kepoal 5A-Vireta 6A-Urlike 7A-Kernel 1D-Review 2D-Faeture 3D-Avialan 4D-Rwall Street
By David L. Hoyt.

Sudoku 1 2 3 4

3/2



5	9	7	8	3	2	1	6	4
6	1	8	7	9	4	2	3	5
2	4	3	1	6	5	9	8	7
8	7	4	2	5	6	3	1	9
3	2	1	4	7	9	8	5	6
9	5	6	3	1	8	7	4	2
1	6	5	9	8	7	4	2	3
4	8	9	5	2	3	6	7	1
7	3	2	6	4	1	5	9	8

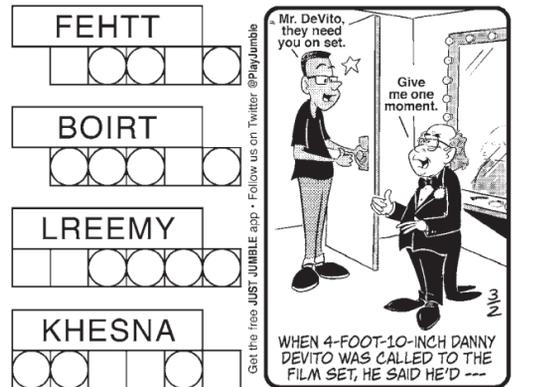
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Saturday's solutions

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Jumble

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.



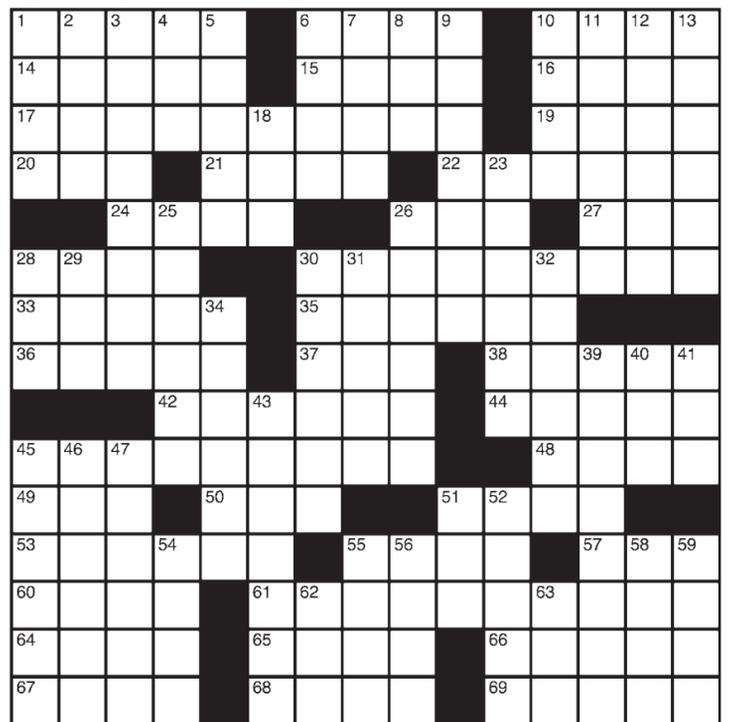
Answer here ○○○ ○○○○○ ○○○○○○○

Saturday's answers

Jumbles: SUITE MADLY LETTER JALOPY
Answer: When offered a chance to go skydiving on Leap Day, they — JUMPED AT IT
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Crossword

3/2



Across
1 Photographer Adams
6 "Happy Motoring" company
10 Cuba, por ejemplo
14 2000s first lady Bush
15 Matty of baseball
17 Twice-monthly tide
19 Kvetch like a fish?
20 West of "My Little Chickadee"
21 Mr. Peanut prop
22 Dental hygienist's gizmo
24 Essen's river
26 Russian space station for 15 years
27 Hurry-scurry
28 "___ Yankees"
30 Spar without a partner
33 Rascal
35 "Honor Thy Father" author Gay
36 Hawaiian porch
37 Ab ___: from day one
38 Uses a sieve
42 Apply, as a brake
44 Flynn of "Captain Blood"
45 Extremely lame, in modern slang
48 Hunky-___: fine
49 Toronto's prov.
50 Dada co-founder
51 Either H in H2O
53 Home of the NHL's Senators
55 A head
57 "Aladdin" monkey
60 Old phone feature
61 Business manager skilled at reducing expenses
68 Jazz and Disco periods
69 Popular pie, and what the ends of 17-, 30-, 45- and 61-Across have in common
8 "Help!"-ful soap pad brand
9 Not in the house
10 Ancient Andean
11 Aquanaut's base
12 Texas city in a cowboy song
13 Estimated: Abbr.
18 Wheels, so to speak
23 Game stick with a netted pocket
25 Expose
26 Sam who owned Cheers
28 ISP alternative
29 Fed. law known as Obamacare
30 Clog
31 "Wreaked" state
32 Creepy sort
34 Tool for two lumberjacks
39 Completely, alphabetically speaking
40 A.L.'s Blue Jays
41 Scheming
43 Pain in a canal
45 Made of oak, say
46 Complete
47 Reach, as a goal
51 NC State's conf.
52 Dull sound
54 On the safe side, at sea
55 Spanish "this"
56 Lawyers: Abbr.
58 Mercedes-___
59 Big Dipper bear
62 Lord's Prayer start
63 You, in French

Saturday's solution
SHAG BOSSA ICED
WANER ACING VIANE
OVEN SCREE ARCS
REMODELERS NDAK
NAOMI JUDD SHIRT
IGNEOUS SOINTO
NOES MISSILE GAP
POLED
PLEASENOTE WATT
RANCOR ETAILER
ELTON PAVONLINE
CARL MAKESADEAL
OKAY ITTST ENCL
DENT SCROD SERT
ERTE SHANE TIEES
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CHICAGO WEATHER CENTER

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MONDAY, MARCH 2 NORMAL HIGH: 41° NORMAL LOW: 25° RECORD HIGH: 71° (1974) RECORD LOW: -4° (1913)

Sunday brings first 60-degree day of the year

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 46 **LOW** 30

Temperatures down about 15 degrees from Sunday, but still about 5 degrees above seasonal normals

Plenty of sunshine, but marked cooler with highs only reaching the middle 40s.

Northwest winds 10-15 mph gradually trend northeast in the afternoon, dropping lakeside temperatures to around 40.

Fair and chilly overnight. Lows range from the middle 20s well inland to the lower 30s downtown

NATIONAL FORECAST



Sunday was the first day of meteorological spring, and the weather was right in sync as gusty southwest winds sent the mercury soaring to around 60 degrees in many locations. The warm spring open, came in the wake of a relatively mild winter, the city's 14th warmest dating back to 1871, that featured temperatures that were at or above on more than three-quarters of the days. Spring's opening days will follow in the same vein, with above-normal temperatures expected at least through mid-March. While temperatures in the 40s will prevail this week, some 50s are possible, especially on Thursday and again next Sunday. Precipitation will be limited in the upcoming week. Some showers could dampen the city in Monday's pre-dawn hours, and another batch could accompany a cold front Thursday night.

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

HIGH 48 **LOW** 33

Abundant sunshine helps boost temperatures into the upper 40s with warmest locations reaching 50. Winds become southwesterly and increase to 15-25 mph in the afternoon.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

HIGH 46 **LOW** 31

A mix of sun and clouds. A tad cooler as winds shift into the northwest in the afternoon. Fair overnight with lows around freezing.

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

HIGH 52 **LOW** 33

A sunny morning, but clouds increase in the afternoon. Southwest winds elevate temps into the lower and middle 50s. A few showers possible overnight as a cold front shifts winds into the northwest

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

HIGH 42 **LOW** 26

Despite plentiful sunshine, it will be sharply cooler as gusty north winds usher in chillier air. Cold overnight with lows in the 20s.

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

HIGH 47 **LOW** 32

Unlimited sunshine under nearly cloudless skies as high pressure moves across the area. Highs reach the middle and upper 40s. Light southeast winds.

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

HIGH 56 **LOW** 34

CDT begins at 2am. Turn clocks ahead one hour. Sunny and noticeably milder as gusty southwest winds send temperatures surging into the middle and upper 50s.



NOTE: Predicted high/low temps on Tribune weather page are chronological—the "high" refers to maximum reading expected during day and "low" is the minimum reading expected the following night.

ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
A local jewelry store is offering full refunds for Feb. 29 purchases, if it officially snows more than four inches in Chicago on St. Patrick's Day. How often has this happened?
Thanks,
Ruth M. Naperville

Dear Ruth,
Not very. Chicago weather historian Frank Wachowski checked the record books, and since the city's snow climatology began in 1885, measurable snow (0.1"+) has fallen in 18 years, while traces were logged in 29 years. However, only once has snowfall exceeded the four-inch threshold, and that was in 1984 when 4.1 inches fell. Two years fell just shy of the mark with 3.7-inch snowfalls in 1904 and 1965. Traces of snow were logged in 2018, 2017, and 2008 with the city's last measurable St. Patrick's Day snows with 0.8 inches in 2004 and 0.6 inches in 2005.

Write to: ASK TOM
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Chicago, IL 60618
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Hear Demetrius
Ivory's weather updates weekdays 3 to 6 p.m. on WGN-AM 720 Chicago.

Spring's opening days are following past winter's mild trend

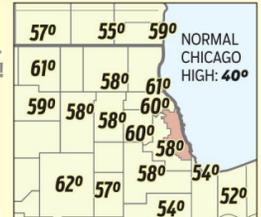
CLOSING THE BOOKS ON FEBRUARY AND METEOROLOGICAL WINTER

February 2020	TEMPERATURE AND DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL	PRECIPITATION AND DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL	SNOWFALL AND DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL	PERCENT OF POSSIBLE SUNSHINE
O'HARE	30.2° (+2.5°)	0.77" (-1.02")	8.8" (-0.3")	44%
MIDWAY	28.7° (+1.1°)	1.12" (-0.82")	11.8" (+2.7")	NORMAL 15.47%

Meteorological Winter 2019-20 (December-January-February)

OFFICIAL DATA (O'HARE)	TEMPERATURE AND DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL	PRECIPITATION AND DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL	SNOWFALL AND DEPARTURE FROM NORMAL
	31.4° (+5.0°)	5.12" (-0.65")	18.6" (-9.5")
	■ 14th warmest since 1871	■ 59th driest since 1871	■ 38th least snowy since 1884-85

FIRST DAY OF METEOROLOGICAL SPRING A WINNER!
Temps surge to highest levels of the year
City logs first 60° since 61° on Dec. 26



METEOROLOGICAL WINTER 2019-20 EXTREMES IN CHICAGO

WARMEST Dec. 26: 61°

COLDEST Feb. 14: -20°

■ 76% of the winter days were at or above normal

MILD PATTERN TO PREVAIL HERE THROUGH AT LEAST MID-MARCH

Upper air flow and temperature anomalies for March 8-14

80s: 7% of Marches since 1871 have produced days of 80°+

70s: 52% of Marches since 1871 have produced days of 70°+

60s: 82% of Marches since 1871 have produced days of 60°+

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CHICAGO DIGEST

SUNDAY TEMPERATURES

LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	58	29	Midway	58	30
Gary	54	29	O'Hare	60	30
Kankakee	54	28	Romeoville	58	29
Lakefront	57	31	Valparaiso	52	23
Lansing	51	27	Waukegan	58	29

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION

PERIOD	2020	NORMAL
Sun. (through 4 p.m.)	0.00"	0.08"
March to date	0.00"	0.08"
Year to date	3.57"	3.60"

CHICAGO SNOWFALL

PERIOD	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Sun. (through 4 p.m.)	0.0"	0.0"
Season to date	26.9"	26.6"
Normal to date	29.7"	30.9"

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS

MONDAY	TUESDAY
Wind NW/NE 10-15 kts.	SW 15-25 kts.
Waves 1-3 feet	2-4 feet
Sun. shore/crib water temps	37°/36°

U.S. SNOW COVER

FEB	2020	2019
Area covered by snow	27.6%	44.1%
Average snow depth	4.0"	7.6"

TRACKING THE COLD

SINCE OCT. 15	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Sub-32° highs	23 days	21 days
Subzero lows	1 days	1 days

CHICAGO AIR QUALITY

Sunday's reading: Good
Monday's forecast: Good
Critical pollutant: Particulates

MOON RISE/SET TIMES

Sun	6:23 a.m.	5:42 p.m.
Moon	--	12:36 a.m.

MONDAY PLANET WATCH

PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	5:43 a.m.	4:47 p.m.
Venus	8:01 a.m.	9:33 p.m.
Mars	3:21 a.m.	12:25 p.m.
Jupiter	3:55 a.m.	1:11 p.m.
Saturn	4:24 a.m.	1:53 p.m.

BEST VIEWING TIME DIRECTION

Mercury	Not visible
Venus	6:30 p.m.
Mars	5:30 a.m.
Jupiter	6:30 a.m.
Saturn	5:30 a.m.
	33° WSW
	17° SE
	13.5° SE
	10° SE

Source: Dan Joyce, Chicago Astronomical Society

MIDWEST CITIES	MON./TUES.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Illinois							
Carbondale	ts	57	42	pc	61	40	
Champaign	pc	49	30	su	54	34	
Amarillo	pc	48	32	su	55	36	
Decatur	pc	48	31	su	55	36	
Moline	pc	48	31	su	55	36	
Peoria	pc	48	31	su	55	36	
Quincy	pc	48	31	su	55	36	
Rockford	pc	48	31	su	55	36	
Springfield	pc	48	31	su	55	36	
Sterling	pc	46	29	pc	52	33	
Indiana							
Bloomington	sh	53	37	pc	56	37	
Evansville	ts	58	42	pc	59	39	
Fort Wayne	rn	49	30	pc	51	33	
Indianapolis	sh	51	36	pc	54	36	
Lafayette	sh	50	31	pc	54	34	
South Bend	pc	44	30	pc	52	33	
Wisconsin							
Green Bay	pc	39	23	pc	44	28	
Kenosha	pc	45	30	pc	52	34	
La Crosse	pc	42	28	pc	46	30	
Madison	pc	40	25	pc	46	29	
Milwaukee	pc	43	29	pc	49	31	
Wausau	pc	36	23	cl	40	25	
Michigan							
Detroit	rn	51	29	pc	48	32	
Grand Rapids	pc	45	30	pc	45	32	
Marquette	pc	36	25	sh	41	28	
St. Ste. Marie	sh	34	24	ss	38	29	
Traverse City	pc	40	26	sh	42	31	
Iowa							
Ames	pc	45	33	pc	54	36	
Cedar Rapids	pc	42	29	pc	51	32	
Des Moines	pc	47	34	pc	57	36	
Dubuque	pc	42	27	pc	47	32	

OTHER U.S. CITIES	MON./TUES.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Albany	sh	54	41	sh	56	39	
Albuquerque	pc	58	36	pc	61	36	
Amarillo	pc	57	35	pc	59	37	
Anchorage	sn	26	3	cl	14	-1	
Asheville	rn	50	44	sh	56	46	
Aspen	rn	37	14	su	43	18	
Atlanta	rn	56	53	rn	66	53	
Atlantic City	pc	52	45	sh	53	45	
Austin	sh	83	63	ts	70	58	
Baltimore	cl	64	46	sh	61	47	
Billings	pc	51	36	pc	56	37	
Birmingham	rn	64	60	rn	68	54	
Bismarck	cl	43	29	cl	42	27	
Boise	su	49	34	pc	56	36	
Brownsville	pc	84	70	cl	85	68	
Buffalo	rn	45	32	cl	47	34	
Burlington	rs	43	36	pc	46	34	
Charlottesville	pc	61	52	sh	69	53	
Charlton SC	cl	66	58	sh	67	58	
Charlton WV	rn	52	48	rn	60	39	
Chattanooga	rn	56	54	sh	68	51	
Cheyenne	pc	43	28	pc	50	28	
Cincinnati	rn	53	41	pc	57	36	
Cleveland	rn	48	36	pc	45	36	
Colo. Spgs	pc	50	35	su	53	29	
Columbia MO	pc	50	35	su	60	39	
Columbia SC	sh	64	55	sh	70	58	
Columbus	rn	49	38	sh	53	34	
Concord	pc	48	36	pc	58	36	
Corpus Christi	sh	78	66	ts	76	62	
Dallas	sh	72	54	sh	65	55	
Daytona Bch.	sh	77	59	pc	83	62	
Denver	pc	49	29	pc	58	31	
Duluth	pc	37	30	sh	38	25	
El Paso	cl	69	47	rn	53	43	

MON./TUES.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
Fairbanks	ss	0	-22	sh	-4	-28
Fargo	pc	34	27	pc	34	22
Flagstaff	rs	44	27	su	52	25
Fort Myers	pc	80	62	pc	84	67
Fort Smith	sh	67	46	sh	66	49
Fresno	su	67	42	su	74	45
Grand Junc.	pc	53	26	su	56	27
Great Falls	pc	50	36	pc	55	41
Harrisburg	cl	63	43	sh	59	42
Hartford	pc	53	42	cl	60	44
Helena	pc	47	37	pc	53	39
Honolulu	sh	78	69	pc	80	70
Houston	sh	79	67	ts	76	67
Int'l Falls	sh	35	26	ss	35	13
Jackson	sh	74	63	ts	73	58
Jacksonville	pc	78	63	pc	82	65
Janeau	rs	38	34	sn	36	28
Kansas City	pc	54	37	su	63	41
Las Vegas	pc	66	48	su	73	48
Lexington	rn	54	49	su	59	39
Lincoln	pc	52	33	su	63	36
Louisville	sh	70	54	sh	64	52
Los Angeles	su	73	53	su	78	53
Little Rock	sh	70	54	sh	65	52
Los Angeles	su	73	53	su	78	53
Louisville	rn	57	45	pc	61	39
Macon	rn	63	57	ts	70	58
Memphis	pc	68	57	sh	76	67
Miami	pc	76	70	pc	79	73
Minneapolis	pc	37	32	pc	42	28