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'Business as usual' in DC

Pritzker issues disaster proclamation as four new cases counted

BY DAN PETRELLA

Four more people have tested positive for the coronavirus in Illinois, bringing the total number of cases in the state to 11, officials said Monday.

Gov. J.B. Pritzker issued a statewide disaster proclamation, making Illinois the 14th state to declare an emergency in response to the outbreak of the respiratory virus, according to the governor's office. The proclamation will allow Illinois to tap additional state and federal resources to combat the spread of the new virus and better coordinate its response.

"I know that this is a difficult time for people as we try to understand and respond to something this new," Pritzker said at a news conference in downtown Chicago. "It's reasonable to feel apprehension. I want folks to understand: This is going to affect your daily life. But know that your city, your county and your state officials are working hard to stay ahead of this and to give you all the facts as soon as we know them."

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No new cases of virus at Vaughn High School

After the Chicago Department of Health tested students or other employees for the coronavirus at Vaughn Occupational High School, no positive results were found. Last week, a classroom assistant was discovered to be infected and 2 of her relatives are among 4 new cases in Chicago. **Chicagoland, Page 4**

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Trump fights virus; 5 congressional backers opt for self-quarantine

BY ZEKE MILLER

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A public health and economic maelstrom brought on by the coronavirus swirled around President Donald Trump and drew closer to him personally Monday as several of his congressional confidants placed themselves in quarantine, including one who traveled with him on Air Force One.

While intent on projecting calm, Trump lashed out about the plunging stock market and convened a meeting of his top economic advisers to address what to do about it.

During an evening news briefing at the White House, Trump said Monday his administration will ask Congress to pass payroll tax relief and other quick measures in an effort to calm the fears of financial markets over the effect of the epidemic.

Trump told reporters that he is seeking "very substantial relief" to the payroll tax. Trump also said he was seeking help for hourly-wage workers to

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ASTRID RIECKEN/THE WASHINGTON POST

William Conway Jr., one of the founders of the Carlyle Group, is shown in 2011. He's the father of Bill Conway.

Billionaire dad bankrolls Cook state's attorney bid

Conway's fortune built from a firm that invested in weapons manufacturers

BY DAVID HEINZMANN AND DAN HINKEL

Democrat Bill Conway's biggest advantage in the Cook County state's attorney race is also proving to be his largest political liability.

The 41-year-old Chicago lawyer has been able to raise his profile and attack incumbent Kim Foxx on the strength of \$10.5 million in campaign cash supplied by his billionaire father, who amassed one of the biggest fortunes ever made in private equity.

But Conway's opponents have seized on the source of that money, attempting to portray him as a fake progressive whose father is trying to buy him a powerful office. They note that the Carlyle Group, co-founded by Bill Conway Jr., has stakes in the military-industrial complex.

While the defense contracts have gotten attention in the race, another investment with broad implications has gone unnoticed. For a decade, Carlyle owned the for-profit nursing home chain HCR ManorCare as it racked up allegations that it neglected elderly patients, committed Medicare fraud and ultimately drove the company into bankruptcy.

Asked about Carlyle's control of ManorCare, the candidate said, "this isn't something that I'm particularly familiar with."

"We all have relatives that we don't agree with, but I'm certainly not going to sit here and disown my own father," he added.

Conway, who said he has never

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ELECTION 2020

IN 2016, BERNIE SANDERS WON BIG IN MICHIGAN



The crowd applauds as presidential candidate Sen. Bernie Sanders speaks during a rally at the University of Michigan on Sunday.

On Tuesday, he'll need another to chase down Joe Biden

BY BILL RUTHART

ANN ARBOR, Mich. — Throughout his 2020 presidential campaign, Bernie Sanders has been careful not to overemphasize the significance of any one state in his second quest for a political revolution, often saying winning each one is as important as the next.

But as the Vermont senator recently concluded a campaign blitz through Michigan, he cast that talk aside.

"Tuesday is a very, very important day, and Michigan is the most important state coming up on Tuesday. We need you to come out to vote or to vote early. We need you to bring out your friends and family, co-workers," Sanders pleaded to a crowd of more than 10,000 people gathered outside in the heart of the University of Michigan campus. "Tell them to stop complaining, to stand up and fight back."

Four years ago, Michigan delivered Sanders a shocking win and helped him sustain his campaign run all the way to the Democratic National Convention, where Hillary Clinton eventually claimed the nomination.

This time, Michigan primary comes at an even more critical crossroads for Sanders, as former Vice President Joe Biden holds a solid delegate lead, has assembled the backing of virtually all of his former presidential opponents and has the momentum of a series of strong wins from Super Tuesday at his back.



Presidential candidate Joe Biden hugs Sen. Kamala Harris on Monday in Detroit.

A loss could mark the beginning of the end for Sanders, but a win in what will be a key November swing state would push back against Biden's argument that he's the best candidate to win Rust Belt states critical to defeating Republican President Donald Trump.

There's a reason the cable television pundits repeatedly have referred to it as a "make or break" state this week — even though Sanders is likely to march on regardless of the results. The other five

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Tom Skilling's forecast



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President Donald Trump talks to reporters at the headquarters of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention last week.

As markets plummet, Trump will find lies can't stop virus



REX W. HUPPKE

President Donald Trump will soon find lies don't kill a virus.

He can deflect and reassure Americans the novel coronavirus outbreak is "totally under control" until his tweeting fingers are raw, but the virus won't care. It will spread. Viruses are stubborn like that, best contained by honesty and competence, not blather.

There are now more than 500 confirmed cases in the United States, 11 of them in Illinois. We learned about four new cases Monday. The state's seventh case was revealed Sunday when Chicago health officials announced that a man in his 60s is hospitalized with COVID-19, the disease caused by the coronavirus.

That case, according to Chicago Department of Public Health Commissioner Dr. Allison Arwady, may be the first case of community spread, an infection unrelated to travel or contact with other confirmed cases. That would mean the virus is spreading in the community, and the problem here and across the country is we lack a sense of how many Americans might already be infected.

Widespread testing has been impossible because the federal government was slow to develop test kits. The World Health Organization had a kit available, but for reasons that remain unexplained, U.S. health officials didn't use it, instead waiting to produce their own.

So we've spent several weeks largely in the dark, and now that test kits are moving out in larger numbers, Americans and our negative-news-averse president should brace for a shock. The number of coronavirus cases will undoubtedly shoot up, showing the situation here is not near as rosy as Trump would like us to believe.

Before that happens, it's worth examining the preceding trail of Trumpian blather.

President Trump, Jan. 22: "We have it totally under control. It's one person coming in from China. It's going to be just fine."

President Trump, Feb. 24: "The coronavirus is very much under control in the USA."

President Trump, Feb. 25: "I think that's a problem that's going to go away."

President Trump, Feb. 26: "The 15 (cases in the United States) within a couple of days is going to be down to close to zero."

President Trump, March 5: "The United States, because of quick action on closing our borders, has, as of now, only 129 cases (40 Americans brought in) and 11 deaths."

Just days later, there were more than 500 cases and 21 deaths.

There's a sizable difference between calming a nervous nation and peddling nonsense. Trump has done the latter, and his narcissistic fear that the coronavirus outbreak might hurt him in the polls and in the coming election has taken precedent over public health.

While touring the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta on Friday, Trump was asked about a cruise ship being held off the coast of California because some of the American passengers had tested positive for the virus.

The president said — shockingly, even for him — that he opposed bringing the ship to shore because it would increase the number of U.S. coronavirus cases.

"I like the numbers being where they are," he said. "I don't need to have the numbers double because of one ship that wasn't our fault. And it wasn't the fault of the people on the ship either, OK? It wasn't their fault either and they're mostly Americans. So I can live either way with it. I'd rather have them stay on, personally."

The brains of most Trump supporters have been rewired to reject criticism of their hero, but that's a pretty staggering statement for anyone to ignore. His concern is with the numbers, not with the Americans on board a floating petri dish.

On Sunday, Surgeon General Jerome Adams was repeatedly asked on CNN how many Americans have been tested for the virus. He wouldn't provide an answer. The CDC has stopped listing the number of people who have been tested on its website.

There's a reason our government wants that number hidden, and there's no way that reason is good.

CDC officials and the coronavirus task force chaired by Vice President Mike Pence have yet to explain why the WHO test wasn't used initially to start identifying people infected with the virus.

Over the weekend, The Associated Press reported that officials from the CDC had submitted a plan to the White House recommending that "elderly and physically fragile Americans be advised not to fly on commercial airlines because of the new coronavirus." The White House "ordered the air travel recommendation be removed."

Understand this as we move forward: President Donald Trump cares only about himself. He is not mentally capable of acknowledging a mistake, much less widespread incompetence. And his one skill — lying — is no match for a serious crisis.

We are blessed in this country to have outstanding medical professionals and officials in government health agencies who care deeply about protecting people. We'll navigate this outbreak, surely, but it would help to be led by someone we can trust, someone who doesn't unfailingly put his self-interest above all else.

Instead, we're led by a liar who considers himself infallible.

In the days to come, as the number of cases rise, think hard about who you're going to trust.

And remember: Trump looks at those Americans who were on the cruise ship off the California coast and sees numbers, nothing more. Why would he view you any different?

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HEIDI STEVENS
Balancing Act

If last week could be summed up in one image, it would be the photo of Jill Biden shoving a vegan protester off her husband's stage.

The photo, shot on Super Tuesday, was celebrated as #Fierce and #JillBidenMVP and #FightLikeAGirl. But all I see is a metaphor for the full-scale, tireless, sometimes ugly struggle that women undertake over and over and over, only to watch all the biggest platforms remain occupied by men.

The end of Elizabeth Warren's candidacy, fewer than 48 hours after that moment was captured, felt like a personal loss. To me, and to a lot of women.

"If you say, 'Yeah, there was sexism in this race,' everyone says, 'Whiner!'" Warren told the media gathered outside her Massachusetts home last week. "If you say, 'No, there was no sexism,' about a bazillion women think, 'What planet do you live on?'"

Those of us who are mourning Warren's exit aren't doing so because we pine desperately for a female president. We're mourning her exit because we pine for a country that looks at a diverse field of candidates and chooses the most qualified ... even though she's female.

Warren possesses the intellectual grasp of a policy wonk, combined with the strategic touch of a two-term U.S. senator who's served on banking, housing, health, education, labor and pensions committees, combined with a rare appetite for out-of-the-box thinking, combined with the gentle, no-nonsense grace of a longtime schoolteacher, combined with energy and humor and heart.

Watch her explain to Rachel Maddow on last week night how a combination of loan defaults and manufacturing declines alongside ballooning debt from enormous tax breaks alongside rate cuts intended to juice the economy alongside a supply-



SCOTT OLSON/GETTY

Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Elizabeth Warren dropped out of the race last week.

chain problem and a risky banking climate all put the United States in a perilous position to deal with coronavirus.

"It would be amazing if we had a president who understood all of those things all at once and could spout off on them off the top of her head without notes and no warning that I was going to ask you that," Maddow said at the end of Warren's spiel.

But none of it was enough.

And whatever unknowable combination of not-enough doomed her campaign also happened to doom the campaigns of Kamala Harris and Kirsten Gillibrand and Amy Klobuchar. And whatever unknowable combination of enough that each of them needed to become the Demo-

catic nominee? Apparently Joe Biden and Bernie Sanders have it.

"I thought Tulsi Gabbard was still in it," a reader posted to my Facebook page last week. "If being female is your major condition for backing, why not her?"

Being female is not my major condition for backing. Not even close. I'd much rather have a man push the country in a direction I believe in than a woman push the country in a direction I don't believe in.

I was backing Warren because I believe in the wisdom of her ideas and her ability to enact them. And I feel — and I'm far from alone in this — as if we're watching, time and again, female candidates who have better ideas and a better track record on get-

ting those good ideas enacted passed over for male candidates who are running inferior campaigns based on ideas that are less inspired, less inclusive and less likely to ever see the light of day.

Mikki Brock, an assistant professor of history at Washington and Lee University, tweeted before the South Carolina primary: "That Warren isn't doing better in the Democratic primary feels personal, to me & to so many women in my life."

"We know what it is to be hyper prepared, to have the plans, to do the necessary work & then some, to smile & try to be likable, to bring the energy & enthusiasm," Brock wrote. "To skate that absurdly thin line between passionate & not too emotional,

angry & acceptable, relatable & professional. To do things as right as can be done, and yet still be passed over (& over looked) in favor of men. And this bar is even higher for women of color."

My friend Dennis, with whom I occasionally disagree but always like to engage, doesn't see it. "I don't see how this is sexism in any way," he told me last week.

"Running for president is not unlike winning the Super Bowl," he explained. "Eventually everybody loses but one. Agreed, it's harder for women. But many qualified men lose for bewildering reasons. More men have run than women. You needn't look any further than the women in Congress to see the change in the wind."

I do see change. A record number of women were elected to Congress in November.

Of the U.S. cities with populations over 30,000 people, 300 of the mayors are women. The number of women running Fortune 500 companies — 33 — is at a record high.

But it's hard for a lot of us to look at what Warren brought to the table and stack it next to what Biden, the current holder of the most delegates, brings to the table and not feel discouraged about the pace of that change.

For a lot of us, it feels as if her campaign, her qualifications, her record, her ideas and her ability to articulate them, her fearlessness in taking on her rivals, would have been enough to sail to the front of a crowded field had they arrived in a package we're more familiar with electing: a male.

And we're happy to be proved wrong, when the next eminently qualified female candidate inevitably comes along in a few years. Maybe she's Stacey Abrams. Maybe she's one of the candidates who ran this year. Maybe most of us haven't heard of her yet.

But we'll be ready for her. And we'll keep hoping the country is too.

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CHICAGOLAND

Coronavirus' local impact



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Chicago Department of Health workers are outside Vaughn Occupational High School.

No new cases linked to school after positive test

BY HANNAH LEONE AND JAVONTE ANDERSON

No students or other employees have tested positive so far for the new coronavirus at Chicago's Vaughn Occupational High School, where a classroom assistant is hospitalized with the illness.

However, two of the four new cases reported in Chicago on Monday are relatives of the Vaughn classroom assistant, state officials announced. Those two people — a woman in her 50s and a woman in her 70s — are not employees of Chicago Public Schools.

Outside Vaughn High School, which is closed because of the diagnosis of the female staffer, masked health care workers in a white tent tested people Monday for the coronavirus. Laboratory test results were pending.

The Vaughn staff member who was reported Friday to have the virus was in good condition as of Monday, officials said. She has been hospitalized since Thursday, just one day after she was last present at the Portage Park school and "worked while symptomatic," according to the Chicago Department of Public Health, which has said it is contacting all students and employees to screen, monitor and provide guidance for them.

Officials announced late Friday that the staff member was infected and that school would be closed this week. On Monday, a Chicago Public Schools spokesperson said classes would be canceled until March 18, the day a period of self-quarantine is expected to end for Vaughn staff members and students. The school serves many students with disabilities, and some have weakened immune systems.

A third new case of the four reported Monday was a woman from California who traveled to Illinois, and the other is a woman in her 70s who recently got back from an Egyptian cruise, according to a news conference where Gov. J.B. Pritzker and other state, city and county officials appeared. All four are in good condition in isolation, according to health officials.

The Chicago Department of Public Health and Chicago Public Schools are

investigating the case at Vaughn and "monitoring the health of everyone who might have been exposed," along with cleaning the school and removing buses used to transport Vaughn students from service for CDC-level cleaning.

Highly trafficked areas in all CPS schools will be cleaned, and more cleaning supplies and hand sanitizers are going to schools, according to CPS. However, the district's Twitter account noted that due to its size, delivery "may be delayed."

Officials are asking anyone who has been to Vaughn since Feb. 25 to self-quarantine, though restrictions have not been placed on family members of visitors or others who have been in contact with Vaughn students and employees.

Asked about schoolwork assigned to students while they are quarantined at home, a district spokeswoman noted that with Vaughn being an occupational school, "most students are learning skills that help them gain their independence and employment."

Rose McDonough said she's glad her son spends more time in an off-site work program than on Vaughn's campus, so he had less time at the school to be exposed. She's on medical leave from her job as a recess coach at another CPS school, so she doesn't have to take extra time off work but has her own health concerns.

"I am recovering from open heart surgery, so my immune system is low. Both of us, my son and I, have to be careful, but I am at a higher risk," McDonough said.

McDonough said she appreciated a call from her son's teacher Monday, asking if they needed anything.

She's also been getting emails and robocalls from the school, though she said she wished the initial calls could have been made by real people. "We had no way of asking anybody any questions."

When someone from the health department called her over the weekend, she asked if she could take her son to be tested. The health worker said to bring him for testing if he showed signs of the virus, but in the meantime asked her — as

officials are asking all Vaughn parents — to check and record her child's temperature twice a day. She's also been making sure he takes his vitamins and drinks juice rich in vitamin C, and washing his clothes in extra hot water.

A letter to families Monday states the Chicago Department of Public Health has been getting questions about whether all Vaughn students and staff should be tested.

"It is important to understand that testing is only a useful option if someone presents with symptoms of the virus (e.g., fever, cough and shortness of breath)," states the letter from CPS CEO Janice Jackson. "Testing those who are not symptomatic would not provide us with reliable results."

But Howard Ehrman, a former assistant commissioner at the city's health department and an assistant professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago's School of Public Health, said asymptomatic people could still be carrying the virus and should be tested if they had contact with people who have tested positive.

"The reason it is so crucial to do now is that contact tracing and testing of asymptomatic patients slows down community spread," Ehrman said.

But he said even if there were enough tests to go around, a shortage of public health workers in laboratories may affect the time it takes to get results. Ideally, specialists would go door-to-door to test people, he said.

He said while temporary tents are better than having people go into the school building, those with symptoms should be given masks as soon as they get to a testing site, and there should be separate tents far apart from one another for symptomatic and asymptomatic people seeking tests, he said.

Despite criticizing the district for not having all contacts tested, Ehrman said he agreed with the move to hold off on notifying families about the potential case until the employee tested positive.

"With these cases, I wouldn't tell people or do anything until I got the test back," he said.

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St. Louis-area woman tests positive for virus after flying into O'Hare and taking Amtrak train home

BY KATHERINE ROSENBERG-DOUGLAS AND KATE THAYER

Health officials in Illinois and Missouri are trying to track down people who came in close contact with a St. Louis-area woman who tested positive for the coronavirus after flying into O'Hare International Airport, staying with a friend here, then taking an Amtrak train to her home last week.

The woman, in her 20s, flew into O'Hare on Monday and took an Amtrak train to St. Louis on Wednesday, according to Missouri and St. Louis County officials. Officials did not say where she stayed in the Chicago area, or how she got to Union Station to board the Amtrak 303 train.

The woman is an Indiana University student who had been studying abroad in Italy, which has been the epicenter of Europe's outbreak of the virus with more than 7,300 people infected.

The country is attempting to lock down 16 million people — more than a quarter of its population — for nearly a month to halt the spread.

Once home, the woman began to feel ill and Thursday contacted the St. Louis County Department of Public Health. She apparently stayed home and did not have contact with anyone until she was instructed Friday to go for testing to Mercy Hospital in the St. Louis suburb of Creve Coeur.

Hospital staff were notified before the woman arrived, so they were able to protect themselves and isolate her. Officials had said the woman was quarantining herself, along with her parents, who were not showing symptoms.

But on Sunday, reports surfaced that her father had attended a school dance with the woman's younger sister over the weekend. Students at the dance were from two schools that were closed Monday as a precaution.

Amtrak spokesman Marc Magliari said the 303 line was taken out of service as soon as officials were notified Saturday night.

The cars were then given a "deep cleaning" before the train was back in service Monday morning, he said. The Chicago and St. Louis stations were also being disinfected.

Amtrak is notifying all passengers and employees who were on the 303 with the woman, Magliari said.

The Amtrak 303 makes stops in Summit, Joliet, Dwight, Pontiac, Bloomington-Normal, Lincoln, Springfield and Alton on its trip between Chicago and St. Louis.

Chicago and Illinois state health officials did not immediately respond to a request for comment about the woman's timeline. During a Monday afternoon news conference, Illinois Department of Public Health Director Dr. Ngozi Ezike said Missouri officials were reaching out to those who came in contact with the woman.

Indiana University spokesman Chuck Carney confirmed Monday that a student from the St. Louis area who was studying in Italy had tested positive for the coronavirus. He said the university is in communication with all of its study abroad students, and advises them to immediately contact a health care provider if they feel ill. If asymptomatic, university officials are asking students from countries, such as Italy, deemed the greatest risk by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, to self-quarantine for 14 days before returning to the United States.

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Deceased doctor's vaccinations probed

Cook sheriff: Some Evergreen Park patients lack immunity to diseases for which they'd sought immunization

By ZAK KOESKE

The Cook County sheriff's office is strongly encouraging former patients of a deceased Evergreen Park pediatrician whose vaccination practices have come under scrutiny to check their immunization status after some former patients learned they lacked immunity to some or all of the diseases for which they believed they had been vaccinated.

The agency, which last month announced it was investigating whether Dr. Van Koinis may have been falsifying documents for parents who did not want to vaccinate their children, said Monday that two of Koinis' former patients who are now adults and seven parents whose children were patients recently learned the doctor may not have provided them the vaccinations they sought.

The individuals, who

sought to confirm their immunization statuses in response to last month's public alert about Koinis, contacted the sheriff's office after testing determined they lacked immunity to some or all of the diseases for which they'd sought vaccinations, the agency said.

In some cases, parents reported that results varied between their own children, indicating that one may have been vaccinated while another was undervaccinated or showed no evidence of vaccination, the sheriff's office said.

In total, 32 former patients or their parents have contacted the sheriff's office with questions or concerns about Koinis in the past month, spokeswoman Sophia Ansari said.

Seven of those callers, representing 12 children and two adults, shared the results of their blood tests with the agency and five

others are still awaiting results, she said.

Of the 14 former patients who have shared results to date — all of whom had sought vaccinations and witnessed Koinis administer them — only one had full immunity to the diseases for which they believed they'd been vaccinated, Ansari said.

Ansari said it was unclear why so many of the patients had not acquired immunity despite receiving vaccinations, but that due to the discrepancies and the concern that Koinis may not have been vaccinating patients who sought immunizations, the sheriff's office is urging any former patients to contact their health care providers to get their vaccinations checked.

A blood test can reveal if someone has received a vaccine, but it's not useful for all vaccines. For many of the typical vaccines, however, blood tests will determine if a child has received the immunization, said Dr. Tina Tan, professor of pediatrics at Northwestern University Feinberg School of

Medicine and pediatrician at Lurie Children's Hospital.

Questions about Koinis' vaccination practices came to light following his death by suicide last year.

In a note that was found in his car, Koinis "seemingly confessed to maintaining improper patient charts and falsifying patient immunization records," Sheriff Tom Dart wrote in a Jan. 31 letter to the director of the Illinois Department of Public Health.

He called Koinis' disclosure "troubling" and said it suggested that children may have been exposed to vaccine-preventable diseases and that schools may have been provided inaccurate student vaccination records.

All students in Illinois must be vaccinated for preventable communicable diseases and provide local school officials proof of vaccination to enroll, although exemptions to the law exist both for medical conditions and religious objections.

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"We recognize that this may raise concern among the high school community, but to date, there is (no) sign of transmission at the school," Arwady said.

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Officials at Monday's news conference sought to provide assurances about the government's response to the virus while at the same time asking people to take extra steps to help prevent its spread, including staying home if they are sick and cooperating with requests to self-isolate if they've been in close contact with someone who has tested positive.

The 11 cases confirmed so far have been identified from among more than 200 people tested, said Dr. Ngozi Ezike, director of the Illinois Department of Public Health.

That includes 80 samples taken through surveillance testing of people with respiratory symptoms who

haven't been in contact with COVID-19 patients or traveled to high-risk areas, she said. Such testing is ramping up at hospitals across the state, she said.

Ezike said the state has enough test kits to meet the current need at its laboratories in Chicago, Springfield and Carbondale but has requested more from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "There are some commercial labs that have come online with this that will assist in this important effort as well," she said.

Ezike encouraged people to begin thinking through how they might respond to situations such as changes in their daily commutes or to child care needs in the event of a school closure. That's in addition to heeding warnings from the federal government, such as the CDC's recommendation to avoid traveling on cruise ships.

The fifth case was a Cook County resident in his 20s who flew into O'Hare International Airport earlier this month after traveling from Italy, where he caught the illness, health officials said.

He no longer requires hospitalization, according to medical providers.

Across the world, the coronavirus has been reported in more than 100 countries, with more than 110,000 people infected and more than 3,800 deaths recorded. Italy has become the epicenter of the outbreak in Europe with more than 7,000 people infected. The Italian prime minister on Monday put the entire country on lockdown.

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states that vote Tuesday — Mississippi, Missouri, North Dakota, Idaho and Washington state — don't offer any sure wins.

So for three days, Sanders has pushed most of his political chips into Michigan, airing a flurry of ads and campaigning in Grand Rapids, Flint, Detroit, Dearborn and Ann Arbor before Biden even stepped foot in the state.

In his push for a Michigan win, Sanders has leaned on a familiar playbook aimed at riling up his base — and hopefully juicing his turnout — by pitching the Midwest contest as the underestimated grassroots campaign of working people against the American political elite who long have ignored their needs.

"We are taking on in this campaign not just Joe Biden, we're taking on the 60 billionaires who are funding his campaign, we're taking on the Wall Street executives who are helping fund his campaign, we're taking on the corporate establishment, we're taking on the political establishment," Sanders said as the throng in Ann Arbor booted in approval. "We're gonna win this election."

The polls in Michigan suggest it will be an uphill battle.

Five surveys released in the last week have Sanders down by an average of more than 20 points to Biden. This is not unfamiliar territory for the Vermont senator, who was expected to get blown out in the state before he scored the surprise win of the 2016 campaign.

"The polling four years ago had me down, what, 20 points on Election Day?" Sanders told reporters in Detroit. "And it turned out not to be the case. Polls are polls. I think we have the message that the people of Michigan understand."

There is, however, that Biden momentum problem.

The former vice president rolled to victory a week ago after receiving endorsements from former opponents Pete Buttigieg, Amy Klobuchar and Beto O'Rourke on the eve of Super Tuesday. In the run-up to Michigan, he's added Mike Bloomberg, Deval Patrick, Tim Ryan, Cory Booker and Kamala Harris.

In Michigan alone, Biden has the endorsement of more than 100 elected officials, including Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, numerous state lawmakers and the mayors of Detroit, Grand Rapids, Lansing, Kalamazoo and Flint among others.

"To unify this nation, we have to first unify this party. Over the last week, we've gone a long way toward doing that," Biden said before repeating all of his new supporters' names. "They've all come out and endorsed at one time the candidate that they think can win."

The unity tour de force was on full display Monday night. Biden was joined on stage in Detroit, a Democratic stronghold that is 80% black, by two of the nation's most prominent Af-



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The crowd applauds Sen. Sanders during a rally Sunday at the University of Michigan.

ican American leaders — Booker and Harris.

Booker declared Biden the "one man who is ready to go to the center of the arena who is our best shot to beat Donald Trump." Harris proclaimed, "I believe in Joe. When he says there is room for everyone, that's really who he is."

When Biden took the stage, he raised joined hands with Booker, Harris and Whitmer as the crowd cheered. The political kumbaya was interrupted by dozens of demonstrators who interrupted Biden several times, protesting for the Green New Deal and holding a banner that read, "NAFTA killed our jobs."

"That's OK. Let them go. This isn't a Trump rally. It's OK, the Bernie bros are here," Biden said, as police officers escorted the protesters anyway. "This isn't who we are as a party. This isn't who we are as a country."

On Monday, Biden noted his large lead in the Michigan polls but said he was "superstitious" and "not taking anything for granted." Just a little more than a week ago, Biden's footing in the state looked far shakier — until his dominant win in South Carolina thanks to strong backing from black voters.

During a canvassing event in Warren over the weekend, former Michigan Gov. Steve Blanchard noted how only a few days earlier, Biden had just one staffer in the state who had asked him to call state lawmakers to help rustle up some endorsements.

"I called about 20 legislators, and almost all of them said they were horrified that Bernie might lead the ticket. They were absolutely depressed and scared and worried, and they told me they were for Joe, but he was going to have to win something, otherwise what mileage would they have in endorsing him and looking like they didn't know what they were doing?" Blanchard told about two dozen campaign volunteers at a union bricklayers hall. "And then South Carolina happened and — boom — here came this explosion of everyone endorsing Joe."

"Not only is all of the momentum peaking for Biden at the right time, but his supporters see a strong appeal to working-class white and suburban voters than Clinton had four years ago to go along with un-

questioned backing from the state's black voters.

"I don't like them all lining up behind Biden. I don't like it at all," said Sanders supporter Doug Dowell, 42, an autoworker who lives in Huron Township. "Michigan is really huge for Bernie, and I'm very, very nervous because I just don't know how it's going to go here this time. There are a lot of people who are going to vote for Biden, because they think he's a safe pick."

Sanders has tried to blunt the momentum with numerous attacks against Biden, including one he wielded with success against Clinton — his vote in favor of the North American Free Trade Agreement and support for permanent normal trade relations with China. Both trade deals remain deeply unpopular among union workers for the subsequent job losses and shifting of the country that followed.

"Joe Biden and I have a very different record on an issue of great importance to the people of Michigan, the Midwest and the whole country. I saw trade agreements, like NAFTA and PNTR with China, as a tax on the working class of this country," Sanders said to the crowd.

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hand for the incredible division that still exists in this country based on ZIP code. Government owes the American people honesty, transparency, straightforward answers and most importantly, results," Biden said. "We're not looking for a revolution. What we ought to be able to do is trust the water that is coming out of the pipes."

Cutting through Biden's overwhelming black support remains a tall task for Sanders. On Saturday, he held an event in Flint with demand so high it had to be moved to a larger venue, but the crowd that turned out was overwhelmingly white.

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On Sunday, the CDC's numbers stood at 164 cases in 19 states with 11 dead.

No deaths have been reported in Illinois.

Previously, seven cases of COVID-19 had been reported in Illinois.

The seventh case, a Chicago resident in his 60s, appears to be unrelated to earlier cases in the state. Health official believe his is the first case in the state of coronavirus spreading in the community, and he remains hospitalized in serious condition, officials said.

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Court makes ruling in McHenry Co.

Despite officials' objections, nuns and priests can build a school, brewery and winery on grounds

BY ROBERT MCCOPPIN

Over the objections of some McHenry County officials and residents, a judge has ruled that an order of nuns and priests may build a boarding school, gift shop, brewery and winery on its grounds, writing that opposition to the proposal revealed "the good, the bad and the ugly" of the community.

The consent decree is based on an agreement between Fraternite Notre Dame and the McHenry County state's attorney, and brings a resolution to years of acrimony and legal battles.

In 2015, the County Board voted 20-3 to reject the proposed development after hearing neighboring residents' concerns that the development would increase traffic and might jeopardize water quality. After the Fraternite filed a federal lawsuit, State's Attorney Patrick Kenneally negotiated an agreement with the group and referred it to the board. But the board never voted on the new proposed agreement, leaving it to Kenneally to decide on the deal.

The Fraternite, which began with claims of a religious vision in France in 1977, has its Mother House and runs a soup kitchen in Chicago's Austin neighborhood. It is also known for running the St. Roger Abbey French Organic Patisserie in Wilmette. It already operates a seminary for friars and priests and a convent for nuns on its rural site near Marengo, but members, most of whom are nuns, want to expand there substantially.

In his opinion issued Monday, U.S. Magistrate Judge Iain Johnston criticized the board for "shirking a fundamental duty" to hold a hearing and vote on the new agreement.

McHenry County Board Chairman Jack Franks said the board rejected the proposed development before he took office on the advice of the prior state's attorney, Lou Bianchi, who argued that the rejection was legally defensible.

Franks said he didn't think the opposition was based on religious bigotry, but that the commercial development was not appropriate for land zoned for agriculture, and should have been fought in court.

But after a public hearing at which the nuns' expert witnesses testified that the development would not impair traffic or water quality, and the county did not offer expert testimony, Kenneally advised that the county would likely lose the case if it went to trial.

"The state's attorney (office) made the mess," Franks said. "Let them clean up the mess."

Franks also questioned whether the order has the financial resources to build and operate such an extensive development. The Fraternite members deferred comment to their attorney, who could not immediately be reached. Kenneally stood by the agreement and deferred comment to the judge's order.

In the ruling, the judge found that the county had violated the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act. The federal law prevents the government from imposing a substantial land use burden that obstructs the free exercise of religion without a compelling government interest and without trying less restrictive measures.

The court held its own public hearing on the matter, in October 2019, at which more than two dozen people spoke, and many others wrote letters objecting that the commercial development was inappropri-



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A judge ruled in favor of nuns and priests adding to the Fraternite Notre Dame monastery.

"Generally, they're happy with the results. They're looking forward to moving past the lawsuit and going back to their core religious mission."

— Fraternite attorney Joan Ahn

priate for a rural area next to a residential subdivision.

The judge wrote that "religious bigotry" years ago, in the form of vandalism of vehicle brake lines and lug nuts, and desecration of religious buildings and statues on the site formed a "painful backdrop" to the case.

While some neighbors objected to alcohol being served on the site, the judge noted that a golf course down the road serves alcohol and offers video gambling.

Some speakers also objected that the Catholic religious order was not Catholic enough, because it is not affiliated with the Roman Catholic Church,

while others suggested that Catholic corruption tainted the order, the judge wrote.

The judge criticized board member Mary McCann for accusing Kenneally of placing his own Catholic religious convictions as the "basis" for the agreement, though the judge saw "no evidence" of that.

Under the agreement, Fraternite attorney Joan Ahn said, the order agreed not to seek permission for a proposed nursing home for three years, at which point the members may re-apply for approval.

"Generally, they're happy with the results," Ahn said of the nuns. "They're looking forward to moving past

the lawsuit and going back to their core religious mission."

The religious order will limit the amount of outbound delivery traffic, and will keep 60% of the 125-acre site undeveloped open space. The gift shop could sell beer, wine and pastries, with a tasting room if it receives a required license to serve liquor.

A key concession the order made was to waive attorney fees of more than \$250,000. Had it gone to trial and won, the judge wrote, the group probably could have gotten more than \$1 million in lawyer fees from the county.

The agreement also provides that the Fraternite will seek not any services or money from the local school districts.

McCann said she only objected to Kenneally's legal opinion, not his religious beliefs, saying that an outside expert on the Religious Land Use and Institutionalized Persons Act advised

that the county could win parts of the case.

She objected that the order's original proposal has grown substantially to include a three-story, 84,000-square-foot school and dormitory for 80 K-12 students, and a 15,000-square-foot barn to include the brewery, winery and canning — three times the size of the original proposal.

The agreement does not require the Fraternite to start construction within any time limit, and allows construction to cover a period of five years, far longer than the usual two years, McCann said.

McCann would have liked the board to reject the agreement and hold a new public hearing. Any development would still have to go through normal design, code and permit requirements.

"Religious belief has nothing to do with this," McCann said. "This is a land issue."

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Conway

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worked for the Carlyle Group, said he manages some of his father's fortune, but he declined to say how much. Conway spent a few years working in investment banking at J.P. Morgan, according to his resume.

The candidate, whose full name is William E. Conway III, has deep Chicago roots. A graduate of the tony Latin School of Chicago in the Gold Coast, he went on to serve as an assistant state's attorney.

Conway was raised in the city by his mother, Joanne. Meanwhile, his father climbed to the top of the finance industry. The elder Conway rose through the ranks at First National Bank in Chicago, then became chief financial officer at Washington-based telecommunications giant MCI. In 1987, Conway's father left to form the Carlyle Group.

The Carlyle investors sought to differentiate themselves from the rest of the so-called leveraged-buyout industry by basing the firm in Washington rather than New York, according to a Washington Post story on the company's founding.

Carlyle hired former government officials to leverage their ties, especially in the defense industry, published reports show.

Frank Carlucci, who was defense secretary in the Reagan administration, became Carlyle's chairman. Under his leadership, Carlyle bought large stakes in military contractors such as United Defense.

The company's multi-billion-dollar Crusader artillery system symbolized both the scale of Carlyle's defense contracting business and the firm's political clout.

Criticized by military planners and analysts as slow, heavy and outdated, the Crusader cannon was billed as a field weapon that could shoot "farther, faster and more accurately" than



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Cook County state's attorney candidate Bill Conway in his campaign office Friday.



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A ManorCare Health Services facility in Pottsville, Pennsylvania, is shown in 2018.

other artillery. While lobbying Congress for the system, United Defense took in about \$2 billion from the government to develop the weapon, according to The Washington Post. But it never saw battle, as the Department of Defense killed the project in 2002.

Carlyle also ran into trouble in the nursing home business. In 2007, the firm bought HCR ManorCare, a national nursing home chain that currently has about 15 facilities in the Chicago area.

Carlyle followed the typi-

cal private-equity playbook in its ManorCare dealings. The firm sold the chain's real estate to a new landlord in 2011 for \$6.1 billion — the same price it had paid for the whole company four years before, according to published reports. The chain then struggled to pay rent, which amounted to about \$472 million a year, The Washington Post reported.

The debt-laden business

became unprofitable even as Carlyle extracted more than \$80 million in fees from the nursing home

chain, according to the Post. With \$7.1 billion in debt, ManorCare declared bankruptcy in 2018. Carlyle walked away from the chain's hundreds of facilities in the bankruptcy settlement.

Along with the financial wreckage, Carlyle's ownership of the nursing homes had substantial consequences for residents, the Post reported. Carlyle imposed cost-cutting measures including layoffs, and health code violations rose 26% from 2013 to 2017.

Alleged neglect led to bedsores, medication mishaps and falls in some of the homes, the Post wrote.

It is difficult to assess whether ManorCare's Illinois homes mirrored that trend, but numerous lawsuits here have made similar allegations and sometimes resulted in six-figure payouts.

For example, the chain

agreed to pay \$400,000 to settle a lawsuit over allegations that staff at its home in South Holland failed to prevent a woman from getting bedsores and an infection that resulted in her death in 2010, records show. Anoth-

er suit contended that staff at the Arlington Heights location allowed a woman to fall and suffer a brain hemorrhage. ManorCare agreed to pay \$230,000 in that case, records show.

Steven Levin, a Chicago lawyer who has frequently sued nursing homes, said ownership by private equity generally leads to cost-cutting and understaffing. That, he said, is "the single biggest problem" in nursing home care.

"The private equity model is not designed for any health care industry and especially nursing homes," he said. "Desire to show a profit is inconsistent, in some respects, with the need to provide sufficient staff to provide appropriate care."

A major player inside the Beltway, the Carlyle Group had little role in Cook County politics before Conway funded his race with his father's fortune. With a week to go until the March 17 primary election, Conway had collected \$11.4 million in campaign contributions, with \$10.5 million coming from his father.

The Foxx campaign is banking on the theory that local voters will care about the source of the money a wealthy candidate spends as he seeks office. As such, her campaign has sought to use Carlyle's record to brand her opponent as beholden to war profiteers.

"Mr. Conway has spent (millions) in this campaign trying to fashion himself as both a progressive and also one who wants to militarize this office," Foxx said in a candidate forum late last month. "Mr. Conway has spent the last several months introducing himself to the public in a duplicitous way."

A Foxx campaign web ad went further, contending "the Conway family made billions off global conflict. Made a killing off weapons' makers."

When asked about Carlyle's investments, Conway told the Tribune he has not closely studied the firm's holdings. He sought to reframe the issue, arguing that his father's money grants

him political independence.

"I knew early on that I would need some family support to do this, just because it's a giant county, (I'm) not a famous person, I'm obviously doing it without any kind of backing of the Cook County machine," he said in a Friday interview at his downtown campaign headquarters.

That complements one of the main messages of his campaign — that Foxx's handling of the Jussie Smollett case shows she's played politics with the office. The actor was charged with making false allegations of a hate crime last year. Foxx dropped the charges, spurring allegations that she was influenced by Smollett's politically powerful allies.

Conway also has accused Foxx of hypocrisy, noting that her campaign has been bolstered by a political action committee that took in \$2 million from a group tied to liberal hedge fund billionaire George Soros. The PAC has sent mailers saying "Conway is not the progressive reformer he claims to be."

The other state's attorney challengers are Donna More, an attorney who represents gambling interests and lost a 2016 primary bid for the office; and former Ald. Bob Fioretti.

Neither of them can afford broad television exposure. Conway has leapt to prominence with frequent commercials that highlight his military experience — he's a Navy veteran who was deployed in Afghanistan in 2017 — and call for locking up alleged gun offenders. Conway's ads also remind voters of the Smollett scandal and Foxx's ties to indicted 14th Ward Ald. Edward Burke.

"What I'm focused on is making sure that we keep that appearance of impropriety out of the state's attorney's office," he added.

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Separated at border data may be flawed

Watchdog: Effort hurt by problems of communication

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WASHINGTON — The Trump administration's effort to track children separated from their families at the border is plagued by communication problems that raise questions about the accuracy of the data, a watchdog has reported.

The Trump administration created the tracking system following its "zero tolerance" policy in 2018 where more than 2,500 children were separated from their parents at the U.S.-Mexico border, though the watchdog has estimated that figure could be much higher.

Immigration officials have continued to separate some children from their parents at the border for certain reasons including a parent's suspected criminal history and have said the tracking system will help avoid some of the chaos, confusion and trauma suffered by separated children.

According to court figures at least 955 children were separated between June 2018 and July 2019.

But that tracking system is flawed, in part because details about whether separation from parents occurred are not automatically transmitted from U.S. Customs and Border Protection, which manages the border, to Health and Human Services, which deals with migrant children, the watchdog reported.

In some cases, border



Despite Trump administration efforts to improve communication to track kids separated from families at the border, the process is still vulnerable to error, a watchdog reported.

officers can trigger an indicator, but are not typically doing so, the watchdog reported.

Health and Human Services officials maintain a spreadsheet of separated children, but it still relies on manual entry, and that is "inherently vulnerable to error," raising questions about the accuracy of current data on separated children," the watchdog reported.

The report also found that Health and Human Services only discovered the 2018 separations were

occurring through media reports — in part because there was no communication between agencies.

The result was a chaos, with some children languishing in detention well beyond legal limits, others inconsolable in the hands of care providers who had no answers on when parents were returning.

Some children were kept waiting in vans for hours in parking lots amid delays in reunification.

"Not knowing what happened to their parents haunted the children," one

care provider told investigators, according to the report.

"We couldn't tell them whether they would ultimately be reunited. It was challenging. We weren't notified initially about how to connect parents with their kids. The kids had lots of questions, but we had no answers for them."

Health and Human Services officials said in a letter to the watchdog that it had the best interest of children at heart and was committed to improving, but that family separation is a thorny

subject involving the Justice Department, Homeland Security and HHS, and there isn't a simple fix for some issues.

The 2018 separations occurred in part because some migrant parents were charged criminally with illegal entry and children can't be put in jail.

Curbing immigration is Trump's signature policy, and his administration was managing a growing crush of migrants moving north to the border; the arrests were an effort in part to dissuade migrants from making the

dangerous trek north.

Administration officials initially defended the practice but abandoned it after global outcry from world leaders, religious groups and humanitarian organizations that it was inhumane. A federal court order bars further separations unless there are questions about criminal history or the health and safety of the child.

Attorneys in the case have argued there are too many unnecessary separations.

The report by the inspector general for the Department of Health and Human Services was compiled from interviews with and written responses from senior Health officials, interviews with staff at 45 care providers, case reviews from separated children and more than 5,000 documents.

Staff warned of a growing increase in the number of separated children as early as 2017, the report found.

The watchdog says high-ranking officers disregarded "specific, repeated" warnings from staff that the policy would be implemented.

And there was no evidence that senior officials "took action to protect children's interests," the report found.

Ann Maxwell, the assistant inspector general, said in a news call that communication improvements were necessary.

"Clear lines of communication are vital to HHS' ability to adapt and respond to any new developments in immigration policy or practice that could impact children in the future," she said.

'A Day Without Women' protests gender violence

BY PETER ORSI

Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — Untold thousands of women across Mexico stayed home from work and school Monday as part of a strike billed as "A Day Without Women," hours after an unprecedented number of them filled the streets to protest rampant and rising gender violence on International Women's Day.

Central streets in the capital were eerily empty of women and girls throughout the day. Mostly men could be seen walking to offices, getting off buses or lining up to buy coffee. At least some metro ticket stations were closed, and President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador's morning news conference was dotted with empty seats as female journalists joined the strike as well.

The idea was to become invisible for a day so that co-workers, bosses, boyfriends, husbands and in some cases children reflect on the absence of each participating woman. Some also swore off social media until Tuesday.

It is about "showing, socially how valuable we women are, our contribution, and what would happen if one day we were not around. In all aspects: as homemakers, as workers, as consumers," said Lluvia Flores Gomez, 40, who was sipping coffee and reading a book on the couch at home in the historic downtown instead of going to work. The street outside, normally bustling at that hour, was all but deserted.

Flores shuttered her bakery in observation of the strike, though she said her employees — all women — would be paid for the day. She said the business would take an economic hit, but it was important to call attention to all the ways women are under attack in Mexico — not only murder,



Marco Ugarte/AP

Women carry a cross covered in flowers in Mexico City during "A Day Without Women" strike Monday.

disappearance and rape, but also home and workplace discrimination and lack of equal opportunity.

"The point is for there to really be a loss, that is, for this day to happen without us. It had to be something like this, radical and cutting, so that the loss for everyone would be seen," she said, "or rather the absence, the lack of our presence."

The protests mark an intensification of the struggle by Mexican women against violence and impunity in one of the most dangerous countries in the world for females.

Government data say 3,825 women met violent deaths last year, 7% more than in 2018. That works out to about 10 women

slain each day in Mexico. Thousands more have gone missing in recent years. Authorities seem incapable of preventing or properly investigating the crimes, very few of which result in convictions.

Asked about his government's strategy for combating violence against women and impunity for such crimes, Lopez Obrador said Monday that his administration is working on the issue every day. The president stressed the importance of tackling social ills such as poverty and inequality.

Tougher criminal penalties and more aggressive prosecutions can help, he added, but "the main thing is that we live in a better society in all senses."

Dueling Afghan leaders declare selves president

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KABUL, Afghanistan — Afghanistan's rival leaders were each sworn in as president in separate ceremonies Monday, throwing plans for negotiations with the Taliban into chaos and creating a dilemma for the United States as it figures out how to move its peace deal with the Taliban forward.

Yet, even amid the political chaos, the U.S. military confirmed Monday that American troops have begun leaving Afghanistan for the initial troop withdrawal required by Washington's peace agreement with the Taliban.

The U.S.-Taliban deal signed just over a week ago was touted as Washington's effort to end 18 years of war in Afghanistan and was seen by many Afghans as the best opportunity yet for bringing an end to relentless wars.

But the sharpening dispute between President Ashraf Ghani, who was declared the winner of last September's election, and his rival Abdullah Abdullah, who charged fraud in the vote along with the elections complaints commission, threatens to wreck the next key steps and even risks devolving into new violence.

Nevertheless, the U.S. is moving ahead with plans to cut the number of forces in the country from about 13,000 to 8,600 over the next 4½ months, Army Col. Sonny Leggett, spokesman for U.S. forces in Afghanistan, said in a statement.

Another U.S. official said hundreds of troops have headed out of the country as previously planned, but they will not be replaced. The official spoke to The Associated Press on the condition of anonymity to discuss the movement.



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Rival leaders Abdullah Abdullah, left, and Ashraf Ghani both claim the presidency of Afghanistan on Monday at simultaneous, neighboring ceremonies in Kabul.

ahead of a public announcement.

Under the peace agreement, the U.S. troop withdrawal had to begin within 10 days after the deal was signed Feb. 29. Defense Secretary Mark Esper said March 2 that he had already approved the start of the withdrawal, which would then be coordinated by military commanders in Afghanistan.

The U.S. official said the troops leaving now had been scheduled to depart, but they will not be replaced. Esper has said Gen. Austin Miller, the U.S. commander in Kabul, will pause the withdrawal and assess conditions once the troop level goes down to 8,600.

The rivals for the Afghan presidency held simultaneous inauguration ceremonies Monday, each packed with his supporters — Ghani's in the presidential palace and Abdullah's next door in the Sapedar Palace.

A sign of international support for Ghani, his ceremony — aired on state TV — was attended by Washington's peace envoy Zalmay Khalilzad, Gen. Miller and a number of foreign dignitaries, including the U.S. Embassy's charge d'affaires and Tadamichi Yamamoto, the U.N. secretary-general's personal representative to

Afghanistan.

At Abdullah's inauguration, aired on private Tolo TV, among those present were "jihadi" commanders, who participated in the brutal civil war of the 1990s and were among those who allied with the U.S.-led coalition to topple the Taliban in 2001.

Both candidates — but particularly Abdullah — are backed by warlords with heavily armed militias, underscoring fears they could use force to back their candidate.

The rival claims to be president have the potential to further split and weaken Afghanistan's fragile institutions, including the military, if they demand their authority be recognized.

When Washington and the Taliban insurgents signed their accord Feb. 29, the next crucial step was to be intra-Afghan talks in which all factions including the Taliban would negotiate a road map for their country's future. They are looking to hammer out such thorny issues as women's rights, free speech and the fate of tens of thousands of armed men on both sides of the war.

Those negotiations were set to be held Tuesday in Oslo, but the political chaos in Kabul makes it a near impossibility.



CAROLYN KASTER/AP
Health Secretary Alex Azar recapped actions to contain the virus in the U.S.

Amid virus crisis, officials announce health care tech rules

BY RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With coronavirus topping Americans' concerns, senior Trump administration officials tried to switch subjects Monday by announcing final rules aimed at delivering on the unfulfilled promise of electronic health records.

It did not go smoothly as reporters veered back to the global outbreak affecting U.S. communities.

"The notion that we can't

do our day jobs and work on this very serious issue (coronavirus) is absurd," said a frustrated Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar after one reporter noted that financial markets had opened lower over fears of global economic damage resulting from the outbreak.

Azar recapped administration actions to try to contain the spread of the virus in the U.S., develop tests and vaccines, work with local officials in areas that are seeing outbreaks, and care for the sick.

Announcement of the technology rules was originally planned at a health care conference in Florida, but that event was canceled over coronavirus concerns.

The long-awaited rules could take several years for consumers and patients to start seeing the practical effects. They are intended to get at one of the major problems with electronic health records: the systems of hospitals and doctors often don't 'talk' to each other, and patients struggle to get their medical information

digitally transmitted, defaulting to CDs and faxed paper records.

The federal government invested more than \$30 billion a decade ago to help hospitals and doctors convert to computerized records. But it never solved the problems of getting the medical systems to interact.

Two rules finalized by the Trump administration aim to finally fix that.

The regulations are complex, and hospitals objected, saying that patient privacy would be undermined.

One rule from the HHS agency that oversees health care technology would implement congressional requirements that hospitals and other health care entities put a stop to practices that can block the digital transfer of information.

Another rule, from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, tries to address access problems at the patient level, by requiring health care service providers to provide access to records via software used by smartphone apps.

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ensure they're "not going to miss a paycheck" and "don't get penalized for something that's not their fault."

Meanwhile, the number of lawmakers who announced they were isolating themselves because of possible exposure to the virus grew to five.

As Trump grappled with an epidemic whose consequences he has repeatedly played down, the White House asserted it was conducting "business as usual."

But the day's business was anything but normal.

Lawmakers pressed for details on how the Capitol could be made secure, a Pentagon meeting was broken into subgroups to minimize the number of people in the same room, and the Army commander in Europe placed himself in a precautionary quarantine.

The president dove into handshakes with supporters Monday morning when arriving to headline a fundraiser in Longwood, Florida.

On that flight: Florida Rep. Matt Gaetz, who later went into a voluntary quarantine.

He was one of several GOP lawmakers who were exposed to a person at the Conservative Political Action Conference who tested positive for the virus.

Rep. Mark Meadows, R-



President Donald Trump listens Monday as Vice President Mike Pence details the latest from the coronavirus front.

N.C., whom Trump named Friday as his incoming chief of staff, also went into self-quarantine. "A precautionary test came back negative & he feels great," his spokesman tweeted late Monday.

Vice President Mike Pence, who also spoke at CPAC, said he has not been tested for the virus. White House press secretary Stephanie Grisham said Trump has not been tested because he has not had "prolonged close contacts" with any patients and "does not have any symptoms."

In Monday morning tweets, Trump vented about the market drop and news that large public gatherings were being called off because of the virus.

At the same time, administration officials were insistent that they weren't trying to dismiss public concerns.

"This is a very serious health problem," Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar told Fox News.

On Capitol Hill, leaders

were fielding questions from members and staff about how the complex will be secured. Leaders have so far shown little willingness to close the Capitol, but meetings were scheduled throughout the day to discuss preparations.

On Monday, Rep. Doug Collins, R-Ga., and Gaetz put themselves in voluntary quarantine because of their contacts with someone at the Conservative Political Action Conference.

Both said they did not have any symptoms but

would wait out the remainder of the 14 days at home. Gaetz last week wore a gas mask to the House vote on the emergency funding bill for the virus response and said he wanted to highlight how Congress could become a "petri dish" for the virus.

Sen. Ted Cruz, R-Texas, and Rep. Paul Gosar, R-Ariz., also placed themselves in quarantine after coming in contact with the same person at the conservative conference.

Rep. Julia Brownley, D-

Calif., said she met last week with a person who has since been diagnosed with the virus. She closed her office and said she and her staff are "self-monitoring and maintaining social distancing practices."

Across the globe the battle to halt the coronavirus brought sweeping new restrictions Monday, with Italy expanding a travel ban to the entire country, Israel ordering all visitors quarantined just weeks before Passover and Easter, and Spain closing all schools in and around its capital.

More than 113,000 have tested positive for the disease and over 4,000 with the virus have died, most of them in China.

More than 62,000 people have already recovered. But Italy's intensifying struggle to halt the virus' spread emerged as a cautionary tale.

"There won't be just a red zone," Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte said, in announcing that a lockdown covering about 16 million people in the north would be expanded nationwide starting Tuesday.

Meanwhile, the cruise ship forced to idle for days off the coast of California because of a cluster of 21 novel coronavirus cases aboard arrived in an Oakland port Monday as officials prepared to transfer its thousands of passengers to military bases for quarantine or return them to their home countries.

Ex-CIA coder escapes espionage convictions

BY LARRY NEUMEISTER AND JIM MUSTIAN
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A former CIA software engineer accused of stealing a massive trove of the agency's hacking tools and handing it over to WikiLeaks was convicted of only minor charges Monday, after a jury deadlocked on the more serious espionage counts against him.

Joshua Schulte, who worked as a coder at the agency's headquarters in Langley, Virginia, was convicted by a jury of contempt of court and making false statements after a four-week trial in Manhattan federal court that offered an unusual window into the CIA's digital sleuthing and the team that designs computer code to spy on foreign adversaries.

After deliberating since last week, the jury was unable to reach a verdict on the more significant charges. They had notified U.S. District Judge Paul Crotty on Friday that they had reached consensus on two counts, but were unable to reach a verdict on eight others.

After they were instructed to resume deliberations Monday, jurors sent a note saying they were "extremely deadlocked."

One juror said as she left the courthouse that the jury was always split down the middle on the most serious counts, although the jury was composed of only 11 people after one juror was dismissed last week when she told the panel she had come across news about the Schulte case before the trial.

Juror Alexis Anthony said she never thought the evidence was strong enough to convict Schulte of espionage-related charges.

"For me, I never felt the burden of proof was proved," she said.



SAUL LOEB/GETTY-AFP
The data dump revealed CIA efforts to hack smartphones and to turn internet-connected TVs into listening devices.

Prosecutors portrayed Schulte as a disgruntled software engineer who exploited a little-known back door in a CIA network to copy the hacking arsenal without raising suspicion, in what was said to be the largest leak in CIA history involving classified information.

It was only after the anti-secrecy group WikiLeaks published the so-called Vault 7 leak in 2017 — nearly a year after the theft — that the agency scrambled to determine how the information had been stolen. It identified Schulte, a 31-year-old originally from Lubbock, Texas, as the prime suspect.

Schulte had left the agency on stormy terms after falling out with colleagues and supervisors, and prosecutors described the leak as an act of revenge.

The data dump revealed CIA efforts to hack Apple and Android smartphones and even described efforts to turn internet-connected televisions into listening devices.

"These leaks were devastating to national security," Assistant U.S. Attorney Matthew Laroche told jurors. "The CIA's cyber tools were gone in an instant. Intelligence gathering op-

erations around the world stopped immediately."

But the defense said the prosecution failed to present a clear case or show how they could be sure Schulte was the culprit.

Even after presenting a month of testimony, 18 witnesses and more than 1,000 exhibits, "the government still is not able to answer for you the very basic questions," defense attorney Sabrina Shroff told jurors.

"There are more questions now than when this trial first began."

Shroff argued that investigators could not be sure who took the data because the CIA network in question "was the farthest thing from being secure."

"Hundreds of people had access to it," she said. "Hundreds of people could have stolen it."

The U.S. Attorney's Office in Manhattan did not immediately say whether prosecutors would retry Schulte on the most serious charges. The CIA also declined to comment.

Schulte faces separate child pornography charges, but his lawyers are trying to have those counts thrown out due to what they call "misstatements" the FBI made in applying for a warrant to search his New York City apartment.

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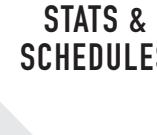
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Tech from China features forced labor

Coercive practices are imposed on isolated Uighurs

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NANCHANG, China — In a lively Muslim quarter of Nanchang city, a sprawling Chinese factory turns out computer screens, cameras and fingerprint scanners for a supplier to international tech giants such as Apple and Lenovo. Throughout the neighborhood, women in head-scarves stroll the streets, and Arabic signs advertise halal supermarkets and noodle shops.

Yet, the mostly Muslim ethnic Uighurs who labor in the factory are isolated within a walled compound that is fortified with security cameras and guards at the entrance. Their forays are limited to rare chaperoned trips; they are not allowed to worship or cover their heads, and they must attend special classes in the evenings, according to former and current workers and shopkeepers in the area.

The connection between OFILM, the supplier that owns the Nanchang factory, and the tech giants is the latest sign that companies outside China are benefiting from coercive labor practices imposed on the Uighurs, a Turkic ethnic group, and other minorities.

Over the past four years, the Chinese government has detained more than a million people from the far west Xinjiang region, most of them Uighurs, in internment camps and prisons where they go through forced ideological and behavioral reeducation.

China has long suspected the Uighurs of harboring separatist tendencies because of their distinct culture, language and religion.

When detainees "graduate" from the camps, documents show, many are sent



A worker polishes iPhones in an Apple store in Beijing. A list of Apple suppliers includes OFILM factories in Nanchang.

strict labor standards. LG and Dell said they had "no evidence" of forced labor in their supply chains but would investigate, as did Huawei. HP did not respond.

OFILM also lists as customers dozens of companies within China, as well as international companies it calls "partners" without specifying what product it offers. And it supplies PAR Technology, an American sales systems vendor to which it most recently shipped 48 cartons of touch screens in February, according to U.S. customs data obtained through Import Genius and Panjiva, which track shipping data.

PAR Technology in turn says it supplies terminals to major chains such as McDonald's, Taco Bell, and Subway. However, the AP was unable to confirm that products from OFILM end up with the fast food companies.

McDonald's said it has asked PAR Technology to discontinue purchases from OFILM while it launches an immediate investigation. PAR Technology also said it would investigate.

OFILM confirmed it received AP requests for comment but did not reply. Its website says the company "answered the government's call" and went to Xinjiang to recruit minorities, as part of an effort to pull them from poverty and help them "study and improve." It recruited more than 3,000 young men and women from Xinjiang starting in 2017.

A report last week from the Australian Strategic Policy Institute, researched separately from the AP, estimated that more than 80,000 Uighurs were transferred from Xinjiang to factories across China between 2017 and 2019.

The report said it found "conditions that strongly suggest forced labor" consistent with International Labor Organization definitions.

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Iran liable in disappearance of retired FBI agent, judge rules

WASHINGTON — A federal judge on Monday held Iran responsible for the kidnapping of former FBI agent Robert Levinson, entering a default judgment against the regime on the 13th anniversary of his disappearance.

The decision from U.S. District Judge Timothy Kelly was a milestone moment in the family's lawsuit against Tehran, which featured wrenching testimony in Washington's federal court from each of

Levinson's seven children. Kelly entered a default judgment after Iran didn't respond to the lawsuit. The family sought over \$1.5 billion in damages.

Levinson disappeared in March 2007. For years, U.S. officials would only say Levinson was working on a private investigation.

But a 2013 Associated Press report revealed Levinson had been sent on a mission by CIA analysts who had no authority to run such an operation.

UN watchdog: Iran providing access to active nuclear sites

VIENNA — Iran continues to provide international inspectors access to its active nuclear facilities, even after its announcement it was no longer bound by "any restrictions" of the landmark 2015 deal with world powers designed to prevent the country from producing a nuclear weapon, the head of the U.N.'s atomic watchdog agency said Monday.

Rafael Grossi, director

general of the International Atomic Energy Agency, also told board members in Vienna that since Tehran's Jan. 5 announcement it appears that Iran hasn't escalated its violations of the nuclear pact.

Last week, the agency told member nations its inspectors confirmed that Iran had nearly tripled its stockpile of enriched uranium since November in violation of the deal.

Seeking trial delay, sheriff makes false COVID-19 claim

ATHENS, Ala. — Lawyers for a longtime Alabama sheriff seeking a delay in his Monday theft trial wrongly claimed the officer was being tested for the illness caused by the new coronavirus.

With Limestone County Sheriff Mike Blakely set to go on trial on felony charges, his attorneys told a judge in a court document that he was hospitalized and being tested for COVID-19.

But testimony during a rare Saturday hearing showed the 69-year-old Blakely wasn't being tested for the illness, and Circuit Judge Judge Pride Tompkins criticized the defense for making claims that could cause a public panic, The News Courier of Athens reported.

Defense lawyer Robert Tuten said he was simply mistaken about Blakely's health problem and wasn't "trying to pull a fast one."



Hindu revelers smear each others faces with colored powder Monday during a celebration of Holi, known as the festival of color, in Quetta, Pakistan. The Holi festival marks the beginning of spring and is believed to represent the triumph of good over evil.

2 special operations GIs killed fighting Islamic State in Iraq

WASHINGTON — Two U.S. special operations personnel were killed in northern Iraq on Sunday during an operation against Islamic State fighters, military officials said Monday, marking the first combat deaths of 2020 in the nearly six-year U.S. campaign against the terrorist group.

The Americans killed

were part of a Marine special operations team, according to two military officials, and were clearing a large, well-defended cave complex alongside Iraqi counterterrorism forces in mountains near Makhmur,

roughly 40 miles south of

Iribil.

In a statement, Col. Myles Caggins, a spokesman for the U.S.-led mission in Iraq and Syria, said U.S. troops had to deploy additional forces to recover the dead in an effort that took about six hours.

"The forces trekked through mountainous terrain and eliminated four hostile ISIS fighters who were barricaded in the caves," Caggins said, using an acronym for the Islamic State.

According to one military official, the Americans who were killed had to be pulled out with a hoist after

falling into a crevice, and it is unclear how many Iraqi forces were killed and wounded.

Initially, the U.S.-led mission in Iraq and Syria gave scant details about the episode in a news release Monday, pending the notification of the families of those killed.

The deaths come as the Islamic State has spent recent months reconstituting its ranks in porous and ungoverned areas in Iraq and Syria, leaving local forces in both countries working to keep the terrorist group away from urban areas.

VA moves to drop 5 schools from GI Bill enrollments

WASHINGTON — The Department of Veterans Affairs is moving to bar new GI Bill students from enrolling at five universities, citing "advertising, sales or enrollment practices that are erroneous, deceptive or misleading."

The schools were identified as the University of Phoenix, Colorado Technical University, American InterContinental University, Bellevue University and Temple University.

The department said in a statement that the schools would be suspended from the GI Bill program, which provides student financial aid to veterans, unless corrective action is taken within 60 days.

It made clear that current students would not be affected by the action.

The VA said there are a total of 16,615 GI Bill students at the five campuses.

In Ghana: Two buses burst into flames after colliding in central Ghana, trapping passengers inside and killing at least 29 people early Monday, local government officials said.

The buses collided near Kintampo in the Bono East region, Kintampo North municipal chief executive Micheal Sakodie-Baffoe said.

The vehicles burst into flames after the crash, trapping the passengers inside, local council representative Mathias Taasun said.

Sakodie-Baffoe said the victims' bodies were so badly burned it would be difficult to identify them.

The country may hold a mass burial for people who died, he said during a visit to the crash site.

Collisions are common on Ghana's roads.

EU, Turkey to review 4-year-old deal on migrants

BRUSSELS — The European Union and Turkey agreed to review a 4-year-old deal on managing migrants and refugees in an effort to settle a dispute that sent thousands of people to the Turkey-Greece border in hopes of reaching Europe, top EU officials said Monday.

Under the 2016 agreement, the EU offered Turkey up to \$6.7 billion in aid for the Syrian refugees it hosts, fast-tracked EU membership and other incentives to stop European-bound migrants.

After talks with Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan in Brussels, Europe-

an Council President Charles Michel said teams headed by the EU foreign policy chief and Turkey's foreign minister would work "in the next days to clarify the implementation of the deal between Turkey and the EU to be certain that we are on the same page."

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EDITORIALS

No rainy day fund

A CORONAVIRUS RECESSION WOULD HIT ILLINOIS HARD

Oh for a rainy day fund for the depleted state of Illinois — a bit of insurance to help our fiscally living-on-the-edge government, should economic calamity strike. Such as a recession, brought on by the coronavirus epidemic.

The dangerous outbreak spreading worldwide is both a health emergency and a global economic crisis in the making because business activity is suddenly in slowdown or shutdown mode. Markets have tanked and oil prices have plummeted. Chinese factories are sidelined and Italy is quarantined. American businesses are canceling travel plans.

Just look at the anticipated hit to Chicago's meetings and convention industry: Nearly 100,000 visitors expected here this month aren't coming after four major events were called off. The International Housewares Association trade show would have been worth an estimated \$77 million in spending on hotels, restaurants and other costs, according to organizers. Because Chicago aggressively hits up visitors for taxes and fees, assume a revenue loss from that one event of \$10 million or more. Now zoom out to try to assess the potential impact of recession on Illinois. Some analysts Monday put the odds of recession at or above 60%. Any period of negative economic growth would mean job losses, spending cuts by business owners, a decline in tax revenue and increased demand for government services by those individuals and families in need.

How prepared for storm clouds is Illinois? Financially, you can guess. Illinois is one of three states without an emergency fund to help cover unexpected revenue shortfalls, according to a 2019 Moody's Analytics report. The other two are New Jersey and Kentucky. Pennsylvania also lagged but it has set aside more than \$300 million to provide a dose of security.



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Here's why rainy day funds matter: They make bad days better, not worse. If tax revenue suddenly dried up, Illinois likely would have to raise taxes and/or cut services. It's much less painful to put away

money for an emergency during good times than trying to pull funds out of the economy at the height of recession when people are struggling, Moody's notes. "It is never too late to provide at least some

cushion from the difficult decisions set to take place during the next downturn." Well, never too late ... until it is.

One of Illinois' biggest problems is its \$137 billion unfunded pension liability — funds guaranteed to state worker retirees, teachers outside Chicago and General Assembly retirees. That owed money is the fiscal python squeezing Illinois into submission. Last year, Gov. J.B. Pritzker was going to worsen state finances by extending the pension payment schedule by seven years. That kind of irresponsible pension shortcut is what got Illinois into trouble in the first place. Pritzker, though, was able to stand down due to the discovery of a windfall in tax revenue, thanks to a robust economy.

Part of the governor's desired way forward is a constitutional amendment to allow graduated, or progressive, income tax rates. Pritzker says raising the tax rate on the wealthiest Illinoisans would help manage budgets and chip away at the pension liability. But Moody's has a warning for Pritzker and Illinois voters: Counting on more income tax revenue from higher earners via graduated rates is risky because income tax revenue is more volatile than sales tax revenue. "By putting more of their eggs in one basket, states have made their tax bases more dependent on a smaller number of taxpayers with extremely volatile incomes, manifesting higher highs and lower lows for tax collectors."

And what could cause a surprise "lower low"? A recession.

So now here we are in Illinois with a pension crisis, a backlog of government bills to pay, an epidemic and a potentially damaging economic downturn.

Cleaning up Illinois' fiscal mess always was going to be painful. Having no rainy day fund makes going forward more challenging, in sickness and health.

Mission to Republican voters in the 3rd Congressional District: Defeat the Nazi

As political campaign slogans go, they don't get much simpler or more urgent than this plea to 3rd Congressional District voters: *Say 'no' to the Nazi*.

If you live in the 3rd, which stretches from Chicago's South Side into the west and southwest suburbs, beware of candidate Arthur Jones. He's running as a Republican in the U.S. House primary election. He's also a neo-Nazi sympathizer, Holocaust denier and white supremacist.

A reminder to voters as Election Day nears: The Tribune Editorial Board endorses the highly qualified Mike Fricilone of Homer Glen, a member of the Will County Board. Fricilone decided to run because someone has to beat Jones, a shameful character who's been identified by the Anti-Defamation League as a long-time neo-Nazi. "We have a white supremacist, a racist, running on the ticket for our party," Fricilone told us during an endorse-



JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE
Mike Fricilone, a Republican candidate for the 3rd Congressional District, talks outside Thompson Center in Chicago on Thursday.

ment interview. "It doesn't do anybody any good for any party to have somebody like

that running."

Worse, of course, would be for Jones to win the nomination. That scenario is possible because this is a Republican primary in a heavily Democratic district. It's not an area considered competitive for the GOP. The longtime incumbent is Democratic congressman Dan Lipinski, who has engaged in a fierce rematch with progressive Marie Newman. The nominee on the Democratic side, whomever emerges, is favored to win in November. So who cares about the GOP ballot? Well, that was the Illinois Republican Party's big mistake.

Back in 2018, Republicans didn't bother to recruit a legitimate congressional candidate in the 3rd. They also failed to notice the nasty interloper in their midst. Jones managed to collect enough signatures to get on the ballot without raising alarms. By the time GOP officials woke up, it was too late to derail his campaign. Shame on

them. Jones ran uncontested in the primary and as the Republican nominee in the general election, losing to Lipinski by a margin of 73% to 26%. We presume most of those Jones voters didn't realize whom they were supporting.

Now Jones is back. But this time, Republicans have kept alert and tried to do the right thing. They offer voters a reputable candidate in Fricilone. There's also a third Republican candidate on the ballot, Catherine O'Shea of Oak Lawn, who isn't running much of a campaign. While the state GOP says it's strapped for cash, the party is putting up money to support Fricilone and help defeat Jones. One of their digital ads implores: *Say 'no' to the Nazi*.

Let us amplify the message, without elaborating on Jones' offensive views. He should be sent packing. Republican voters in the 3rd District: nominate Mike Fricilone. Defeat the Nazi.

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

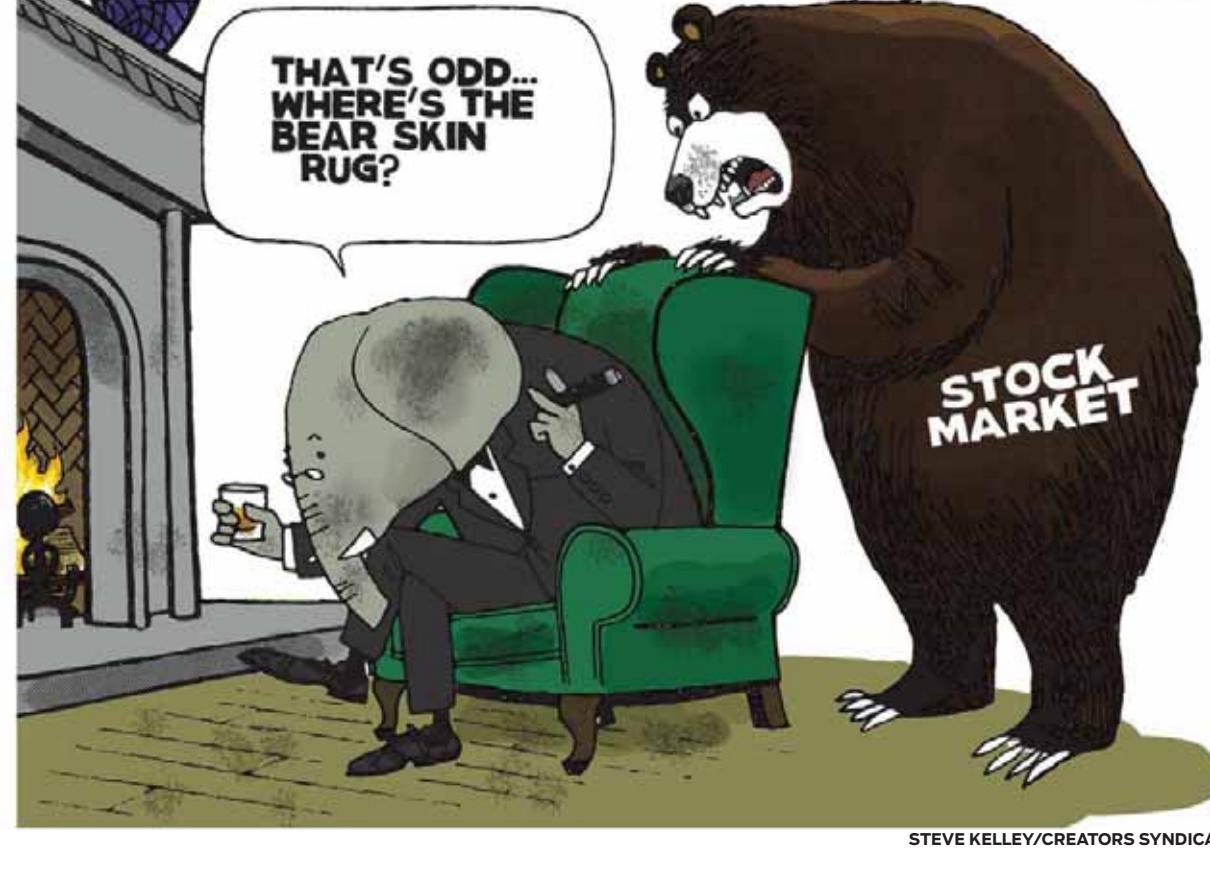
Charter schools, which polls have shown are more likely to be supported by voters of color, generally enroll students through open, neighborhood-blind lotteries. No matter how much a wealthy family wants access to a particular charter, parents can't purchase a home that guarantees attendance. . .

Unfortunately, few U.S. communities have housing policies that lead to stable, socioeconomically and racially diverse neighborhoods. From sea to shining sea, privileged families nearly always resist the building of public housing, affordable housing or even new housing anywhere near their neighborhoods and schools.

A strong push to advance progressive ends through charters could improve students' academic performance, school integration and the quality of the charter movement. None of this means that housing policy fights should be dropped or that charters' open-enrollment policies can unwind the racial and socioeconomic inequities in U.S. education.

But progressive activists and policymakers should consider how long children in low-income families must wait. Unless activists have a plan to derail the housing dynamics behind systemic inequities, progressive efforts are more usefully focused on building a more equitable enrollment system outside the neighborhood and district walls that privileged parents are so keen to protect.

Conor P. Williams, The Washington Post



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Cook County Chief Judge Timothy Evans met with the Chicago Tribune Editorial Board in January.

Bail reform has benefits — but we must not ignore the costs

BY PAUL G. CASSELL
AND RICHARD FOWLES

Bail reform issues have recently been in the news across the country, including in Cook County. Reformers have claimed that traditional cash bail requirements for pretrial release needlessly incarcerate many indigent individuals who are unable to raise the required sums. Bail reform critics have responded that releasing more defendants before trial increases crime. As bail reform measures continue to be considered in counties and states across the nation, empirical arguments about public safety will be at the forefront of policy debates.

Cook County now stands at the center of this controversy. In September 2017, Cook County Chief Judge Timothy Evans implemented sweeping bail reforms, designed to not only reduce reliance on money bail but also increase pretrial releases by Cook County's judges.

A year and a half later, in May 2019, Chief Judge Evans released a widely discussed empirical report on the effects. His report trumpets the fact that the new pretrial reforms increased the percentage of felony defendants who were released before trial — from about 72% of all defendants to about 81% of all defendants.

And his report also claims that the

more generous release procedures did not increase crime.

Judge Evans commendably made available detailed court statistics regarding the changes. And if his claims are true, they would have tremendous public policy implications. If one of the nation's largest court systems can significantly expand pretrial release without increasing crime, then other jurisdictions would no doubt want to follow that approach.

Unfortunately, it appears that the Judge Evans' findings are wrong. In a recently released empirical study, we carefully review Judge Evans' sanguine conclusions about whether crime increased. His conclusions rely on comparing felony defendants released in the 15 months before and after the changes, tabulating the number of new crimes charged against the "before" group compared with the "after" group. But a serious problem exists in his calculations, as important investigative reporting from the Chicago Tribune first pointed out. Judge Evans' report collected crime data on defendants in the "before" group for an average of 243 days but artificially truncated the period for collecting crime data on the "after" group to just 154 days. It is well-known that to have an apples-to-apples comparison of recidivism rates, it is necessary to observe defendants in both groups for

the same length of time. Less time observed, fewer crimes committed — an obvious defect.

In our new study, we use straightforward statistical methods to correct this defect. We estimate how many defendants in the "after" period would have been arrested had they been observed for the same time as those in the "before" period. Properly estimated, after Cook County put in place more generous release procedures, the number of released felony defendants charged with committing new crimes increased by 45%. And the number of defendants charged with committing new violent crimes increased by 33%.

More than a month ago, we sent our findings to Judge Evans, explaining this flaw in his report and the sad reality that crimes have increased in Cook County following the changes.

In the more than a month since then, Judge Evans has not substantively replied to us.

Recently, in an op-ed published in the Tribune, Evans wrote that he was standing by his report's conclusions. Judge Evans argued that his report had been "independently vetted." He did not mention our report's findings.

Bail reform involves a collision of competing concerns: defendants' liberty versus public safety. The problem with Judge Evans' defense of his report's misleading conclusions is that

he is discouraging an honest discussion about bail reform's price. Releasing a large number of additional felony defendants before trial appears, unsurprisingly, to result in additional crime victims. As soon as possible, Cook County residents need to have an open discussion not just about the benefits of bail reform but also about its quantifiable public safety risks.

Understanding what happened in Cook County is important not just for area residents. Cook County's bail reform measures were state-of-the-art, carefully constructed with the help of experts. It now appears that those reforms delivered not only benefits but also serious costs — i.e., more crimes as more dangerous defendants were released. And these costs were not distributed equally throughout Cook County but were concentrated among victims in some minority neighborhoods. As other communities around the country consider bail reforms, it is important to have a clear understanding of Cook County's experience. Bail reform has benefits — and, sadly, costs as well.

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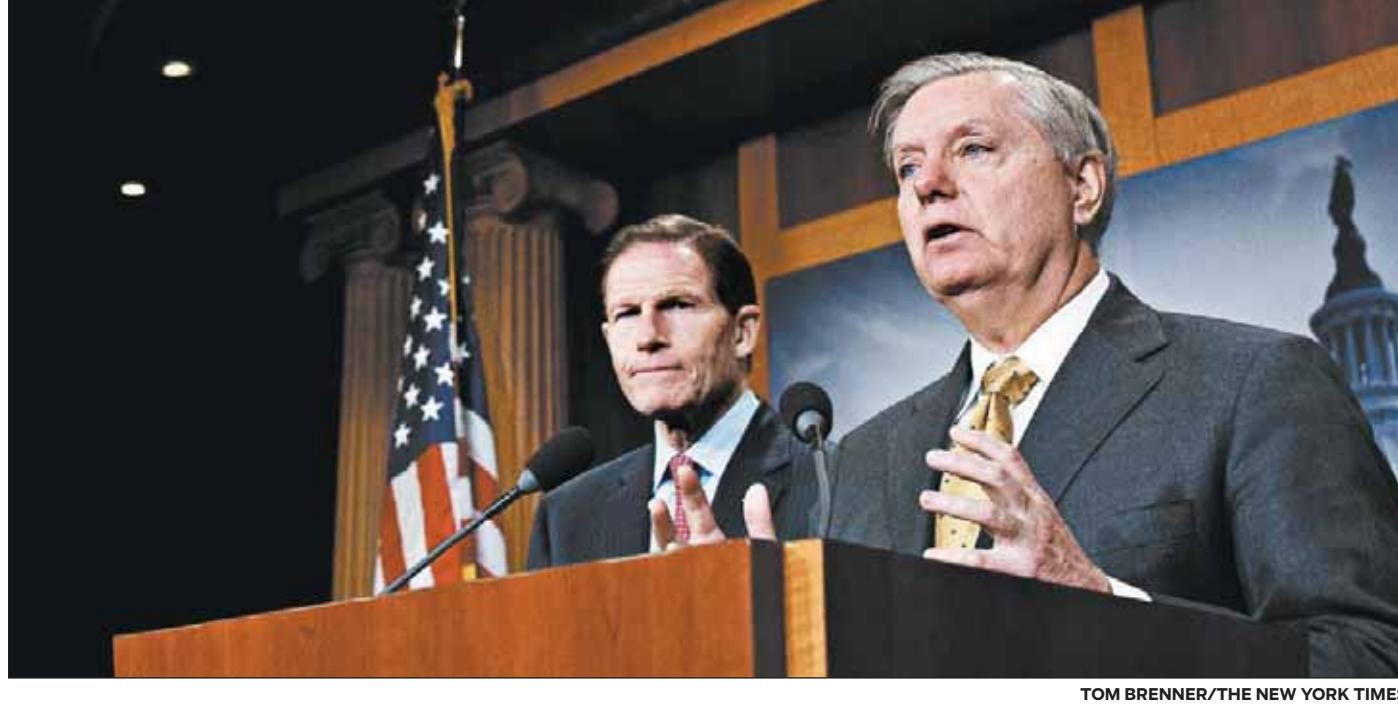
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Sens. Richard Blumenthal, left, and Lindsey Graham talk to reporters on Capitol Hill in Washington in 2018.

Sacrificing internet privacy in the fight against child exploitation won't make children safe

BY ROBERT WINTERTON

There's no question about it: We need to keep our kids safe online. This sentiment undergirds a new bill from Sen. Lindsey Graham's, R-South Carolina, and Sen. Richard Blumenthal, D-New York, which Graham says would tackle child exploitation. But it would actually do the exact opposite.

The bipartisan legislation, introduced Thursday and co-sponsored by Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Illinois, and seven others so far, would afford U.S. Attorney General William Barr a great deal more access to your data in the effort to keep criminals from doing bad things online. But in order to give him that access, encryption would need to be weakened, putting important communications, especially those used by vulnerable communities such as domestic violence victims or LGBT+ youth, at risk of malicious hacks.

Encryption is a somewhat common technology used to secure digital networks — in everything from your iPhone to the national electricity grid. Encryption is our best defense against cybercrime, a problem the FBI says is growing in complexity, frequency and sophistication.

Those supporting the legislation, known as the EARN IT Act, claim that encryption is being used by online predators to make themselves harder to surveil online by law enforcement. But encryption is simply a tool. So, while it can be used by bad guys, it's more commonly used by legitimate businesses and citizens to protect themselves from criminals online.

The importance of encryption for online services is hard to overstate. Banks rely on it to keep online banking secure and trustworthy for consumers, and online retailers rely on it to keep financial information of consumers secure. Apple uses it to secure their products such as the

iCloud.

But the EARN IT Act aims to undercut all of that by making digital communications services, such as Facebook Messenger and Apple's iMessage, choose between weakening encryption or accepting liability for however consumers use their services.

That would mean if Apple continued to secure the data of their customers, the government could punish Apple if an iPhone user broke the law on iMessage. The government and other potential plaintiffs would find it easier and more profitable to go after Apple, a big company with deep pockets, than actual criminals.

Any major company used by millions of Americans to send messages and store data would find it hard to justify maintaining secure encryption in the face of such legal costs and even criminal penalties. As a result, businesses such as Apple and WhatsApp would be forced to abandon secure encryption — exposing us all to messaging services far less secure.

While encrypted services haven't always been so commonplace, the security with which they provide us has allowed the digital economy to grow and positively impact so much of our lives. For example, many of us use digital storage to access important documents and media. These services can be accessed from anywhere in the world using services such as iCloud, Dropbox and Google Drive. All of these services rely on encryption to keep the sensitive information of their consumers safe from hackers and those who would exploit it.

In 2014, we got a glimpse of what happens when these storage services are compromised. Poor password management allowed hackers into the iClouds of several celebrities, predominantly women. Images were leaked and spread around the internet, violating the privacy and, sometimes, safety of those women.

As consumers have wanted to store more information online, the threat of cybercrime has only grown. Encryption is our best defense against it.

Young people are protected by encryption, too. Baby monitors connected to the internet, and other domestic security systems such as Ring, Nest and Life360 use encryption to ensure that the parents are the only people able to keep an eye on their kids. And teenagers would find messaging services far less secure.

The very goal of the proposed legislation, to help keep youth safe online, would be threatened by the bill's assault on encryption.

Instead of attacking tech services, the government should improve their already strong collaborative relationship with them when it comes to fighting child exploitation. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children exists to take all tips provided by tech services and package them together to send to the FBI.

But that system is underfunded, and the center faces a backlog of cases. This means that even when tech services send in tips on child exploitation material, they often go unprocessed.

Further reforms to how these tips can be processed, potentially including extra funding for NCMEC, could go a long way in improving law enforcement's effectiveness in tackling predators online without the negative consequences of weakening encryption.

A backlash in Washington against tech companies has unfortunately pushed politicians to find new ways to attack tech on major issues rather than work with them. And in this case, consumers and kids online could be the ones dealing with the fallout.

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Where did Bernie Sanders' revolution go wrong?

BY DOYLE McMANUS

Bernie Sanders still has at least a mathematical chance to overtake Joe Biden in the race for the Democratic presidential nomination.

But to pull that off, Sanders probably needs to make dramatic changes to a campaign that ran into a brick wall on March 3, when he lost 10 of 14 states and the lead in delegates. He'll get a chance on Tuesday, when six more states vote.

Super Tuesday exposed Sanders' biggest problem, especially now that he's in a two-man race: He has failed to expand his support much beyond the progressives he came with.

The Vermont senator says he leads a "multigenerational, multiracial movement" and argues that he is the strongest candidate Democrats can field to beat President Donald Trump in November. But last week's results knocked a gaping hole in that argument.

His claim that he could mobilize an army of new, young voters imploded. While he drew the most voters under 30, they did not turn out in the numbers he needed. In six of the 12 states that have held primaries, turnout among young voters actually declined from 2012.

Sanders concedes that he hasn't found a remedy.

"I will be honest with you, we have not done as well with bringing young people into the process," he said after the vote. "It is not easy."

As for Sanders' claims of a multiracial coalition, he drew strong support from Latinos in Colorado and California, both of which he won, but not enough in Texas, which he lost. African Americans overwhelmingly backed Biden in state after state.

Sanders has long vowed to build a mass movement that will launch a "political revolution." So far, his movement isn't big enough to ensure him the nomination, let alone the drastic changes in the U.S. economy and social structure that he seeks.

That's because what makes Sanders successful as an insurgent leader makes it hard — maybe impossible — for him to build a majority among Democrats.

He's fiery, blunt and uncompromising. He hardly ever changes his mind and rarely softens his positions. He still gives the same speeches, more or less, that he gave more than 30 years ago as mayor of Burlington, Vermont.

That makes his die-hard progressive supporters love him. But it gets in the way of bringing in liberal and centrist Democrats who may admire his goals but aren't ready for a revolution.

Take the highest-profile policy argument in the Democratic race, the debate over how to achieve universal health care.

Sanders has proposed "Medicare for All," a federally run health insurance plan that would be more generous and cost more than similar systems in Canada or Britain — and would abolish private health insurance.

Most of his rivals endorsed the basic idea but looked for ways to soften its impact, from a long phase-in period to opt-outs for people who want to keep their private insurance. Biden proposes a gradual expansion of the insurance plans introduced by President Barack Obama, plus a new government-run plan for consumers who want it.

Sanders denounced such alternatives as half-measures that would leave millions of people uninsured.

Or take tax increases on the wealthy. Sanders would set the top individual income tax rate at 52%, while Biden proposes a 39.6% top rate.

More important to most voters, Sanders wants to raise taxes on middle-class

Americans to pay for Medicare for All, but he won't say how much — beyond claiming most families won't be worse off.

"He needed to reassure working people that he wasn't going to raise taxes when they can't afford it," Democratic strategist Tad Devine, who worked for Sanders in 2016 but not this year, told me. "I don't think he's done that very effectively."

In 2016, Sanders railed against what he claimed was a rigged system as he lost the Democratic nomination to Hillary Clinton. Now that he could lose again, he has lashed out at the "Democratic establishment" for trying to block him from the nomination.

He's right about that. Many Democrats are convinced he would lose to Trump, a key reason they ultimately rallied around Biden. But Sanders portrays their old-fashioned politicking as a nefarious plot.

He often sounds like the leader of a sectarian rebellion, not a consensus candidate who could unify a diverse political party.

Biden instead claimed the mantle of unifier and declared himself a "lifelong Democrat, a proud Democrat," a not-very-subtle dig at Sanders, who declared himself a Democrat only to run for president.

Even Devine says Sanders should have joined the Democratic Party long ago. "If you aspire to lead a political party, it's better to be a member of it," he told me.

After his disappointing night last week, Sanders stepped up his attacks on Biden, slamming the former vice president for accepting Wall Street contributions, for voting to authorize the 2003 war in Iraq and for suggesting cuts in Social Security in the 1990s. Biden quickly tweeted back that only Trump would cut Social Security.

None of those arguments will matter if Democrats have concluded that Biden, however imperfect, is more likely to beat Trump.

When Sanders appeared on MSNBC last week, Rachel Maddow asked a blunt question: Why does your campaign appear to be failing? He didn't give a direct answer. Instead, he retreated into his identity as an outsider, as the leader of a revolutionary movement.

"We're trying to transform this country, not win an election, not just beat Trump," he said. "The real question is: How (have) we come this far, taking on the corporate establishment?"

"We're doing quite well within our context," he said.

If that means his lifelong quest to push the Democratic Party to the left, he's succeeded. But it's no way to win the nomination.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Mayor's remarks about Pilsen

Last week, at a local event put on by the British magazine The Economist, Mayor Lori Lightfoot remarked that, 10 years ago, Pilsen was one Chicago "neighborhood we all would have been a little concerned about being in after dark." She went on to say that "Pilsen now is a vibrant, thriving neighborhood."

The idea of so-called bad neighborhoods where one wouldn't want to be caught after dark is a tired trope, redolent of backward fears of people different from us. To be more blunt, it's racist. It's true that Lightfoot is both a woman of color and a member of the LGBTQ community, but no identity is a universal vaccine against ignorance. Coming from the mayor of an international city that's home to some of the most diverse neighborhoods in the country — a mayor who never misses a chance to brand herself as a "progressive" — the remarks are infuriating.

You might ask, what happened in Pilsen in the past decade to make it a place where "we" now feel more comfortable? Is it the displacement, due to rising rents and unchecked gentrification, of thousands of the Latino families who made Pilsen what it is today? Ten years ago, Pilsen was already "a vibrant, thriving community," and according to the Chicago Police Department's 2010 Annual Report, it had lower crime rates than more than two dozen neighborhoods. There were just more Latino people living there.

— Tyler McGaughy, Chicago

Separating art from the artist

Film critic Michael Phillips' column ("When Polanski wins, #MeToo movement loses," March 3) about the controversy concerning Roman Polanski still winning film awards makes me wonder: What if a murderer like Unabomber Ted Kaczynski invents a cure to cancer? I presume the world would thankfully use it, while Kaczynski continues to rot in jail.

In so many areas of life, we necessarily compartmentalize things, so why not in art? Why can't we separate art from its artists?

Applied here, Polanski can be a fugitive, convicted pedophile for a crime he committed more than 40 years ago and a brilliant filmmaker. These are not either-or propositions.

Likewise, if Mother Teresa says two plus two is five and Hitler says it's four, guess what, the good sister is wrong and the evil Hitler is right on this one. You can disdain President Donald Trump, yet an economic policy of his may be virtuous.

We want our kids to engage in critical and nuanced thinking, yet we adults often don't. All said, we need to grow up.

— William Choslovsky, Chicago

Fearful shunning of Chinatown

Avoiding Chicago's Chinatown for fear of contracting COVID-19? That would be like avoiding Starbucks because Washington state has reported a high number of cases of this coronavirus.

— Thomas E. Zima, Park Ridge

Nation's messy response to virus

I am 74, so that puts me in the serious crosshairs of the coronavirus. That scares me. What scares me more is the leadership from our government at the highest levels. No leadership would be preferable to the disjointed, reactionary, dishonest, unprepared mess to which we have been subjected. If anyone thinks we do not need a change at the top, they should crawl right back under that rock.

— George Richter, Elgin

Abortion survivors bill misleading

In response to Bill Grand's letter ("Abortion survivors bill vote," March 3): Sen. Ben Sasse has fabricated a problem. His bill — the so-called Born-Alive Survivors Protection Act — is deliberately misleading. Let's be clear: Doctors already provide appropriate medical care. To suggest otherwise is false and dangerous to health care providers nationwide, not to mention a complete waste of taxpayer time and money.

This bill would take important medical decisions out of the hands of parents and patients. Its purpose is to perpetuate myths about abortion, the people who get abortions and the doctors who care for them — with the end goal of making abortion inaccessible. Politicians should not interfere in personal medical decisions.

We are grateful to Illinois U.S. Sens. Dick Durbin and Tammy Duckworth for their continued leadership in reproductive health care policy.

— Matae Varvodic, board president, Planned Parenthood Illinois Action, Chicago

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BUSINESS

Virus tests free through largest insurers

Biggest Illinois companies to fully cover expenses

By LISA SCHENCKER

The state's largest health insurance companies say they will fully cover the costs of tests for the new coronavirus disease.

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois, UnitedHealthcare, Aetna, Cigna and Humana announced they will waive the costs of testing for COVID-19 for patients who meet federal guidelines for testing, as more commercially pro-

duced tests become available in the coming days. So far the tests have been given to Illinois residents as part of public health efforts, paid for by the Illinois Department of Public Health and the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois is the state's dominant health insurer, with more than 8.5 million members. UnitedHealthcare has about 1.5 million members in Illinois. A spokesman for Aetna declined to provide membership data Monday.

The CDC is advising cli-

nicians to use their judgment but suggests prioritizing testing for patients who show symptoms and are in the hospital, are age 65 and older or have chronic medical conditions. The agency also suggests prioritizing testing for anyone who develops symptoms within 14 days of being in contact with a person with a suspected or confirmed case of the illness or within 14 days of traveling from an affected area. If the illness is spreading within a community, that can also inform the decision about whether to test, the CDC has said.

"It is important that our

members feel safe and secure knowing that they are able to pursue the proper care and testing they need to protect their health during this time of concern," said Vincent Nelson, vice president for medical affairs and interim chief medical officer at the Blue Cross Blue Shield Association, in a news release.

The association announced Friday that 36 Blue Cross and Blue Shield companies around the country would waive costs of the tests for members.

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Illinois will not require prior authorization

for COVID-19 tests, or for other services deemed necessary for patients diagnosed with the disease.

It also will allow members to order 30-day refills of their regular, prescription maintenance medications early. Aetna will allow early refills on 30-day prescription maintenance medications for all members with pharmacy benefits administered through CVS Caremark.

UnitedHealthcare has said members who need help getting early prescription refills can call the customer service numbers on the backs of their insurance

cards. Humana is allowing early refills on prescriptions "so members can prepare for extended supply needs," according to a news release.

Aetna said it will not charge co-pays for telemedicine visits made for any reason for the next 90 days. Humana is also waiving telemedicine costs for urgent care needs for the next 90 days.

Several insurers said organizations offering self-funded plans, which are often offered by large employers, can choose whether to fully cover testing.

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In a tough 2019 for craft beer in Illinois, Revolution Brewing surpassed three competitors to become the state's top-selling craft beer brand.

GETTING CRAFTY

Revolution Brewing becomes Illinois' top-selling craft brewery, besting Blue Moon and Goose Island

By JOSH NOEL

By at least one metric, there's been a changing of the craft beer guard in Illinois: Revolution Brewing has become the state's top-selling brand.

In an intensely competitive market, the Logan Square brewery pushed past Blue Moon, Leinenkugel and Goose Island to become the state's biggest-selling craft brand in 2019, according to Chicago-based market research firm IRI Worldwide.

IRI tracks the stores where a majority of beer industry sales happen — grocery, convenience, big box and drug stores — but not bars, liquor stores or stadiums (where, for instance, Anheuser-Busch-owned Goose Island sells plenty of beer due to sponsorship deals with the Cubs and White Sox).

Still, the development, first reported last week by Brewbound, is notable in one of the nation's fiercest beer markets.

According to IRI, Revolution nudged past Blue Moon's Illinois sales by a mere \$20,000

in 2019. The brands essentially tied for Illinois dominance, both accounting for about \$12.2 million in sales and 10.4 percent of Illinois' craft beer market.

Leinenkugel did \$11.9 million in sales (10.2% of the Illinois market) and Goose Island had \$11.5 million in sales (9.8%).

The story, however, isn't Revolution growing past its competitors. Amid the intense competition, Revolution managed to lose less share than its competitors.

According to IRI, Revolution's sales were down about \$288,000 in Illinois in 2019. By comparison, Blue Moon was down \$1.4 million, Leinenkugel was down \$3.3 million and Goose Island was down \$1.7 million. Those drops allowed Revolution to vault from the state's fourth-biggest craft beer brand in 2018 to the top spot in 2019.

Though sales were down, Revolution gained 0.7% market share, according to IRI.

Blue Moon lost 0.1% market share, Leinenkugel, echoing a large national dip for the brand, lost 1.6% market share and Goose

Island lost 0.4% market share.

Of those four breweries, Revolution is the only one not owned by a major beer company; Blue Moon and Leinenkugel are Molson Coors products and Goose Island was sold to Anheuser-Busch in 2011. Anheuser-Busch makes the majority of Goose Island beer in New York and Colorado, though production of smaller brands continues in Chicago.

Lagunitas, Samuel Adams, New Belgium, Bell's, Founders and Sierra Nevada rounded out the top 10 top selling craft brands in Illinois in 2019, according to IRI. Those breweries were followed in terms of dollar sales by three local brands: Half Acre, Three Floyds and Two Brothers.

Of the top 15 brands in Illinois, the biggest growth in terms of dollar sales came from Half Acre, which had growth of \$437,000 from 2018 to 2019. Its share of the Illinois craft beer market rose 0.6 percentage points of market share, to 2.6% overall.

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Five recreational marijuana dispensaries get zoning OK

By ALLY MAROTTI

Five proposed marijuana dispensaries in Chicago received approval Friday from the Zoning Board of Appeals, including two in the bustling River North neighborhood.

All the sites still need approval from the state, although with city approval in hand, marijuana companies may start working on the spaces.

Friday's meeting was the first time the zoning board

considered proposed recreational marijuana dispensaries, and none were rejected.

The two approved River North locations include Cresco Labs' proposed spot at 436 N. Clark St. and MOCA Modern Cannabis' planned shop at 216 W. Ohio St. Three other marijuana companies initially wanted to open shops nearby, but withdrew their applications.

The neighborhood is highly sought after among

cannabis companies because of the high amount of foot traffic and its proximity to the Loop and Michigan Avenue, which are off limits to dispensaries.

Other approved locations include Windy City Cannabis' spot at 923 W. Weed St. in the Goose Island neighborhood and MedMen's planned shop about a block away at 1001 W. North Ave.

Only one of those locations will likely end up with final state approval. Dispensaries must be at least 1,500

feet apart.

Nature's Care Co. received approval Friday to move forward with a dispensary at 810 W. Randolph St. in West Town.

Several other companies are eyeing that neighborhood as well, including Dispensary33, which wants to open a store at 1152 W. Randolph St., across the street from City Winery,

and NuMed, which wants to open its dispensary on the second floor of 935 W. Randolph St., above Floyd's

99 Barbershop.

The NuMed location has faced criticism because it would be on the same block as Haymarket Center, a drug treatment facility that serves 400 to 500 patients a day, many of whom live there.

Illinois had 55 medical marijuana dispensaries when recreational sales began Jan. 1, and all were able to apply for a license to open a second shop.

The city's recreational cannabis rules created seven zones for marijuana

sales. Initially, no more than seven dispensaries will be allowed in each zone.

Recreational marijuana customers spent more than \$74 million at Illinois dispensaries in January and February. The state hasn't released tax revenue figures for February, but January legal weed sales generated more than \$10 million in tax revenue.

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Dow plummets 7.8% as virus fears slam markets

Crash in global oil prices triggers sell-off in Europe, US

BY STAN CHOE AND ALEX VEIGA

Associated Press

The Dow Jones Industrial Average tumbled 7.8% Monday, its steepest drop since the financial crisis of 2008, as mounting fears over the coronavirus combined with a crash in oil prices to send a shudder through world markets.

The drop on Wall Street was so sharp that it triggered the first automatic halt in trading in more than two decades. European markets likewise registered their heaviest losses since the darkest days of the 2008 meltdown and are now in a bear market.

Together, the damage reflects mounting alarm over the coronavirus epidemic that has closed factories, schools and stores, and led to travel bans and unprecedented quarantines.

"The market has had a crisis of confidence," said Willie Delwiche, investment strategist at Baird.

U.S. stocks are now down 19% from the peak they reached last month. Bond yields fell to all-time lows as investors sought

safers places to put their money, even if the returns on their investment slid ever close to zero.

The escalating health crisis combined with another, intertwined development — plummeting oil prices — to drag down the market: The price of oil sank nearly 25% after Russia refused to roll back production in response to virus-depressed demand and Saudi Arabia signaled it will ramp up its own output.

While low oil prices can translate into cheaper gasoline, they wreak havoc on energy companies and countries that count on petroleum revenue, including the No. 1 producer, the U.S.

On Wall Street, the S&P 500 plunged 7.4% in the first few minutes after the opening bell before trading was halted by the market's circuit breakers, first adopted after the crash of October 1987 and modified over the years to give investors a chance to catch their breath. The marketwide circuit breakers have been triggered only once before, in 1997.

After the 15-minute pause, the S&P trimmed its losses, but still closed 7.6%

lower on the day. The Dow fell 2,013 points, or 7.8%, to 23,851.02. The Nasdaq gave up 7.3%.

The slide pushed U.S. stocks ever closer to a bear market, defined as a drop of 20% from its peak, while a gauge of fear on Wall Street reached its highest level since the 2008 global financial crisis.

Italy's stock index plunged 11.2%. Britain, France and Germany were down between 7.7% and 8.4%.

The interest rate, or yield, on U.S. Treasury bonds sank to all-time lows as investors looking for a safe place kept on sinking money into them, even as the return on their investment sank closer and closer to zero. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note plunged to 0.59%. Up until last week, it had never been below 1%.

The carnage in the energy sector was particularly bad.

With benchmark U.S. crude dropping to under \$32 a barrel, Marathon Oil, Apache Corp. and Diamondback Energy each sank more than 40%. Exxon Mobil and Chevron were on track for their worst days since 2008.

Software restart led to fatal dive, report says

BY TOM KRISHER AND DAVID KOENIG

Associated Press

When nothing else worked to stop their descent, desperate pilots of an Ethiopian Airlines Boeing 737 Max reactivated the jet's flight control software that prevents aerodynamic stalls. A report by Ethiopian investigators released Monday shows that led to a catastrophic plunge from the sky.

Turning on the MCAS software sent the plane into a nose-dive, increasing its descent rate from 100 feet per minute to more than 5,000 feet per minute, according to the interim report from Ethiopia's Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau.

The plunge from about 14,000 feet couldn't be controlled, and the plane crashed about six minutes after takeoff, killing all 157 people aboard, the report said.

The report, released a day before the anniversary of the crash, makes safety recommendations and gives clues to the cause, but an analysis won't be done until the final report expected later this year.

MCAS automatically pushes the nose of the plane down. That touched off the pilots' desperate struggle to regain control of the plane.

The report also blames a faulty sensor reading that led to the cascading events that brought the plane down. And it says that pilots should have received simulator training on what to do if the MCAS system malfunctions.

One of Boeing's biggest selling points for the Max was that it was essentially the same as older 737s and therefore no simulator training was needed to switch to the new aircraft.

Boeing said in a statement Monday that it is providing technical assistance to support the probe.

"We look forward to reviewing the full details and formal recommendations that will be included in the final report from the Ethiopian Accident Investigation Bureau," it said.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

Japan's economy shrank 7% in 4Q

TOKYO — Japan's economy contracted at a 7.1% annual rate in the October-December period, worse than the initial estimate, raising fears the world's third largest economy could be headed to a recession. The contraction was the first for Japan in more than a year and followed an Oct. 1 increase in the sales tax, which hit retail spending. The Cabinet Office data, released Monday, were a revision from last month's estimate of a 6.3% decline.

The data do not reflect the steep downturn in tourism and other business activity related to the virus outbreak that has spread from China to much of the world. Most economists are forecasting another contraction in the current quarter for the world's third largest economy.

Twitter has Silver Lake, Elliott deal

Twitter says it's reached an investment deal with Silver Lake and Elliott Management that will keep Jack Dorsey as the social media company's CEO.

Twitter Inc. said Monday that Silver Lake will make a \$1 billion investment in the company. That money, along with cash on hand, is expected to be put toward a \$2 billion stock buyback.

Elliott Management Corp., which owns about 4% of Twitter's stock, will get one seat on Twitter's board. Silver Lake will also get a board seat.

Prior media reports had suggested Elliott was planning to nominate four people to Twitter's board and oust Dorsey.

But the new agreement makes it seem likely he will stay.



Iain Rigg of Brokenwood Wines in Pokolbin, Australia, taste-tests a red wine for taint of smoke after months of bush fires.

Smoke taints Aussie wine lands

Vintner: Taste of grapes in wake of bush fires are 'like licking an ashtray'

BY JAMIE TARABY
AND MICHELLE ELIAS

The New York Times

HUNTER VALLEY, Australia — The hills are lush and green, the grapes plump and ripe. But one bite of this famed valley's most prized product reveals a winemaker's worst nightmare.

"It's like licking an ashtray," said Iain Rigg, a vintner here. "It's really rank and bitter."

The bush fires that raged for eight months in southeastern Australia inflicted widespread damage on the vineyards of the Hunter Valley, not directly from flames, but through the invisible taint of smoke.

Winemakers like Rigg have abandoned hopes for some 2020 vintages. Grapes that were closest to the fires are being left on the vine. Those farther away are being tested for smoke contamination, though it is an inexact science, and in some cases producers won't know whether a wine can be sold until it has fermented in tanks.

Millions of dollars, and the good names

of venerable wineries, are on the line.

"You can't put out a bad product," said Chris Tyrell, a fifth-generation winemaker in the valley. "Your reputation, that's all you've got, and we're not willing to risk it."

The Hunter Valley, north of Sydney, is synonymous with wine, which has been produced there for nearly 200 years, beginning in the early decades after the British established a penal colony in New South Wales. Today, the region, which is best known for its semillon and shiraz varietals, is home to more than 150 wineries.

The valley is a crucial part of an Australian wine industry that has become the fourth-largest exporter of wine by value in the world, after exploding onto the international scene in the 1990s.

It contributes hundreds of millions of dollars a year to the country's economy, not only through domestic and international sales, but also through tourism — another part of the wine business that was hurt by the fires, as vacationers evacuated areas near wine country or abandoned plans to take to the road for tastings.

Before the blazes, the wineries of the Hunter Valley had contended with years of drought. Now, after a record-dry 2019 helped produce bush fires larger than any the country had ever seen, winemakers are suffering a greater blow to production.

Nationwide, the industry is expecting losses in sales of about \$110 million.

Many wineries appear unharmed. At the Tyrell winery, rich green orchards surround the simple shed that Tyrell's ancestor Edward Tyrell constructed after arriving from England in the mid-1800s.

But 80% of the grapes cannot be used, and the financial loss amounts to about \$5 million, or AU\$7 million, Tyrell said. The winery must err on the side of discarding any fruit that might be tainted, he said.

"To have 60 families that work for us and a very old name, we've been here too long and done too much hard work" to take any chances, he added.

Down the road at Brokenwood Wines, where Rigg is the chief winemaker, the smell of crushed grapes and fermented alcohol seeps from empty crates and tanks that are normally bursting with fruit that produces the vineyard's shiraz, chardonnay and semillon blends.

The winemakers there have become chemists as they try to determine which grapes can be salvaged. Glass beakers cover desks and shelves in the main office, and sheets with lists of numbers and ingredients are entered into computers.

Testing grape sugars for compounds confirming smoke taint is a tricky business.

The grapes themselves "look terrific," he said, and "that's why it's so insidious."

Delta halts Atlanta-Rome flights due to virus

BY KELLY YAMANOUCI

Cox Newspapers

ATLANTA — As the coronavirus spreads, Delta Air Lines is suspending its Atlanta-to-Rome flights.

Atlanta-based Delta had already reduced its Atlanta-to-Rome route to fewer flights per week and suspended some other services to Italy.

The airline says it will suspend the Atlanta-to-Rome route from March 11 through April 30 due to the continued spread of COVID-19, or the coronavirus.

Its normal spring flight schedule from Atlanta to Rome is five flights a week in March and daily flights in April. The only remaining Delta flights to Italy until April 30 will be New York to Rome flights.

The airline said passengers whose flights are affected can rebook on alternate flights, get refunds or contact Delta to discuss other options.

Delta is also extending its suspension of flights between New York and Milan until May 20. The last Delta flight from Milan to New York operated March 3.

Other cuts include delaying the launch of summer season flights, which begin April 1, from Detroit to Rome until May 1 and from New York to Venice until May 21.

There have been more than 9,000 cases of COVID-19 reported in Italy. A number of towns in northern Italy have been put under quarantine.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is advising travelers to avoid nonessential travel to Italy.

The Trump administration has raised its travel warning to "do not travel" to the regions in South Korea and Italy most affected by coronavirus.

For Italy, the State Department issued a do-not-travel advisory for Lombardy, where Milan is the capital, and Veneto.

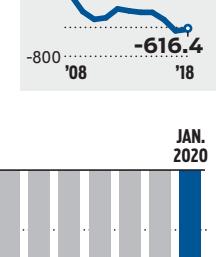
Passengers coming to the United States from Italy and South Korea are being screened.

Delta waived change fees for bookings to Italy, China and South Korea before announcing it was suspending flights to China and reducing flights to South Korea and Italy.

A change fee waiver allows travelers to avoid flying to areas with coronavirus outbreaks or avoid the risk that the airline may cancel the flights.

Trade deficit

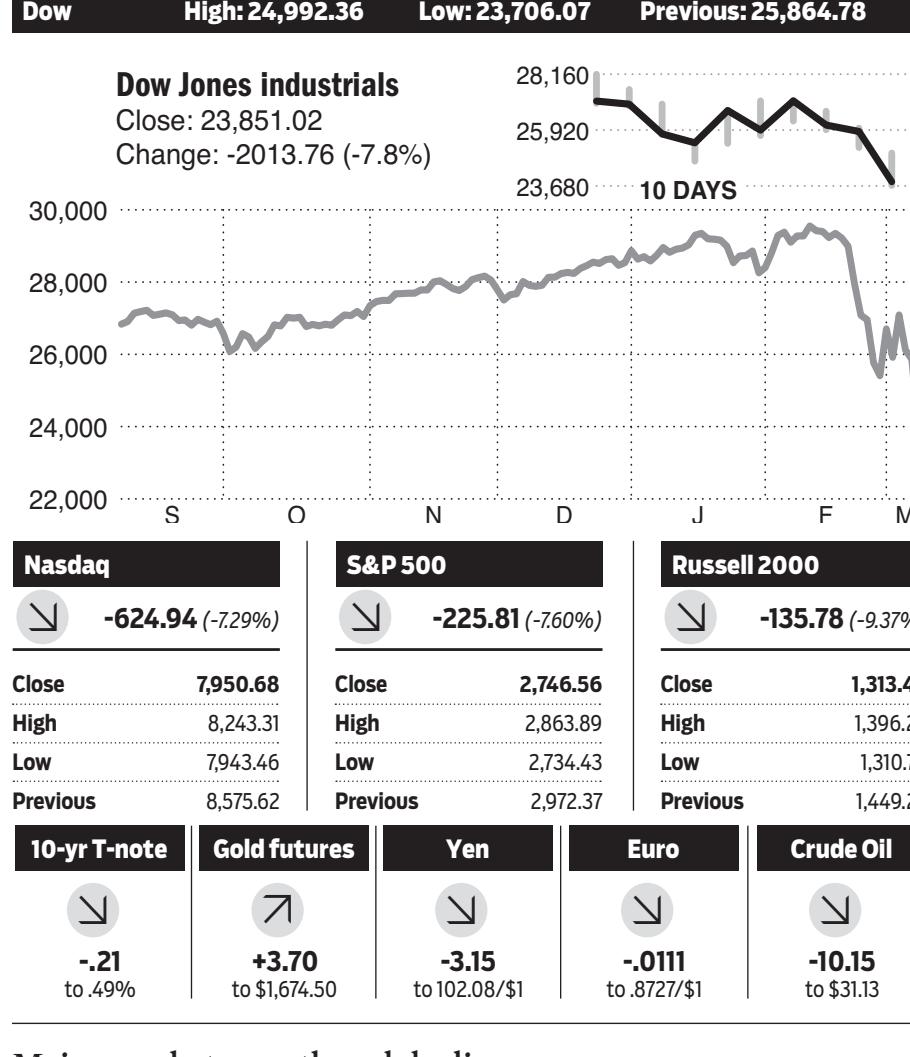
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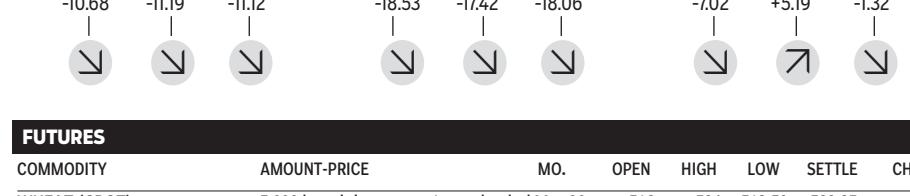
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MARKET ROUNDUP



Major market growth and decline



FUTURES

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel Mar 20	516	524	513.50	522.25	+1	
		May 20	509	522.50	505.75	518.75	+3
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel Mar 20	372	377.50	368.50	374.25	-3	
		May 20	370.25	375.25	366.75	372.75	-3.25
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel Mar 20	865	871.75	861.75	863.50	-19.75	
		May 20	883.50	883.50	867	870	-21.25
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Mar 20	27.83	27.83	26.91	27.31	-1.17
		May 20	28.08	28.33	27.07	27.54	-1.21
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Mar 20	302.80	302.80	293.80	296.60	-4.70
		May 20	303.00	303.30	296.20	300.40	-4.70
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMEX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Apr 20	32.87	34.88	27.34	31.13	-10.15
		May 20	32.87	35.19	27.83	31.47	-10.04
NATURAL GAS (NYMEX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Apr 20	1.678	1.830	1.610	1.778	+0.070
		May 20	1.720	1.874	1.657	1.819	+0.071
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMEX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Apr 20	1.2324	1.2324	1.0574	1.1369	-2.521
		May 20	1.1459	1.2569	1.0570	1.1369	-2.442

Source: The Associated Press

LOCAL STOCKS

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STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	77.02	-.47	Envestnet Inc	N	69.01	-.35	McDonalds Corp	N	186.86	-.12
AbbVie Inc	N	85.27	-.35	Equity Commonwealth	N	29.68	-.18	Middleby Corp	O	93.30	-.74
Allstate Corp	N	95.61	-.11	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	71.89	-.30	Mondelez Intl	O	53.94	-.17
Aptargroup Inc	N	101.45	-.58	Equity Residential	N	74.47	-.31	Morningstar Inc	O	131.42	-.80
Arch Dan Mid	N	35.30	-.24	Exelon Corp	O	41.91	-.26	Motorola Solutions	N	165.69	-.10
Baxter Intl	N	78.40	-.68	First Indl RT	N	35.48	-.41	Navistar Intl	N	30.42	-.27
Boeing Co	N	227.17	-.35	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	56.17	-.42	NIsource Inc	N	27.69	-.17
Brunswick Corp	N	42.10	-.67	Gallagher AJ	N	94.14	-.67	Nthr Trust Cp	O	70.83	-.61
CBOE Global Markets	N	111.77	-.50	Grainger WW	N	255.83	-.28	Old Republic	N	18.62	-.22
CDK Global Inc	O	40.75	-.39	GrubHub Inc	N	47.92	-.21	Packaging Corp Am	O	85.04	-.57
CDW Corp	O	98.21	-.13	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	89.01	-.65	Paylocity Hldg	O	115.91	-.83
CF Industries	N	31.17	-.57	RLI Corp	N	76.15	-.57	Stericycle Inc	O	54.80	-.52
CME Group	O	204.91	-.10	INDEX Corp	N	135.69	-.10	TransUnion	N	81.41	-.68
CNA Financial	N	39.77	-.89	ITW	N	154.52	-.99	US Foods Holding	N	28.61	-.29
Cabot Microelect	O	117.29	-.21	Ingridion Inc	N	80.00	-.58	Vita Salon Cosmetics	O	235.70	-.08
Caterpillar Inc	N	104.07	-.17	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	136.72	-.83	Ventas Inc	N	44.92	-.47
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	27.52	-.73	Kemper Corp	N	70.34	-.56	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	48.44	-.27
Deere Co	N	150.00	-.14	Kraft Heinz Co	O	23.96	-.20	Zebra Tech	O	185.26	-.17
Discover Fin Svcs	N	54.76	-.78	LKQ Corporation	O	25.90	-.16				
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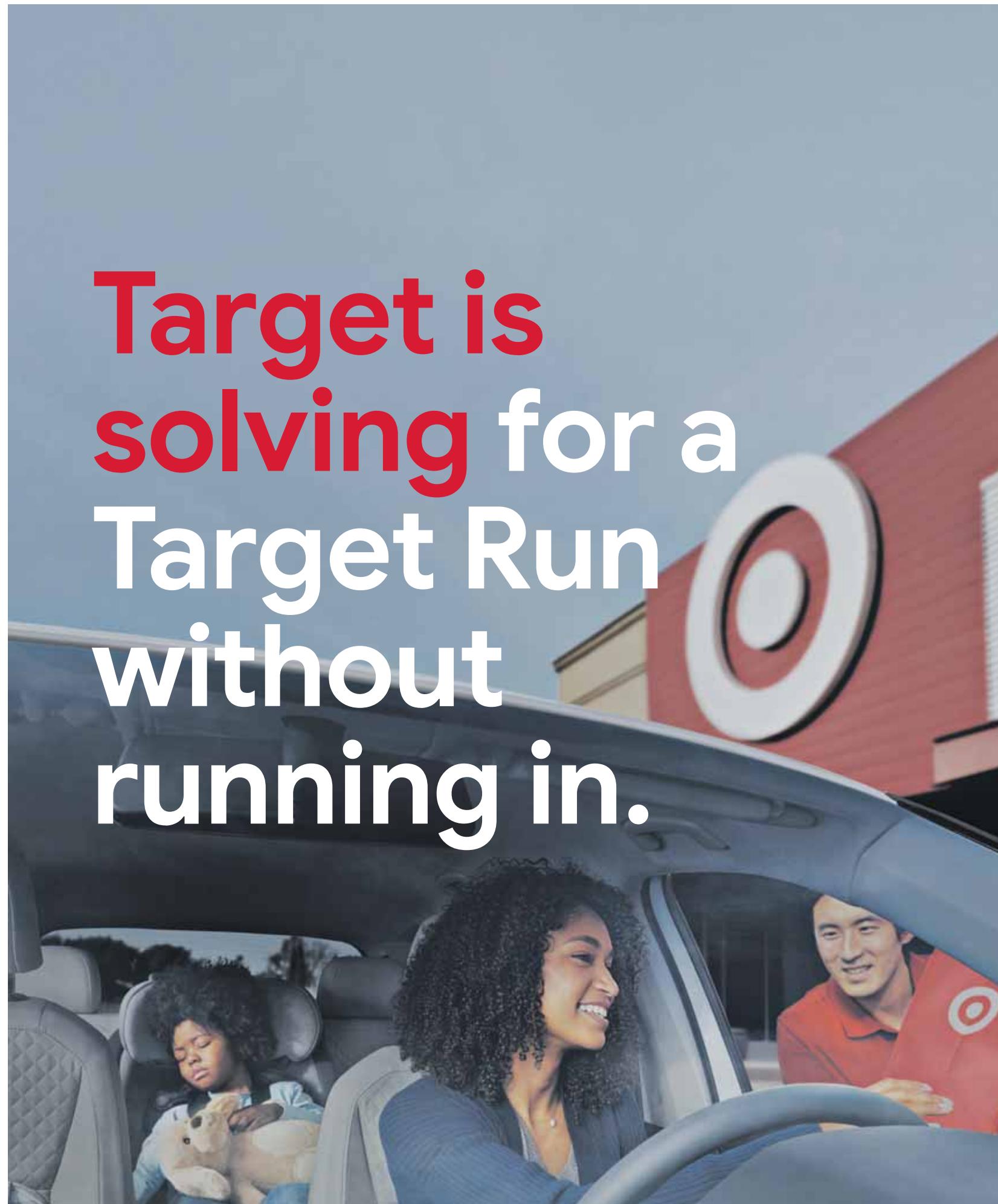
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Bank of America	21.93	-.37
Gen Electric	8.21	-.19
Marathon Oil	3.63	-.30
Ocidental Petrl	12.51	-.13
Ford Motor	5.90	-.59
Energy Transfer L.P.	7.37	-.24
Calion Petrol	.42	-.89
Petrobras	7.26	-.36
Schlumberger Ltd	17.31	-.64
Ambev S.A.	3.08	-.25
Halliburton	8.15	-.41
Exxon Mobil Corp	41.86	-.58
AT&T Inc	34.69	-.23
Stifel	197.66	-.69
Alphabet Inc A	1215.56	-.82
Amazon.com Inc	1800.61	-.10
Apple Inc	266.17	-22.86
Berkshire Hath B	193.13	-12.85
Facebook Inc	169.50	-.11
HSBC Holdings prA	25.53	-.48
JPMorgan Chase	93.44	-.14
Johnson & Johnson	136.44	-.59
MasterCard Inc	262.01	-25.00
Microsoft Corp	150.62	-.10
Procter & Gamble	116.06	-.56
Vale SA	7.97	-.15
Transocean Ltd	1.51	-.93
Nokia Corp	3.31	-.26
Wells Fargo & Co	32.48	-.46
Denbury Res	.35	-.23
Cabot Oil & Gas	16.89	+.52
BP PLC	25.28	-.59
Kinder Morgan Inc	16.10	-.33
Itau Unibanco Hldg	5.67	-.73

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Inovio Pharmaceut	9.83	-.42
Adv Micro Dev	43.27	-.53
Sphera Inc	3.22	+.15
Oasis Petroleum	.33	-.53
Apple Inc	266.17	-22.86
Microsoft Corp	150.62	-.10
Opko Health Inc	2.22	-.10
Cisco Syst	37.96	-.17
Intel Corp	50.85	-.49
Comcast Corp A	37.88	-.24
Cryocystal Pharma Inc	1.40	+.22
American Airlines Gp	14.75	-.12
Sirius XM Hldgs Inc	6.04	-.40
Caesars Entertain	10.04	-.15
Novan Inc	.51	+.13
Centennial Res Dev A	.56	-.96
Gilead Sciences	73.52	-.60
Micron Tech	45.97	-.50
Facebook Inc	169.50	-.11
Heat Biologics	.86	+.04
JD.com Inc	39.91	-.25
Vaxart Inc	2.76	+.20
T2 Biosystems	.54	-.03
Zynga Inc	6.53	-.53

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INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
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OBITUARIES

MATVEY NATANZON 1968-2020

Backgammon king known as Falafel had brain cancer

BY SAM ROBERTS
The New York Times

Matvey Natanzon, who was known as Falafel because he subsisted on deep-fried chickpea balls hustling gullible opponents in Washington Square Park in Manhattan while he groomed himself to be the world's greatest backgammon player, died Feb. 14 in Clarence, New York, near Buffalo. He was 51.

Natanzon, who was born in Soviet Russia, emigrated to Israel with his mother when he was 4 years old and later moved to the United States, spending his teenage years in Buffalo, was a compulsive gambler.

"If I say it, I have to bet on it," was his credo.

"Recently Falafel made another big bet, the biggest," his friend Jake Jacobs, another backgammon champion, wrote in PrimeTime Backgammon magazine, published by the U.S. Backgammon Federation. "He had cancer. I am not certain of the specifics, but it was serious, deadly serious, attacking the best part of him, his brain. He bet he could beat it."

A shlumpy jovial giant who weighed upward of 300 pounds at one point, Natanzon lost that bet, less than two years after doctors first told him that he had stage-four brain cancer.

His death was announced by his family in a notice in The Buffalo News.

His cancer had prematurely ended a roller-coaster career during which he went from sleeping under a bench in Washington Square Park, where he lived for nearly six months after college, to mastering backgammon, a board game that combines rolls of the dice with strategic checker moves.

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Matvey Natanzon is shown on the cover of Primetime Backgammon in 2018.

tournament rooms; the only ones to be found are on the keyboards, as players consult robots for answers, instead of consulting wizards such as Falafel. The game needs wizards, and he was one of the last. That's his legacy."

In his short pants, sweatshirt and knitted wool hat, Natanzon could look like an amiable loser to his easy marks, as he baited them with his nonstop babble and swaggering hubris.

He would graduate to winning (and, on rarer occasions, losing) tens of thousands of dollars in as little as an hour; achieve

said, to escape anti-Semitism and his father, about whom little is known. They settled in Azor, a town near Tel Aviv, where Bomshtein worked at an airport. When he was 14, she married an Israeli-American Holocaust survivor, Dr. Robert Rein, a biophysicist, and the family moved to Buffalo.

His mother, now Larissa Rein, and his sister, Elaine Lewis, are among his survivors.

Natanzon drank and gambled his way through the State University of New York at Buffalo (now known as the University at Buffalo) and graduated with a degree in accounting in 1991, though emerging jobless and penniless after losing sports wagers. After three years he hitched a ride to Manhattan to make his fortune in Washington Square Park.

"Instead of making money hand over fist on the park's famous chess tables as he dreamed, Natanzon ended up broke and sleeping under them," journalist Brin-Jonathan Butler wrote in "The Grandmaster: Magnus Carlsen and the Match That Made Chess Great Again" (2018).

Natanzon was quoted as saying: "I just didn't like working; sleeping in the park was better than going to work in a cubicle. My relationship with backgammon is the exact opposite of my personality everywhere else in my life. I'm very, very lazy. But when something captures my attention and I want to seek out the truth, I can never let go of it."

He later camped out in a ramshackle game room on Wall Street and at the New York Chess and Backgammon Club in Midtown Manhattan, slept in a flophouse on the Bowery, and rented a room, where, by his account, he would spend 15 hours a day playing online.

Largely self-taught, he played on the Israeli team in the Nations Cup backgammon tournament in 2005, and in 2007 was named by his peers as the world's top player. He lived in Las Vegas and Tel Aviv, among other places.

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Giants of Backgammon.

"Falafel is, without a doubt, backgammon's No. 1 commentator and is probably its best-known celebrity," Joe Russell, the chairman of the backgammon federation's board, said when he awarded Natanzon the organization's Lifetime Achievement Award in 2018. "He has been in the Top 10 of the Giants list seven straight times, and has been voted No. 1 twice and No. 2 once."

Natanzon was born in what was then Soviet Russia on July 5, 1968. His mother, Larissa Bomshtein, fled with him to Israel when he was 4, he

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In 1995 the Clinton administration released \$3 billion to support Mexico's faltering economy. **Also in 1995** former Mexican President Carlos Salinas de Gortari fled to the United States.

In 2000 Pope John Paul II approved sainthood for Katharine Drexel, a Philadelphia socialite who devoted her life and fortune to helping poor blacks and American Indians. (Drexel, who died in 1955, was canonized the following October.)

In 2004 teenage D.C.-area sniper Lee Boyd Malvo was sentenced in Chesapeake, Virginia, to life in prison.

Also in 2004 Target Corp. announced it was putting Chicago retailing icon Marshall Field's up for sale. (It was sold four months later to May Department Stores Co.; Federated Department Stores Inc., purchased May on Feb. 28, 2005.)

In 2005 former President Bill Clinton underwent surgery in New York to remove scar tissue and fluid from his chest.

In 2006 officials confirmed that Tom Fox, an American who was among four Christian activists kidnapped in Iraq, had been found slain.

In 2008 New York Gov. Eliot Spitzer apologized after allegations surfaced that he had paid thousands of dollars for a call girl, a scandal which eventually led to his resignation.

In 1949 Abraham Lincoln applied for a patent, the first U.S. president to do so.

In 1848 the Senate ratified the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, ending the war with Mexico.

In 1849 Christopher Columbus concluded his second visit to the Western Hemisphere as he left Hispaniola for Spain.

In 1862 the U.S. government issued its first paper money.

In 1864 Ulysses S. Grant became commander in chief of the Union armies in the Civil War.

In 1876 the first successful voice transmission over Alexander Graham Bell's telephone took place in Boston as his assistant heard Bell say, "Mr. Watson, come here. I want you."

In 1949 Nazi wartime broadcaster Mildred Gillars, also known as "Axis Sally," was convicted in

March 10 Mega Millions: \$75M

March 11 Powerball: \$110M

Illinois

March 9

Lotto 1225 32 41 44 50 / 17

Lotto jackpot: \$4.75M

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Michigan

March 9

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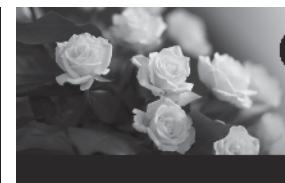
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Bjorkquist, James V.

James V. Bjorkquist, age 75, a longtime resident of Mt.

Prospect passed away March 7, 2020. Beloved husband of

Catherine, nee McFadden, for 51 years; dear father of Mary

(Stephen) Boros and Mark (Bridget); proud grandfather

of Connor, Kaylee, Nicholas, Thomas, and James; cher-

ished son of the late Nels

and Ethel; fond brother of the

late Bud and Ron. Visitation Wednesday, March 11

from 3-9 pm at Matz Funeral Home, 410 E. Rand Rd.

Mt. Prospect. Prayers at the funeral home Thursday

9:30 am proceeding to St. Emily Church. Mass 10

am. Interment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers

memorials to the American Cancer Society appreci-

ated. For info: (847) 394-2336 or

www.matzfuneralhome.com

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Blum, Lawrence Jay

Lawrence Jay Blum, age 89, born in Chicago 1930

and resided in Naples, Florida, and previously in several north suburban

Chicago communities; beloved husband of

the late Alice Blum; loving father of

David (Janet) Blum, Carol (Matt Feuer)

Blum, and Howard (Beth) Blum; adored grandfather

of Meryl, Andrew, Rebecca, Emily, Frederick and

Katherine; cherished life partner of Fay Katlin.

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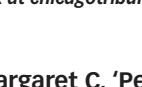
Keiner, Barbara J.

Barbara J. Keiner beloved wife of the late George; loving mother of Melissa (Joe) Stewart and George Jr (Adrienne); dearest grandmother of Sophia, Clark, Miles, and Penelope; beloved daughter of the late Grace and Joe Arker; dear sister of Joe Arker, Mary Gorni, and Kim Oliver; also fond sister in law, many nieces, nephews and many friends. Funeral Thursday 10 AM from the Schielka Addison Street Funeral Home, 7710 W. Addison St. to St. Francis Borgia Church for a 10:30 AM mass. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Visitation Wednesday 3 PM-9 PM. Member of Chicago Catholic Ephphatha and St Francis Borgia Deaf Center. In lieu of flowers donations to the Swoboda Deaf Center preferred. 773-625-3444

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Klish, Mary

Mary Klish (nee Majda), age 108, beloved wife of the late John Klish; loving mother of Cynthia Aranda, John (HeideMarie) and Melanie (William) Ehrhart; cherished grandmother of 7; proud great grandmother of 11; devoted daughter of the late Katherine and Jacob Majda; dear sister, aunt and friend to many. Visitation Thursday 8:30 A.M. until time of prayers at 9:30 A.M. from **Lawn Funeral Home**, 7732 W. 159th St. Orland Park to St. Julie Billiart Church Mass 10:00 A.M. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to Joliet Area Community Hospice, 250 Water Stone Circle, Joliet, IL 60431, would be appreciated. Funeral Info: 708-429-3200.



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Lonergan, Margaret C. 'Peg'

Margaret C. "Peg" Lonergan, nee Deady. Beloved wife of the late Vincent J. Loving mother of Diane (Don) Cozzi, James (Elin), Gail, William (the late Elaine) and Daniel (Penney). Dear grandmother of Christopher and Keith (Natasha) Cozzi, Kari (Rob) Hafer, Brian (Kaitlin), Blake (Mary Kate), Jason (Nikki) Lonergan, Maggie (Dustin) Tomes, Katie (Andrew) Hosford and Jack Lonergan. Dearest great-grandmother of 11. Also survived by many nieces and nephews. Visitation Wednesday, March 11, 3-8 p.m. at **Ryan-Parke Funeral Home**, 120 S. Northwest Hwy., Park Ridge. Funeral Thursday, 9:30 a.m. from funeral home to St. Paul of the Cross Church, Mass 10 a.m. Interment All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Alzheimer's Association, www.alz.org. Funeral information, www.ryan-parke.com.



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Lueder, Timothy Paul

Timothy Paul Lueder, 66, passed away peacefully on February 10, 2020 surrounded by family in Fort Pierce, Florida after a valiant 4-year battle with cancer.

Tim was a devoted husband, father, uncle, son and musician. Tim was an enigmatic bartender, and made many friends across the bar. He will be lovingly remembered as a musical soul with a golden sense of humor and countless (and sometimes endless) stories.

Tim is survived by his wife, Laura Lueder; daughter, Dr. Alison Lueder; nephew, Weston Hendershot; former wife, Peg Hendershot and many more nieces and nephews.

A celebration of Tim's life will be held on March 22. Full details are available at <http://bit.ly/timlueder>.

Memorial donations may be made to Treasure Coast Hospice in Florida. An online guestbook may be signed at <http://www.haisleyfuneralhome.com>.

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Mawicke, Barbara 'Happy'

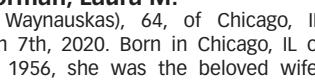
Barbara "Happy" Mawicke nee Klee, age 80. Barbara was born in Rochester, NY. Lived in Kenilworth, Illinois for 44 years. A graduate of the University of Wisconsin where she was the social chairman of the Pi Beta Phi Sorority. Beloved wife of Henry Edward Mawicke for 53 years. Loving mother of John (Jane) Mawicke, Christine (John) Andrie, M'Liz (Tim) Simonds, and Megan (Stu) Bradley. Proud grandmother of Jay, Grace, and Anna Mawicke; Stanley and Henry Andrie; Reilly, Nick, Finn, and Tuck Simonds; Jack and Luke Bradley. Barbara was heavily involved in the North Shore area she loved so much. She was consistently one of the top real estate producers and was the first realtor to reach One Billion in Sales on the North Shore. She was a perennial member of the Chairman's Circle and multi-year National Award Winner. Barbara was known by her tag line: "It's not just my business.. It's my neighborhood." She was an active and enthusiastic member of the community. Barbara was the Chairman of multiple Winnetka Community Nursery School benefits, served on the Joseph Sears School Foundation Board and was Chairman of the School benefit. She embraced the mission of Boys Hope Girls Hope while serving as long standing board member and received the Super Senior award by the North Shore Senior Center. Visitation Wednesday, March 11, 2020, 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at **Donnellan Family Funeral Home**, 10045 Skokie Boulevard, at Old Orchard Road, Skokie, IL 60077. Funeral Mass Thursday, March 12, 2020, 10:00 a.m. at Saints Faith, Hope & Charity, 191 Linden Street, Winnetka, IL 60093. Interment All Saints Cemetery, Des Plaines, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to: JDRF, Illinois Chapter, 1 N. LaSalle St., Ste. 1200, Chicago, IL 60602 or Christ The King Jesuit College Preparatory School, 5088 W Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60644. Info: www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 478-1600.



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Newman, Thomas M.

Thomas M. Newman, age 84, passed away, March 1, 2020. Devoted husband of the late Janet nee Sullivan, loved father of Tom, Mark (Terri), Chris (Jennifer), Todd and the late Lynn (Scott Speer) Newman, fond grandpa of Michael and Grace Newman, Shane Speer, A.J., Alyssa and Aydan Thomsen. Private services were held. Tom was a retired Cook County Sheriff's Policeman and dedicated his life to law enforcement. He was an animal lover and was devoted to his dogs. Arrangements by the **Beidelman-Kunsch Funeral Homes & Crematory**, Naperville. Memorials can be made to the Humane Society. Info 630 355 0264. www.beidelmankunschfh.com



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O'Gorman, Laura M.

(nee Waynauskas), 64, of Chicago, IL at rest March 7th, 2020. Born in Chicago, IL on January 20th, 1956, she was the beloved wife of Kevin E. O'Gorman and the adoring mother of Timothy (Katie) and Patrick (Katie). Cherished grandmother to her dearest yet unborn grandchild and her precious Finn. Loving daughter of the late Joseph and Patricia (nee Freet) Waynauskas and sister to Richard (Linda) Waynauskas, Carol Waynauskas, Mary Schoenhofen and Therese (Michael) Stewart. Caring cousin and aunt to Susan (William) Kehoe, Sandra (Daniel) McCullough, Thomas Schoenhofen, Matthew Schoenhofen, Luke Schoenhofen, Maria Kehoe, Michael Kehoe, Margaret Kehoe, Richard Waynauskas, Joseph Waynauskas, and Brian Stewart. Treasured educator and friend to thousands of students, parents, teachers, and parishioners in the St. Bede Community, all of whom, along with her family, will miss her so dearly. The beauty Laura brought into this world is immeasurable and her family, friends and community is blessed to have known her and will never forget her. Visitation Tuesday, March 10th, 3:00-9:00 p.m. at St. Bede the Venerable Church, 8200 S. Kostner Ave, Chicago, IL 60652 (corner of 83rd St. & Kostner Ave). Funeral Wednesday March 11th, 9:15 a.m. from the **Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home**, 4950 W. 79th Street, Burbank, IL at St. Bede the Venerable Church, Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878.



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Mayer, Lois Levin

Age 93, passed away on Thursday, March 5, 2020. She was born on November 29, 1926 in Chicago, IL. Widow of Leonard Mayer, daughter of Doris and Morris Levin. Eldest cousin of 19 grandchildren of Tillie and Israel Levin. Donations to The Self-Help Home 908 W. Argyle, Chicago, IL 60640 would be appreciated. She will be missed.

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McGannon, Marilyn M.

Marilyn M. McGannon nee Luby, March 7, 2020, Age 80. Late of Tinley Park, formerly of Homewood. Beloved wife of the late Thomas H. McGannon. Dear mother of Michael McGannon, Mary Therese (Thomas) Villano, Patrick (Jill) McGannon, Timothy (Elena) McGannon, Kevin (Gwen) McGannon and Kathleen McGannon. Cherished grandmother of Sean, Ryan, Kyle, Daniel, Annabel and Orla McGannon, Matthew and Meghan Villano. Loving sister of the late Richard Luby and the late Patrick (Angela) Luby. Survived by many nieces and nephews. Memorial visitation at the Tews-Ryan Funeral Home, 18230 S. Dixie Hwy., Homewood, Friday, March 13th from 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Her memorial mass will be Saturday, March 14th at 11:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Church 17951 Dixie Hwy. Homewood. Interment private at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Memorials to Avenue to Independence, 515 Busse Hwy., Park Ridge, IL 60068 would be appreciated. www.tews-ryanfh.com or 708-798-5300.



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Oremus, Kyle Rae

Kyle Rae Oremus (nee Blake) beloved wife of Michael Oremus; devoted daughter of Kip and Eileen Blake; cherished sister of Amie Erickson and Kip (Kate) Blake; dearest aunt of Sidney, Jordan, Jake, Kyle is survived by Nacho and Kiki. Memorial Visitation Saturday 8:30 A.M. until time of Prayers 9:45 A.M. at **Lawn Funeral Home** 17909 S. 94th Ave. Tinley Park, IL 60487 to St. Mary Church. Memorial Mass 10:30 A.M. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. Funeral info (708) 532-3100



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Shapiro, Bertram

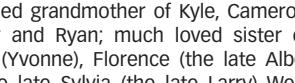
Bertram Shapiro, age 94, World War 2 Veteran, of Palo Alto, CA, formerly of Wilmette, passed away March 8, 2020; beloved husband of the late Charlotte, nee Cohen; loving father of Susan (James) Walder, Michael Shapiro, and Jon Shapiro; devoted grandfather of Jenny (Aaron) Hage and Justin (Carly) Walder, and great grandfather of Noah, Ezra, Caleb, Ari, and Dena; dear brother of Aileen Bereskin and the late Victor Shapiro; fond son of the late Joseph and Anna Shapiro; also survived by nieces, nephews, and many friends. Service and interment Wednesday, 10:30am at Westlawn Cemetery and Mausoleum, 7801 W. Montrose Avenue, Norridge. Contributions may be made to your favorite charity. Arrangements entrusted to **Lakeshore Jewish Funerals**, 773-625-8621



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Shults, Christine

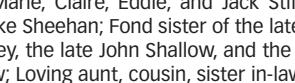
Christine Shults nee Brumleve, age 74, of Chicago passed away at home on Friday, March 6, 2020. Loving mother of Craig Shults; former wife and best friend of JD Shults; cherished daughter of the late William and the late Simone Brumleve; dear sister of the late Michael (Karen) Brumleve, the late Valerie (the late Dale) Samuelson; fond aunt of Heather (Sean) Markham; loving great aunt of Emma; caring cousin of Steven and Madonna Siles; best friend of Judy O'Hare. Christine was a beloved employee at Local Union 734 for many years. Visitation will be held Thursday, March 12, from 4PM to 9PM at **Kolbus May Funeral Home**, 6857 W. Higgins Ave, Chicago. Friday, March 13, a gathering will be held at the funeral home from 10AM until the time of service at 11AM. Interment at Union Ridge Cemetery.



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Small, Dorothy

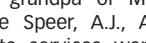
age 84 (nee Berkin) of Buffalo Grove, peacefully passed away in Las Vegas on February 26, 2020. Loving mother of Marc (Betty) and Ross nee Ira (Beth) cherised grandmother of Kyle, Cameron, Cassidy, Connor and Ryan; much loved sister of Bernard Berkin (Yvonne), Florence (the late Albert) Safron and the late Sylvia (the late Larry) Wender; treasured aunt to many nieces and nephews. Gravesite service Wednesday March 18, 11:30 AM at **Shalom Memorial Park** 1700 W. Rand Road Arlington Heights. Visitation to immediately follow, at the home of Marc and Betty Small.



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Nadler, Herman I.

Herman I. Nadler, age 88, of Boynton Beach, FL, formerly of Glenview, retired owner of three Tinder Box Stores; beloved husband for 61 years of Gloria, nee Riegelhaupt; loving father of Linda Nadler and Jacqueline (Don) Mishory, adored "Boopa" of Jonathan and Abby; devoted son of the late Joseph and Pearl Nadler; dear brother of Ruth (late Max) Tendrich; cherished brother-in-law of Ron (Linda) Riegelhaupt; treasured uncle and friend to many. Service Thursday, 2:00 p.m. at Temple Chai, 1670 Checker Rd., Long Grove, IL 60047. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Temple Chai Israel Action Fund. Info: The **Goldman Funeral Group**, www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com (847) 478-1600.

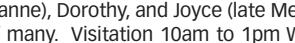


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Stifter, Rosemary

Rosemary Stifter nee Shallow; age 91; Devoted wife of the late Edward M. Stifter Sr. Loving mother of Patricia (Paul Kubik), Kevin (Jolyn), Janet, Edward (Cynthia), Colleen Sheehan, and Cynthia (Paul) Syslo; Proud grandma of Danielle, Megan and Katie Stifter; Anne Marie, Eddie, and Jack Stifter; Dennis and Mike Sheehan; Fond sister of the late Geraldine Sweeney, the late John Shallow, and the late Daniel Shallow; Loving aunt, cousin, sister-in-law, neighbor and friend to many; Visitation Tuesday 3 to 9 p.m.

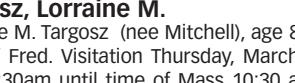
Funeral Wednesday, 10:30 a.m. from **Curley Funeral Home**, 6116 W. 111th Street, Chicago Ridge to Queen of Martyrs Church, 10233 S. Central Park Ave., Evergreen Park. Mass 11:30 a.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations would be appreciated to Illinois Veterans Home, 1 Veterans Drive, Manteno, IL 60950; For funeral info 708-422-2700 or www.curleyfuneralhome.com



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STRAZZABOSCO, RUTH MARIE

Ruth Marie Strazzabosco, 85, of Oak Park. Beloved wife of the late Sergio "Joe." Loving mother of Janice (Stephen) Hemauer and John (Lori) Strazzabosco. Devoted grandmother of Matthew, Adam and Christopher Hemauer, Christine and Stephanie Strazzabosco. Dear great-grandmother of 5. Fond sister of Arthur, Keith (Vivian) Shaver, Janice (Virgil) Hoyer, Kenneth (Lee) Shaver, and the late Eugene (late Joanne), Dorothy, and Joyce (late Melvin). Dear aunt of many. Visitation 10am to 1pm Wednesday, March 11, 2020 at Hallowell & James Funeral Home, 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside. Interment private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to Parkinson's Foundation appreciated. Ruth was a Registered Nurse for 47 years at West Suburban Hospital, Oak Park. Funeral home phone 708/352-6500 or www.hjfunerals.com



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Targosz, Lorraine M.

Lorraine M. Targosz (nee Mitchell), age 87, beloved wife of Fred. Visitation Thursday, March 12, 2020, from 9:30am until time of Mass 10:30 a.m. at Our Mother of Good Counsel Church, 16043 South Bell Road, Homer Glen, IL. Interment Resurrection Cemetery. For info **RICHARD J MODELL FUNERAL HOME**, 708-301-3595 or rjmodelfh.com



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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Da'Mariea Spivey AKA Damareia Spivey AKA Da'Mariea Ikkey Spivey

MINOR(S) CHILDREN(D) OF Dominique Spivey (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 14JA01381

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Darryl Harris (Father), respondents, and TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, that on January 28, 2020, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXX, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Demetrios Kottaras in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on 03/30/2020 at 10:00 AM in CALENDAR 7 COURTROOM G, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act. The court has authority in this case to take from you the custody and guardianship of the minor.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT January 16, 2020 6584881

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT January 16, 2020

ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY:

S. Auyeung, L. Martin ATTORNEY FOR: THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS ADDRESS: 1100 South Hamilton CITY/STATE: Chicago, Illinois 60612 TELEPHONE NUMBER: (312) 433-7000 ATTORNEY NO.: 33182

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, COOK COUNTY OF ILLINOIS January 16, 2020 6584881

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT CHILD PROTECTION DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Demontae Offord

MINOR(S) CHILDREN(D) OF Destiny Offord (Mother) AKA Destinay Offord

JUVENILE NO.: 17JA00158

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Anthony Outlaw (Father), Will Johns (Father), Deshawn Washington (Father), Any And All Unknown Fathers, Any, respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on January 20, 2020, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Robert Balonoff in the Cook County Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, on 03/30/2020, at 10:00 AM in CALENDAR 12 COURTROOM L, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS CASE TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD.

UNLESS YOU appear you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS January 30, 2020 6624680

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUVENILE JUSTICE AND CHILD PROTECTION DEPARTMENT JUVENILE JUSTICE DIVISION

IN THE INTEREST OF Shantiara Johnson

A MINOR NO. 2019JD00692

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, Diane Johnson (Mother), respondents, and TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, that on May 7, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXX, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Terrence Sharkey in the 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois on 03/24/2020 at 9:00 AM in CALENDAR 63 COURTROOM 13.

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TO: Adrian Tarau; Occupant; 1604 W. Monroe Ave., Unit Comm 3, Chicago, IL 60607; KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COUNTY CLERK; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2020COTD000145 FILED: 1/13/2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 5/9/2018 Certificate No.: 16-0010930 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2016 Sold for Special Assessments of (Municipality): N/A Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 1604 W. MONROE AVE., UNIT COMM 3, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60607 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 17-18-208-002-1019 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 7/6/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 7/6/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 7/15/2020 in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 7/6/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 ICIB INVESTMENTS, INC. Purchaser or Assignee Dated: March 3, 2020 Balin Law, PC. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58844 3/10, 3/11, 3/12/2020 6624926

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TO: Davis, Chapel Development, Inc.; Davis, Chapel Development, Inc., c/o Michael Thiessen, President; Davis, Chapel Development, Inc., c/o Thomas W. Lynch, Reg. Agt.; Davis, Chapel Development, Inc., c/o Jesse White, IL Secretary of State; First Midwest Bank S/I Bridgeview Bank Group; Schmidt, Salzman, & Moran, Ltd.; Tornado Car Wash; Occupant; 5735 S. Archer Rd., Summit, IL 60501; KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COUNTY CLERK; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2020COTD000096 FILED: 1/9/2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 5/8/2018 Certificate No.: 16-0006929 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2016 Sold for Special Assessments of (Municipality): N/A Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 5735 S. ARCHER RD., SUMMIT, ILLINOIS 60501 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 18-13-219-002-0000 & 18-13-219-007-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 7/6/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 7/6/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 7/15/2020 in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 7/6/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 RDIA INVESTMENTS LLC Purchaser or Assignee Dated: March 4, 2020 Balin Law, PC. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58844 3/10, 3/11, 3/12/2020 6624926

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TO: SDC Mountain Top, Inc.; SDC Mountain Top, Inc., c/o Sheila Denise White, Reg. Agt.; City of Chicago, c/o Anna M. Valencia, City Clerk; D&D's Place; D&D's Place Donut Shop; Occupant; 8324 S. Kedzie Ave., Chicago, IL 60652; KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COUNTY CLERK; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2020COTD000090 FILED: 1/9/2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 5/6/2019 Certificate No.: 17-0005023 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2017 Sold for Special Assessments of (Municipality): N/A Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 8324 S. KEDZIE AVE., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60652 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 19-35-043-045-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 7/6/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 7/6/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 7/15/2020 in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 7/6/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 MIDWESTERN INVESTORS LLC Purchaser or Assignee Dated: March 4, 2020 Balin Law, PC. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58844 3/10, 3/11, 3/12/2020 6626122

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TO: Ugwu Uche; Nnenna Ugwu-Uche; City of Chicago, c/o Anna M. Valencia, City Clerk; Occupant; 4011 S. Wabash Ave., Chicago, IL 60605; KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COUNTY CLERK; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2020COTD000090 FILED: 1/9/2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 5/6/2019 Certificate No.: 17-0005023 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2017 Sold for Special Assessments of (Municipality): N/A Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 4011 S. WABASH AVE., CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60605 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 20-03-104-001-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 7/6/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 7/6/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 7/15/2020 in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 7/6/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 RDIA INVESTMENTS LLC Purchaser or Assignee Dated: March 4, 2020 Balin Law, PC. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58844 3/10, 3/11, 3/12/2020 6626122

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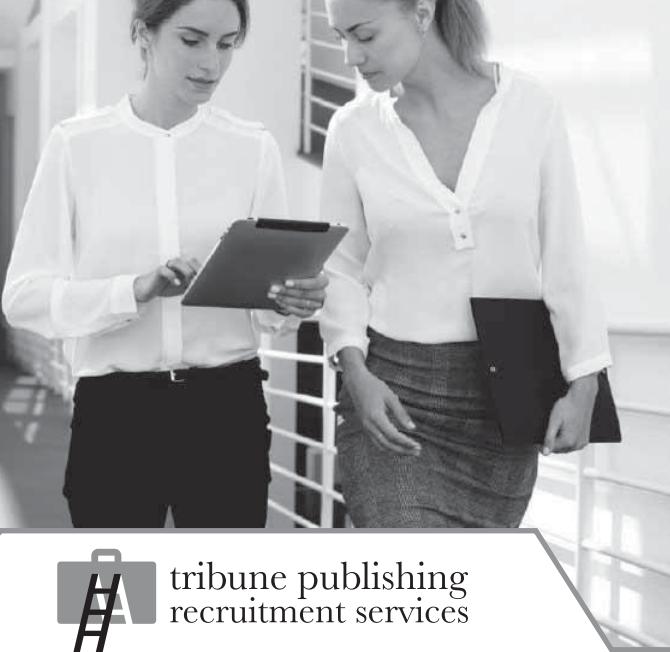
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TO: Antonio Garcia; Miguel Garcia; Thorn Creek Basin Sanitary District; Pepes Mexican Restaurant; Sharks' Chicken & Fish, Inc.; Occupant; 1453 Western Ave., Chicago Heights, IL 60411; KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COUNTY CLERK; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2020COTD000099 FILED: 1/9/2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 5/4/2018 Certificate No.: 16-0000208 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2016 Sold for Special Assessments of (Municipality): N/A Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 1453 N. WESTERN AVENUE, CHICAGO HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS 60411 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 32-19-304-032-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 7/6/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 7/6/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 7/15/2020 in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 7/6/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 RDIA INVESTMENTS LLC Purchaser or Assignee Dated: March 4, 2020 Balin Law, PC. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58844 3/10, 3/11, 3/12/2020 6626188



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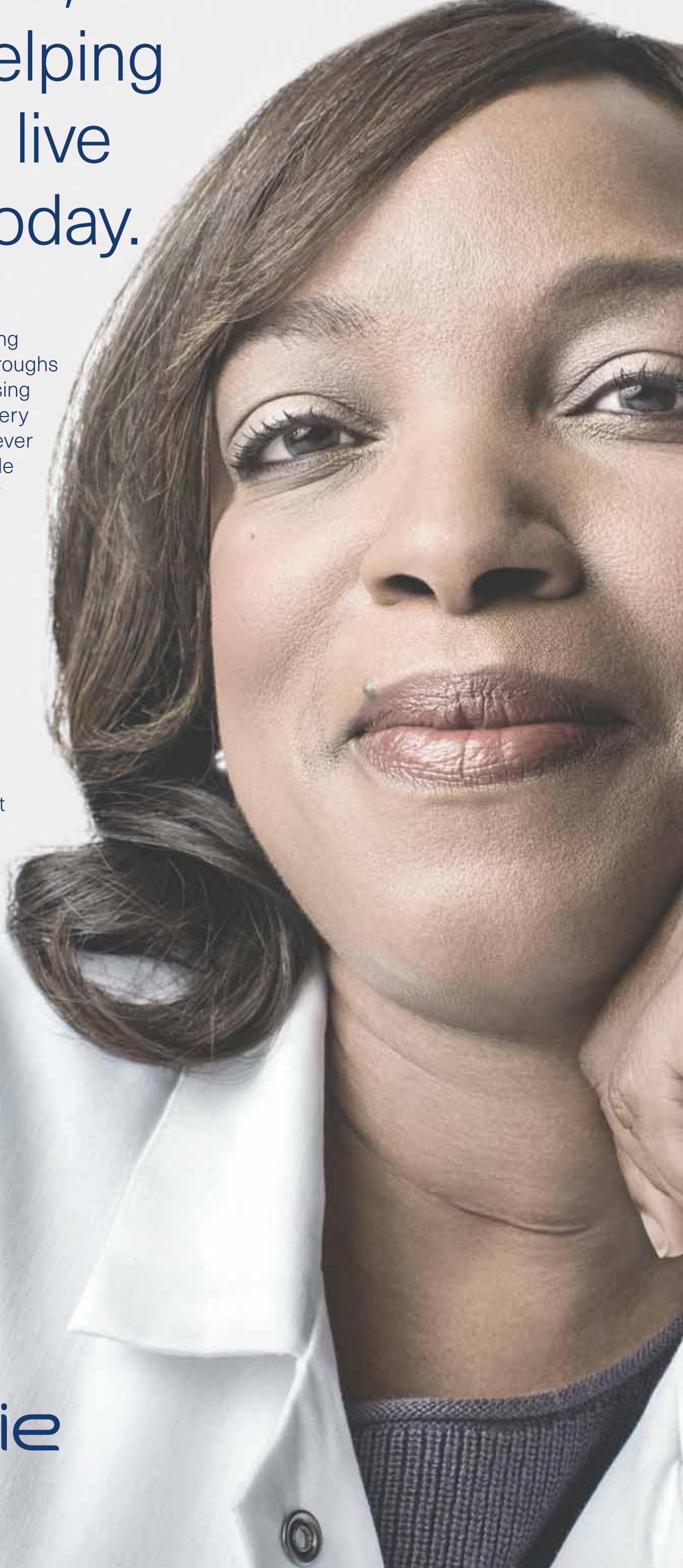
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Leagues go into lockdown

Reduced locker-room access a response to coronavirus fears

BY PHIL ROSENTHAL

The NBA, NHL, Major League Baseball and Major League Soccer issued a joint statement Monday announcing they will close locker rooms and clubhouses to non-essential team personnel and jour-

nalists in response to the spread of the new coronavirus.

"After consultation with infectious disease and public health experts, and given the issues that can be associated with close contact in pre- and postgame settings, all team locker rooms and clubhouses will be open only to players and essential employees of teams and team facilities until further notice," the statement said. "Media access will be maintained in

designated locations outside of the locker room and clubhouse setting."

The four leagues said their "temporary changes" will begin Tuesday for practices and games, although some NHL teams began limiting access last weekend.

The announcement came just hours after leaders of associations representing the nation's sports editors and sports writers issued their own statement. The media groups expressed concern that

curbs on access could become the new normal, affecting how sports is covered.

While acknowledging "the developing international outbreak of coronavirus and the need to contain it," the media groups' statement urged "open communication with the leagues as, together, we deal with this serious health matter."

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Indiana QB Ramsey transfers to NU

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S.B.'s nation

Two hours with **Scott Boras**: Baseball's No. 1 agent (but don't call him that) riffs on clients — from Bryant to Keuchel — and rails on MLB's luxury tax

BY TEDDY GREENSTEIN

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. — Interviewing Scott Boras is more like being in the audience of a one-man play.

The man can talk. He pauses during his stories for dramatic effect.

A question about his relationship with Jerry Reinsdorf leads to a soliloquy about Barry Zito's

leadership qualities. Ask whether he believes the Cubs will trade his client Kris Bryant, and Boras details his disdain for the letters "CBT" — baseball's Competitive Balance Tax.

Boras, 67, is uniquely suited for his job, a line-drive hitter who reached Double A and earned both a law degree and a doctorate in pharmacy. To fit in with his minor-

league teammates during long bus rides, he would cover the shell of his textbooks with a nudie mag.

"I didn't want to look like a nerd," he explains.

Boras has a profound respect for baseball, offering bits of enduring wisdom in the same way "Bull Durham" once did. His essential take on the game comes from George Kissell, who spent 69 of

his 88 years learning and espousing the "Cardinal Way."

"This game is not yours," Boras says, quoting Kissell. "You do not own this game. You are allowed to participate in this game. Understand the game is ever-changing; it is the feather in a windstorm. It'll come to you and it'll go away."

Boras rarely submits to long-form media interviews because

his time is so precious. He represents about 75 players on big-league rosters and about 80 more in the minors. His 135-person staff includes international scouts, development gurus, athletic trainers, sports psychologists, 40 researchers and a \$10 million database he calls "my Ferrari."

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BULLS

White to get 1st start Tuesday

Rookie is averaging 26.9 points, 4.4 assists over his last 8 games

BY JAMAL COLLIER

Bulls rookie guard Coby White will make his first career start Tuesday night at the United Center against the Cavaliers, his ascension into a more prominent role coming amid the best stretch of his young NBA career.

In the last eight games, White has been the team's most consistent and productive player, averaging 26.9 points, 4.4 assists and

4.1 rebounds. His shooting percentages have increased to 48.8% from the field and 44.6% from 3-point range during that span, and he's attempting about three free throws per game while making 92.3%.

And the Bulls have been thrilled with his steps forward as a playmaker and a defender.

"He's earned it," coach Jim Boylen said of the starting nod.

White will join the lineup in place of Tomas Satoransky, who had been the only Bull to start every game this season. White is the only other player to appear in all 64 games, but he came off the

bench in each of them.

His presence should provide a spark to the starting lineup, especially considering Zach LaVine is set to miss his fifth consecutive game with a left quadriceps strain.

"Coach talked to me about it and he wants me to approach it the same way I've been approaching the game," White said. "Doing my job, getting everybody involved and still finding my ways to score."

Boyle initially resisted moving White, 20, into a new role, even when he started showing signs of a breakout.

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Bulls guard Coby White points after making a 3-pointer against the Mavericks on March 2 at the United Center.

TOP OF THE SECOND



PHIL THOMPSON

Boqvist's injury really hurts

One would have thought the Blackhawks reached the nadir of their misfortunes this season with Friday's loss to the last-place Red Wings, but their troubles got worse Sunday night in a 2-0 loss to the Blues.

Let's count 'em up, shall we?

- Adam Boqvist sustained a concussion — a blow to a team already hurting for defensemen.
- Drake Caggiula got in a fight to defend Boqvist but hurt his wrist.
- The power play (remember that bugaboo?) failed on four tries.
- And for the first time in their I-55 rivalry, the Blues swept the Hawks, taking all four games in the season series.

"I thought we competed pretty hard," Hawks coach Jeremy Colliton said. "Had our chances. Obviously, would have loved to get one on the power play. Ultimately the chances they got, we turned the puck over and they were able to capitalize on it and we put ourselves in tough situations."

Here are three takeaways from Sunday's loss.

1. Was the hit on Adam Boqvist intentional? Whatever the case, his loss hurts in several ways.

Oskar Sundqvist and Adam Boqvist crashed into the boards while chasing the puck. Boqvist's stick went under Sundqvist's legs, and as Sundqvist jumped — with his back to Boqvist — he hit Boqvist in the head with his elbow and forearm. The collision set off a brawl along the boards.

Sundqvist was charged with a major penalty, but it was reduced to a two-minute minor after a review. Boqvist was placed in the concussion protocol.

The NHL on Monday fined Sundqvist \$5,000 for roughing, the maximum allowed under the collective bargaining agreement.

Hawks coach Jeremy Colliton called the hit "unnecessary."

"There's nothing wrong with finishing your check, but there was no reason, no reason for the contact to his head," Colliton said. "It was totally unrelated to the play."

For Hawks defenseman Connor Murphy, that play made getting swept by the Blues even more bitter.

"It's a team we don't like very much to play against," he said.

Like Colliton, Murphy questioned Sundqvist being issued only a minor.

"I was surprised just because of the blood (Boqvist) had and everything," Murphy said.

Boqvist's injury comes at a time when the rookie was showing great progress.

Already down defensemen Brent Seabrook and Calvin de Haan, the Hawks have been without promising rookie Lucas Carlsson, who has been in the concussion protocol since last week. On Friday, the Hawks recalled Dennis Gilbert from Rockford on an emergency basis.



ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE
Hawks defenseman Nick Seeler (55) and Blues winger Zach Sanford tussle on Sunday.

2. With his concussion history, should Drake Caggiula be fighting?

After Oskar Sundqvist elbowed Adam Boqvist, fighting ensued, and Drake Caggiula punched Vince Dunn several times before the bigger Dunn eventually got several off of his own.

After officials broke up the fight, Caggiula heard cheers from the United Center crowd, and teammates sang his praises.

"He's like an Andrew Shaw," Connor Murphy said. "He brings a lot of heart to our team and a passion. That's something the fans appreciate as much as we do."

Earlier this season, Caggiula talked about contemplating retirement after sustaining two concussions less than a year apart.

"I've had that conversation with my girlfriend, my family, my agent, myself," Caggiula said in December. "Right now I'm not at that point. At least I don't think I am."

Alex DeBrincat called Caggiula a "team-first guy."

Caggiula suffered a hand injury in the fight, Jeremy Colliton said after the game.

3. It's time to give up those playoff hopes, right?

With the loss, the Hawks were six points out of the last playoff spot in the Western Conference with four teams ahead of them. Playoffsstatus.com gave them a 3% chance of earning a wild-card berth.

"You have a big chunk of games left and you're going to try to win as many of them as you can," Connor Murphy said. "You don't really try to do math too much. You just want to win your next games."

"It sucks. Losing sucks, especially having a couple in a row."

Coach Jeremy Colliton wouldn't concede that focus should shift from winning to development.

"No, we approach it the same way," he said.

"We're here to win. We've been developing guys all year, we've been playing guys in big situations all year, young players, and that won't change either."

"But part of what we're doing is we want to have winning habits and we're going to fight to the end."

LET'S PLAY 2

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11 a.m. Horizon League final	ESPNU
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White

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White's play has been inconsistent and he admitted to fatigue in December, so Boylen did not want to overload the rookie with an increased role once he finally started to play better. Besides, Boylen had increased White's minutes since the start of February to more than 30 per game, among the most on the team.

But White's performance has become too good to ignore, and he shows no signs of slowing down. He was named Eastern Conference rookie of the month in February and has scored at least 20 points seven times during this eight-game stretch. He had surpassed the 20-point mark only five times in the previous 56 games.

"This is the next stage in his development," Boylen said. "He's earned this opportunity. He's grown into this opportunity. And we'll take it a game at a time and we'll coach him the same way we've been coaching him. I'm excited for him."

Boylen said he didn't receive any pressure from the front office to make the change and had been considering elevating White into the lineup for some time. Boylen's tune began to change last week from outright dismissal of the idea of White starting to hinting that it was "probably coming."

After seeing the strides White has made



ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE
The Bulls' Coby White goes up for a basket against the Timberwolves on Jan. 22.

on defense as well as scoring, Boylen was ready to make the switch.

"I feel like I came a long way both on the ball and off the ball," White said. "I've learned a lot. I've gotten better at it over the course of the season, and I'm going to continue to keep getting better and continue to keep grinding on defense."

Bulls fans have been clamoring for weeks for White to start, with the team's broadcasters even getting involved in the push. White has maintained all along that getting a chance to start was never a priority this season, but now that the opportunity is in front of him, he's excited to show what he can do from the start of the game.

"I honestly didn't think I would be starting," White said. "Coach never put the idea out there. We never really talked about it, so I was comfortable without starting."

Virus

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"We understand precautions may be necessary in the name of public health," the sports media organizations said. "We are intent on working with the leagues, teams and schools we cover to maintain safe work environments."

"We also must ensure the locker-room access — which we have negotiated over decades — to players, coaches and staff is not unnecessarily limited in either the short or long term."

North American sports organizations, including the NCAA, are examining the most responsible way to conduct business under quickly changing conditions.

Contingency plans are being formulated concerning not only media, but also potentially staging competition in empty venues or with a limited number of fans in attendance to slow the spread of the virus. Outright cancellations cannot be ruled out in worst-case scenarios.

Overseas, with more than 110,000 coronavirus cases and more than 3,800 deaths, sports has been as disrupted as other aspects of everyday life.

Italy, for example, is instituting strict travel restrictions and has canceled all sports until at least April 3. Japan has announced the start of its pro baseball season will be delayed.

In the United States, the BNP Paribas tennis tournament in Indian Wells, Calif., has been canceled, the largest event to be canceled or postponed because of the epidemic.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention on Monday reported there have been at least 21 U.S. coronavirus deaths and more than 500 U.S. cases in 34 states and the District of Columbia.

Media organizations are among the businesses limiting what is deemed non-essential travel.

The Chicago Tribune last week reported that concerns about the new coronavirus will keep the Big Ten Network from sending its studio show personnel to Indianapolis for this week's men's basketball tournament.

BTN, however, still plans to send a full crew for its game coverage.

The joint media groups' statement was signed by the Chicago Tribune's Paul Sullivan, who is president of the Baseball Writers Association of America, as well as the heads of the Associated Press Sports Editors, Pro Football Writers of America, North American Soccer Reporters, United States Basketball Writers Association, Professional Basketball Writers Association and Professional Hockey Writers Association.

"Banning the media from clubhouses, as the NHL is doing and the NBA seems likely to do, is an overreaction that hopefully MLB doesn't feel the need to follow," Sullivan wrote in a Monday column.

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WHITE SOX

Heuer has impressed, feeds off being closer

BY LAMOND POPE

GLENDALE, Ariz. — The White Sox were having a tough time slowing the Giants in Saturday's Cactus League game at Scottsdale Stadium. The Giants scored twice each in the third, fourth, fifth and sixth innings.

That changed when Codi Heuer entered in the seventh.

Heuer struck out Drew Robinson swinging, got Mauricio Dubon to ground to short and ended the inning by striking out Joey Rickard.

It was the latest example of Heuer's impressive spring.

The 6-foot-5 right-hander has not allowed an earned run in five relief outings. He has surrendered two hits and has seven strikeouts and one walk in five innings.

"It's been an awesome experience so far," Heuer, 23, said Sunday. "I got off to a good start. It's been cool being around all the guys. (I've) just been working on a lot of fastball command stuff. Also getting my off-speed back."

"Sometimes in spring it's hard coming back after that time off and getting the feel for your changeup and sliders, and I've been nailing that and feeling really good."

A sixth-round selection in the 2018 draft from Wichita State, Heuer spent last season at Class A Winston-Salem and Double-A Birmingham. As a non-roster invitee to spring training, he's making the most of the opportunity.

General manager Rick Hahn said Friday that Heuer and Tyler Johnson are among the young relievers who have impressed in camp. Manager Rick Renteria agrees.

"He shows a lot of calm and (has) nice mound presence," Renteria said. "Certainly someone we have our eye on, and the whole organization is really happy with how he's progressed. He's impressive. He's got a power arm and he knows how to pitch."

Heuer throws a four-seam fastball, a slider and a changeup.

"(The) changeup has usually been a better pitch for me," he said, "but I've been working on my slider and now the slider kind of complements my fastball and changeup. The slider has always been a tough pitch for me to nail, but I've put in a lot of work in the offseason and it's been good so far."

Heuer went a combined 6-4 with a 2.39 ERA and 65 strikeouts in $67\frac{2}{3}$ innings in 2019. He had an 0.48 ERA in his final 14 appearances for Birmingham.

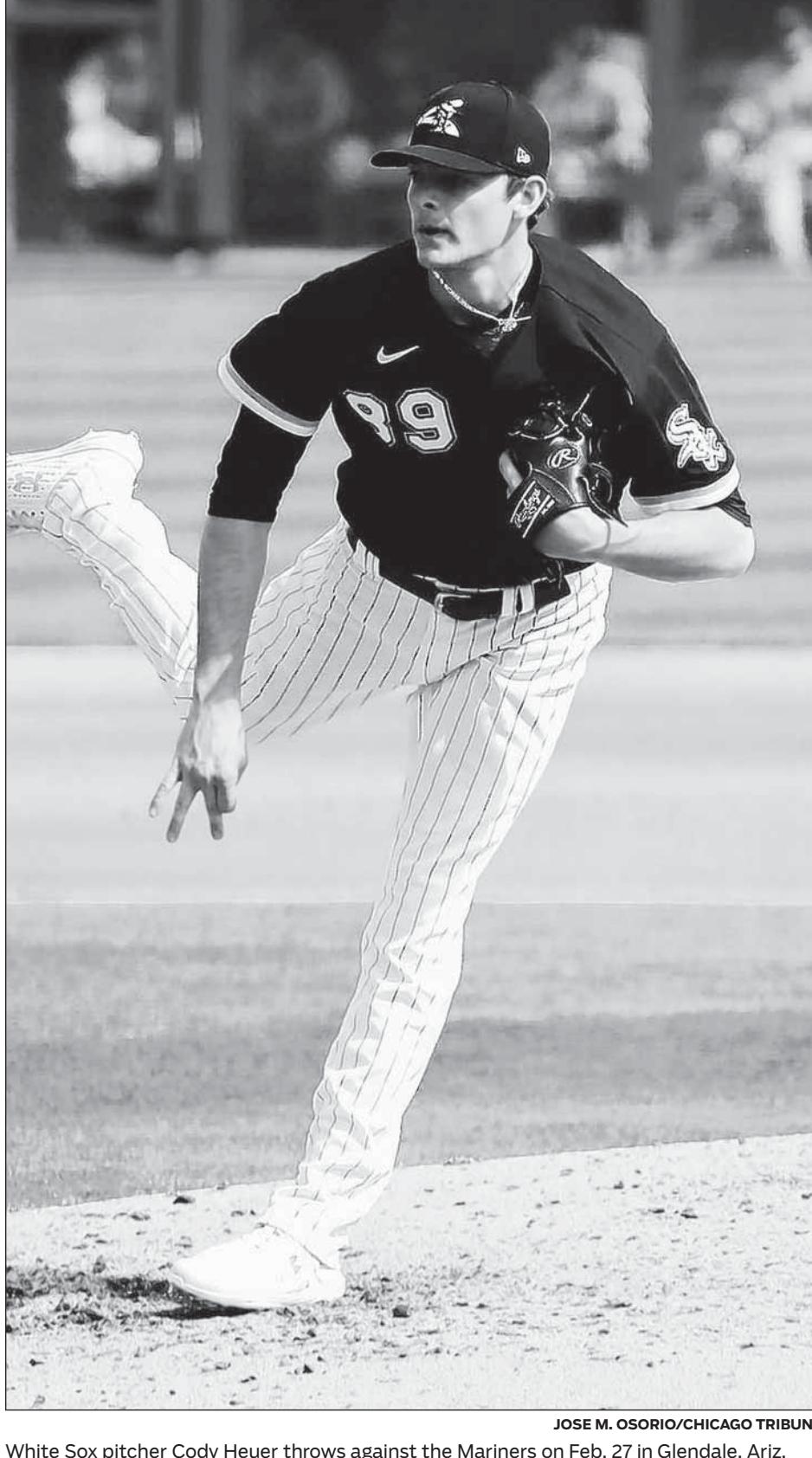
"Winston, I got off to a good start, and Birmingham, I ended up finishing up really nice," he said. "That was my first full season. I had a lot of fun."

Heuer had 11 saves, nine of them at Birmingham.

"I feed off that, coming out of the gate, out of the bullpen in the ninth with everybody up and you've got a game that you can save for the boys," Heuer said. "I love that feeling, that adrenaline and trying to dap up your catcher after the game."

The success has carried over this spring.

"It's been awesome," Heuer said. "Anytime you get to be around these guys and get



JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

White Sox pitcher Cody Heuer throws against the Mariners on Feb. 27 in Glendale, Ariz.

exposed to those hitters, it's pretty sweet. I've been taking in all the information I can from everybody and it's been a really awesome experience."

Heuer is studying how other Sox pitchers attack hitters.

"Just how they see it because they've been through it up at that level," Heuer said. "I try to pick their brains as much as possible. Me and some of the catchers talk

about sequencing and how to attack guys and how to establish myself and how I can be effective. It's a lot, but I take it day by day."

He's hoping to soak up all he can this spring.

"More on how to attack guys and how to take my game to the next level," Heuer said. "I want to continue to watch guys and learn as much as possible."

WHITE SOX TAKEAWAYS

Cease struggles with control in his 3rd start

BY LAMOND POPE

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Yasmani Grandal went 2-for-3 with a home run and two runs for the White Sox in a 3-3 tie with the Reds on Monday at Camelback Ranch.

Grandal doubled in the second and scored on a single by Nomar Mazara. Grandal hit a solo home run off Amir Garrett in the sixth.

Yermin Mercedes hit a solo homer with two outs in the ninth off Cody Reed to tie the game.

Here are three takeaways from Monday.

1. Dylan Cease lacked sharpness in his start.

Dylan Cease surrendered a leadoff home run to Nick Senzel on an 0-2 pitch.

"With 0-2 right there, I need to throw a pitch that he's not going to be able to do damage with," Cease said.

Cease's description of Monday's outing: "It wasn't very sharp."

The right-hander allowed three runs on four hits in three-plus innings. He exited after Scott Schebler singled to begin the fourth.

Cease struck out three, walked three and hit a batter. The walks came in the third, when the Reds scored twice. He had not issued a walk in his two previous starts, totaling six innings.

"Any time you give free passes or put them in hitter's counts, you're asking for trouble," Cease said. "If I execute pitches better, I throw more strikes, I'm not going to waste that many pitches and it's probably not going to be as bad of an inning."

Cease felt like he was hitting his spots, just up.

"I was leaving everything way up or just yanking it," Cease said.

Cease threw 64 pitches, 34 for strikes. On the positive side, he said he threw good changeups.

"I didn't throw a whole lot of curveballs, which I need to start mixing them in a little bit more to get ready," Cease said. "But other than that, we mixed everything. I just have to command a little bit better."



SUE OGROCKI/AP

White Sox manager Rick Renteria takes pitcher Dylan Cease out in the fourth on Monday.

2. Nick Madrigal left with a bruise above his left eyebrow.

Reds infielder Michael De Leon hit a hard grounder to second baseman Nick Madrigal in the eighth. The ball bounced and hit Madrigal in the head.

Madrigal left the game under his own power. The Sox later announced he had a bruise above his left eyebrow and no signs of a concussion.

Madrigal had entered the game in the eighth.

The No. 4 prospect in the organization, Madrigal is hitting .222 in 10 games this spring. Sox manager Rick Renteria addressed his progress before Monday's game.

"Bat-to-ball skill is really impressive," Renteria said. "He doesn't strike out very much. It's going to serve him well."

Madrigal has struck out twice in 27 at-bats.

3. Adam Engel has had a productive spring.

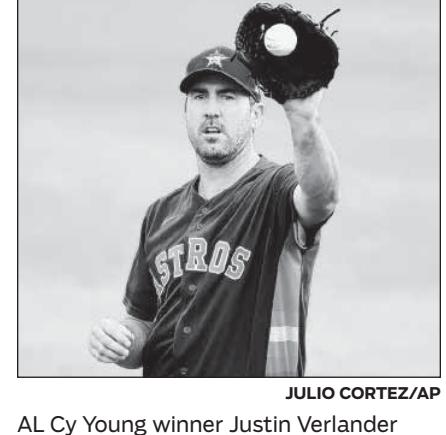
Center fielder Adam Engel went 0-for-3 on Monday but has been one of the more productive hitters in the Cactus League.

Engel is hitting .333 with two doubles, two home runs, 11 RBIs and eight runs in 12 games.

"He does a lot of different stuff," Rick Renteria said. "And he's continued to grow and move and learn and continued to adapt. He's putting himself in a position where he can do multiple things, specifically in the outfield, on the bases, with the bat."

"We were hopeful it would ultimately happen, and it seems like it's starting to happen for him. He's very comfortable in his skin right now. Hopefully we can use that to our advantage."

Engel is projected to make the roster as a reserve outfielder.



JULIO CORTEZ/AP

AL Cy Young winner Justin Verlander has a mild strain of a back muscle.

BASEBALL NOTES

Verlander likely no-go for opener

Associated Press

Astros ace Justin Verlander has a mild strain of a back muscle and said it would "probably take a miracle" for him to pitch on opening day at home against the Angels on March 26.

In an effort to remain positive, Verlander quickly added, "but I don't want to leave miracles off the table."

The reigning AL Cy Young Award winner was hurt on his second-to-last pitch in Sunday's exhibition game against the Mets. He had an MRI on Monday and was diagnosed with a strained latissimus dorsi muscle. There isn't a timetable for his return.

"Talking with doctors and looking at the scans, it's definitely not worst-case scenario," the Astros right-hander said. "Best-case scenario would be nothing. It's just probably somewhere in the middle of that."

The 37-year-old's velocity was down from his previous start, and he was removed after two scoreless innings of what had been scheduled as a four-inning outing.

"Hardly noticed it to be honest," Verlander said of the injury-inducing pitch. "It didn't quite feel right, just felt maybe I was a little off mechanically or something — kind of one of those spring things. Then in between innings it started to tighten up a bit."

Groin tightness slowed Verlander earlier in spring training. He said he didn't know whether the two issues were related.

Verlander had a similar lat injury during spring training in 2015 and did not make his season debut until June 13. Verlander finished 5-8 with a 3.38 ERA in 133½ innings for Detroit.

"Scans can say a lot of stuff and MRIs can say a lot of stuff, but one of the most important things is how you feel physically," Verlander said. "I'm trying to be very truthful with myself. I'm trying to recall also how I felt in '15. I definitely feel better this time than then."

A two-time Cy Young winner and the 2011 AL MVP, Verlander was 21-6 with a 2.58 ERA last year in 223 innings.

Zack Greinke likely will be the only one of last season's top three starters to open the season on the active roster.

No. 2 starter Gerrit Cole left as a free agent and signed with the Yankees. This year's projected No. 3 starter, Lance McCullers Jr., is recovering from Tommy John surgery in November 2018.

Lindor suspends talks with Indians: All-Star shortstop Francisco Lindor suspended talks with the Indians about a new contract so he can focus on the upcoming season.

Lindor told The Athletic on Monday that the sides have had "good conversations" but couldn't come up with an agreement.

"So we put that aside and let's focus on winning," said Lindor, who will make \$175 million this season and is under the team's contractual control through the 2021 season.

The Indians have been up front about their eagerness to sign the 26-year-old Lindor to a long-term deal. He has developed into one of baseball's brightest young stars and best all-around players. The small-market team, however, may never be able to reach a dollar figure that will satisfy Lindor.

The popular Puerto Rico native has said he wants to stay in Cleveland to help the Indians win a World Series and he hopes the team will figure out a way financially to keep him. But the reality is that the Indians can't afford to invest so much money into one player and remain competitive.

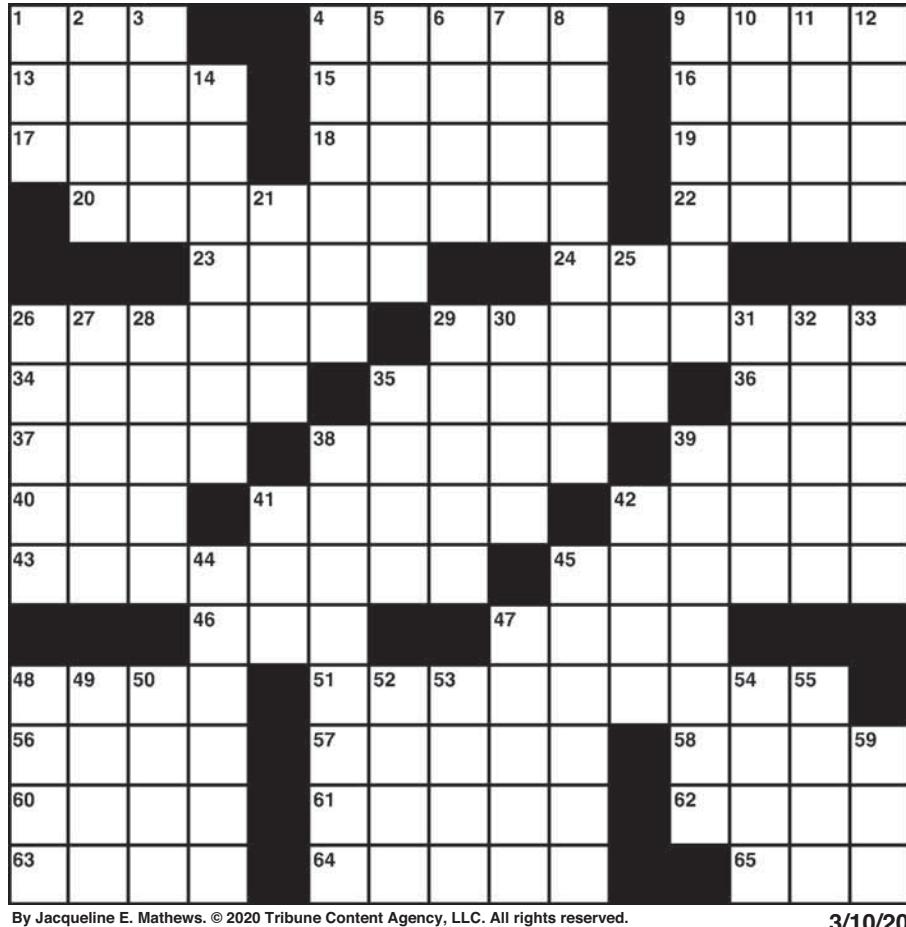
Team president Chris Antonetti is expected to address Lindor's situation Wednesday at the team's training complex. The Indians are off Tuesday.

It's possible the sides could resume talks at some point during the upcoming season. There's also a chance the Indians could decide to trade Lindor before the July deadline if they don't start well and fall behind in the AL Central.

When the Brewers signed former NL MVP outfielder Christian Yelich to a nine-year, \$215 million contract last week, the deal raised hope among Indians fans that the team could get something similar done with Lindor.

A dangerous leadoff hitter because of his speed and power, Lindor batted .284 with 32 homers and 74 RBIs last season. He added 22 steals and won a Gold Glove.

Crossword



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ACROSS

- 1 ___ rally; pregame event
- 4 Place of relief
- 9 Sneaker or loafer
- 13 Semi-hard cheese
- 15 Two-try knockdown
- 16 Yankee Doodle's mount
- 17 "___ life!"; cry to a busybody
- 18 Christmas song
- 19 Mantilla fabric
- 20 Juicy fruit
- 22 Log splitters
- 23 Cause pain to
- 24 "Big Brother" network
- 26 Speaks without preparation
- 29 Keeping an eye on
- 34 Detroit team
- 35 Summoned with a beeper
- 36 Certain vote
- 37 Path
- 38 ___ over; studied intently
- 39 Turn over
- 40 ___ another; each other
- 41 Quizzes
- 42 Barn newborns
- 43 Written guarantee

DOWN

- 1 Woman's nickname
- 2 Genesis garden
- 3 Liver spread
- 4 Movie awards
- 5 ___ from; besides
- 6 Mumbai dress
- 7 Cast-___ skillet
- 8 Chose
- 9 Pool sound
- 10 Trick
- 11 ___ more; again
- 12 Observes
- 14 Word with washing or slot
- 21 Margarine holders, often
- 25 A's followers
- 26 Permit
- 27 Rigg or Ross
- 28 Company-shunner
- 29 Like a toad's skin
- 30 Generations
- 31 Relative by marriage
- 32 Manicurist's focus
- 33 Entertainer ___ Rose Lee
- 35 Pillar
- 38 Necklace ornaments
- 39 Harebrained
- 41 Brown shade
- 42 Astaire or Savage
- 44 Poured
- 45 Under ___; being forced
- 47 Singer Springfield
- 48 Envelope part
- 49 Asian desert
- 50 Gopher's home
- 52 Boxing match
- 53 Piece of furniture
- 54 Oolong & pekoe
- 55 Holler
- 59 Essential

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Now 30, Danny Hultzen made his MLB debut with the Cubs last season.

CUBS

Hultzen facing brave new world

Durability in relief role a new challenge for oft-injured lefty

BY MARK GONZALES

MESA, Ariz. — After missing two full seasons because of arm injuries, Cubs left-hander Danny Hultzen welcomes the next challenge in his career.

The durability of Hultzen's left shoulder will be tested by Major League Baseball's new rules governing the minimum batters pitchers must face and expanding the number of days they must spend on the injured list.

"I'm excited for that," said Hultzen, who pitched one scoreless inning Sunday against the Diamondbacks in his exhibition debut. "Having my career mostly be as a starter, I'm used to facing a lot of guys. And pitching last year occasionally for one or two batters was an adjustment."

"I'm looking forward to that, even if it's to come in for one batter at the end of innings. I'm used to facing more batters at a time."

Hultzen, 30, eventually will need to show he can pitch on consecutive days and remain durable. Relievers now must face at least three batters or finish an inning. The minimum time pitchers must spend on the injured list was expanded from 10 to 15 days to prevent teams from manipulating the injured list.

"How he holds up is really going to be a big determination because his stuff is real," manager David Ross said earlier this spring. "When he's rested up and ready, he's got some interesting stuff for righties and lefties."

"I like Danny. He's willing to do anything for the club. He wants to put his best foot forward, and he's been through a lot of adversity. I'm anxious to see how he plays and can contribute to our group."

Hultzen didn't pitch on consecutive days in any of his 14 appearances with Triple-A Iowa and six games with the Cubs last season. He pitched one inning for the Cubs on three occasions in September, striking out three and allowing one hit in his major-league debut against the Brewers on Sept. 8.

But Hultzen, who made his major-league debut more than eight years after the Mariners picked him second in the 2011 draft, is aiming higher this time around.

He believes he can make a long-term impact on the Cubs bullpen despite the team placing him on a deliberate program to maintain his health.

"It's hard for me to think what a normal offseason is," Hultzen said three weeks ago. "Every season has been different for me, whether it's recovering from surgery or planning to pitch that year or planning to stick around."

Hultzen missed all of 2014 after surgery to repair a torn labrum and rotator cuff. Recurring ailments in 2015-16 limited him to five minor-league games and his subsequent release from the Mariners.

He spent the 2017 season completing his history degree at the University of Virginia while rehabbing his shoulder and serving as an assistant coach for the baseball team. The Cubs took a flier on him in 2018.

"I've had a lot of different offseasons and just tried to take advantage of coming into this year with what my experience last year taught me and using that to fuel what I want to do this year," Hultzen said.

Hultzen threw 15 pitches against the Diamondbacks, with his fastball topping out at 95 mph. He bounced an 83 mph breaking pitch in the dirt to fool Andy Young for his first strikeout.

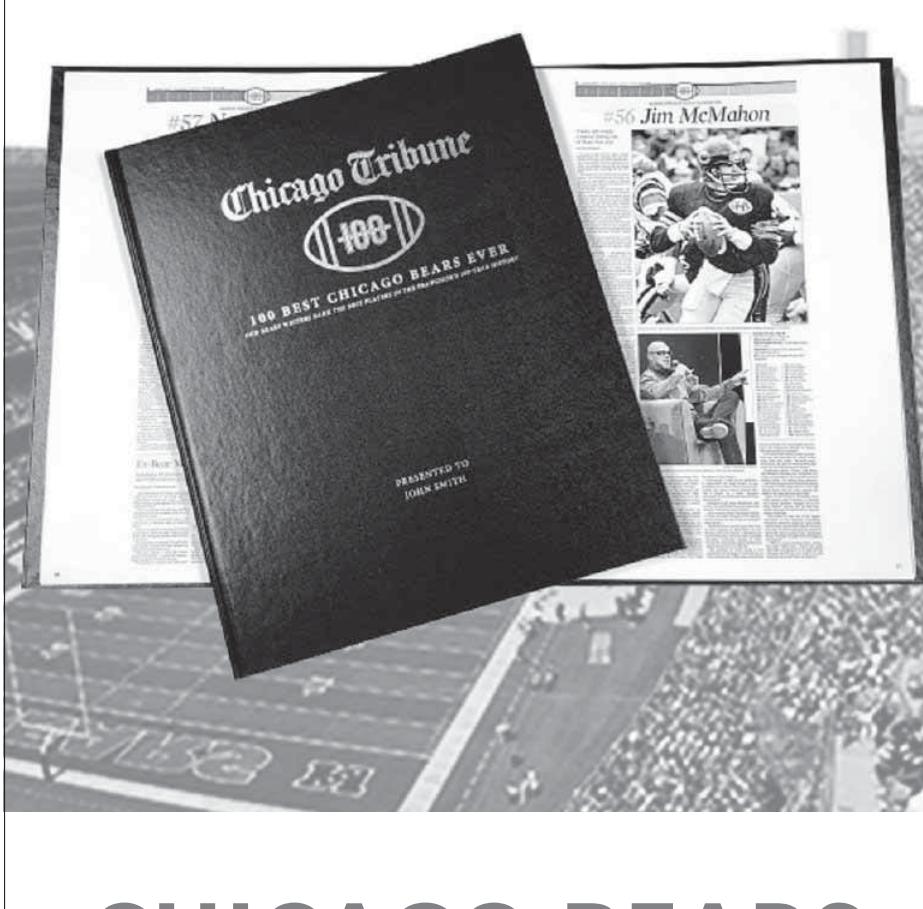
The experience he gained while training and rehabbing has helped him prepare properly for this season.

"We're not models in here," the 6-foot-3, 210-pound Hultzen said. "We're not trying to get big and strong. I was at a certain point in my career that I thought being big and strong, looking good in a uniform, was what made you good in baseball. My experiences showed me that works for some guys but doesn't work for other guys."

"Trying to squat 450 pounds really doesn't work for me anymore. Squatting and moving properly is the way that translates back onto the field. And shifting that type of thinking has helped me over the last couple years."

The Cubs took Hultzen off the 40-man roster after the 2019 season, but he was eager to re-sign with them because of his familiarity with the organization.

"The Cubs have been unbelievable to me, and the good relationships I have with all these guys is something I didn't want to change," Hultzen said. "There are familiar faces, which I'm very happy with. (Being) taken off the roster ... was tough, but at the end of the day, it didn't matter for me."



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BASEBALL

It's Boras' baseball world

Boras, from Page 1

We caught Boras at the right time, with no Bryce Harpers still on the market, unlike last February. We met at the conference table in his office in Newport Beach, Calif., near the yacht clubs of Balboa Island. He drank Earl Grey tea.

Boras lost money in his first nine years as he waited for his 5% share of contracts to exceed his operating costs.

"My father gave me some great advice: Don't buy anything you can't pay for," he says. "He raised crops (alfalfa and oat hay) and said: I can't rely on the weather. I might have a bad crop. So everything I own is paid for. No debt. That way I sleep at night. I know what I have."

What he has, in the words of a baseball executive who spoke to the Tribune, is "an empire."

Boras' company has negotiated more than \$9 billion in baseball contracts, and his clients had the richest offseason in the history of the game.

Gerrit Cole signed with the Yankees for \$324 million, an all-time high for a pitcher. Boras got \$245 million from the Nationals for pitcher Stephen Strasburg and another \$245 million from the Angels for third baseman Anthony Rendon.

He negotiated Dallas Keuchel's three-year, \$55 million deal with the White Sox, calling it a "really good idea" for both sides — a veteran starter who can mentor Dylan Cease, Michael Kopech and Reynaldo Lopez.

In all, Boras' fruitful offseason yielded \$1.2 billion in contracts.

To celebrate, Boras had a cake made for his staff. The tongue-in-cheek message in frosting: "Over \$1 Billion Served."

The actual message he delivered: "We did something that's never been done in sport. Your talents are the reason this happened. We have built the Everest of agencies."

Here are eight takeaways from the two-hour interview with Boras.

1. Do not call Scott Boras an agent.

Boras considers himself a "baseball attorney" who has a fiduciary responsibility to protect his clients. He becomes invested in their lives.

"To represent them well," he says, "you've got to know both the skill and the person."

2. Want a laugh? Tell Scott Boras he is of retirement age.

The Northern California native believes baseball players excel between 20 and 40, surgeons between 40 and 60 and lawyers and judges between 60 and 95. He is 67 but looks fit enough to play two, as Ernie Banks used to put it.

"In my mind I just turned 40," he says. "I have 35 years left to go."

3. Scott Boras says he owes much of his career to Greg Maddux.

As Greg Maddux neared free agency in 1992 after seven years with the Cubs, he hired Boras and instructed him: "I want to win. I want to win no matter what."

"He loved the Chicago Cubs," Boras says. "He loved Chicago. (Wife) Kathy loved it. I went to him and said: 'I did all the studies. I'm letting you know something. This organization cannot win under its current structure. It does not have the aptitude in the minor leagues. I think Larry Himes is a very competent general manager, but the corporate mentality doesn't fit.'

"He said: 'Where do I need to go? I'd like to stay in the (National) League.' And I said: 'The Atlanta Braves.'"

Boras approached Braves manager Bobby Cox, who told him the team first had to unload lefty starter Charlie Leibrandt. Boras recommended the Rangers because he knew general manager Tom Grieve liked Leibrandt.

"One of the best calls I ever got was in 1995," Boras says. "Midnight my time. Maddux was on the way home after they won the (World Series) championship. Whenever he called me, he would belch and hang up the phone. No conversation. This time he called and said, 'Hey, thanks for getting me here.'"

Boras later helped Maddux become the game's highest-paid player (\$11.5 million per year) when he signed an extension in 1997. That allowed Maddux to razz Tom Glavine and John Smoltz. The three Braves pitchers were competitive about their salaries.

4. A conversation about Kris Bryant opens with some analogies.

Boras calls the Cubs' Kris Bryant a "four-speed" player because his power and plate discipline allow him to bat anywhere from leadoff to cleanup. And he's the "glue" of a team because he can play first, third and everywhere in the outfield.

"When you understand him," Boras says, "you realize he's a franchise player."

Boras won't go on the record with his views of how the Cubs treated Bryant's service time and why they prevailed in his grievance.

Asked how he sees it playing out with the Cubs, Boras says he doesn't know and begins talking about how MLB revenues have surged from \$3 billion in 2000 to \$10.7 billion last year.

"I don't have much patience with organizations that don't keep their star players and use the CBT (Competitive Balance Tax) as a reason," he says. "You get the reward when they're young. You should use part of that reward to retain them when they're older and deserving of larger salaries."

"The Cubs are worth \$3 billion. They have optimized their TV rights and their brand. You talk about CBT tax penalties of \$10 million to \$12 million? My God, if you get to the playoffs, that's paid for."



TOP: Boras gets a hug after the Angels introduced Anthony Rendon in December.

JAYNE KAMIN-ONCEA/GETTY (WITH RENDON),
MATT YORK/AP (WITH MEDIA)

5. The Cubs made no effort to re-sign Nicholas Castellanos.

Nicholas Castellanos posted an outrageous 1.002 OPS during his 51 games with the Cubs, hitting 16 homers and playing the outfield better than advertised.

"Ownership made a decision they're not spending any money," Boras says. "So they are not in the market."

Castellanos and fellow Boras client Mike Moustakas signed with the Reds for identical deals — \$64 million over four years. (Castellanos' agreement contains player opt-outs.)

"If it's about winning, guess what we just did? We built a juggernaut in Cincinnati," Boras says. "That offense? Take a look at it. I told the owner: 'I have two players. You put them on your team, and you are the favorite (in the NL Central).'"

6. Scott Boras inspires extraordinary loyalty from his clients.

Take Mike Moustakas. The industry fired on Boras after Moustakas, in his prime, settled for one-year deals with the Royals in 2018 and the Brewers in 2019.

Boras says Moustakas came back too quickly from a knee injury late in 2017, and the result was bad defensive metrics. Plus there's a glut of terrific third basemen, namely Kris Bryant, Anthony Rendon, Alex Bregman, Jose Ramirez, Nolan Arenado and Matt Chapman.

"No one wanted Moose at third base," Boras says. "We got one multiyear offer — two (years) at \$7 million (per year). I go: 'Moose, I believe in you. I know this game. You're a great player. We're not taking those deals. Don't do it.'"

Boras pitched Moustakas as a second baseman this offseason, and — voila — the Reds bought in.

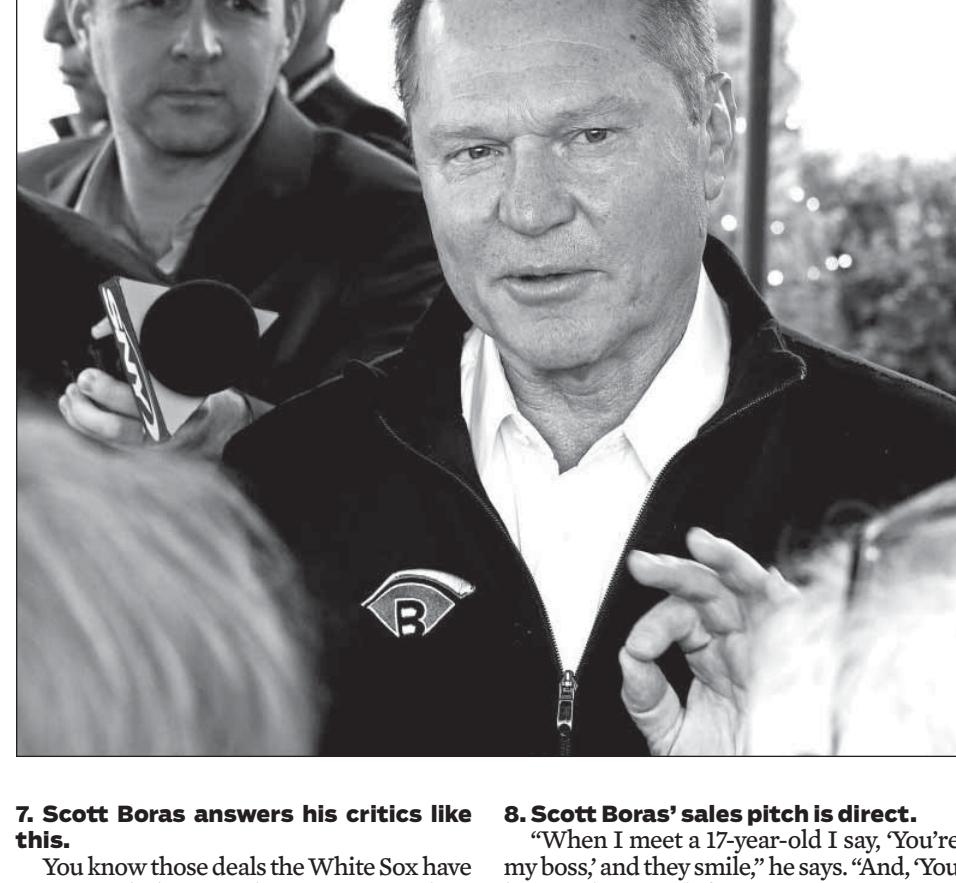
"Now the metrics community is happy because they get above-average defense and 35 home runs. And he gets his money," Boras says. "I credit Moose and his wife; they stuck with us. They believed in our assessments."

How else does Boras inspire such loyalty?

"When things aren't going well, he constantly reminds me how good I am and how much I'm wanted," Bryant told the Tribune's Mark Gonzales. "You can hear all that stuff from your family and friends, but to hear that from someone who has been in the game as long as he has, it makes me feel pretty good."

Dallas Keuchel told the Tribune's LaMond Pope that if he were to list all the benefits of having Boras, "that would be an hour and a half."

"There's not thought in my mind about whether my agent has my best interests at heart... (and) he's a funny guy and he helps a lot of people out," Keuchel said. "He's a very kind individual, but all you hear is 'Scott Boras, titan of the industry.'"

**7. Scott Boras answers his critics like this.**

You know those deals the White Sox have announced, the ones that give Luis Robert (\$50 million) and Eloy Jimenez (\$43 million) lifetime security in exchange for potentially smaller salaries during arbitration and two free-agent seasons?

Boras clients don't do those deals. He takes his clients to free agency to maximize earnings — signing long-term contracts when players are in their late 20s. Gerrit Cole and Anthony Rendon hit the market at 29.

"Once players understand the math of this," he says, "they understand (the team) could save \$100 million."

OK, but what about guys like Addison Russell, unsigned and a baseball pariah due to declining performance and a 40-game domestic violence suspension. Russell could have signed with the Cubs for \$50 million to \$70 million after his All-Star season in 2016. His career earnings are \$7.7 million.

"There's risk," Boras says, "but we have mechanisms to protect the athletes."

In other words, college football and basketball players remaining in school are not the only ones insured to protect future earnings.

"I get my clients guarantees," Boras says. "I went to (insurance) companies and said: 'Do you want to make a lot of money? With these kind of guys at this age? I'll give you a million bucks if you cover me!'"

Boras is outraged that teams have stayed away from Russell, essentially creating a second penalty on top of his suspension.

8. Scott Boras' sales pitch is direct.

"When I meet a 17-year-old I say, 'You're my boss,' and they smile," he says. "And, 'You know why I work for you? Because you've got a man skill!'"

Boras also could point to his landmark signing bonuses for amateur players. He was the first to secure \$200,000 (Kevin Brown, 1986), \$1 million (Brien Taylor, 1991), \$3 million (J.D. Drew, 1998) and \$7 million (Stephen Strasburg, 2009).

But he says doing contracts is merely 30% of his work.

Boras developed a sports psychology division after one of his first clients, Tim Belcher, couldn't win on the road at Double-A Huntsville in 1985.

He had 16-year veteran Kyle Lohse create a simulated spring training, so when the Braves signed Dallas Keuchel last year on June 6, he was ready to take the mound in a big-league game two weeks later.

He created a sports fitness institute and put Steve Odgers in charge. Odgers was director of conditioning for the White Sox from 1989 to 2003.

Not long ago a client called with a serious concern: His anxiety was such that he did not want to take the ball for a big game. Boras talked him through it, eventually asking the player: What would you say if your daughter wanted to bail on a volleyball match?

The player paused. "(Expletive) you," he said, ending the call.

The player performed — and called Boras that night.

"You were good today," he told Boras.

"No, you were good today," Boras replied.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

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x-Toronto	46	20	.719	—
Boston	42	21	.667	3½
Philadelphia	38	26	.594	8
Brooklyn	29	34	.460	16½
New York	20	44	.313	26

SOUTHEAST

Miami	41	23	.641	—
Orlando	29	35	.453	12
Washington	23	40	.365	17½
Charlotte	22	42	.344	19
Atlanta	20	46	.303	22

CENTRAL

x-Milwaukee	53	12	.815	—
Indiana	39	25	.509	13½
Chicago	21	43	.328	31½
Detroit	20	45	.308	33
Cleveland	19	45	.297	33½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Houston	39	24	.619	—
Dallas	39	26	.600	1
Memphis	32	32	.500	7½
New Orleans	28	36	.438	11½
San Antonio	26	36	.419	12½

NORTHWEST

Denver	43	21	.672	—
Utah	41	23	.641	2
Oklahoma City	40	24	.625	3
Portland	28	37	.431	15½
Minnesota	19	44	.302	23½

PACIFIC

x-L.A. Lakers	49	13	.790	—
L.A. Clippers	43	20	.683	6½
Sacramento	28	36	.438	22
Phoenix	26	38	.406	24
Golden State	15	49	.234	35

x-clinched playoff spot

MONDAY'S RESULTS

Atlanta 143, Charlotte 138 (2OT)

Denver 109, Milwaukee 95

Toronto 101, Utah 92

TUESDAY'S GAMES

Boston at Indiana, 6 p.m.

New York at Washington, 6 p.m.

Cleveland at Chicago, 7 p.m.

Dallas at San Antonio, 7 p.m.

Minnesota at Houston, 7 p.m.

Orlando at Memphis, 7 p.m.

Phoenix at Portland, 9 p.m.

Brooklyn at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

L.A. Clippers at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

HAWKS 143, HORNETS 138 (OT)

CHARLOTTE: Bridges 2-10 0-0 4, Washington 1-6 0-2, Zeller 5-15 4-4 10, D.Graham 9-26 5-27, Rozier 15-26 2-3 40, Biyombo 4-5 2-3 10, McDaniel 1-3, Co.Martin 1-5, Washington 0-2, Bridges 1-5, Atlanta 21-43 (Young 6-13, Hunter 3-4, Carter 3-5, Reddish 3-8, Dedmon 2-4), Huert 2-7.

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

MONDAY'S RESULTS

Buffalo 3, Washington 2, SO

Florida 2, St. Louis 1

Winnipeg 4, Arizona 2

Vegas 3, Edmonton 2 (OT)

Los Angeles 3, Colorado 1

TUESDAY'S GAMES

Boston at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.

Nashville at Montreal, 6 p.m.

Pittsburgh at New Jersey, 6 p.m.

Tampa Bay at Toronto, 6 p.m.

Carolina at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.

N.Y. Rangers at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.

N.Y. Islanders at Vancouver, 9 p.m.

Ottawa at Anaheim, 9 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL

CENTRAL	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	41	19	10	92	221	191
Colorado	41	20	9	80	234	189
Dallas	37	23	8	82	178	173
Winnipeg	36	28	6	78	212	201
Minnesota	35	27	5	77	220	220
Nashville	34	26	8	76	211	215
Chicago	31	30	8	70	206	216

PACIFIC

PACIFIC	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vegas	39	24	8	86	227	211
Edmonton	37	24	9	83	223	213
Calgary	36	27	4	80	210	215
Vancouver	35	27	6	76	222	213
Arizona	33	29	8	74	195	187
Anaheim	28	32	9	65	180	220
San Jose	29	35	5	63	180	220
Los Angeles	28	35	6	62	175	210

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

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Winnipeg 4, Arizona 2

Vegas 3, Edmonton 2 (OT)

Los Angeles 3, Colorado 1

TUESDAY'S GAMES

Boston at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.

COLLEGES**FOOTBALL**

NU adds a QB grad transfer

Ramsey played 32 games for IU and will be eligible this fall

By Chicago Tribune staff

Northwestern has another quarterback joining the competition to revive a passing game that was the nation's worst in 2019.

Peyton Ramsey, who played in 32 games for Indiana with 23 starts over the last three seasons, announced Monday on Twitter that he is transferring to Northwestern. As a graduate transfer, Ramsey will be eligible to play this fall. He has one season of eligibility remaining.

"Sometimes the road to realizing your

dreams can take you in a different direction than you expected," Ramsey said in a statement posted on his Twitter account. "With that being said, I would like to announce my decision to continue my playing career at Northwestern University. I am grateful to Coach Fitz (Pat Fitzgerald) and his entire staff for this opportunity. I can't wait to get started."

Ramsey started four games for the Hoosiers as a redshirt freshman in 2017 and all 12 games in 2018. He lost his starting job to Michael Penix Jr. before last season but started the last seven games after Penix was injured.

Indiana went 4-3 in those games, with a

seven-point loss at Penn State and a

one-point loss to Tennessee in the Gator Bowl, to finish the season 8-5 — its highest win total since 1993.

For his career, Ramsey has completed 66.5% of his passes (633 of 952) for 6,581 yards with 42 touchdowns and 23 interceptions. The Cincinnati native is also a running threat with 832 career rushing yards on 300 attempts and 14 touchdowns.

The Wildcats last year started Hunter Johnson, Aidan Smith and Andrew Marty at quarterback. Their team passing efficiency rating was 84.53 — last in the 130-team Football Bowl Subdivision and more than 15 points lower than No. 129 Old Dominion.

NU quarterbacks combined to throw 15

interceptions and only six touchdown passes as the Wildcats went 3-9, their worst season in Fitzgerald's 14 years as head coach.

Fitzgerald fired longtime offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach Mick McCall the day after the season ended and replaced him with former Boston College offensive coordinator Mike Bajakian.

Johnson, Smith and Marty all return, as does TJ Green, whom the NCAA granted a sixth season of eligibility after he suffered a season-ending foot injury in the season opener.

But it became clear in recent weeks that Fitzgerald and Bajakian wanted to add to the quarterbacks room as both Ramsey and USC graduate transfer Jack Sears visited Evanston.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL NOTES

At No. 4, Seminoles in rare air

Associated Press

Kansas maintained its grip on the No. 1 ranking in The Associated Press men's college basketball poll, while fourth-ranked Florida State has its highest ranking in nearly five decades.

The Jayhawks received all 65 first-place votes Monday to remain at the top for a third straight week and fourth overall this season, with the past two weeks coming as the unanimous choice ahead of Gonzaga and Dayton.

Kansas (28-3, 17-1 Big 12) wrapped up another conference regular-season championship over the weekend at Texas Tech — the Jayhawks have won at least a share in 19 of 24 seasons — and open play in the Big 12 Tournament in Thursday's quarterfinals.

The Seminoles (26-5, 16-4) rose three spots after wrapping up the first Atlantic Coast Conference regular-season title in program history. FSU spent two weeks at No. 5 in January and now has its highest ranking since No. 2 in December 1972.

The Seminoles open play in the ACC Tournament as the top seed in Thursday's quarterfinals in pursuit of their second title, the other coming in 2012.

Kansas, Gonzaga and Dayton stayed 1-2-3 for a second straight week, while Baylor slid to fifth and San Diego State sixth behind FSU.

Creighton jumped four spots to No. 7 after claiming a share of the Big East regular-season title, followed by Kentucky and Michigan State — which rejoined the top 10 for the first time since early January after going from preseason No. 1 to unranked.

Duke, one of a record-tying seven teams to spend time at No. 1 this season, rounded out the top 10.

The Spartans' seven-spot jump represented the biggest climb of the week, marking one of six teams to rise at least three spots this week.

No. 18 Wisconsin climbed six spots after finishing tied with Michigan State and No. 12 Maryland atop the Big Ten regular-season standing. Reigning national champion Virginia rose five spots to No. 17, while No. 11 Villanova rose three spots.

Seton Hall took the week's biggest tumble, falling eight spots to No. 16 after losses to Villanova and Creighton to end the regular-season schedule.

No. 15 Louisville fell five spots after losing at Virginia.

Zags survive, advance: Joel Ayayi scored 12 of his 14 points in the second half and No. 2 Gonzaga survived a scare to beat San Francisco 81-77 in the West Coast Conference tournament semifinals in Las Vegas.

The Bulldogs (30-2) will play either Saint Mary's or No. 14 BYU, who played in the second semifinal, for the title Tuesday.

Ayayi broke a 69-69 tie with 4:14 left with a jumper, and hit a mid-range shot on the following possession to give Gonzaga a 73-69 lead. The redshirt sophomore scored eight of Gonzaga's points during a 9-3 run.

Creighton's Zegarowski hurting: Marcus Zegarowski is doubtful for No. 7 Creighton's first game in the Big East Tournament because of a right knee injury.

The Bluejays' next game is Thursday against Georgetown or St. John's.

Zegarowski got hurt during Saturday's 77-60 victory over Seton Hall.

Creighton (24-7) is the top seed in the conference tournament after finishing in a three-way tie for first in the regular season.

Zegarowski has started 30 of 31 games and is second on the team in scoring at 16.1 points per game. He's third in the Big East in 3-point shooting at 42.4%.

ETSU earns NCAA bid: Isaiah Tisdale scored 24 points and top-seeded East Tennessee State defeated upset-minded Wofford 72-58 to win the Southern Conference Tournament in Asheville, N.C., and earn an automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament.

It will be ETSU's first appearance in the NCAA Tournament since 2017.



ERIN HOOLEY/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Lexi Held scored 31 points, including 5-for-6 3-point shooting, in DePaul's 88-74 victory over Marquette on Monday night.

WOMEN'S BIG EAST TOURNAMENT

Thrice is nice: Demons take conference title again

BY COLLEEN KANE

As DePaul sophomore Lexi Held, wearing a gleaming white "Big East champions" hat, deflected praise for her career-best performance to her entire team, her senior teammate interjected.

"She didn't even know she dropped 30 when I told her," Kelly Campbell told the media.

It was obvious to everyone else watching the Blue Demons' 88-74 Big East Tournament championship victory over Marquette that Held was putting together a special night Monday. She scored 31 points, including 5-for-6 3-point shooting, to help DePaul win its third straight conference tournament title at Wintrust Arena.

The win officially secured the Blue Demons' 18th straight NCAA Tournament appearance. To celebrate as the final buzzer

sounded, players hopped toward midcourt and began to dance as buckets of colorful confetti were dumped on the party.

"Just having the freedom we have (on offense) really helps," said Held, who was named the tournament's most outstanding player. "Nobody thinks about the shots we're going to take. We don't have to second-guess. We know our shots are going to fall or not, and then we just have to focus on rebounding."

The freedom of having the greenest green light in America is what really allows us to shoot as well as we do."

Held wasn't alone in her sharp shooting. The Blue Demons scored 42 points on 3-pointers, shooting 58.3% (14 of 24) from long range. They made five 3s in the final five minutes of the first half to take a 45-33 halftime lead.

All-Big East forward Chante Stonewall

added 22 points, and Campbell had 16 points, nine rebounds and eight assists.

Meanwhile, a pesky defense forced Marquette to commit 27 turnovers as the Golden Eagles fell behind by 23 in the fourth quarter. Selena Lott led Marquette with 26 points.

DePaul coach Doug Bruno credited a 90-83 loss to Marquette on March 1 in Milwaukee with lighting a fire under his team.

"We wouldn't be sitting up there today as champions if they didn't take us to school... eight, nine days ago," Bruno said. "Our players, they learned well. I'm really proud of the way they came out. Their energy was probably the best defensive energy, not just the full court but in the half court, all year long at moments in that game."

It was the fourth straight meeting in the Big East final between DePaul and Marquette, which won the 2017 championship.

HORIZON LEAGUE TOURNAMENT

UIC stuns No. 1 Wright State, advances to final

By Chicago Tribune staff

UIC is on the doorstep of its first NCAA Tournament appearance since 2004 after stunning top seed Wright State 73-56 in Monday night's Horizon League Tournament semifinals in Indianapolis.

Tarkus Ferguson scored 25 points to lead the fourth-seeded Flames (18-16), who will play No. 2 seed Northern Kentucky in Tuesday night's championship game (6 p.m., ESPN).

UIC will be seeking the fourth NCAA Tournament bid in program history.

Monday's game was never in question after the Flames jumped to a 15-point halftime lead that they stretched to 25 with 10:22 to play.

Ferguson was 8 of 13 from the field, hitting three 3-pointers, and 6 of 6 at the line. Marcus Ottey added 13 points, Braelen Bridges 10 and Godwin Boahen nine points and 10 rebounds for UIC, which has won six

of its last seven games and has a 12-4 record since Jan. 12.

The Raiders (25-7), who went 15-3 in conference play, shot just 28.3% from the field.

Horizon League player of the year Loudon Love, a junior center from Geneva, had a tough game for Wright State, making only 2 of 6 field goals and 2 of 7 free throws to finish with six points, more than 10 below his average.

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eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE



Last stand in Southland

With the backing of USC's leadership and a largely new supporting staff, it's time for beleaguered coach **Clay Helton** to bring the program back into prominence

BY RALPH D. RUSSO

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Mike Bohn took over as athletic director at Southern California on Nov. 7. His first major assignment was to assess the state of the football program and determine whether Clay Helton would continue to be the Trojans' head coach.

He had about two weeks to make a decision that could potentially cost USC tens of millions of dollars, regardless of which way it went.

Instead of changing head coaches, USC's new leadership team of Bohn and President Carol Folt chose to upgrade around Helton — from assistant coaches to tighten up a chronically leaky defense and special teams to graphic designers to bring the program's repair apparatus into the 21st century.

USC considers itself to be among college football's elites, a peer to perennial playoff participants Alabama, Clemson, Ohio State and Oklahoma. Historically, yes. Recently, no.

This is setting up to be another season of speculation and weekly status reports on the head coach at USC. If the results don't improve there will be no one left to blame but Helton.

He gets that.

"I look at it right now as that I've been given a gift of having the things needed for us to be successful," Helton said. "Now, I put a lot of pressure on myself and our coaching staff. When you're given the things that we've been given this offseason we need to produce the results. And that's me saying that, not anybody else. That's the standard that I've set for myself and for our staff."

Helton is 40-22 in four full seasons as USC coach. The Trojans went 21-6, with a Pac-12 title and Rose Bowl victory the first two seasons after he was elevated from interim to bring stability and professionalism to a program that was lacking both. The last two seasons, USC is 13-12 under Helton. It's never a good sign when the school has to announce after the season that the coach is NOT being fired, but USC has done that each of the last two years. Both times it has been at least a little surprising. Especially last year, when the temperature of Helton's seat was being taken almost daily.

"Well, you know, I wasn't surprised because I felt the support not only by Mike, but also by Dr. Carol Folt," Helton said. "From day one what Mike said was, 'Coach, I'm here to help you. I'm here to help you be successful. Every day that I'm here, that's what I'm going to do.'"

Folt was hired from the University of North Carolina at a time when USC had been dealing with multiple crises, including sexual abuse allegations against a school doctor. USC has also been at the center of the college admissions scandal.

An underperforming football program is not something to be taken lightly at USC, but Folt had bigger issues — including hiring a new athletic director during the season to



MARCO JOSE SANCHEZ/AP (HELTON AND BOHN); ORLANDO RAMIREZ/AP (HOLIDAY BOWL)

ABOVE: Southern California head coach Clay Helton, left, shakes hands with athletic director Mike Bohn on Nov. 23 after the Trojans' 52-35 win over UCLA. **TOP:** Helton leads the Trojans on the field in the Holiday Bowl on Dec. 27 in San Diego. USC lost, 49-24.

take charge of that problem.

It took a while for USC to find someone with previous experience as a Power Five AD to take the job. Bohn, 59, came from Cincinnati. He has also done stints at Idaho, San Diego State and Colorado.

Bohn had little time to evaluate the state of the program and was facing the prospect of paying Helton about a \$20 million buyout, plus another \$25 million (conservatively) to a replacement. Bohn determined a lack of continuity was at least partly to blame for USC's slippage since the Pete Carroll-led dynasty of the 2000s.

Helton is USC's third coach, not including an interim stint by Ed Orgeron, since 2009. Each of the previous two — Lane Kiffin and Steve Sarkisian — were fired midseason.

Bohn decided what was holding back USC went beyond the head coach's office. These days the best programs have personnel and recruiting departments stocked with talent evaluators to identify the best players and content creators and brand builders tasked with getting the school's message in front of those players.

"So we've invested double in the total resources associated with our recruiting operation," Bohn said during an interview in his Heritage Hall office in late January. "We were woefully behind those that are reaching the goals that we aspire to reach."

USC is also adding two off-field analyst positions to Helton's staff to bolster brainpower and manpower.

"So I want to be clear," Bohn said. "I'm not insinuating we don't have the resources.

The resources were not invested in the football program at a level that we recognized needs to be implemented in order for us to compete for championships."

On the field, Helton hired five new coaches from outside the program, promoted another from within, and retained offensive coordinator Graham Harrell, who was pursued by Texas and NFL teams.

Harrell and his Air Raid helped USC have a top-15 offense last year, despite starting three quarterbacks. The upside of the quarterback injuries was the emergence of freshman Kedon Slovis. Slovis took over after J.T. Daniels was injured in Game 1, had his own injury issues, but all things considered looked like a budding star. Slovis completed 71% of his passes for 3,502 yards, with 30 touchdowns and nine interceptions.

The hope is that defensive coordinator Todd Orlando and three other newly hired assistants will do for a defense that ranked 70th in the nation what Harrell did for the offense.

Helton and Bohn believe they have bought low on Orlando. Just a few years ago he was being mentioned for head coaching jobs after successful seasons at Houston and Texas as defensive coordinator for Tom Herman.

The Longhorns' defense collapsed last year and Orlando was jettisoned as part of Herman's staff makeover. Orlando briefly landed at Texas Tech before Helton scooped him up.

Craig Naivar, who was at Texas with Orlando, is USC's new safeties coach.

Helton lured defensive line coach Vic

So'o from Virginia, special teams coordinator Sean Snyder from Kansas State and, in maybe the most notable addition, LA-area native Donte Williams from rival Oregon to coach cornerbacks. Williams is credited with helping the Ducks establish a recruiting pipeline from SoCal to Eugene that has helped Oregon sign the top-rated class in the Pac-12 the last two seasons.

"Why would Graham Harrell stay if he didn't believe in what we're doing?" Helton said. "Why does a Donte Williams leave a Rose Bowl champion Oregon to come here to USC? Why does Vic So'o, who has been raised by (Virginia coach) Bronco Mendenhall, I mean, that's as close to a son as (Mendenhall's) got, leave his mentor to come here? There's something special that is going on here. We all feel it as coaches."

Assistant coaches in big-time college football know their career paths are often determined by the head coaches they choose to work with. The new guys expressed confidence they weren't boarding a sinking ship.

"Clay Helton to his credit was the guy who kind of tipped us over as far as a boss that you can get behind and fight for," So'o told reporters recently.

Slovis said the players are ready to Fight On for Helton, too.

"You know, coach can't throw any touchdowns or block anyone or catch the ball or make tackles, you know?" Slovis said. "We know there's a lot of pressure on him. But at the end of the day, it's up to us, the players, to execute."

Bohn has shown nothing but enthusiastic support for Helton. The same can't be said of a lot of USC fans and supporters. Giving it another go with Helton could cost USC at the box office and in donor support, especially if things go sideways early in the 2020 season.

Oh, by the way, USC opens against Alabama in Arlington, Texas. The last time they played was the 2016 opener and the Crimson Tide won 52-6.

USC will find out if the moves made to bolster Helton unlock the program's untapped potential under his leadership, or if Bohn's plan to build around the coach simply delayed the inevitable.

If it's the latter, USC could still benefit by having shown potential replacements the new administration is prepared to do what it takes to give a coach — whomever that may be — the support necessary to compete at the highest level.

But first Helton gets a crack at it.

"The expectations moving forward are very clear," Bohn said. "And he understands that and he is embracing them like we all are. I want to be clear that we are not accepting the current state of the program. We want to play in the Rose Bowl and we want to play for the national championship. So we're going to make the right investments to compete to do that. So the frustrations that some of our people continue to have are shared by everybody in this building."

eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE

Who ya got?

The best player in college basketball is unclear, but here are 6 to consider

BY AARON BEARD

Associated Press

The unpredictability of the college basketball season has led to uncertainty as to which team is truly the nation's best,

and that has made for a murky race for national player of the year honors.

There's no one like last year with Zion Williamson, a runaway choice for The Associated Press national player of the year during his lone star-making season at Duke before

becoming the No. 1 overall NBA draft pick. Most of the expected top overall picks in this year's draft are not in the running for national player of the year.

Instead, there's a top tier of worthy candidates (presented alphabetically):



ORLIN WAGNER/AP

Devon Dotson, Kansas

Stat line: 18.1 points, 4.1 rebounds, 4.0 assists, 2.1 steals.

Best performances: 31 points in overtime win against now-No. 3 Dayton in Maui Invitational; 18 points, 11 assists and six rebounds in win at TCU; 25 points in win at Kansas State.

Intangibles: The 6-foot-2 sophomore provides experience far beyond his two seasons as the team's only true point guard. His ability to lead the break, get to the rim and make things happen when the shot-clock dwindles are as important as how he sets up big men Udoka Azubuike and David McCormack.

Why he'll win: He's the best player on the top-ranked team, following in the footsteps of national player of the year Frank Mason III and Devonte Graham as Kansas' unquestioned leader.

Why he won't win: Dotson has standout players around him. His path to the rim is often cleared out because of the 7-foot, 270-pound Azubuike making a lane. Are his assists numbers up because Azubuike can turn and dunk on anyone?



CHARLIE NEIBERGALL/AP

Luka Garza, Iowa

Stat line: 23.9 points, 9.8 rebounds, 1.8 blocks

Best performances: 44 points on 17-of-32 shooting in loss at then-No. 4 Michigan; 25 points and 17 rebounds in win against Penn State; 21 points and 18 rebounds in win at Wisconsin.

Intangibles: Garza brings a winning attitude to a program that has struggled to climb above mediocrity for years. Even in losses, he has largely willed the 25th-ranked Hawkeyes to stay in games with toughness that often had him leaving games with a bloodied nose or lip.

Why he'll win: Garza is fifth nationally in scoring and his 15 double-doubles stack up well with anyone. The 6-11 junior has fluidity to his game to go with range that excites NBA scouts.

Why he won't win: Iowa simply hasn't won enough. The Hawkeyes lost by 38 points against unranked Purdue and by 12 a week later at Indiana, and defeats like those have prevented Garza from getting as much national hype afforded players on elite teams.



STEW MILNE/AP

Markus Howard, Marquette

Stat line: 27.8 points, 3.5 rebounds, 3.3 assists, 41.2% from 3-point range.

Best performances: Had 51 points with nine 3-pointers against USC; had 42 points against Georgetown and 40 against Davidson; had big outputs against Providence (38) and then-No. 13 Seton Hall (37) among five straight 30-point games to close the regular season.

Intangibles: The 5-11 senior point guard commands defensive attention by scoring from anywhere via stepback, pullup or floater. He gets to the line, where he is third nationally in attempts (249) while converting 84.7% of them.

Why he'll win: Nobody scores the ball better. He is the only Division I player with at least three 40-point games as of Monday, while he has a national-best 15 games with 30-plus points, according to Sportradar.

Why he won't win: Marquette's lack of top-tier team success could work against him. The Golden Eagles (18-12) have been unranked most of the year and have lost six of seven entering the Big East Tournament.



JOHN MINCHILLO/AP

Myles Powell, Seton Hall

Stat line: 21.0 points, 4.3 rebounds, 2.9 assists, 79.5% at the foul line.

Best performances: Had 37 points and six rebounds with six 3-pointers in a loss to Michigan State in November; had 32 points and seven 3s against Oregon in loss in the Battle 4 Atlantis.

Intangibles: The 6-2 senior is a tough-minded competitor who can go on team-carrying tears. And he's capable of coming up with tough shots in big moments.

Why he'll win: When Powell gets rolling, it's difficult to slow him, even while routinely facing an opponent's top defender or gimmick defenses. The preseason All-American is the driving force for the 16th-ranked Pirates, who claimed a share of the Big East regular-season title.

Why he won't win: Powell is on the short list of guys you'd want to take a big shot, but he hasn't been particularly efficient. He wrestled with his outside shot for stretches and is shooting career-worsts of 39.8% overall and 30.6% on 3s.



AMANDA LOMAN/AP

Payton Pritchard, Oregon

Stat line: 20.5 points and 5.5 assists (both lead the Pac-12), 4.3 rebounds, 46.8% shooting.

Best performances: The 6-2 senior may have locked up Pac-12 player of the year honors in a Feb. 22 overtime win at Arizona, scoring 38 points with six 3-pointers while playing all 45 minutes. He also had 29 points, six rebounds and five assists Saturday against Stanford in his final home game to help the 13th-ranked Ducks clinch the Pac-12 regular-season title outright.

Intangibles: He's smart, gritty and always seems to be at his best with the game on the line.

Why he'll win: Pritchard has been the best player on what may be the Pac-12's best team and has been consistently good, eclipsing 1,000 points, 400 rebounds and 400 assists during his career.

Why he won't win: The West Coast bias is real. BYU's Jimmer Fredette (2011) and Utah's Andrew Bogut (2005) are the only players in the last 30 years to win AP player of the year from the western half of the country.



MICHAEL HICKEY/GETTY

Obi Toppin, Dayton

Stat line: 20.0 points, 7.5 rebounds, 63.3% shooting, 38 blocked shots.

Best performances: The 6-9 sophomore opened the season with 29 points and 12 rebounds against Indiana State and was dominant during the Maui Invitational. He also shot 10 of 11 with 23 points and 12 rebounds in the third-ranked Flyers' Atlantic 10-clinching win over Davidson.

Intangibles: He can dominate both ends, soaring for high-flying dunks and swooping in for blocked shots. He's also a threat in the post or from the 3-point arc.

Why he'll win: Toppin proved he can hold his own with the nation's best players with a strong performance against Kansas in Maui and seems to make the highlight shows every game with acrobatic dunks.

Why he won't win: Playing in the A-10 could hurt Toppin's chances. The Flyers were barely pushed during their run to the conference title and voters have tended to go with players from major conferences through the years.

CLARK WEBER
 1930-2020

Radio icon was a Chicago treasure

Popular, respected DJ introduced the Beatles at Comiskey Park in '65

BY RICK KOGAN

Spinning and launching records in the early days of rock 'n' roll, sharing thoughtful commentary or interviewing a variety of people from celebrities to politicians, the voice of Clark Weber was part of the soundtrack for generations of radio-listening Chicagoans.

A professional and a gentleman to the core, Weber died Saturday of cancer in hospice care at the Presbyterian Home in Evanston, the suburb in which he had long lived. He was 89 and had lost Joan, his wife of 63 years to cancer in 2018.

"Clark was Clark — on and off the air," said retired radio newsman Lyle Dean, who was a colleague of Weber's and a friend for decades. "He was easy to be friends with, as so many thousands heard on and off the air. And he never acted his age. An endearing quality that probably rubbed off on those who knew him."

Clark Weber was born on Nov. 24, 1930, in the Milwaukee suburb of Wauwatosa, where he fell in love with radio as a teenager. After attending the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and serving in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War, he began his lengthy radio career working for a number of small Wisconsin stations.

In 1961 he drove south and into the overnight hosting chores at WLS-AM 890, joining a roster of DJs that also included Dick Biondi, Art Roberts and Larry Lujack. Referring to himself self-deprecatingly as "Mother Weber's Oldest Son," he moved up from overnights to afternoons to mornings and, for a time, served as program director at what was then the hottest station in town.

He jumped to rival Top 40 WCFL-AM 1000 in 1969, and then to WMAQ-AM 670 in 1971. He took over the morning drive slot there, replacing Howard Miller. He explained the reason for this move from music to talk by telling a reporter, "I was 40 and I knew I couldn't be a Top 40 jock for much longer. Either I was going to have to change or I was going to have to get out of the business. Well, I loved the business, so I made the transition." He did so successfully at that

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Esther Cepeda, Julissa Arce, Reyna Grande, Jeanine Cummins and Oprah Winfrey discuss "American Dirt" on "Oprah's Book Club."

'Oprah's Book Club' gets its own review

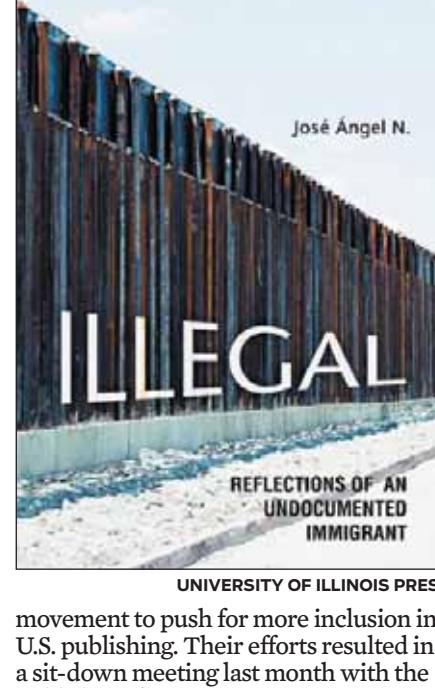
A Chicago immigrant says 'American Dirt' talk left much to be desired

BY NINA METZ

The episodes of "Oprah's Book Club" centering on the controversial pick "American Dirt" by Jeanine Cummins premiered Friday on Apple TV+ with a promise to grapple with criticisms of the book as well as concerns about the publishing industry's ongoing exclusion of non-white writers.

"American Dirt" — about a Mexican mother and her son who flee for their lives in the hopes of crossing the border into the United States — garnered Cummins a seven-figure advance and a significant marketing push by her publisher, Flatiron, but a number of reviews have questioned the novel's merits. Among the earliest to gain traction was that of Myriam Gurba, who called it a "Frankenstein of a book, a clumsy and distorted spectacle" in which "Cummins plops overly-ripe Mexican stereotypes, among them the Latin Lover, the suffering mother and the stoic manchild, into her wannabe realist prose."

In the wake of those reviews, Gurba, along with fellow Latinx writers David Bowles and Roberto Lovato, were instrumental in forming the Dignidad Literaria



movement to push for more inclusion in U.S. publishing. Their efforts resulted in a sit-down meeting last month with the publisher of "American Dirt."

And yet Gurba, Bowles and Lovato were not invited to participate in the TV episode hosted by Oprah Winfrey, a fact that is never explained nor acknowledged, though Winfrey does bring to the stage a trio of Mexican writers as panel-

ists. They are terrific, offering pointed comments and questions directed at Cummins' publishers (seated in the audience) and the TV host herself.

■ Reyna Grande is the author of "Across a Hundred Mountains," a novel based on her life in Mexico and later as an undocumented immigrant in the United States, which she also explores in her memoir "The Distance Between Us."

■ Julissa Arce is the author of "My (Underground) American Dream: My True Story as an Undocumented Immigrant Who Became a Wall Street Executive."

■ Esther Cepeda, is a nationally syndicated columnist with the Washington Post.

Also notably absent from the show: Any discussion or acknowledgment of concerns that Cummins may have lifted a specific scene in her book — of a child being fatally crushed by a garbage truck — from another work altogether. "By the Lake of Sleeping Children: The Secret Life of the Mexican Border," a work of nonfiction by Naperville-based writer Luis Alberto Urrea. (Though he declined to be interviewed for this story, he shared his thoughts in a January radio interview on NPR's "Latino USA" with Maria Hinojosa.)

For her Apple debut, Oprah returns to the format she honed over 25 years in

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IN PERFORMANCE 'Her Honor Jane Byrne' ★★

Story focuses on Cabrini-Green, not the mayor

Byrne is in background while racism, residents occupy the center stage

BY CHRIS JONES

J. Nicole Brooks, the immensely talented creator of "Her Honor Jane Byrne" at the Lookingglass Theatre, didn't really want to write about the former mayor of Chicago, and she certainly didn't want to imply that Jane Byrne's spur-of-the-moment decision to briefly move into an apartment at the crime-saturated Cabrini-Green housing project in 1981 was anything other than a misguided, shoot-from-the-hip gesture from a well-meaning but deeply frustrated public servant.

What Brooks really wanted to do, it feels, is to write about Cabrini-Green itself: the systemic racism that led to its creation, the resilience of its residents, the courage of activists like the late Marion Stamps, and the abiding need for modern-day Chicago and its leaders still to reckon with its decision to warehouse at least

14,000 of its most vulnerable citizens, unofficially a lot more, in a community where the city could not guarantee their safety or even provide the most basic of services. Go out and get a job, its young people were told, only for them to become trapped in elevators that never worked, not figuratively and not literally, either.

That is a play worth writing, especially resonant and powerful for those of us who were living here before the bulldozers. At one point in "Her Honor Jane Byrne," which opened on Michigan Avenue on Saturday night in a multi-sensory world forged by the designers Yu Shibagaki, Christine A. Binder, Mieka Van Der Ploeg, Christopher M. LaPorte, Rasean Davonte Johnson and the composer Michael Huey, we hear Chicago police officers blithely discuss their strategy of "containment," a word that hits you like a thunderbolt in this virus-ravaged moment and that references what was basically official police policy in 1981, meaning ensure that no trouble escapes the boundaries of Halsted or North Avenue, but do



Christine Mary Dunford, Thomas J. Cox and Josh Odor perform in "Her Honor Jane Byrne" at the Lookingglass Theatre on Michigan Avenue.

nothing to control life (and death) within the hot zone itself.

That is what we all did, for shame, and this new work of theater makes those consequences painfully clear.

And when such semi-fictional denizens of Cabrini as Black Che (Robert Cornelius), Stamps (TaRon Patton), the girl known as

Tiger (Nicole Michelle Haskins) and the boy known as Kid (Willie "Mudlife Roc" Round), walk, run or bike across the Lookingglass stage, this show explodes with poetic life. Brooks has crafted some gorgeous scenes, especially involving Tiger's wrenching efforts to do exactly what the city was telling her to do without

providing the necessary tools, and when Black Che, played with relish by Cornelius, tells a reporter (Tracy Walsh) what really goes on in this place with the million-dollar views and the snipers behind the windows.

As such, this world premiere is, at times, a deeply moving portrait of systemic failure and human resilience. On our doorsteps.

It just does not need Jane Byrne in its title, and certainly not any expectation that the work offers many insights into the actions of city's first female mayor. For that to work, Byrne would have to change or morph in some ways during the evening. But that's not what happens here. As the mayor, the highly disciplined Christine Mary Dunford sets her features into the kind of static mask that reminded me of performers playing the hated Margaret Thatcher in the British socialist dramas of the 1990s, striding around the stage as if determined to stay the course and focus on the details. There they

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Prince Harry and Meghan, the Duke and Duchess of Sussex, arrive at Westminster Abbey on Monday.

Final royal duties for Harry, Meghan

LONDON — Prince Harry and his wife, Meghan, made their final appearance as senior royals at Westminster Abbey, joining Queen Elizabeth II and other members of Britain's royal family Monday for an annual Commonwealth Day service.

The televised event was expected to be the last time the couple work alongside the entire Windsor clan before Harry and Meghan fly off into self-imposed exile in North America. The service ended the two-month drama that began when the couple announced plans to walk away from their roles as senior members of the royal family and into a world where they will have to earn a living.

The Commonwealth service is a major event on the royal calendar, largely because the 93-year-old monarch has embraced the organization for much of her life.

"It's not just what a lot of people would call imperial nostalgia — a yearning for the good old days of the Raj," said Philip Murphy of the University of London. "The queen has always embraced an evolving Commonwealth and supported the notion of Britain as a multiracial country because it is part of a multiracial Commonwealth."

The service departed slightly from plan. Harry and Meghan were ushered to their seats before the monarch's arrival instead of awaiting the queen and walking through the church with her. In a change from the order of service, Prince William and his wife, Kate, the Duchess of Cambridge, also didn't take part in the traditional procession of the queen, making the outgoing royals' absence less glaring.

— Associated Press



JANET VAN HAM/HBO

Bill Maher made some controversial comments slamming overreactions to the coronavirus spread. "I'm over this virus," the "Real Time" host said Friday. "The way they talk about it on the news ... they make it sound like if you're within 6 feet of anyone who has it, just get your affairs in order." Maher cited statistics of "the regular flu," saying 517 people have died from it "this season" in California and 61,000 died from it last year. "If that was on TV every day, I'd assume we'd be freaking out," he said. "People die. That's what happens in life. Y2K was going to end the world and the fires in Kuwait were going to end the world and the BP oil spill was going to end the world, and every other ... flu we've ever had. And it didn't."

Mart Crowley, 84, the trailblazing playwright behind "The Boys in the Band," died of complications from a heart attack, according to The New York Times. "The Boys in the Band," a play about a group of gay men who gather for a birthday party in New York, was heralded for revolutionizing how gay men were seen onstage and in popular culture when it debuted off-Broadway in 1968. The play was adapted into a movie in 1970, directed by William Friedkin. It was one of the first major American films to center on gay characters.

March 10 birthdays: Actor Chuck Norris is 80. Actress Sharon Stone is 62. Actress Jasmine Guy is 58. Actress Paget Brewster is 51. Actor Jon Hamm is 49. Rapper Timbaland is 48. Singer Robin Thicke is 43. Actor Thomas Middleditch is 38. Singer Carrie Underwood is 37. Actress-director Olivia Wilde is 36.

If your coach insists,



ASK AMY

BY AMY DICKINSON

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Tackling topics related to teenagers

Dear Readers: Every year I step away from my daily column to work on other creative projects. I've gathered some topical "Best of" columns from 10 years ago. Today's compilation deals with questions related to teenagers. I'll be back in two weeks with fresh columns.

Dear Amy: I am a girl in my junior year of high school, and the volleyball coach won't let me compete until I shave my underarms and legs (our uniforms are sleeveless tops and shorts).

I don't want to be forced into something I feel is unnecessary. Is this discrimination? Is there anything I can do? I really want to play volleyball!

— Hair Today, Gone Tomorrow

Dear Gone: If your coach also insisted that the male volleyball or basketball players must shave their underarms and legs, then perhaps this wouldn't qualify as discrimination.

I shared your letter with Lenora Lapidus, director of the Women's Rights Project for the American Civil Liberties Union, who responded, "This is clearly gender discrimination, based on stereotypes of how girls and women should look." Lapidus

would like to remind your coach that Title IX prohibits discrimination in any institution receiving federal funds. She suggests you start by talking to the coach. "Try to work it out at school. It seems like something they should come around about because this is fairly clear-cut."

Sometimes it's no fun to be related to a teenager.

take it to the principal.

I hope you will stand up for your right not to be forced to shave.

Dear Amy: I have an older brother. He and I are close. I usually hang out with him and his friends. They're all teens. His friends are really nice, but when we are in school, they sometimes ignore me when they see me. I feel confused about why they act like that.

Whenever we go out and do stuff together, they talk to me, but when we are in school, it's like I'm invisible. What is wrong with me? Is something wrong with them?

— Confused

Dear Confused: There is nothing wrong with you, and there is nothing wrong with them. They're being unexceptionally normal.

They have temporary teen-onset family blindness. They are going through a phase.

Their behavior isn't personal. You probably notice that your brother also ignores your parents when you're out in public together?

Sometimes it's no fun to be related to a teenager.

Dear Amy: I am a secretary at your average middle school. The other secretary and I have noticed an alarming trend: Children of the cellphone generation do not know how to use a landline phone!

Students are not allowed to use their cellphones during school hours, but they can use the office phones to call home. This is what concerns us: They do not listen for a dial tone. They do not know to dial

one before the area code and number. They do not know their home number or the number of a parent's cellphone because they are used to scrolling through their cellphone to find it.

Parents need to review this with their children.

— School Secretary

Dear Secretary: I appreciate your suggestion, and so, parents, take a break from the other challenging parenting issues — the "sex talk," the "drug talk," the "online predators" talk — and show your kids how to use a landline phone. Most importantly, make sure the kids know and memorize all the family phone numbers. This is vital.

Dear Amy: I agree that memorizing important phone numbers and knowing how to dial a landline are good skills. I would add one more: When my daughters flew as unaccompanied minors, I bought them a phone card and taught them how to use a pay phone and how to make a collect call. They are unique in their peer group to even know that there is something called a pay phone.

— Fellow Luddite

Dear Luddite: Now that your kids know how to use a pay phone, I wish them luck in finding one, so you should also train them on how to be discerning in finding an adult to help them if they're in a jam. To quote Fred Rogers: "Look for the helpers."

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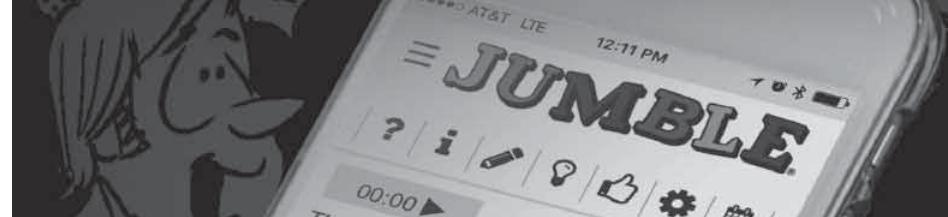
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Book

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Chicago, where her eponymous talk show was based. It's a style that combines her instincts as a journalist with her cult of personality, resulting in a contradiction that positions her as both a neutral arbiter and a literary authority and author advocate who has the power to drive millions in book sales for Cummins.

If it's hard to shake the feeling that something about this approach feels disingenuous or stuck in the past, Apple is banking that enough fans of Winfrey's old talk show will feel otherwise.

To get a better sense of how the show does or doesn't tackle these issues, I talked with José Ángel Navejas, a Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Hispanic and Italian Studies at the University of Illinois at Chicago. His area of research is contemporary Latin American immigrant writing in Chicago. A native of Mexico, he came to the US in 1993 and is the author of the memoir, "Illegal: Reflections of an Undocumented Immigrant." The following is an edited transcript of our chat.

Q: Oprah begins by saying the book opened her heart and allowed her to "live in the space of a mother and the son and feel the fear and desperation" — that the book essentially made everything she was seeing on the news now feel personal. What did you make of that?

A: Well, she made this choice for the book club selection and she had to defend it the best way she could.

I tend to be very cynical about people's intentions. That's how I approach my critique to any cultural



JOSÉ ÁNGEL NAVAJAS

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production, including books and TV programs.

So while I know that Oprah is this huge cultural icon and she's done a lot to help people, for her to say that this book opened her up to certain experiences, it's like, were you closed to those experiences before? Well, maybe she didn't know. But this is something the Mexican American community has been experiencing for a very long time.

The fact that she was in Chicago for so long, where the Mexican population has been living for over a hundred years, and she didn't know about the plight of undocumented Mexicans in Chicago? She's not familiar with the stories of Latinx people in Chicago? That raises questions for me about how engaged she is with the public and whether she really cared about the diversity of Chicago when she was here.

Being Mexican myself in Chicago, it hurts to hear somebody who is a person of color not to acknowledge those facts.

I think one of the prob-

lems with Oprah is she still thinks of this country as black people and white people. And the panelists pointed out that Mexicans have been living in this country before this was even a country and they pressed her on this: In the 26 years of her book club, she has never picked a book by a Mexican American author. Why?

Especially undocumented people like myself, we feel invisible. And that's why this experience was probably so eye-opening for Oprah. We have not been visible to her the way we became after this book.

One of the things that was really striking — and she said it twice, once in each episode — she said she felt powerless when she saw on the news that children were being separated from their families and she didn't know what to do. And I'm like, you're anything but powerless, because you have all this cultural industry behind you. If you wanted, you could have taken your whole crew to the border and reported on all the

abuses that are happening. And you didn't. You waited comfortably in your office for this book to arrive.

So I'm glad it finally made it to the mainstream now, but I think she was forced into it having this conversation after choosing this book.

Q: The discussion spans two episodes, and in Part 2 Oprah interviews Dr. Luz María Garcini, who studies trauma experienced by Latino immigrants. I thought it was a really strong segment, although Oprah doesn't ask her what that trauma actually looks like or what that psychological state feels like.

A: For that, they would have to read my book because that is exactly what I talk about. There is this unease every single day of not knowing what's going to happen. And you cannot afford to show it. The fact that many people go on living with this, it's an incredible act of resilience and that's something Oprah does say in the episode.

Q: A woman in the audience tells her immigrant story, and Oprah's response is: "You earned it; you deserve to be here."

A: I hated that moment! I thought, here we go. She was careless, but so many people are in ways they don't realize because we all deserve a measure of humanity and security. All of us. You don't have to earn that. But I'm (laughs). I'm willing to let that go because I want to have a conversation with people.

When I go out and talk to people, they'll say things like, "You're at a public university — other people deserve to be there." And I'm like, I'm not taking anyone's place. You realize that I've been here for almost 30 years in this country, paying taxes? Which means that I've been paying for the education of your children and the retirement of your parents. Do you realize that?" And that's when they don't know what to say, because they are being confronted with the truth.

Q: What's really odd is that "American Dirt" itself — and the specific critiques of its portrayals — isn't discussed on the show. You wrote an essay about the novel, noting that its "hypocrisy and desensitization turns profound human suffering into human melodrama."

A: I think that this book is honestly not a great piece of literature. I think it's very melodramatic, and you see that in the way that it starts with a very violent scene, so there's bloodshed happening and that is the first image you get of Mexico. And that is the kind of image Cummins sort of wants to sell.

I feel like just in general Cummins portrays people

in Mexico as being overrun by violence. And people are not like that. People are fighting back. Women in Mexico right now, there's going to be a women's strike in Mexico in a couple of days and the whole country is going to be without women.

Q: Can a conversation about the literary merits of a book even happen in this kind of TV format?

A: No. And I wasn't expecting it. Oprah can make kings and queens of whomever she wants, but that doesn't necessarily mean that those books are good. And this is one of those examples.

It just seems very arbitrary, to give this person this platform without being informed about the underlying issues.

Q: What do you make of the fact that none of the founders of Dignidad Literaria were included on the show, even though they're mentioned a couple times?

A: They were very vocal and open with their critiques of Oprah and Cummins, so that's probably why. On the other hand, the people she invited were very good. And I'm very happy that her guests were three Mexican women, rather than three white dudes.

I also think Oprah is acting as some sort of gatekeeper, filtering the opinions or questions — or the people who get to be part of this conversation on her show.

But there are gatekeepers everywhere and it's important to point out, all of these people (with Dignidad Literaria) are still talking, they're still writing. They don't have as large a platform as Oprah, but they're not going to be quiet.

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Byrne

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remain throughout. Unyielding. The Byrne you see in the final scene is exactly like the character you see at the beginning.

Tellingly, Brooks doesn't even include a scene where the mayor moves in to her apartment, which you might expect to be near the start of this play. That's not how Brooks sees the history: Byrne, she says, was a mere blip on the radar of Cabrini-Green.

This is not to say that Brooks is mean to the mayor's memory; she just sees

her as a consequence of her milieu, a Gold Coast white liberal who may have tried more than most, maybe even for the best reasons, but still was unable to make even a dent into Cabrini's problems — even displacing residents for her personal bit of political theater and thus making life worse, at least for them. There are nods to the sexual discrimination Byrne faced and even to the history of Irish tenements on the same land as Cabrini. But in no way is this a disinterested or even two-sided history; it's a political indictment.

The men around Byrne — her husband, Jay McMullen (Frank Nall), the

Alderman Fred Roti (Thomas J. Cox) and various CHA bureaucrats and press agents — come off as mobbed-up, idiotic or both.

The record, of course, offers plenty of evidence for Brooks' charges. Plenty. Byrne and the cameras were gone in weeks and the problems remained.

It's just that, structurally, Brooks has written a history play and stuck herself as her own director with a central protagonist whom she really sees as incapable of making any meaningful change, just a cypher really, more a Rosencrantz or Guildenstern than a Henry V. And I don't know if this was deference to the may-

or's family or something like that, but there is a certain diffidence at the heart of the play. The Byrne character never confronts these issues directly. And thus the best moments of the show are when Byrne is off the stage, or just sitting listening to people whom the playwright has given more moral authority. And that brings up the issue of why not center this show on, say, Black Che or Stamps, people who walk the walk on the concrete on a daily basis and who here come off as far more interesting. Our empathy flows to everyone except the title character.

At Saturday's opening,

this deeply ambitious show didn't feel fully ready — lines weren't all there and some of the transitions to the more utopian, fanciful scenes, often involving interpretive dance, needed far more time to gel.

Its heart (unfinished) lies in its admiration for the people on the ground and its determination to tell their story with eloquence and understanding in as much of its complexity as a night of theater on Michigan Avenue possibly can muster. You could see the beginning of a movie here, or a cable drama series with multiple protagonists and storylines. You could imagine Brooks carrying on with

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this project and coming to see that she barely needs Byrne at all. Just Cabrini and what it means.

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Weber

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station and from 1972-1985 at WIND-AM 560. When that station was sold and switched to a Spanish-language format, he joined WJJD-AM 1160 for a decade and then spent five more years at WAIT-AM 820.

As a talk show host, he was always probing and engaging. This, even though, as he told reporter Rick Kaempfer in 2007, "I always hated politicians. They don't come clean, they speak in platitudes, and they never say what they really mean. I remember [Illinois Republican Sen.] Everett Dirksen once saying to me off the air: 'Clark, I don't think the public can stand the truth.'

Though he would occasionally be heard for short hosting stints at other stations and often as a guest, he devoted most of his time to Clark Weber & Associates, an advertising agency and consulting firm which specialized in radio advertising for the 50+ market.

He was zealous in that mission, saying during a speech in the mid-1990s, "There are a number of erroneous stereotypes about older consumers. It's made us a wide-open market that's hardly being touched." And telling a reporter, "The older audience is being shunted aside by the time buyers at the advertising agencies



Clark Weber, working at WMAQ-AM 670 on Aug. 31, 1971, had moved to WMAQ after two years at WCFL-AM 1000.

who only think in terms of 18-to-34 listeners. But that's a shrinking audience. And here I have an audience that is growing as the whole country is getting older."

He also started hosting daily one-minute commentaries on aging, "A Senior Moment," that aired on more than 30 stations and online. He formally retired in 2015, the year he was inducted in the Illinois Broadcasters Association Hall of Fame.

Ever a frequent (and delightful) speaker at various local gatherings, Weber was often asked to recall what it was like for him to introduce the Beatles at Comiskey Park on Aug. 20, 1965.

He would say a variation of what he once told a reporter: "The crowd went crazy because they knew what was coming. There were about 38,000 screaming teenage girls and the sound was indescribable. I could feel the

vibration in my fingers. I don't think anyone in the ballpark heard a single second of the show. I was standing right next to the stage and I didn't hear it."

That story and many others are between the covers of the autobiography he published in 2008, "Clark Weber's Rock and Roll Radio: The Fun Years, 1955-1975" (Chicago's Books Press).

Lyle Dean had talked with Weber during his final days.

"He was still quick with a humorous quip," Dean said. "His sense of humor stayed with him through his journey. He told me that one of his goals was to live to 89, just like his signature radio jingle 'Clark Weber, 89, WLS.'

Weber is survived by daughters, Ann Lesar, Peggy Barthold, Jeanne Wakenight and Janet Bryan; 12 grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Services are being planned.



A lobby card advertises Billy Wilder's 1959 movie "Some Like It Hot," starring Marilyn Monroe, Tony Curtis and Jack Lemmon.

'Some Like it Hot' will be Chicago's next high profile pre-Broadway tryout

By CHRIS JONES

A new musical version of Billy Wilder's iconic 1959 comedy is headed to Broadway, and Chicago will see the show first in the spring of 2021.

And while nobody's perfect (to quote the most famous line in the film), it's a blue-chip creative team.

"Some Like it Hot" will feature a book by Matthew Lopez ("The Inheritance"), music by Marc Shaiman, lyrics by Scott Wittman and

Shaiman ("Hairspray") and both direction and choreography by Casey Nicholaw ("The Book of Mormon").

The original film, about two musicians who dress in drag to escape from gangsters, starred Marilyn Monroe, Tony Curtis and Jack Lemmon. The film, widely seen as an uncommonly transgressive for its era, makes regular appearances on funniest-of-all-time lists. Behind the Broadway project are the Shubert Organization and Neil Meron

("Smash").

The show, expected on Broadway during the 2021-22 season, will debut at Chicago's Cadillac Palace Theatre with performances from March 2 to April 4, 2021. Single tickets are not yet on sale, although the show will appear on Broadway in Chicago's next subscription season. Casting has yet to be announced.

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Maisie Richardson-Sellers

"DC's Legends of Tomorrow" (8 p.m., CW): Ray's (Brandon Routh) plans for a date night with Nora (Courtney Ford) go off the rails when the team must move quickly to fend off an Encore who has shown up unexpectedly in the new episode "Mr. Parker's Cul-De-Sac." While the others are busy putting their plan into action, Ava (Jes Macallan) confronts Sara (Caity Lotz) after discovering what the latter really was doing while she was away. Elsewhere, Charlie and Constantine (Maisie Richardson-Sellers, Matt Ryan) strike a mutually beneficial arrangement to team up.

"FBI" (8 p.m., CBS): After Maggie and OA (Missy Peregrym, Zeeko Zaki) are summoned to the scene of a murder, a quick assessment suggests to them that the fatal assault was politically motivated in the new episode "Broken Promises." That theory is tested, though, when a second murder quickly follows — so the agents rush to uncover some common thread between the two homicides before even more bodies pile up. On a more personal note, Maggie ponders making a decision that could affect her entire career. Ebonée Noel also stars.

"Empire" (8 p.m., FOX): Lucious (Terrence DaShon Howard) isn't prepared for the feedback he gets from record-label executives as he tries to negotiate a deal for Yana (guest star Kiandra Richardson) in the new episode "Talk Less." Elsewhere, Cookie (Taraji P. Henson) is haunted by memories of a secret she has been forced to keep for years., and Lala (guest star Diamond White) pulls a dangerous stunt to take control of her own promotion when she starts to feel her media bosses are neglecting her. Trai Byers also stars.

"Cherish the Day" (9 p.m., 12 a.m., OWN): Gently (Kosha Roquemore) feels as if she's being pushed to the very brink of her tolerance as Evan's (Alano Miller) all-consuming work schedule brings out an unattractive, more demanding side to his personality in the new episode "Nemesis." Things threaten to explode, though, when Evan asks her to put her own work on hold so she can host a completely impromptu but ambitious work dinner for him.

"Project Blue Book" (9:03 p.m., 1:04 a.m., History): When classified and otherwise highly sensitive material is stolen from Generals Harding and Valentine (Neal McDonough, Michael Harney), Hynek and Quinn (Aidan Gillen, Michael Malarkey) soon make the discovery that the culprit may be far closer to home than they might have imagined in the new episode "What Lies Beneath." Worse, there's also tangible and persuasive evidence of a UFO conspiracy. Laura Mennell also stars.

TALK SHOWS

"Conan" (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Guest Nikki Glaser.*

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actor Nick Offerman; actress Megan Mullally; social media personality Charli D'Amelio; 070 Shake performs.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): Former professional basketball player Charles Barkley; actor Peter Sarsgaard.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live!" (10:35 p.m., ABC): Celebrity guests and comedy skits.*

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		NBC	5	Ellen's Game of Games: "Party in the Goo. S. A." (N)	This Is Us: "New York, New York, New York." (N)	(9:01) New Amsterdam: "Perspectives." (N) HD			NBC 5 News (N) ♦	
		ABC	7	The Bachelor: "Season Finale Part 2." (Season Finale) (N) Live C HD (Part 2 of 2)		(9:01) For Life: "Marie." (N) C HD			News at 10pm (N) ♦	
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		BRAVO		Vanderpump Rules C	Vanderpump Rules (N)	Watch (N)	Family Karma C			
		CNN		America's Choice 2020: Super Tuesday (N) (Live) C ♦						
		COM		The Office	The Office	Tosh.0 C	Tosh.0 C	Tosh.0 C	Daily (N) ♦	
		DISC		Moonshiners (N)		Moonshiners (N) C			Moonshine ♦	
		DISN		Bunk'd C	Gabby	Sydney-Max	Roll With It	Coop	Sydney-Max	Bunk'd C
		E!		• (2:15) 21 Jump Street (R)	21 Jump Street (R, '12) ★★★ Jonah Hill, Channing Tatum. C					
		ESPN		• College Basketball (N)	College Basketball (N)			SportCtr (N)		
		ESPN2		• College Basketball (N)	College Basketball (N)			Tennis (N) ♦		
		FNC		Tucker Carlson (N)	Hannity (N) C	The Ingraham Angle (N)	Fox News			
		FOOD		Chopped C	Chopped (N) C	Chopped Sweets C	Chopped ♦			
		FREE		• Pirates	Twister (PG-13, '96) ★★★ Helen Hunt, Bill Paxton. C (SAP)	700 Club (N)				
		FX		Spider-Man: Homecoming (PG-13, '17) ★★★ Tom Holland, Michael Keaton. C	Revenant ♦					
		HALL		Just Add Romance (NR, '19)	Meghan Fahy. C	Rome in Love (NR, '19) Italia Ricci. C ♦				
		HGTV		Love It or List It (N) C	Unsellable	Unsellable	One/Kind (N) One/Kind (N)	Love-List ♦		
		HIST		Digging Deeper (N)	Curse-Island (N)	Project Blue Book (N)	Oak Island ♦			
		HLN		Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic		
		IFC		• (5:30) Predators ('10) ★★ I Am Legend (PG-13, '07) ★★★ Will Smith. C	I Legend ♦					
		LIFE		A Walk to Remember (PG, '02) ★★ Shane West. C	(9:03) Heaven Is for Real ('14) ★★★					
		MSNBC		All In With (N)	Rachel Maddow Show (N)	The Last Word (N)	11th Hour (N)			
		MTV		Siesta Key (N) C	Siesta Key (N) C	Ridic. (N) Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.			
		NATGEO		Life Below Zero: Port (N)	Life Below Zero: Port (N)	Extreme Rescues (N) C	Life Below ♦			
		NBCSCH		NBA Basketball: Cleveland Cavaliers at Chicago Bulls. (N) (Live)		Postgame	Bulls (N)			
		NICK		SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends C	Friends C	Friends C	Friends ♦	
		OVATION		• (6:05) Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 ('10) ★★★	Harry Potter ♦					
		OWN		The Haves, Nots	The Haves, Nots (N)	Cherish the Day (N)	The Haves ♦			
		OXY		Chicago P.D. C	Chicago P.D. C	Chicago P.D. C	Chicago ♦			
		PARMT		Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Ink Master (N) C	Italian ♦		
		SFY		• (6:05) Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 ('10) ★★★	Harry Potter ♦					
		TBS		Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Miracle (N)	Conan (N)	
		TCM		It's Love Again (NR, '36) ★★	All Girl	Three Little Girls in Blue (NR, '46) ★★★				
		TLC		Fat Fabulous (N)	I Am Jazz (N)	Sister Wives	People ♦			
		TLN		Way-Master	Studio 5	Dream Motel	GEN Voices	Life Today	Insights	Paid Prog.
		TNT		NBA Basketball: Mavericks at Spurs (N Subject to Blackout)				Basketball (N) Subject to		
		TOON		Home Movie	Burgers	Rick, Morty	Amer. Dad	Family Guy		
		TRAV		Ghost Adventures: "Historic Southern Spirits." (N) C		Portals to Hell (N) C	Ghost ♦			
		TVL		Raymond	Everybody Raymond	Raymond	Two Men	Two Men	King	
		USA		The Biggest Loser (N)	The Biggest Loser (N)	Law & Order: SVU	Law-SVU ♦			
		VH1		Wild 'n Out (N)	Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	Wild 'n Out	
		WE		Law & Order: "Survivor."	Law & Order: "Corruption."	Law & Order C	Law			
		WGN America		• The Fast and the Furious	2 Fast 2 Furious (PG-13, '03) ★★ Paul Walker, Tyrese. C					
		HBO		• (4:45) Pearl Harbor ★★	Women of Troy (N) C	The Shop	The Outsider C			
		HBO2		The Outsider C	The New Pope C	Last Week Tonight-John	Axios C			
		MAX		Tag (R, '18) ★★ Ed Helms. C		(8:45) Bad Times at the El Royale (R, '18) ★★★ C ♦				
		SHO		• (5:50) Serpico ('73) ★★★	Homeland C	The Best of Enemies (PG-13, '19) ★★★				
		STARZ		• Legally Blonde 2	Outlander C	(8:59) The Butterfly Effect ('04) ★★★				
		STZENC		• (5:53) Duplicity ('09) ★★★	Adventureland (R, '09) ★★★ Jesse Eisenberg. C	Accepted ♦				
PREMIUM										



Horoscopes

Today's birthday (March 10): Realize dreams together this year. Collaborate with steady, coordinated moves. Net a valuable catch with teamwork before a romantic twist requires adaptation. Resolve summer professional challenges before discovering new passion. Make a domestic change next winter, before your career takes off. Connect for common good.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Communication barriers evaporate. Team coordination comes together naturally, now that Mercury is direct. Background noise quiets and you can hear each other again.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 9. Make your move. Practice your arts. It's easier to advance professionally, with Mercury direct in Aquarius. Brainstorm. Negotiate, collaborate and network.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 9. Choose fun and romance. It's easier to travel and launch, with Mercury direct. Traffic flows better. Make long-distance connections. Confirm reservations.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 5. Prioritize family. Buy, sell, and discuss finances. Money, invoices and payments flow with greater ease now that Mercury's direct. Confusion diminishes.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 5. Express your heart. Partnership misunderstandings diminish. Communication clarifies naturally, with Mercury direct. It's easier to persuade, compromise and reach consensus. Send love letters and invitations.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 9. Profits can rise. A physical obstacle dissolves. It's easier to concentrate and communicate, with Mercury direct. Traffic flows more freely.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 9. Take charge for what you want. Expressing your heart comes easier, with Mercury direct. Share passion, possibilities and affection.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 5. Make plans and dream. Family communications clarify over three months, with Mercury direct. Collaborate and strategize. Share your visions.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 9. Collaborate with friends. It's easier to learn and express, now that Mercury is direct. Creative efforts leap forward. Sign papers, post and publish.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 9. You're rising professionally.

Financial transactions flow better, with Mercury direct. It's easier to discuss money. Confusion diminishes. A barrier dissolves. Make deals and bargains.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 5. Expand your boundaries. It's easier to resolve misunderstandings, with Mercury direct in your sign. Translate for others who don't get it.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 5. Collaborate for shared profit. Words and traffic flow better, with Mercury direct. Articulate your feelings privately. Review experiences and memories.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn**Bliss** By Harry Bliss

"We were all set to do a 'Thelma and Louise,' and you go ahead and pull this."

Bridge

Neither vulnerable, West deals

North

♦ A Q 2

♥ Q 8 2

♦ K 10 8 2

♣ J 9 4

East

♦ K 10 7 4 3

♥ 7 6

♦ J 9 6 5

♣ 5

West

♦ 9

♥ J 10 4

♦ A Q

♣ Q 10 8 7 6 3 2

♦ 8 6 5

♥ A K 9 5 3

♦ 7 4 3

♣ A K

West's nine of spades lead smelled like a singleton, so South put up dummy's ace, led a heart to his ace, and cashed the king of hearts. He led a diamond toward the dummy. West rose with his ace and shifted to a club, won by South with the ace. Declarer led a heart to dummy's queen drawing the last outstanding trump and crossed back to his hand with the king of clubs.

South now led a diamond toward the dummy and ducked when West played the queen. West led the queen of clubs, ruffed by South. This was the position:

North

♦ Q 2

♥ Void

♦ K 10

♣ Void

East

♦ K J

♥ Void

♦ J 9

♣ Void

South

♦ 8 6

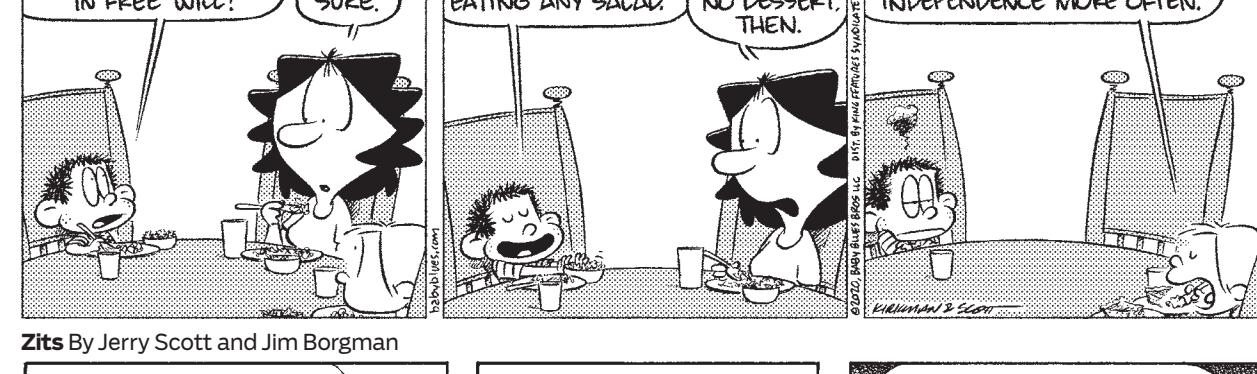
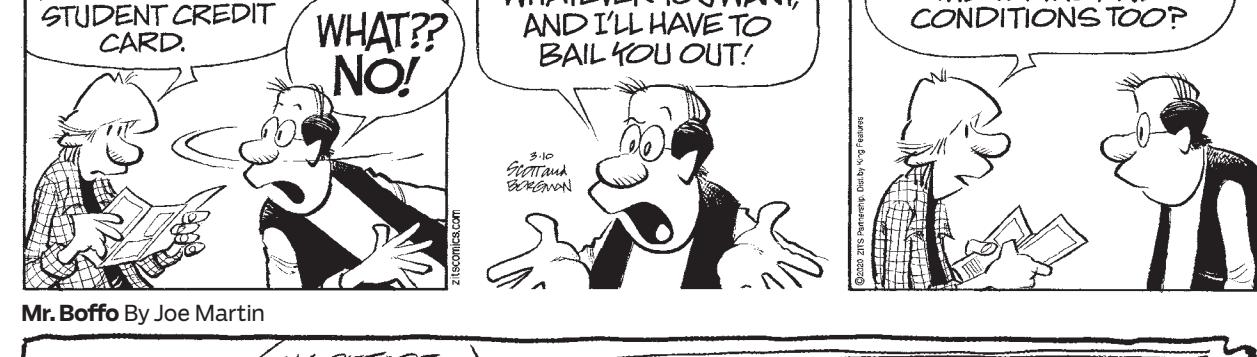
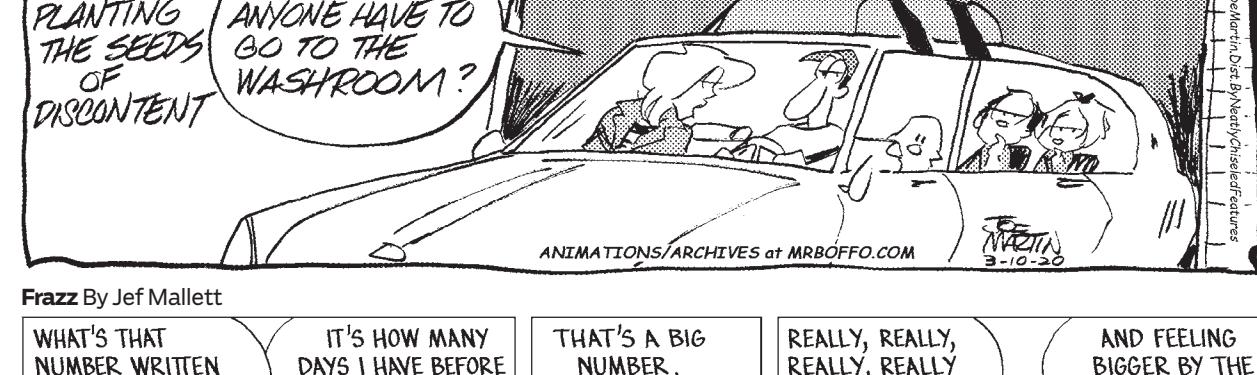
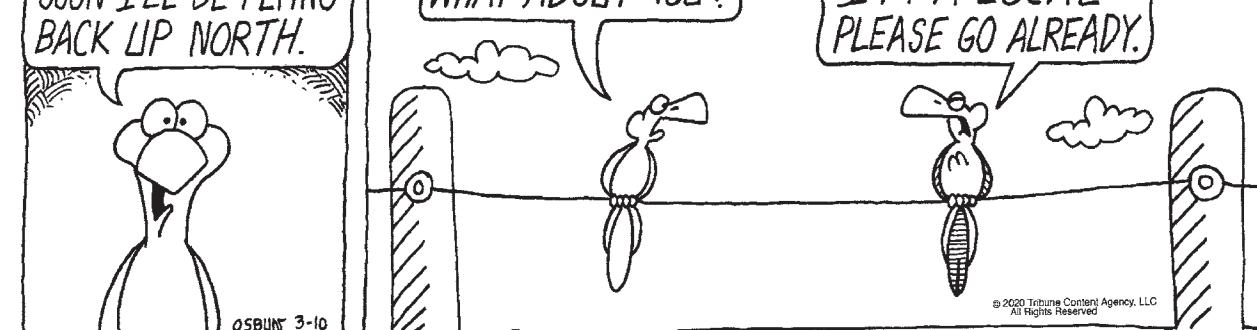
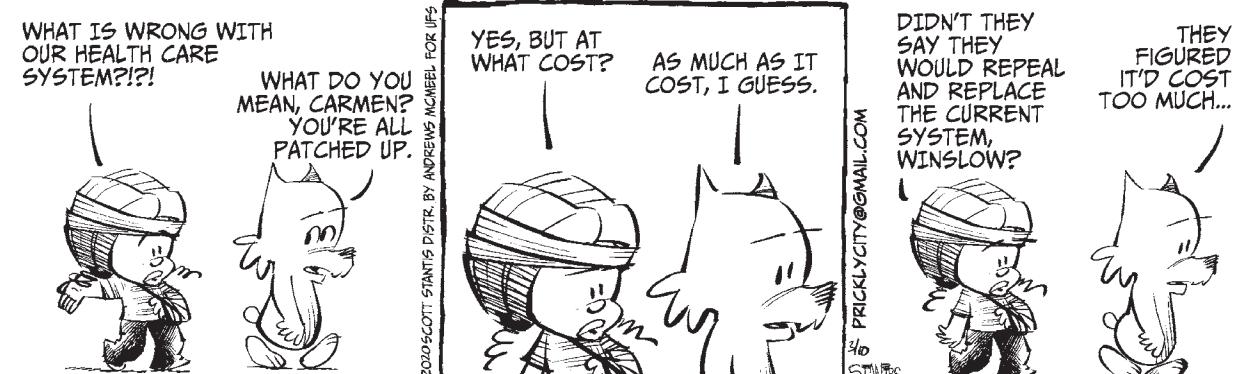
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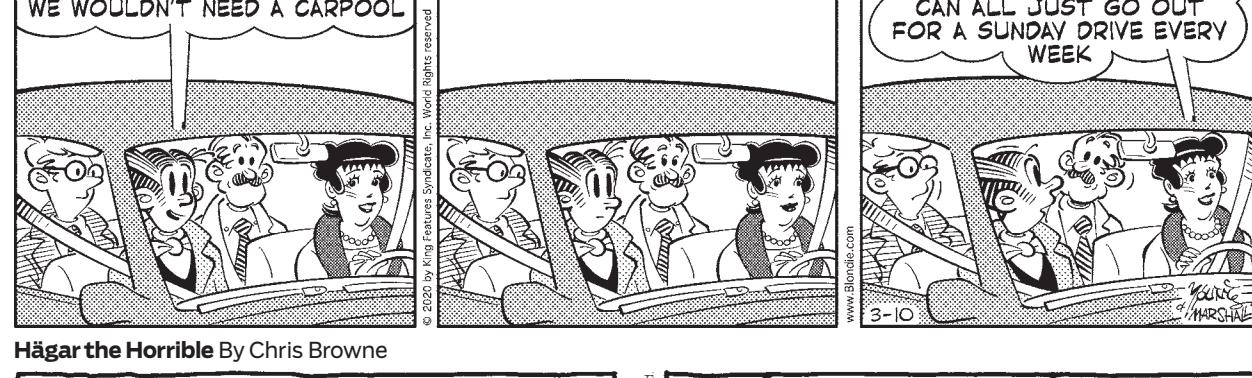
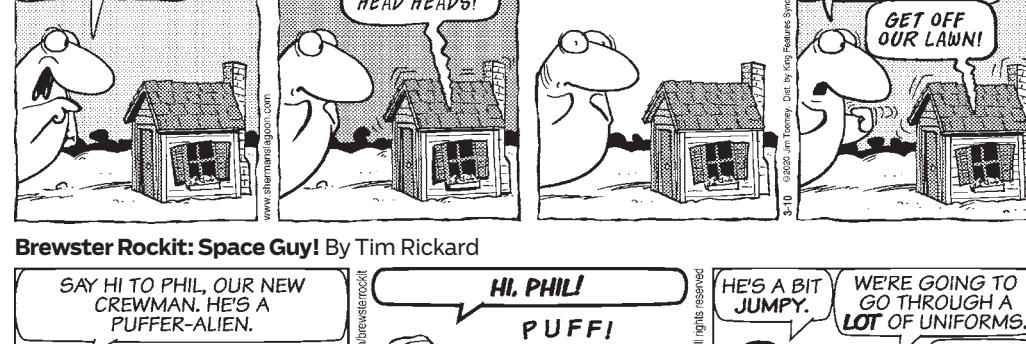
♦ 7

♣ Void

South had a perfect count on the hand. West had started with 1-3-2-7 distribution and the entire hand was known. Declarer cashed his last heart, discarding a low spade from dummy. East had to discard the jack of spades. A spade to dummy's queen and East's king now end-played East. He had to lead a diamond into dummy's king-10 and South landed his game. Well played!

— Bob Jones
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What may happen to a pelican's pouch during mating season?

- A) It drops off.
 - B) It grows feathers.
 - C) It produces eggs.
 - D) It turns blue.
- Monday's answer: Wonder Woman's Bracelets of Submission have the power to deflect bullets.

Sudoku 1 2 3 4

3/10

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	2											
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	4											
2												

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

► Monday's solutions

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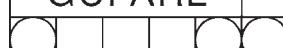
Jumble

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.

GUHDO



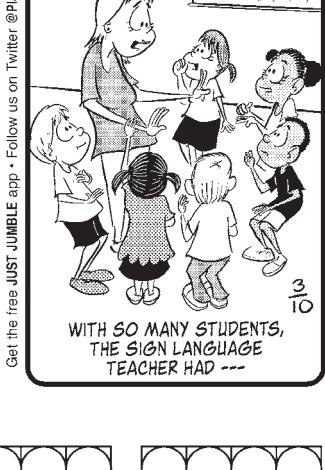
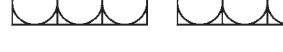
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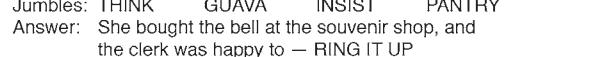
GUFARL



CCROSH



Answer here



Monday's answers

Jumbles: THINK GUAVA INSIST PANTRY
Answer: She bought the bell at the souvenir shop, and the clerk was happy to — RING IT UP

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Crossword

Across

1 —been: washed-up celeb

4 Shared again, as a story

10 Samantha Bee's network

13 Frequently found in poetry?

14 One with a hunger

15 Go bad

16 Citrus drink in a sea breeze cocktail

19 Philosopher Kierkegaard

20 Dawn goddess

21 Bridal veil trim

22 Packed in a slatted box

25 Like bath mats

27 Frivolous legal entanglement

29 Prez on a fiver

30 "Cream of" concoction

31 Lonely place, so they say

35 Former

37 Part of rpm

39 Actress Russo

40 Burly

43 Frontier lawman Wyatt

46 HBO rival, briefly

47 French luxury retailer since 1854

50 Gives a hand

53 Celebrity socialite

54 One who stirs the pot

55 Former flier

57 "Live" sign

59 2011 Dolly Parton single, and what homophonically happens twice in 16-, 27- and 47-Across

63 Night before

64 Most authentic

65 Generation—

66 "Lust for Life" singer Lana — Rey

67 How theater seating is arranged

68 Hurricane center

9 Basketball's Erving familiarly

10 Dry run

11 Italian lawn bowling game

12 Pricey

14 Gossipy sorts

17 Podded plants

18 Coat named for an Irish province

23 "Music for Airports" producer Brian

24 Bra spec

26 Med. research agency

27 Tough spot to self-trim hair

CHICAGO WEATHER CENTER

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TUESDAY, MARCH 10

NORMAL HIGH: 44°

NORMAL LOW: 27°

RECORD HIGH: 70° (1955)

RECORD LOW: 2° (2003)

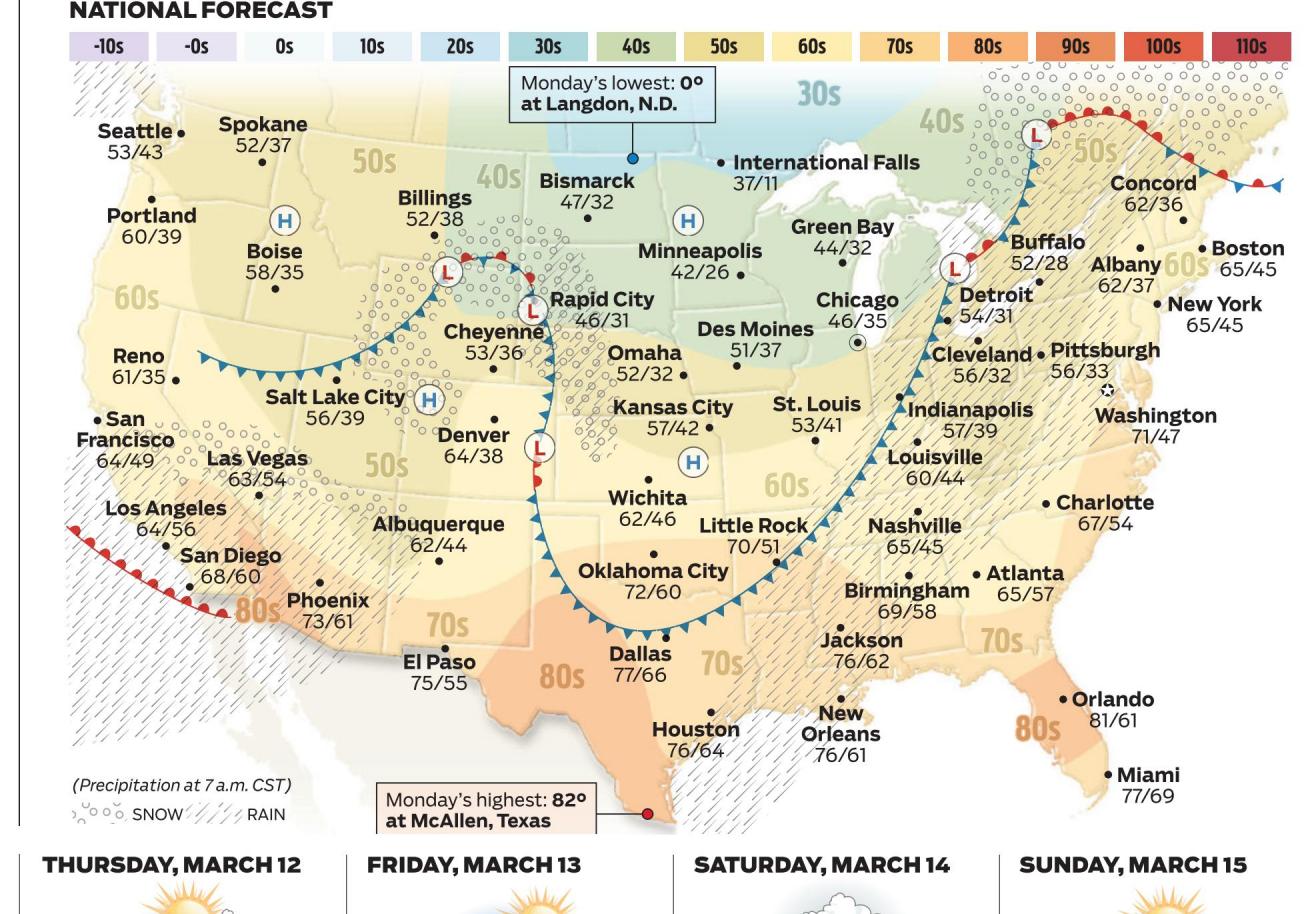
Chaotic but tolerable forecast period coming

LOCAL FORECAST

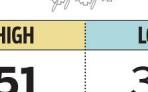


HIGH 46 LOW 35

- Early clouds, perhaps a lingering shower or two in northwest Indiana, otherwise becoming partly sunny by midday.
- Cooler, highs more than 10 degrees lower than yesterday, but still above normal.
- North to northeast winds 6-17 mph keep highs near the lakeshore in the upper 30s; while far west/south readings peak in the lower 50s.
- Cloudbreak over Tuesday night. Light chilly rain/perhaps some wet snowflakes possible in Wednesday's predawn hours.



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

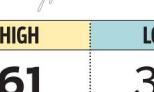


HIGH 51 LOW 33

Extensive cloudiness and a chance of chilly rain or rain/wet snow mix early. Partial clearing in the afternoon. Milder. Highs in lower 50s, except immediate lakeshore where lake breezes keep readings in the low/mid 40s.



THURSDAY, MARCH 12



HIGH 61 LOW 36

Breezy, turning noticeably milder. Sun fades as clouds increase. Chance of showers by late afternoon. Showers likely in the evening then clearing, colder by morning. SW winds shift NW overnight, 15-20 mph.



FRIDAY, MARCH 13



HIGH 46 LOW 32

Breezy, colder with highs 15 degrees colder than 24 hours earlier. Becoming mostly sunny, seasonable temperatures with highs in the middle 40s.



SATURDAY, MARCH 14

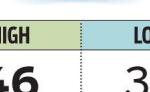


HIGH 42 LOW 36

Mostly cloudy, damp, cool. Rain/snow mix possible, especially southern sections of the metro area. Highs 40-45 and even a bit cooler at the lakefront. Precipends overnight with partial clearing.



SUNDAY, MARCH 15

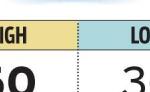


HIGH 46 LOW 36

Partly cloudy, breezy, and seasonably cool. Afternoon highs in the middle 40s inland with a brisk ENE wind keeping readings again cooler at the lakefront. Partly cloudy at night.

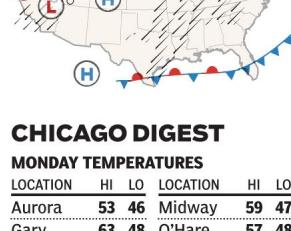


MONDAY, MARCH 16



HIGH 50 LOW 36

Partly to mostly sunny, near seasonable afternoon temperatures. Southeast winds again keep readings near the lake in the upper 30s to lower 40s; with lower to perhaps middle 50s inland.



ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
A few years ago, I heard the National Weather Service was going to name any large storm that affected several states. What ever happened to that? None of the weather people are giving out the names.

Elmer Zarnett, McHenry

Dear Elmer,
Other than the names given to hurricanes and strong tropical cyclones, the National Weather Service never had plans to name powerful or long-lasting low pressure systems. When the sustained winds of a tropical cyclone in the Atlantic Ocean reach 39 mph, the storm is given a name, and if its winds reach at least 74 mph it is designated as a hurricane. If a hurricane becomes destructive, its name is permanently retired. To date, 89 names have been dropped. The Weather Channel began naming low pressure systems a few years ago.

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Monday's rainfall, heaviest in two months—more to come

MONDAY'S SOAKING RAIN

Heaviest precipitation in 2 months

Totals through 7PM (Precip event #1)

Marseilles 1.31" Tinley Park 0.66"

Rockford 1.03" Elburn 0.62"

Harvard 0.94" Sandwich 0.62"

Flossmoor 0.93" Glen Ellyn 0.62"

Downers Grove 0.74"

0.46"
O'HARE

0.62"
MIDWAY

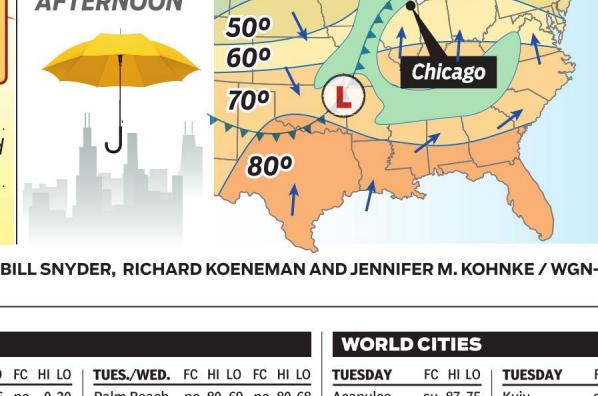
CHICAGO RAINFALL PROBABILITIES

Precip event #2
10% TUESDAY
60% TUE NIGHT

Precip event #3
15% WEDNESDAY

Precip event #4
60% THURSDAY
30% FRIDAY
35% SATURDAY

RAIN-SNOW MIX SHOWERS RAIN-SNOW MIX



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MIDWEST CITIES

TUES./WED. FC HI LO FC HI LO

Illinois Chicago pc 52.41 sh 46.50

Champaign sh 49.39 pc 50.44

Decatur sh 50.39 pc 61.46

Moline pc 52.39 sh 59.43

Peoria pc 50.38 pc 59.44

Quincy pc 52.40 pc 59.44

Rockford pc 50.38 cl 53.41

Springfield sh 50.38 pc 62.46

Sterling pc 50.38 cl 55.41

OTHER U.S. CITIES

TUES./WED. FC HI LO FC HI LO

Abilene pc 79.63 cl 84.66

Fairbanks pc 1.26 pc 0.20

Fargo cl 32 pc 37 sh 48.28

Flagstaff pc 62.37 pc 69.39

Philadelphia pc 56.44 pc 63.39