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STATE OF THE UNION



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President Donald Trump arrives to deliver his third State of the Union address Tuesday night in the House chamber in Washington.

Trump touts economic gains as proof US future is 'bright'

Partisan discord on display as president touts successes in speech

BY JONATHAN LEMIRE

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Standing before a Congress and nation sharply divided by impeachment, President Donald Trump used his State of the Union address Tuesday to extol a "Great American Comeback" on his watch, just three years after he took office decrying a land of "American carnage" under his predecessor.

The partisan discord was apparent for all to see as the first president to campaign for reelection while facing impeachment vigorously made his case

for another term: Republican legislators chanted "four more years."

"America's enemies are on the run, America's fortunes are on the rise and America's future is blazing bright," Trump declared. "In just three short years, we have shattered the mentality of American decline, and we have rejected the downsizing of America's destiny. We are moving forward at a pace that was unimaginable just a short time ago, and we are never going back!"

Offering the nation's economic success as the chief rationale for a second term, Trump's speech resembled a lower-volume version of his campaign rallies,

offering something for every section of his political base.

But while he tweets daily assailing his impeachment, Trump never mentioned the "i-word" in his 78-minute speech. He spoke from the House of Representatives, on the opposite side of the Capitol from where the Senate on Wednesday is expected to acquit him largely along party lines.

Pelosi, a frequent thorn in Trump's side, created a viral image with her seemingly sarcastic applause of the president a year ago. This time, she was even

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THE IMPEACHMENT OF PRESIDENT TRUMP

Senators split neatly along party lines

No Republicans have said they will vote to convict

BY ANDREW TAYLOR

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate is so far cleaving neatly along party lines in advance of Wednesday's virtually certain votes to acquit President Donald Trump on two impeachment charges, with just two or three undecided members even considering breaking with their party.

A leading GOP moderate, Susan Collins

of Maine, announced she will vote to acquit Trump, leaving Utah Sen. Mitt Romney as the only potential GOP vote to convict Trump of abusing his office and stonewalling Congress.

Collins said "it was wrong" for Trump to ask Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy to investigate his political rival, Joe Biden, but that Trump's conduct, however flawed, does not warrant "the extreme step of immediate removal from office."

Collins voted to acquit former President Bill Clinton at his trial in 1999.

More typical of the GOP side was

Majority Leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, who again slammed the impeachment drive of House Democrats as "the most rushed, least fair and least thorough" in history and confirmed that he will vote to acquit Trump.

The trial is cruising to impeachment tallies that will fall short of even a majority of the GOP-held Senate, much less the two-thirds required to remove Trump from office and install Vice President Mike Pence.

The final days of the trial have focused

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Buttigieg ahead as results lag behind

Former South Bend mayor leads Sanders in partial Iowa caucus vote totals

BY RICK PEARSON
AND BILL RUTHHART

DES MOINES, IOWA — Nearly 24 hours after Iowa Democrats turned out to caucus, the first incomplete results from the gaffe-filled counting of preferences in the nation's first presidential contest were released late Tuesday afternoon, showing former South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg with a narrow early lead.

Based on the percentage of Iowa's 41 national nominating convention delegates, Buttigieg received 26.9% of delegate support, followed by Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders with 25.1%, Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren with 18.3%, former Vice President Joe Biden with 15.6% and Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar with 12.6%. The results are based on 62% of the state's nearly 1,700 precincts reporting, including ones in all of Iowa's 99 counties.

The numbers were not final and no official winner has been declared, nor did Iowa Democratic officials say when they would finalize the count.

The delay in the release of any results marked an embarrassment for Democratic officials — the result of "inconsistencies" and a "coding error" in a new system aimed at providing transparency and accuracy for reporting the contest's outcome.

By the time the results were delivered, the presidential candidates had long moved on, arriving early Tuesday in New Hampshire, where voters will cast their ballots in a primary next Tuesday. It was there where Buttigieg broke the news to supporters shortly after the results were released.

"We don't know all of the numbers, but we know this much: A campaign that started a year ago with four staff members, no name recognition, no money, just a big idea — a campaign that some said should have no business even making this attempt — has taken its place at the front of this race to replace this current president with a better vision for the future," Buttigieg said to cheers during a rally in Laconia, New Hampshire.

The former Hoosier mayor grew unchar-

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Buttigieg



Sanders

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Rising Lake Michigan water level breaks 30-year record for January

Rain and higher temps push mark 4 inches over standard

BY PATRICK M. O'CONNELL

Pounding waves, eroding bluffs, submerged trails and disappearing beaches have become a common sight along the Lake Michigan shoreline during the past months. While lake levels usually reach their lowest point in winter, this year the lake has remained stubbornly high.

Persistent Midwestern rains — combined with warmer temperatures that led to earlier and faster snow pack melt — pushed the Lake Michigan water level to a record high for the month of January. This is the first time a new monthly high has been recorded in more than 30 years.

Lake Michigan water levels averaged

about 4 inches above the previous January high set in 1987. The lake, measured together with Lake Huron because the two are connected at the Straits of Mackinac, is still 9 inches below the all-time high, set in October 1986.

The new January record may be just the beginning, scientists say, and is likely a precursor to higher lake levels during the wet months of spring.

"This is definitely a big deal," said John Allis, chief of the Great Lakes Hydraulics and Hydrology Office for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, based in Detroit. "This is going to continue to be a big problem for people."

Just weeks after a winter storm caused major shoreline flooding, the Chicago Park District closed part of the Lakefront Trail on

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A bicyclist rides Tuesday along the Lakefront Trail near North Avenue Beach in Chicago as waves from Lake Michigan crash along the lakefront.



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■ A story on Chicago Virtual Charter School had incomplete information about the status of Cheryl Pruitt's employment.

Two sentences have been revised to read: (Vikki) Stokes took over as interim chief executive officer after the Chicago Virtual board voted last August that CEO Cheryl Pruitt "be placed on unpaid leave, and terminated for just cause ... pending a hearing and an opportunity to respond in writing," according to public meeting minutes. Pruitt also faces pending charges of theft and official misconduct related to her previous job as superintendent of schools in Gary.

■ A story on the front page of the Business section Tuesday incorrectly stated when four South Side hospitals announced they hoped to build a new hospital facility. The hospitals announced their plan to join forces and build a new facility in January.

■ An article on Page 10 Sunday about heightened awareness of flu and respiratory illnesses because of coronavirus concerns gave an incorrect name for the DuPage Medical Group.

The Tribune regrets the errors.

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JOHN KASS

Many contenders but only one Golden Moutza winner

Was Bernie Sanders robbed once again of a clear victory speech in Iowa — this time by that colossal counting fail at the Democratic caucuses on Tuesday, which allowed Joe Biden to pretend, at least for a few desperate hours, that he is still somewhat viable?

Yeah. Sure looks like absolute chaos going into New Hampshire.

And you know what billionaire Mike Bloomberg must be thinking: Chaos is a ladder.

You don't need a box to climb it. And chaos brings the moutza.

I wondered what CNN's Don Lemon would say, but he's too probably too busy unwittingly working to reelect President Donald Trump. Lemon is carrying on an idiotic trend in American journalism:

Ridiculing voters (and viewers and readers) if they don't agree with your politics.

As to the failure at the caucuses, blaming all Iowans is unfair. The caucuses are all about the grassroots, and about neighbors engaged in civic life. It is something to value. The people of Iowa didn't fail. The state Democratic Party failed them.

But we're not awarding the Golden Moutza of February, because today, The Golden Moutza of January is at hand.

Likewise, that J-Lo business at the Super Bowl halftime show.

Was J-Lo touching herself appropriate? Inappropriate? Empowering? Objectifying? Would Bill Clinton and the late Ted Kennedy have loved it?

"Don't go there," said a woman of J-Lo's age. OK, I won't.

Except to defend J-Lo's touching herself as absolutely appropriate — if she were working in a strip club in Harvey.

Were those little girls with her up on stage, dressed all in white, empowered? By putting on the show, the NFL tells us there's nothing as empowering for young women as the sight of a 50-year old on a stripper pole.

But that's February. What of January?

"It's time to build a moutza machine that can work at 3,000 RPM," whined reader Bob Kit on social media, where the Golden Moutza nominations are made. "We just don't have the time to NAH! all those who truly deserve it."

The only man who could invent such a machine is the drunken scientific genius and space traveler Rick Sanchez of Rick and Morty cartoon fame. But he's trapped in a Pringles commercial.

"Too many possibilities," complained reader Kathleen Sawicki. "Can't you put all of them on a big wheel and we can spin? Spin is big these days!"

No spin, no wheels, no moutza machine. Just extend your naked palm at some moron worthy of contempt, spread your fingers wide and in the way of my ancient Greek ancestors, say Nah! (Here) or Feesah etho! (Blow on this.)

You can give a single, double, even a quadruple if you take your shoes and socks off.

"I challenge you to find a person who doesn't reside on party lines," said Leanne Edwards. "Someone whose conduct betrays common



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Yusaku Maezawa with a miniature rocket and space helmet in Tokyo in 2018. He launched an online want ad for a girlfriend who will fly to the moon with him.



MIKE COPPOLA/GETTY

CNN's Don Lemon in December.

sense, but not blue nor red."

Nonpartisan? Like the hearing-impaired fellow who sued Pornhub for not including closed captioning of fake moans? Or the dentist who did a root canal while standing on a hoverboard?

"My head is spinning," complained Linda Feddor Cappozzo. "Each month it becomes more difficult to choose a worthy candidate!"

She settled giving a double to Japanese billionaire Yusaku Maezawa, who wanted a contest to find a girlfriend he could take to the moon.

The 44-year-old fashion retail tycoon was searching for a "life partner" to join him on the moon in 2023, when he's scheduled to blast off in an Elon Musk rocket.

Maezawa insisted the woman must be female, single and over 20, and be ready to compete with other young women in a TV documentary. No word yet on any pole dancing.

He's since canceled his plan. But the moutza is valid. As Omar Khayyam might have written, if he thought of it, "The Moutza hand, having Moutzaed, moves on: nor all thy Piety nor Wit, nor all thy Tears wash out a Palm of it."

"He labeled his contest 'Full Moon Lovers,'" said Cappozzo. "Nah and Nah!"

"Jussie Smollett yet again, for going after (former Chicago police Superintendent) Eddie Johnson," said Lynda Vitale Turner. "He needs to slither away. Nah!"

But not before he endorses Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx.

"The royal McCaskey family for passing on (Super Bowl winning quarterback) Patrick Mahomes for Trubisky," writes an embittered Peter V. Bella. "Off with their heads! Nah!"

Peter, family matriarch Virginia McCaskey is not eligible. She's much too nice.

The reader known as Beer Girl demands an anti-moutza.

"I'm giving the Golden Beer Girl Award to members of the Australian Navy who delivered 800 gallons of beer to a fire-ravaged town during the wildfires," says Beer Girl. "Good job mates!"

Nice. I tried to interest the judges in nonpolitical candidates, such as the deaf porn addict or the hoverboard dentist, BUT many insisted on only one: Don Lemon.

In a recent CNN video clip that went viral, Lemon and two guests, a New York Times writer and a Never Trump Republican, mocked Trump voters as "credulous boomer rubes." They laughed and laughed, calling such voters ignorant, illiterate and dumb, and using fake Southern accents to put them in Hillary Clinton's basket of working class deplorables.

It was a stupid thing to do, but Lemon isn't alone. Americans see similar attitudes across journalism: If they disagree with a journalists' political beliefs, they're subject to public ridicule.

Politicians are always fair game for ridicule. But voters? No. That's bad journalism, bad politics and bad business.

"Does anyone remember when CNN used to be a real news station?" said Jim Arvites.

I do. There are exceptional journalists at CNN, such as Jake Tapper. But theatrical bozos in pursuit of personal glory can ruin their news operation's brand. The Trump campaign has made Lemon the star of a powerful commercial.

"I'm going with Don Lemon and crew," said Lori Trentanelli. "Nah! Feesah!"

"It has to be Don Lemon," said Joanne Makris Roloff. "Cackling like a hyena. Nah!"

This practice of ridiculing viewers (and readers) for their politics must end.

Lift your foolish face, Don Lemon. Behold, the Golden Moutza of January is at hand.

Laugh. Go ahead. Laugh. Now blow on it.

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As the Trump trial concludes, a thank you to Schiff



MARY SCHMICH

The members of the Adam Schiff Appreciation Society are now called to order.

But first, a trigger warning. Do you enjoy calling the Democratic California congressman “Shifty Schiff” or “Liddle Adam Schiff” or “a deceitful little weasel”?

If so, this space will not be a happy place for you today. For your own well-being, please adjourn now to the Sports pages or to a YouTube replay of the Super Bowl halftime show.

Seriously. If you cheered when President Donald Trump tweeted that Schiff is a “very sick man” who “has not paid the price, yet, for what he has done to our Country!”?

If you laughed when the president called the congressman “little Adam Schitt” or accused him of treason?

If you applauded when you heard about the Arizona man who threatened to kill Schiff (perhaps, as was reported Tuesday, because of something he saw on Fox News)?

Please, for the love of your own blood pressure, get out of here ASAP.

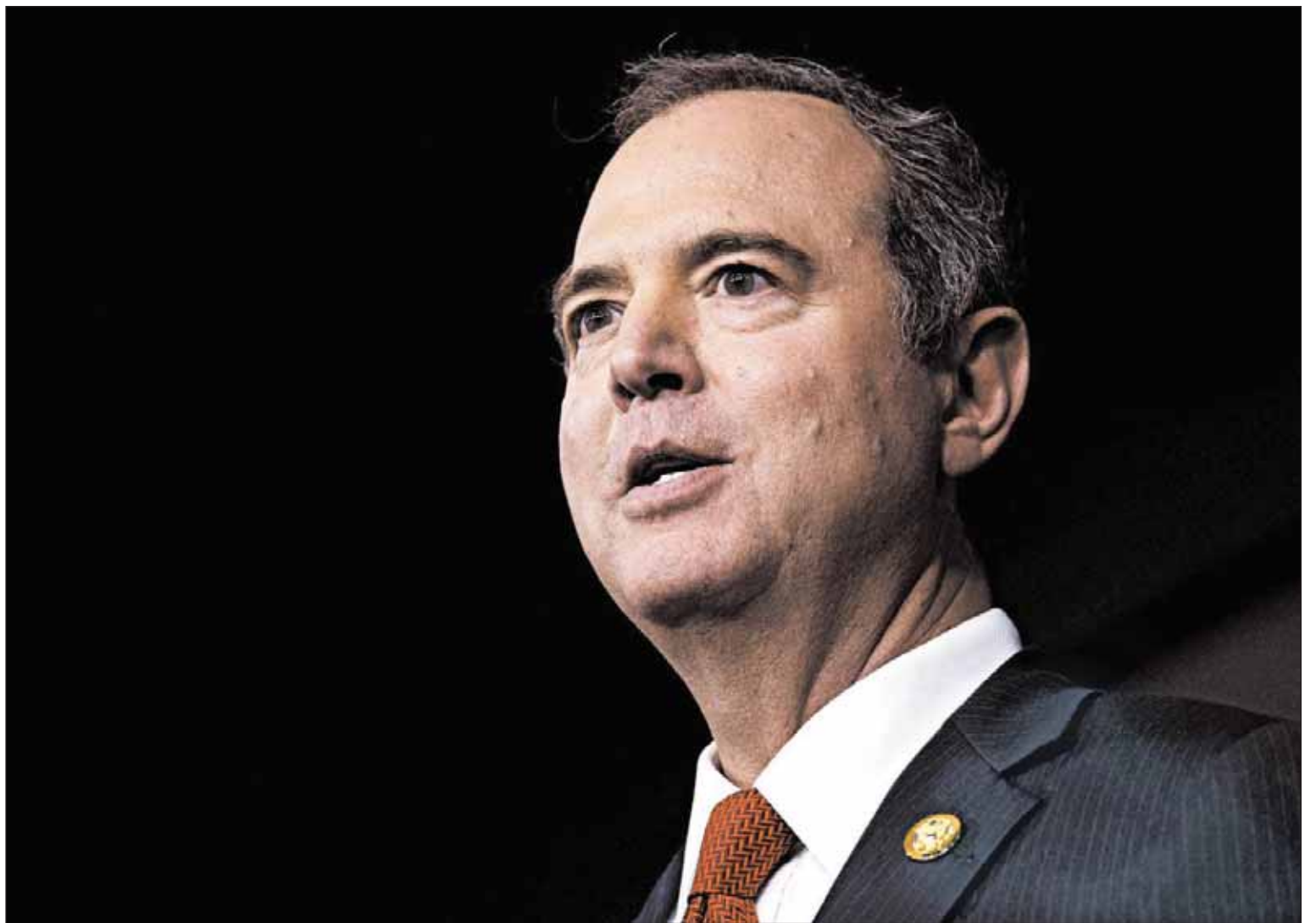
If, on the other hand, you're one of the many Americans who in recent days have thought, “Thank God for Adam Schiff;” then stay awhile for our post-trial appreciation.

I'm writing this on Tuesday, a day before the president of the United States will almost certainly be acquitted in his impeachment trial. It won't matter that even some of his defenders acknowledge that he used his political office to help him get reelected.

That spectacle is over, my fellow Americans, and we're left to pick up the litter along the road to November's election.

But first we owe Schiff a thank-you.

Even during this fractious, dispiriting trial there have been occasional moments of exhilaration, even beauty. Those long days in the U.S. Senate chamber have



JACQUELYN MARTIN/AP

House Democratic impeachment manager Rep. Adam Schiff, D-Calif., speaks during a news conference on Jan. 28 in Washington.

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provided an education in American history and ideals, in how our Congress works, or doesn't. Many of the most encouraging moments were brought by Schiff.

Before the trial, Schiff, who's 59, wasn't much recognized outside his Southern California congressional district. Once described by Rolling Stone as “mild-mannered, judicious, vegan,” he was, at best, more widely known only as a talking head, almost

always wearing a neat blue suit, the nerdy guy dispatched to one wonky news show or another to represent Team Democrat.

But as the lead prosecutor in the impeachment trial, Schiff summoned a different side of himself. He stepped up to the front of that big, wood-paneled chamber and, time and time again, displayed the force of his eloquence, intelligence, logic, passion, persistence and valor. He laid out complex information clearly. He often spoke with no script. His words were made more powerful by the contrast they presented to the gleefully crass president on trial.

“Schiff made me proud to be American,” I heard someone say.

He made lots of us feel that way.

Even one Republican Senator, James Inhofe, of Oklahoma, remarked, “Schiff is very, very effective.”

In the end, of course, he wasn't effective enough. Republicans, who hold the majority in the U.S. Senate, couldn't be persuaded to convict Trump of abusing his power or obstructing the investigation into his dealings with Ukraine. Only two Republican senators defied their party to vote in favor of witnesses at the trial.

“History will not be kind to Donald Trump,” Schiff warned them in his final remarks before the final vote. “If you find that the House has proved its case, and still vote to acquit, your name will be tied to his with a cord of steel and for all of history. But if you find the courage to stand up to him ... your place will be among the Davids who took on Goliath.”

Goliath wins, for now. We move on. November and a new election will be here soon, and, to use the language of Trump's law-

yers, the people will decide. Unless, of course, we're sabotaged by Russian bots or nefarious schemes that won't be uncovered until later.

How this trial is remembered by future generations isn't known yet, but it's a safe bet that when it's recorded for posterity some of Schiff's remarks will be highlighted in the official record.

His reminders that a single vote can change the course of history will be there. So will his reminder that “real political courage doesn't come from disagreeing with our opponents but from disagreeing with our friends.” So will his exhortation that “truth matters.”

For all of that, and for being a good representative of the subset of Americans who believe as he does, we thank him.

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Young Americans will soon have it all. It's time they vote.



DAHLEEN GLANTON

When the Illinois primaries are held in March, high school students will get to leave class for two hours in order to go vote.

This isn't just a matter of convenience. The new law sends a loud message to young people that their vote matters, and that baby

boomers who have been carrying the ball for a long time expect them to get off the bench and join the game.

Illinois isn't the only state that is finally beginning to pay attention to this untapped group of potential voters. Across the country, battles are being fought over laws designed to entice people under the age of 30 to start investing in their own future — and sometimes won.

But after the voting fiasco in Iowa Monday night, some young people might be wondering, what's the point?

It is unfortunate that such a breakdown would occur as the 2020 voting season is getting underway. It is even more troubling that it occurred in Iowa, a state that is making strides with young people.

High school students got a chance to participate in caucuses in greater numbers for the first time Monday. A new law allowed minors to caucus if they will turn 18 by the general election. Nearly 5,000 17-year-olds registered this year.

States such as Illinois and Iowa are attempting to instill in young voters a sense of duty that, if cultivated, could become a lifelong tradition. It's unfortunate that their first experience with the electoral process in Iowa was so negative. It's just as disheartening that

young people across the country got to see the older generation's ineptness with a tool those under 30 are very familiar with — an app.

The Democratic Party's new voting app, designed to provide a more thorough and efficient method for tallying votes, failed miserably during the caucuses Monday night, delaying the release of election results for a day.

The technical problems came as Americans have become increasingly wary of the electoral process, which has been weakened by the persistent threat of Russian interference. Though there is no indication such a breach occurred in Iowa, the snafu

did nothing to help restore confidence in the nation's voting system.

When adults ask young people to play a more active role in democracy, the least election officials can do is make sure that the integrity of the vote is protected. We cannot expect this new crop of potential voters to jump in wholeheartedly when no one can promise them that their vote will be protected.

This is a delicate time for young voters. Their power is just as feared in some states as it is revered in others. While states such as Illinois are attempting to increase their participation, other states are working just as diligently to make it harder for them.

Several have enacted strict residential eligibility rules to keep out-of-state students from voting in the cities and towns where they attend college. Strict photo ID requirements in several states have made it more difficult for some young people to register, vote in person or submit absentee ballots. Other states are working to restrict early-voting sites on college campuses.

In some states, the two sides are in a tug of war over students. In Michigan, for example, college Democrats sued the state last year over its "one address law," which kept students from voting in 2016 and 2018 because their driver's license listed their home address rather than their dormitory's.

The law was not overturned, but in a settlement, the state agreed to conduct a major educational effort to make it clear that the law does not bar students from registering to vote on campus, and then help them do the paperwork.

There's a reason some states want to suppress young people's vote. While young voters long have been the most underrepresented, there's evidence that they are paying closer attention as the 2020 presidential election approaches.

In 2013, Tufts University's Institute for Democracy & Higher Education began tracking the voting records of 10 million college and university students from across the country. More than 40% of them voted in the 2018 midterm elections, compared with only 19% in the 2014 midterms.

Overall voter turnout among 18- to 29-year-olds in the midterms went from 20% in 2014 to 36% in 2018 — the largest percentage-point increase of any age group, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

It makes sense, given that young people have the most at stake in the future of this country. Many of the issues being decided now aren't going to affect baby boomers, who remain the most loyal group of voters. Decades from now, the shoe will firmly be on the other foot.

Today's 18-year-olds will be the ones worrying about whether their Social Security will be intact when they retire. They'll be the ones experiencing the devastating effects of severe heat waves, forest fires, droughts and hurricanes that will occur because the ecosystem has been irreversibly harmed by climate change.

They will be the ones responsible for ensuring that the nation's increasingly diverse demographic is educated and financially viable enough to compete with artificial intelligence in an increasingly technological workforce.

It is one thing to simply tell 18-year-olds to go out and vote. It is quite another for states to enact laws that actually encourage them to do so. On this issue, Illinois is on the right side.

But in the end, it's all up to the individuals to decide for themselves. Those with the loudest voices tend to get what they want while others are overlooked.

That is simply how politics work.

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Lincoln Park High School students return to school after a walkout to protest sudden staff changes at the school Monday.

Suspended basketballer's shot at playoffs is rejected

Misconduct scandal engulfs Lincoln Park High School

BY HANNAH LEONE

First they went to the Chicago Public Schools headquarters in the Loop. Then they tried another CPS office.

Turned away twice, the group of Lincoln Park High School basketball players and supporters eventually made their way back to campus, holding out hope that the varsity boys team's suspension would be lifted in time to play in Tuesday evening's city playoff game against Perspectives/IIT Math and Science Academy.

The last-ditch efforts to save their season proved unsuccessful, despite a student walkout Monday, impassioned statements at a community meeting and continued pleas on social media, where one player, Romelle Howard, even tried tweeting at Chicago rappers Chance, Common, Polo G and G Herbo.

"We are at school ... nothing else we can do at this point," junior player Ismail Habib said by phone from the library. Some varsity players did show up to support the junior varsity team in its game, which ended with a Lincoln Park victory Tuesday evening.

The suspension of the varsity team's season was part of the fallout from wide-ranging investigations by CPS into what a district official called "multiple allegations of serious misconduct involving the athletics program." The district said Friday that interim Princi-

pal John Thuet and Assistant Principal Michelle Brumfield have been "removed ... from their positions," and three coaches and a dean have been removed or reassigned pending the outcome of the investigations.

Perspectives coach Waybon McConnell said a CPS official confirmed Tuesday morning that the varsity game was canceled. It was a disappointment for McConnell, who graduated from and played at Lincoln Park High.

"I've never been able to take the team that I coach to my old high school, so we were definitely looking forward to that," McConnell said.

As for the CPS decision to suspend the Lincoln Park team, he said, "I feel for those kids, especially the ones that are not involved, but, like I said, that's something that is above us."

During a packed and heated community meeting Monday night at the high school's auditorium, CPS officials presented a summary of their investigations into alleged misconduct at the school, including claims of sexual misconduct, retaliation against witnesses, athletic recruiting violations and financial misconduct involving athletic program accounts.

Asked about which allegations prompted the suspension of the team's season, CPS spokesman Michael Passman said: "There are allegations involving both student misconduct and adult misconduct. The season would not have been suspended if the district was only reviewing

allegations of adult misconduct."

School officials said the alleged misconduct also included failure to follow sexual misconduct reporting procedures, improper student discipline, dishonesty to families, allowing suspended employees to work, failure to create safety plans for students and interference with and withholding evidence from investigations.

Among the claims are that school leaders were aware of "student-on-student retaliation" against those who spoke to investigators and that it was not properly reported.

The Friday letter informing families of Thuet's and Brumfield's removal also states that Dean John Johnson and boys basketball coach Donovan Robinson "have been reassigned from their duties pending the outcome of these investigations."

Head boys basketball coach Pat Gordon was removed earlier in January, CPS officials confirmed. The boys basketball team's families at the time were informed that an unidentified staff member had been removed from the school in a letter, in which Thuet wrote he'd been "made aware" that members of the team "took an overnight trip over winter break that was not a school sponsored event."

Games that aren't played as scheduled will be forfeited, Passman said, adding that the season is suspended "indefinitely" at this time.

Citing ongoing investigations, Passman said the dis-

trict couldn't provide additional information about "the potential policy allegations that are being investigated." Given the pending investigations, as well as the need to protect the privacy of victims and legal restrictions on the release of student information, he said CPS was unable to provide other details about allegations.

Marcus Spencer, who described himself as a volunteer coach for the basketball program, spoke at Monday's meeting in support of the team. Several other community members spoke in support of the suspended school administrators.

"A lot of this stuff was new to me last night," Spencer told the Tribune on Tuesday. "... It's a big mess. I just think it was handled wrong."

Spencer said he only was recently informed he hadn't completed the district's volunteer application process as required. He said he has since submitted the paperwork and believes his application is pending.

Spencer said he had no knowledge of the recruiting violation allegations cited by CPS officials Monday evening.

Tuesday marked the beginning of the Chicago Public League playoffs, a separate tournament from the state postseason tournament. However, a school can't enter a state tournament without the approval from the school administration, said Illinois High School Association Assistant Executive Director Matt Troha.

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Cops seek 2 who sprayed substance in store

One of the men in Joliet Walmart had sign claiming virus

BY ALICIA FABBRE

A man donning a yellow face mask and a sign on his back reading, "Caution, I have the Coronavirus," walked into a Walmart in Joliet on Sunday with another man and began spraying Lysol disinfectant around the store, police said.

Police are searching for the two men, believed to be in their 20s, who entered the Walmart at Illinois Route 59 and Theodore Street on Sunday afternoon, according to a police news release. Police were called to the store about 4:09 p.m. for the incident, but the men had already left the store.

According to the news release, the two men sprayed a substance, which was later determined to be Lysol, on produce, clothing, and health and beauty items.



JOLIET POLICE DEPARTMENT

Surveillance photos show two individuals who entered a Walmart in Joliet and sprayed Lysol throughout the store.

Walmart estimates the loss of produce to be over \$7,300 and cleanup costing more than \$2,400, according to the news release.

Customers in the store witnessed the incident, and some confronted the men, said Sgt. Chris Botzum, a spokesman for the Joliet Police Department. Botzum said police do not believe anyone was exposed to the virus as a result of the incident.

Botzum said it appears the man who was spraying the Lysol may have been recorded by the other man.

The two men were last seen leaving in a white 2003 GMC Yukon. Botzum said police have attempted to contact the owner of the Yukon but had been unable to make contact as of Tuesday morning. Police released surveillance photos of the men.

Anyone with information

about the identity of the two men is asked to contact the Joliet Police Department's investigation unit at 815-724-3020 or Detective Ryan Myers at 815-724-3056. Information about the incident also can be called into Will County Crime Stoppers at 800-323-6734 or online at crimestoppersofwillcounty.org.

As of Tuesday, the virus has killed at least 425 people and sickened more than 20,000 worldwide.

As of Monday, there were 11 confirmed cases in the U.S., including two in Illinois. The two Illinois cases are a woman who recently visited Wuhan, China — the center of the outbreak — and her husband. While it is expected there will be more cases in the U.S. in the weeks ahead, health officials say the immediate risk of the virus to Americans is believed to be low.

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Iowans in Humboldt Park lean toward Sanders

In 'satellite caucus,' they revolve round Vermont senator

BY MORGAN GREENE

Iowans showed up at a Chicago library Monday night to support the Democratic candidate best suited to beat President Donald Trump in the 2020 election. But on who that ideal challenger might be, they were split.

Twenty Iowans were among the caucusgoers at the Humboldt Park branch of the Chicago Public Library, a "satellite location" of the first-in-the-nation Democratic caucuses.

Early entrance polls conducted for the national news networks showed Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders and Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren with support of caucusgoers who described themselves as "very liberal," as well as those ages 29 and younger. Each of those groups represented about a quarter of attendees.

In a crowd skewing young, participants in Humboldt Park also put their support behind the more progressive candidates in the field.

Before the library closed, Sanders had 11 supporters, with six caucusgoers in support of Warren and three in



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Michael Adato holds a Bernie Sanders sign amid other voters at an Iowa satellite caucus in Humboldt Park.

support of Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar.

In addition to the nearly 1,700 precinct caucuses across Iowa's 99 counties, nearly 1,300 Democrats were expected to attend the 87 satellites, opening up the landlocked exercise in democracy to Iowans outside the Hawkeye State. Some satellites were set up at assisted living centers, work sites and college campuses in Iowa.

Michael Adato, 20, was among the first-time caucusgoers in Humboldt Park. Adato, from Des Moines and a student at DePaul University, said he came out to support Sanders while his twin brother did the same in Iowa City.

"I was going to have to spend 12 hours on a train and a bus to get to Des

Moines and I was going to have to miss two days of school," Adato said. "And I bought my tickets 'cause I was ready to do that. But this saved me so much time, so much energy, and I didn't have to miss class. So there you go."

Partly because of the commitment it takes to caucus, the process is "not terribly inclusive," said Alvin Tillery, director of the Center for the Study of Diversity and Democracy at Northwestern University.

Some people may not have the time and means to get to the right precinct or a job that ends before the caucuses begin, Tillery said. "So that just kind of reinforces the lack of access for certain segments of the population."

Opening up the caucuses

to those attending school out of state or those unable to travel to their precinct was viewed as a move toward inclusivity and accessibility. But those attending the satellites still experienced the traditional format, gathering in groups by preferred candidate. Generally, a candidate has to receive at least 15% support from participants to be considered, otherwise supporters can change their preference to another candidate or leave the caucus.

But in Humboldt Park, the three candidates with supporters all reached viability.

Caucusgoers moved toward walls adorned with dinosaur posters and rainbow butterflies. The largest group chatted near Sanders' spot. The corners for former Vice President Joe Biden and former South Bend, Indiana, Mayor Pete Buttigieg were empty.

By the end of the night, Adato was happy with Sanders' local victory. "I'm super excited, I'm feeling the Bern and I think that Bernie's going to win tonight," he said.

"There's only one guy who has the guts to reject the money from the rich and the powerful," Adato said. "And it's Bernie. And I think that anti-establishment energy is the only thing that can beat Donald Trump

because he won on anti-establishment energy. We're the only people who can fight fire with fire. So I think he's the best candidate to defeat Trump."

Emma Barton, 18, of Cedar Rapids and a student at Northern Illinois University, also made the "quicker and cheaper" trip to the library to support Sanders.

"I think I support Bernie mainly because I feel like he's one of the only candidates who wants to create change in our system," Barton said. "Even though I do support a lot of other candidates' policies, I don't necessarily think that they are change-makers. I feel like they could very easily just become part of the system. And I don't see Bernie doing that. I see him fighting for the working class and minorities and people that I can relate to."

Olivia Kennedy, 18, also of Cedar Rapids, was among the six Warren supporters.

"I really like her idea of a wealth tax," said Kennedy, a DePaul student. "I really like it when people put a lot of effort into Iowa to build support and connect with voters, and I definitely see her and her team doing that."

But, Kennedy said, her "backup is Bernie."

"I think they both are really progressive and I feel

like they're the change that we need," Kennedy said.

Erin Horst, 32, thought Klobuchar has "been catching a lot of fire lately" and thought she still had a shot moving forward.

Horst, of Des Moines, was in Chicago for a work conference and was glad she could caucus for Klobuchar away from home.

"I'm just ready for somebody with morals to be in that chair," Horst said.

By late Monday night, a few top candidates within the expansive field seemed to be within clinching distance, but no sure winner was predicted. Results were delayed as Iowa's Democratic Party said it was conducting "quality checks" amid a new reporting system.

Adato, in a shirt touting Medicare, jobs and college for all, held his Bernie sign with a smile.

"I'm lucky to have the opportunity to be one of the first in the country to get to vote because I feel like people are watching what we're doing," Adato said. "The entire world is watching."

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Caucus

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acteristically emotional and choked up as he discussed what his candidacy represents as the nation's first major party, openly gay presidential candidate.

"It validates the idea that we can expand a coalition, not only unifying around who it is we're against, but around what it is that we're for," Buttigieg said of the results. "And it validates for a kid somewhere in a community wondering if he belongs, or she belongs or they belong in their own family, that if you believe in yourself and your country, there is a lot backing up that belief."

Still, Buttigieg held just under a two percentage point lead over Sanders in the delegate equivalent count.

Earlier in the day, the Vermont senator's campaign had released its own numbers from campaign precinct captains showing Sanders with a narrow lead. He stopped short of declaring victory but criticized Buttigieg for doing so Monday night.

"I don't know how anybody declares victory before you have any official statement to election results, so we're not declaring victory," Sanders said.

Throughout the campaign, Buttigieg focused heavily on so-called pivot counties, areas that twice backed former President Barack Obama before supporting President Donald Trump in 2016.

Iowa had the most such counties in the nation — 31, and early results show Buttigieg leading in 21 of them. Sanders led in seven other pivot counties, while Klobuchar led in two along the Minnesota border. In a final county, results showed Buttigieg and Sanders tied.

Of all the 2020 candidates, Buttigieg campaigned the most in Obama-Trump counties, according to a Tribune analysis of The Des Moines Register's candidate tracker data.

Buttigieg made 48 campaign appearances in 27 of the counties that are mostly clustered along the northern stretches of the state and the Mississippi River valley on Iowa's eastern border. He was followed by Biden, who made 42 stops in 25 of the counties; Sanders, who made 40 visits to 21 of the counties; and Warren who campaigned 30 times in 18 of the counties.

A new counting system for results and a smartphone app to report them drove the bulk of the caucus debacle, as precinct and county chairs across the state had difficulty sending in results from nearly 1,700 caucus sites across the state's 99 counties to the Iowa Democratic Party. A backup phone system also



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Precinct Chair Carl Voss tries to drop off caucus results and voters' information at the state party headquarters Tuesday.

presented problems for reporting caucus results, with the lengthy list of contenders and the new counting system creating significant delays.

In a statement Tuesday morning, Iowa party officials said that "while the app was recording data accurately, it was reporting out only partial data. We have determined that this was due to a coding issue in the reporting system. This issue was identified and fixed."

With the caucus-counting fiasco having become a source of national ridicule, Iowa Democratic Chair Troy Price said the problem was "unacceptable" and apologized.

"The bottom line is that we hit a stumbling block on the back end on the reporting of the data. But the one thing I want you to know, we know this data is accurate," Price said. He offered no indication when the other 38% of state precinct results would be released.

Unlike in previous years, the state's Democrats released three sets of numbers representing the results rather than just one set of figures.

The first set of numbers represents a hard count of attendees measuring how many people came out for each candidate. The second count measured the results after those supporting a candidate who did not reach a threshold of 15% support realigned with another candidate, stayed uncommitted or went home.

Officials use the second total to release the final set of data — the percentage of the state's 41 delegates allotted to the candidates. In previous years, that percentage figure was traditionally the only number released and used to deter-

mine a winner.

The party added the information in an aim to improve transparency and accountability, the result of changes pushed by Sanders after an extremely close 2016 caucus that he lost to Clinton by three-tenths of one percentage point.

In the raw vote totals in the precincts counted, Sanders had the larger turnout of supporters both in the first round and after realignment in the second round, a fact that he and his campaign emphasized.

"We received more votes on the first and second round than any other candidate. That is with 62% of the vote in," Sanders told supporters at a rally in Milford, New Hampshire, on Tuesday night. "For some reason in Iowa, they're having a little bit of trouble counting votes, but I am confident here in New Hampshire, I know they'll be able to count your votes on election night. And when you count those votes, I look forward to winning here in New Hampshire."

Buttigieg trailed Sanders in the first and second round in Iowa, but he gained the most as a result of being the second choice among supporters of candidates whose first preference didn't meet the 15% threshold.

Biden saw a significant drop in raw vote support from the first round to the second round realignment, reflecting the fact that he was not found viable in a significant number of the precincts counted.

Caucusgoers for the first time also had to fill out a "presidential preference" form for their first choice for president. If their candidate didn't meet the 15% viability threshold and moved to another contend-

er, they were to list their second choice on the form.

The forms represented a backup system to track the support of individual caucusgoers. Now, a hand count of those forms appears to be a method the state party will use to verify the Iowa caucus winner.

Before the release of any results, Biden campaign manager Kate Bedingfield raised questions about the reliability of the outcome.

"We have real concerns about the integrity of the process," Bedingfield told CNN. "There were significant failures in the process last night that should give voters concern."

Speaking with reporters aboard his campaign plane on the way to New Hampshire, Sanders criticized efforts from the Biden campaign to raise doubts about the accuracy of the caucus results.

"I think we all should be disappointed in the inability of the party to come up with timely results, but we are not casting aspersions on the votes that are being counted," Sanders told reporters. "There is no excuse for not having results last night, but that doesn't mean to say that the vote totals that come in will be inaccurate. I think that's unfair thing to try to do."

Expressing the day-late, millions-of-dollars-short exasperation of several candidates looking for the momentum that a good showing in Iowa provides, Warren objected to the party only releasing a portion of the results Tuesday afternoon.

"I think they should get it together and release all the data," she said.

Even before the partial tally and in the absence of any official results, the candidates were free to spin

their view of the unclear outcome to their benefit.

Warren cast the race as a tight three-way contest at the top with herself, Sanders and Buttigieg registering a similar number of delegates and Biden on the outside.

"We know that the three of us will be dividing up most of the delegates coming out of Iowa. I'm feeling good," Warren said in Keene, New Hampshire.

In an effort to join the top tier of candidates, Klobuchar told voters at a rally in Concord, New Hampshire, that she had exceeded expectations in Iowa.

"We don't yet have the results from Iowa, but I can tell you we feel very good about where we are," Klobuchar said. "We won so many precincts and delegates where I don't think people gave us a chance to win, and it had this grassroots feeling that New Hampshire would be proud about."

In some quarters, however, Biden was viewed to have dodged a bullet amid the confusion in Iowa, where he appeared on his way to falling short of expectations. Prior to the caucus, he had been polling atop the field with Sanders in Iowa.

Reinforcing the belief that Biden did not do well, former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg, who joined the race anticipating the former vice president's downfall, announced Tuesday that his campaign was increasing TV spending and staff. The billionaire already has spent hundreds of millions of dollars on TV nationwide as he focuses on the March 3 Super Tuesday delegate-rich contest.

Former Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick, who

bypassed Iowa to focus on New Hampshire, likened both Biden's concern and Buttigieg's victory declaration to Trump.

"One candidate is calling the results into question because he apparently didn't do well. Another is declaring victory without any votes being confirmed. The way to beat Donald Trump isn't to act like Donald Trump. Our party and our country deserve better," Patrick said.

For a political party anxiously looking to challenge Trump, the Iowa kickoff was a serious blow to Democrats' efforts to display an open and orderly nominating process after the Democratic National Committee's 2016 system was accused of being one-sided in favor of Hillary Clinton.

The Iowa caucuses traditionally create an expectations game for presidential candidates. Those meeting or beating expectations are rewarded through fundraising, momentum and are allowed to continue while candidates who fail to meet expectations have trouble raising money and support.

But with no results from Monday night, there was no expectations game. Instead, those who exceeded expectations got no immediate bump and those who failed to meet them got no immediate punishment.

A finish to the Iowa caucuses had been expected to set the tenor for the week for Democrats in a positive way with Trump's State of the Union speech on Tuesday night and the expected presidential impeachment vote by the Senate on Wednesday. Instead, the problem-plagued counting in Iowa had Democrats controlling the narrative in a negative way.

The Democratic woes became easy fodder for the Trump campaign. The president coasted to an easy victory in the state's Republican caucuses.

"When will the Democrats start blaming RUSSIA, RUSSIA, RUSSIA, instead of their own incompetence for the voting disaster that just happened in the Great State of Iowa?" Trump asked in a tweet, referencing what Democrats and the intelligence community have said was Russia's interference in the 2016 presidential election.

But as the fate of Iowa's first-in-the-nation status in future presidential years was called into question because of the tabulation debacle, Trump sought to give assurances to the Hawkeye State.

"It is not the fault of Iowa, it is the Do Nothing Democrats fault," Trump tweeted. "As long as I am President, Iowa will stay where it is. Important tradition!"

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Ald. Edward Burke, 14th, was originally charged in a criminal complaint last year.

Ald. Burke's corruption trial won't happen till at least 2021

BY JASON MEISNER

Indicted Chicago Ald. Edward Burke will be more than halfway through his record 13th full term in City Council by the time he faces trial on federal racketeering conspiracy charges.

During a brief status hearing Tuesday, U.S. District Judge Robert Dow blocked off his schedule beginning in May 2021 for what's expected to be a monthlong, blockbuster trial featuring dozens of undercover recordings made by then-Ald. Daniel Solis.

Prosecutors said in a court filing last week that they wanted to go to trial early next year. But after defense attorneys noted they have yet to review much of the potential evidence, the judge decided there were too many variables at this point to set a specific trial date.

For now, the case could go before a jury anytime between May and July of next year when Burke will be 77.

"Start thinking about, in that window, what would work for everybody," Dow told lawyers for both sides.

Neither Burke nor his two co-defendants, longtime 14th Ward political operative Peter J. Andrews

and real estate developer Charles Cui, attended Tuesday's hearing at the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse. The judge had waived their appearances at the routine hearing.

Burke, 76, a Democratic stalwart and dean of the City Council, was originally charged in a criminal complaint in January 2019. He was indicted four months later on 14 counts including racketeering, federal program bribery, attempted extortion, conspiracy to commit extortion and using interstate commerce to facilitate an unlawful activity.

Meanwhile, Burke easily won reelection in February 2019 despite the cloud of the charges hanging over his campaign. He would be up for reelection in 2023.

The 59-page indictment outlined a series of schemes in which Burke allegedly tried to muscle developers into hiring his law firm, Klafter & Burke, to appeal their property taxes. Among the projects Burke tried to capitalize on was the massive \$800 million renovation of the old main Chicago post office in the West Loop, according to the charges.

Andrews was accused of assisting the alderman in attempting to shake down

two businessmen seeking to renovate a Burger King restaurant in the 14th Ward.

The indictment also accused Cui of hiring Burke's law firm in exchange for the alderman's help with a sign permit and financing deal for a project in the Portage Park neighborhood.

All three have pleaded not guilty.

Prosecutors said in their recent court filing they've turned over to the defense more than 44,000 pages of records so far, as well as additional electronic discovery and numerous boxes of hard evidence.

In the coming months, prosecutors said, they will be turning over additional evidence on cooperating witnesses in the case.

Defense attorneys, meanwhile, said in the filing that they believe that material is "vast" and made up almost entirely of undercover recordings.

Solis, a longtime Burke ally, began working with federal investigators in 2016 after he was himself secretly recorded by a developer. Solis, who abruptly announced his retirement in late 2018, has not been charged with wrongdoing.

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Arroyo pleads not guilty to bribery charge

Former state representative may still change plea

BY JASON MEISNER

Former state Rep. Luis Arroyo pleaded not guilty Tuesday to a federal charge alleging he offered to pay a state senator \$2,500 a month in kickbacks in exchange for support on gambling-related legislation that would benefit an Arroyo lobbying client.

The not-guilty plea to the bribery charge is largely a formality, however. Arroyo has waived indictment and been charged instead in a one-count criminal information — a sign that he's likely going to change his plea to guilty at a later date. Dressed in a gray suit and



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Ex-state Rep. Luis Arroyo, right, and attorney Michael Gillespie walk to the Dirksen U.S. Courthouse on Tuesday.

blue tie, Arroyo spoke only briefly during his arraignment, telling U.S. District Judge Steven Seeger that he understood his constitutional rights. Seeger set a

status date for March 17.

Arroyo, 65, a Chicago Democrat who was an assistant majority leader, was originally charged in a criminal complaint in late Octo-

ber. He resigned Nov. 1, one week after his arrest and just hours before a legislative committee was set to consider his ouster from the General Assembly.

According to the charge, Arroyo had sought an undisclosed state senator's support on legislation involving video gambling sweepstakes games that would benefit one of Arroyo's lobbying clients.

The state senator was wearing a wire for the FBI when Arroyo delivered the first of the promised \$2,500 checks at a restaurant in Skokie on Aug. 22.

"This is, this is the jackpot," the complaint quoted Arroyo as telling the senator as he handed over the check. Additional payments were expected to be made over the next six to 12

months, federal authorities alleged.

The Chicago Tribune has previously identified the state senator as Terry Link, a Democrat from Vernon Hills. Link has denied being the cooperating witness mentioned in the complaint.

Also involved in the alleged scheme was businessman James Weiss, the son-in-law of former Cook County assessor and county Democratic Party boss Joseph Berrios, whose house was raided by the FBI shortly before the charges against Arroyo were unsealed, the Tribune has reported.

Arroyo is one of four elected officials charged so far in an array of political corruption investigations that first came to public

light in November 2018 when FBI agents raided the offices of Chicago Ald. Edward Burke.

Last week, former state Sen. Martin Sandoval pleaded guilty in a separate scheme to bribery and tax charges, admitting in a plea agreement with prosecutors that he took more than a quarter of a million dollars in payments in exchange for his influence or official action in Springfield, including \$70,000 in "protection" fees from a clout-heavy red-light camera company executive.

Sandoval, who resigned effective Jan. 1, is cooperating with prosecutors in the hopes of reducing his sentence.

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Tuesday as big waves battered the coast again.

In Wisconsin, officials examined shoreline damage from Milwaukee to Kenosha to see whether the state will seek a federal disaster declaration, and some Michigan lawmakers are pushing for a state of emergency declaration for shoreline communities.

In addition to inundating portions of the Lakefront Trail, lakefront parks and streets in Chicago, the high water level has led to the erosion of picturesque sandy bluffs; damaged lake-side homes, docks and marinas; and left beaches underwater, especially along Michigan's western coast, Allis said. A South Side portion of the Lakefront Trail was shut down after a storm on Veterans Day and isn't expected to reopen until spring.

"It's really been the rain component that has been the real driver of this," Allis said. "It's just been wet, and it's been a sustained wet. Especially in Michigan, many areas kept experiencing wet month after wet month. It's really as simple as that."

Scientists say climate change is ushering in a new reality throughout the world. Last year was the second-wettest year on record in the U.S., according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. Only in 1973 did the country receive more precipitation over the course of a year. Chicago received 49.54 inches of precipitation in 2019, which ranks as the third wettest year on record and more than 12 inches greater than normal, according to the National Weather Service. Since Illinois meteorologists began collecting precipitation records in 1871, four of the Top 5 wettest years in Chicago have occurred in the last decade.

And 2019 also was the second warmest year ever since records began to be collected in 1880. The warmest was 2016, aided by El Niño events. Rising temperatures and increased



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Large Lake Michigan waves pound 31st Street Beach on Tuesday in Chicago. Water levels averaged about 4 inches above the previous January high.



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A barricade warning of hazardous conditions was placed Tuesday near North Avenue Beach in Chicago.

precipitation are linked, scientists said. For every 1 degree of warming, the atmosphere can hold 4% more water vapor that can turn into precipitation.

January in much of the Great Lakes region was warmer and wetter than normal, conditions that helped push the lake levels higher. Warmer-than-average temperatures in December also led to greater

runoff due to snow pack melting, especially on lakes Superior, Michigan and Huron, leading to more water supply, according to the Army Corps. The warm air also caused less evaporation off the lakes' surface.

The water levels of each of the Great Lakes peaked during the summer or fall in 2019 and have been in decline since then, but they still remain extremely

high, and significant erosion continues in many locations.

To determine the lakes' water levels, a network of gauges are set up along the shorelines. The Army Corps, which maintains the official record, takes the readings from the Chicago area and all along the Lake Michigan and Huron coastlines, and averages the daily levels to calculate the monthly figure.

Andrew Gronewold, associate professor at the University of Michigan's School for Environment and Sustainability, said warmer winter temperatures, even brief bursts of warm weather during a usually cold time for the Great Lakes region, also contribute to high lake levels. When temperatures rise, snow melts earlier, and the runoff in the Great Lakes basin flows into the region's rivers and streams and eventually into the lakes.

That phenomenon has contributed to the flooding

along the Mississippi River and other area rivers and streams in Illinois, as well as the high lake levels on Lake Michigan. The Chicago area straddles the boundary between the Great Lakes and Mississippi River basins. A sliver of northeastern Illinois feeds into Lake Michigan, while most of the rest of the state's water heads south and west toward the Mississippi. Most of the lower peninsula of Michigan drains into Lake Michigan and Lake Huron, as do portions of Wisconsin, the upper peninsula of Michigan, northern Indiana and Ontario, Canada.

Up north, Lake Superior also set a record for high water level for January, Allis said. "There's an awful lot of water and flooding all across the Great Lakes basin," Gronewold said.

Gronewold said there is a shift occurring for when water comes through the system. With more precipitation, combined with earli-

er snow melts, water is making its way into the lake earlier than the typical late February through April period. And there does not appear to be an end to this pattern.

"I think we're going to continue to see this for the next few months, and maybe the next few years," Gronewold said.

The lakes' high level comes seven years after Lake Michigan set a record low in January 2013.

"That's extraordinary," Gronewold said. "Fast forward, and here we are at the other extreme."

Allis said the Army Corps' forecast for the coming months predicts more monthly records may fall.

As winter wanes and ushers in a warmer and wetter spring, the lakes will likely continue to rise.

"Looking at the forecasts, there's a significant probability we'll be above level highs for the next few months," Gronewold said, "all the way into June."

Suspect in killing of Cook jail inmate accused of beating another

BY JEREMY GORNER

A reputed member of the Satan Disciples street gang who allegedly took part in the vicious beating of an inmate in Cook County Jail less than three months ago is under investigation for the weekend killing of his cellmate, the Chicago Tribune has learned.

Sheriff's investigators were questioning the inmate in the fatal beating of 19-year-old Pedro Ruiz, a reputed member of the rival Almighty Saints street gang, in their two-man cell early Saturday, according to a law enforcement source familiar with the investigation. The Tribune is not identifying him because he has not been charged in the weekend killing.

The 24-year-old inmate, who has been locked up in the jail since early June on charges he used a rifle to shoot and wound a man in 2017, was among five detainees who attacked a lone inmate Nov. 19 in a day room of a maximum-security

wing of the jail, authorities said.

Surveillance video obtained by the Tribune shows the inmate punched and kicked the 41-year-old victim before the other detainees stabbed him with a shank, beat him and stomped on his head.

About seven minutes passed after the attack before correctional officers came to the aid of the victim in the day room, the video showed.

The five inmates were each charged with attempted murder, aggravated battery and mob action, court records show.

Asked why Ruiz was placed in the same cell with a rival gang member less than three months after he was alleged to viciously beat the other inmate, Joseph Ryan, a spokesman for Sheriff Tom Dart's office, declined to comment other than to say that the department was reviewing "every facet" of the weekend killing.

"We take all acts of vi-

olence in the jail extremely seriously and work tirelessly to prevent those intent on committing harm from being able to do so," he said.

The sheriff's office was still conducting its own internal review of the November beating when Ruiz was found beaten to death in his Division 9 two-man cell early Saturday, authorities said.

Now the office has launched a separate internal review of the killing to determine if corrections officers followed proper protocol, Ryan said.

Ruiz was ordered held at the jail without bond Friday after his arrest in the shooting of a 21-year-old man on Jan. 28 in the Back of the Yards neighborhood on Chicago's South Side.

The department generally has intelligence sources within the jail to inform them about gang rivalries, officials said, and gang rivals have been housed together



Ruiz

in the same cell before without incident.

Correctional officers found Ruiz unresponsive in his cell with head trauma shortly before 2 a.m. Saturday, and "immediately began lifesaving measures," Ryan has said. Ruiz was transported by Chicago Fire Department paramedics to Mount Sinai Hospital, where he was later pronounced dead.

Ruiz's cellmate had been taken into custody for the 2017 shooting on the same day last year that he was to be released on parole from state prison after serving time for a felony gun conviction, records show.

He is awaiting trial on charges of attempted murder, aggravated battery, aggravated discharge of a firearm and possession of an illegal gun in connection with the 2017 shooting.

The victim in that case was walking south in the 4400 block of South Wood Street when one of two

assailants who exited a small black truck opened fire, police said. The two fled the scene and the victim collapsed in a gangway, police said.

The victim was driven to Stroger Hospital by an acquaintance and treated for bullet wounds to his left leg and right hip, police said.

Police also found 762-caliber shell casings from a semi-automatic rifle at the scene.

The Tribune has reported that from fall 2016 to the end of 2017 more than 140 people were shot — 50 of them fatally — by gang members wielding rifles as their use spread across the South and Southwest sides.

Ryan, the sheriff's spokesman, noted that inmate-on-inmate killings in the jail "are exceedingly rare, with the last one occurring more than five years ago."

Tony Purnell died about a month after another inmate in his crowded cell in the jail's psychiatric ward threw him against a wall and

stomped on him in June 2014.

A front-page story in the Chicago Tribune revealed that Purnell, 42, shouldn't have even been in Cook County Jail. He was supposed to be in state prison serving a 20-year sentence for threatening to harm a downstate judge but had mistakenly been released from custody. Purnell, who had struggled for years with mental illness after surviving Chicago's tough Henry Horner Homes to serve in the Army and earn a college degree, had ended up in county jail after he swore to a judge and was given a six-month sentence.

In June 2017, a Cook County judge found Jason Robles not guilty by reason of insanity in Purnell's murder.

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- B) \$90,000
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- D) \$130,000

Answer on page 3

2. What is the long-term outlook for inflation?

- A) Inflation no longer occurs
- B) Approximately 3% based on history
- C) Approximately 5% based on current projections
- D) There's just no way to know

Answer on page 3

3. If you're retiring at 65 now, how long does the average "third act" of retirement last?

- A) Around 7 years
- B) Between 10 and 15 years
- C) The average is approaching 25 years
- D) No one knows

Answer on page 2

4. Should you use your age to determine your asset allocation?

- A) Yes
- B) No

Answer on page 4

5. How well does the US stock market perform compared with other countries?

- A) It's always on top
- B) It's on top 9 out of every 10 years
- C) It's been on top 5 of the last 10 years
- D) It is consistently outperformed by some other market

Answer on page 12

6. What happens to your tax-deferred savings when you hit 72 years old?

- A) Nothing
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A Cicero house fire claims boy and grandfather

Blaze fueled by wind gusts called 'extremely tragic'

BY PAIGE FRY, KATHERINE ROSENBERG-DOUGLAS AND LAURA RODRIGUEZ PRESA

The charred brick two-flat was surrounded by blackened toys, including a doll house and two small plastic cars, one orange and the other red.

David Castellano would often sit in front of the house in Cicero and watch his grandchildren play. He lived on the top floor with his 5-year-old grandson, and the others lived on the ground floor. Early Tuesday, Castellano and the boy died in their apartment after a fire whipped by strong winds engulfed the house.

"They had little cars and bicycles. He would watch them out front while they played," said Maria Talav-

era, a neighbor who lives two houses away. "This is extremely tragic. I hope they have the strength to deal with this loss."

Firefighters received a call of smoke just after midnight and discovered the fire in the 4700 block of 12th Place, according to Cicero Fire Chief Dominick Buscemi. The entire back of the building and the back porch were burning when firefighters arrived, Buscemi said.

Winds of more than 30 mph fanned the flames, and efforts to control the fire were "severely hampered" by gusts, he said. There were reports of people trapped inside, but damage to the front of the building made it difficult to enter.

"Our firefighters fought through the flames to get to the upstairs bedroom where we believed a man and a child and possibly others were located, but we couldn't save them," Buscemi said.



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A firefighter exits the fire damaged two-story apartment building following an early morning fire that claimed two lives.

The boy did have a faint pulse, but "attempts to save the child failed and he was pronounced dead at the scene," Buscemi said. Firefighters found the body of the grandfather, and he "had apparently died from smoke inhalation."

"You don't want to have any fires, but when you have fatalities that involve a

child, it hits home," the fire chief said.

The boy's name had not been released by authorities, but neighbors said he also went by the name David, like his grandfather.

Max Garcia, a next-door neighbor who was evacuated during the fire, said he's known the Castellano family for nearly 20 years.

Garcia said the grandfather spent a lot of time with his grandchildren. Although not extremely close to them, Garcia said he shared some birthdays and they grilled together in the summer.

"They are a very close, loving and hardworking Mexican family," Garcia said. The boy went to Liberty Elementary School, accord-

ing to Cicero District 99, which said three other children from the family have been displaced by the fire. It said the district was working with Cicero community leaders to arrange housing and other help for the family.

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Groups call on Lightfoot to ban city's use of facial recognition technology

BY JOHN BYRNE

Mayor Lori Lightfoot should ban the city's use of facial recognition technology of the kind the Chicago Police Department utilizes on the grounds it's racially biased and an invasion of residents' privacy, a group of activists said Tuesday.

The groups want to halt the department's new contract to use technology developed by Clearview AI. The program compares images of unknown suspects with a database of 3 billion images culled from websites. The Sun-Times reported last week on the deal.

"While we do think that public safety is a big concern, we also think that



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A Chula Vista, California, police officer uses a computer tablet equipped with facial recognition software.

there's a huge public safety concern in not collecting massive amounts of information on everyone in the city," said Freddy Martinez,

executive director of Lucy Parsons Labs.

Speaking at a City Hall news conference, Martinez said city officials haven't

provided any guidelines on exactly how they are using the data. And he pointed to studies that have shown facial recognition technology tends to more frequently misidentify some minority groups than it does white people.

"While the city can make all sorts of arguments about how they're using this technology, internally and externally they haven't even released any kind of use policy, there's no kind of evidentiary standards for use of facial recognition technology," Martinez said.

And Muhammad Sankari of the Arab American Action Network said the city hasn't earned the benefit of the doubt. "There's a long

history in this city of criminalizing communities based on shoddy information," he said.

Martinez said groups are working with aldermen to possibly introduce an ordinance to outlaw the technology.

Lightfoot released a statement Tuesday defending the Police Department's use of the technology, saying investigators only use it to compare mugshots with the "public source information" culled from the internet. The internet database is not used to try to identify images captured "in a live or real-time environment" like closed-circuit cameras that are part of the Police Department's citywide camera

network, the mayor said.

"The CPD uses a facial matching tool to sort through its mugshot database and public source information in the course of an investigation triggered by an incident or crime, allowing the department to speed up the sorting of thousands of mugshot photos when there is a possible comparator image," Lightfoot's statement reads in part.

Lightfoot also said she would create a working group with privacy advocates "to conduct an immediate review of the city's current use of this technology."

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Fires putting drinking water at risk

Potential impacts on water supply are not yet clear

BY TAMMY WEBBER
Associated Press

Fabric curtains stretch across the huge Waragamba Dam to trap ash and sediment expected to wash off wildfire-scorched slopes and into the reservoir that holds 80% of untreated drinking water for the Greater Sydney area.

In Australia's national capital of Canberra, where a state of emergency was declared Friday because of an out-of-control forest fire to its south, authorities are hoping a new water treatment plant and other measures will prevent a repeat of water quality problems and disruption that followed deadly wildfires 17 years ago.

There have not yet been major effects on drinking water systems in southeast Australia from the intense fires that have burned more than 40,000 square miles since September. But authorities know from experience that the biggest risks will come with repeated rains over many months or years while the damaged watersheds, or catchment areas, recover.

And because of the size and intensity of the fires, the potential effects are not clear yet.

"The forest area burned in Australia within a single fire season is just staggering," said Stefan Doerr, a professor at Swansea University in Wales who studies the effects of forest fires on sediment and ash runoff. "We haven't seen anything like it in recorded history."

The situation in Australia illustrates a growing global concern: Forests, grasslands and other areas that supply drinking water to hundreds of millions of people are increasingly vulnerable to fire due in large part to hotter, drier weather that has extended fire seasons



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The risks on drinking water from wildfires will be elevated for years while the damaged catchment areas recover.

and more people moving into those areas, where they can accidentally set fires.

More than 60% of the water supply for the world's 100 largest cities originates in fire-prone watersheds — and countless smaller communities also rely on surface water in vulnerable areas, researchers say.

When rain does fall, it can be intense, dumping a lot of water in a short period of time, which can quickly erode denuded slopes and wash huge volumes of ash, sediment and debris into crucial waterways and reservoirs. Besides reducing the amount of water available, the runoff also can introduce pollutants, as well as nutrients that create algae blooms.

What's more, the area that burns each year in many forest ecosystems has increased in recent decades, and that expansion likely will continue through the century because of a

warmer climate, experts say.

Most of the more than 25,000 square miles that have burned in Victoria and New South Wales have been forest, including rainforests, according to scientists in New South Wales and the Victorian government. Some believe that high temperatures, drought and more frequent fires may make it impossible for some areas to be fully restored.

Very hot fires burn organic matter and topsoil needed for trees and other vegetation to regenerate, leaving nothing to absorb water. The heat also can seal and harden the ground, causing water to run off quickly, carrying everything in its path.

That in turn can clog streams, killing fish, plants and other aquatic life necessary for high-quality water before it reaches reservoirs. Already, thunderstorms in southeast Australia in recent weeks have caused

debris flows and fish kills in some rivers, though fires continue to burn.

"You potentially get this feedback cycle," where vegetation can't recolonize an area, which intensifies erosion of any remaining soil, said Joel Sankey, research geologist for the U.S. Geological Survey.

The role of climate change is often difficult to pin down in specific wildfires, said Gary Sheridan, a researcher at the University of Melbourne. But he said the drying effects of wildfire — combined with hotter weather and less rainfall in much of Australia, even as more rain falls in the northern part of the country — mean that "we should expect more fires."

But climate change has affected areas such as northern Canada and Alaska, where average annual temperatures have risen by almost 4 degrees since the 1960s, compared to the

average annual global temperature, which has increased 1.6 degrees. As a result, the forested area burned annually has more than doubled over the past 20 to 30 years, said Doerr.

Although there might be fewer cities and towns in the path of runoff in those areas, problems do occur. In Canada's Fort McMurray, Alberta, the cost of treating ash-tainted water in its drinking-water system increased dramatically after a 2016 wildfire.

In the Western U.S., 65% of all surface water supplies originate in forested watersheds where the risk of wildfires is growing — including in the historically wet Pacific Northwest. By midcentury almost 90% of them will experience an increase — doubling in some — in post-fire sedimentation that could affect drinking water supplies, according to a 2017 federal study.

"The results are striking

and alarming," said Sankey, the USGS geologist, who helped lead the study. "But a lot of communities are working to address these issues," he added. "It's not all doom and gloom because there are a lot of opportunities to reduce risks."

Denver Water, which serves 1.4 million customers, discovered "the high cost of being reactive" after ash and sediment runoff from two large, high-intensity fires, in 1996 and 2002, clogged a reservoir that handles 80% of the water for its 1.4 million customers, said Christina Burri, a watershed scientist for the utility.

It spent about \$28 million to recover, mostly to dredge 1 million cubic yards of sediment from the reservoir.

Since then, the utility has spent tens of millions more to protect the forests, partnering with the U.S. Forest Service and others to protect the watershed and proactively battle future fires, including by clearing some trees and controlling vegetation in populated areas.

Utilities also can treat slopes with wood chips and other cover and install barriers to slow ash runoff. They purposely burn vegetation when fire danger is low to get rid of undergrowth.

Canberra's water utility has built in redundancies in case of fire, such as collecting water from three watersheds instead of two, and it can switch among sources if necessary, said Kristy Wilson, a spokeswoman for Icon Water, which operates the system.

Eventually, some communities might need to switch their water sources because of fires and drought. Perth, on the western coast, has turned to groundwater and systems that treat saltwater because rainfall has decreased significantly since the early 1970s, said Sheridan.

But, for now, millions of people will continue to drink water that originates in increasingly fire-prone forests.

Maker of glitchy Iowa caucus app tied to Clinton's 2016 run

BY MICHAEL BIESECKER
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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The little-known technology startup under scrutiny after the meltdown of the Iowa Democratic caucuses Monday night was founded little more than a year ago by veterans of Hillary Clinton's failed 2016 presidential campaign who had presented themselves as gurus of campaigning in the digital era.

Shadow Inc. was picked in secret by the Iowa Democratic Party after its leaders consulted with the Democratic National Committee on vetting vendors and security protocols for developing a phone app used to gather and tabulate the caucus results.

Party officials in Iowa blamed an unspecified "coding issue" with the software that led to it producing only partial and unreliable results. It did not identify the firm that produced the technology, but campaign



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Precinct captain Carl Voss shows the phone app Tuesday outside the state's party headquarters in Des Moines.

disclosure reports show that the Iowa party paid \$63,000 to Shadow in late 2019.

After the company came under withering criticism on social media Tuesday, it issued a series of tweets that expressed "regret" over technical glitches that con-

tributed to a delay in the release of results, but stopped short of apologizing.

"We sincerely regret the delay in the reporting of the results of last night's Iowa caucuses and the uncertainty it has caused to the candidates, their cam-

paigns, and Democratic caucus-goers," the company posted Tuesday on Twitter. "We will apply the lessons learned in the future, and have already corrected the underlying technology issue."

Shadow Inc. was launched by ACRONYM, a nonprofit corporation founded in 2017 by Tara McGowan, a political strategist who runs companies aimed at promoting Democratic candidates and priorities. McGowan, 34, is married to Michael Halle, a senior strategist for Pete Buttigieg's presidential campaign, which records show has also paid Shadow Inc. \$42,500 for software.

McGowan sought to distance herself from Shadow's IowaReporterApp on Monday night, characterizing the app developer as an independent company.

In a separate statement, an ACRONYM spokesman said the nonprofit organization is an investor in several companies, including Shadow, but was "eagerly await-

ing more information from the Iowa Democratic Party with respect to what happened."

But business and tax records show ACRONYM and Shadow are registered at the same Washington, D.C., street address, which belongs to a WeWork coworking location. Shadow CEO Gerard Niemira previously served as the chief operating officer and chief technology officer at ACRONYM, according to an online resume.

On Sunday, McGowan tweeted photos from a birthday celebration that included her husband and Troy Price, chairman of the Iowa Democratic Party.

David Plouffe, who helped lead both of former President Barack Obama's presidential campaigns, joined ACRONYM's board of directors in September.

Just who works at Shadow was not clear on the company's webpage Tuesday. But resumes posted on the online business networking site LinkedIn show

the company's top executives all worked in the Clinton campaign's digital operation in 2016.

Niemira, the CEO, was Clinton's director of product, responsible for creating a digital platform for field organizers to contact voters and manage local volunteers "while opening up new avenues of data collection for the campaign."

James Hickey, Shadow's chief operating officer, was an engineering manager at Hillary for America.

Krista Davis, the chief technical officer and chief software architect at Shadow, was a back end engineer for the Clinton campaign.

The month after Clinton's 2016 loss to Donald Trump, Niemira and Davis founded Groundbase, a political technology company that Hickey soon joined.

In January 2019, ACRONYM announced via tweet that it had bought Groundbase, which provided a text-messaging software tool for organizing campaign volunteers.

Prosecutors to drop rape case against Calif. doctor, girlfriend

BY AMY TAXIN
Associated Press

SANTA ANA, Calif. — Prosecutors on Tuesday said they will seek to drop a rape case against a California surgeon, who appeared in a reality TV dating show, and his girlfriend.

"There's insufficient evidence to prove this case beyond a reasonable doubt," Orange County District Attorney Todd Spitzer told a news conference. "This office will go to court as soon as possible and seek a dis-

missal on all the charges against the defendants."

Orthopedic surgeon Grant Robicheaux, of Newport Beach, who previously appeared on a Bravo TV show called "Online Dating Rituals of the American Male," and his girlfriend, Cerissa Riley, were charged in 2018 with rape by use of drugs, kidnapping and other crimes. At the time, authorities alleged the pair plied their victims with drugs and sexually assaulted them when they were incapable of resisting.

But the case has been mired in controversy and steeped in a contentious political battle between Spitzer, who took office a year ago, and his predecessor at the Orange County District Attorney's office, Tony Rackauckas. During his election campaign, Spitzer accused Rackauckas of improperly handling the case and using it to draw publicity.

Rackauckas, who led the office when the pair was charged, held a news conference in 2018 to announce

the case and told reporters that investigators were sifting through thousands of videos and images found on Robicheaux's phone and some showed women who were barely responsive.

The comments drew widespread media attention. In the following days, Rackauckas announced five additional alleged victims had come forward.

Defense lawyers have said there are no such videos. Spitzer confirmed that. "There is not a single piece of evidence or video or

photo that shows an unconscious or incapacitated woman being sexually assaulted. Not one," Spitzer said.

Spitzer said Rackauckas acknowledged during a civil deposition after he left office that he had hoped the case would bring him publicity during his reelection campaign.

A message was sent to Rackauckas seeking comment.

Fearing a potential conflict of interest, Spitzer last year asked the California

Attorney General's Office to take over the prosecution of the case. But the state determined there was no issue and the county should proceed.

Spitzer then asked attorneys in his office to review the extensive amounts of evidence in the case including audio and video recordings and text messages. He said they told him they didn't feel the allegations of any of the seven alleged victims could be proven in court, prompting him to seek dismissal.

Bloomberg doubles spending after Iowa chaos

BY BRIAN SLODYSKO
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Billionaire Michael Bloomberg is doubling the already massive amount of money he will spend on advertising, an effort to lift his Democratic presidential bid and capitalize on the chaotic outcome of Monday's Iowa

caucuses.

"After more than a year of this primary, the field is as unsettled as ever. No one has made the sale or even come close to it," Bloomberg spokeswoman Sabrina Singh said Tuesday. "Meanwhile, Mike is taking the fight to Trump every day, doubling down on the national campaign strategy

we've been running from the beginning."

An exact dollar figure was not provided, but Bloomberg, the former mayor of New York City, has spent over \$300 million on TV, radio and digital advertising, according to the tracking firm Advertising Analytics. That's boosted him in recent polls even

though he is not competing head-to-head in early voting states like Iowa and New Hampshire.

The Iowa Democratic Party released partial precinct results Tuesday; however, no winner was declared after technical issues prevented many election officials from reporting results.

Bloomberg is running an unconventional campaign that hinges on performing well in contests that come later. He has flooded TV, Facebook and Google with advertising that has improved his standing.

In addition to the new advertising spending, Bloomberg's campaign announced it will also double

its number of staff, taking the campaign's head count to 2,100.

His campaign says he will have 125 offices by the week's end and staffers in 40 states and territories, including 450 workers in the battlegrounds of Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Arizona, Florida and Michigan.

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more explicit with her rebuke.

Trump appeared no more cordial. When he climbed to the House rostrum, he did not take her outstretched hand though it was not clear he had seen her gesture. Later, as Republicans often cheered, she remained in her seat, at times shaking her head at his remarks. She ripped up her copy of Trump's speech as he ended his address.

Asked afterward in the halls of the Capitol why she did it, Pelosi responded: "It was the courteous thing to do considering the alternative."

Trump, the former reality TV star added a showbiz flavor to the staid event: He had wife, Melania, present the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the nation's highest civilian honor, to conservative radio host Rush Limbaugh, who recently announced he has advanced lung cancer. He also stunned a young student in the gallery with a scholarship. And he orchestrated the surprise reunion of a soldier from overseas with his family in the balcony.

Even for a Trump-era news cycle that seems permanently set to hyper-speed, the breakneck pace of events dominating the first week of February offered a singular backdrop for the president's address.

John Roberts, chief justice of the United States who has presided in the Senate over only the third



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House Speaker Nancy Pelosi rips up her copy of President Trump's speech. "It was the courteous thing to do considering the alternative," she said.

impeachment trial in the nation's history, was on hand again Tuesday night — this time in his more customary seat in the audience. Trump stood before the very lawmakers who have voted to remove him from office — and those who are expected to acquit him.

The leading Senate

Democrats hoping to unseat him in November were campaigning in New Hampshire.

In advance of his address, Trump tweeted that the chaos in Iowa's Monday leadoff caucuses showed Democrats were incompetent and should not be trusted to run the govern-

ment.

Among Trump's guests in the chamber: Venezuelan opposition leader Juan Guaido, who has been trying to win face time with Trump, his most important international ally. The president offered Guaido the sort of endorsement he's been looking for as he struggles to oust President Nicolas Maduro from power. Trump called Guaido "the true and legitimate president of Venezuela."

"Socialism destroys nations," Trump declared.

The president entered the evening on a roll, with his impeachment acquittal imminent, his job approval numbers ticking upward and Wall Street looking strong. He struck a largely optimistic tone Tuesday night, though even in past moments when Trump has struck a tone of bipartisan-

ship and cooperation, he has consistently returned to harsher rhetoric within days.

In the closest historical comparison, Bill Clinton did not mention his recent impeachment when he delivered his State of the Union in 1999. In his address a year ago, Trump did remain on message, making no mention of how Pelosi had originally disinvited him from delivering the speech during the longest government shutdown in the nation's history.

Trump spent much of the speech highlighting the economy's strength, including low unemployment, stressing how it has helped blue-collar workers and the middle class, though the period of growth began under his predecessor, Barack Obama. And what Trump calls an unprece-

dent boom is, by many measures, not all that different from the solid economy he inherited from Obama. Economic growth was 2.3% in 2019, matching the average pace since the Great Recession ended a decade ago in the first year of Obama's eight-year presidency.

Trump stressed the new trade agreements he has negotiated, including his phase one deal with China and the United States-Mexico-Canada agreement he signed last month.

He also dedicated a section to "American values" as he continues to court the evangelical and conservative Christian voters.

Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer delivered her party's official response and drew a contrast between actions taken by Democrats and the president's rhetoric.

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attention on a handful of senators in both parties who were viewed as potential votes to break with their party.

GOP Sen. Lisa Murkowski of Alaska called the president's actions "shameful and wrong" in a powerful speech late Monday, but she also derided the highly partisan process.

"I cannot vote to convict," she said, though she also sees blame within the Senate.

"We are part of the problem, as an institution that cannot see beyond the blind political polarization," Murkowski told reporters after her speech.

Other Republicans, such as Sens. Lamar Alexander of Tennessee, Marco Rubio of Florida and Rob Portman of Ohio, also say Trump's actions to withhold military aid from Ukraine while pressing Zelenskiy to announce an investigation into Biden and his son Hunter were inappropriate, but fell short of warranting his removal from office, especially in an election year.

Democrat after Democrat took to the Senate floor to announce they would vote to convict Trump, with senior Democrat Sheldon Whitehouse, D-R.I., outraged by the conduct of White House lawyers, who he said performed for an audience of one — meaning Trump — while playing fast and loose with the facts.

"The presentation by White House counsel was characterized by smarmi-



J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE/AP

Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, departs as GOP senators leave a closed-door strategy session Tuesday.

ness, smear, elision, outright misstatement and various dishonest rhetorical tricks that I doubt they would dare to pull before judges," Whitehouse said.

West Virginia Sen. Joe Manchin, perhaps the only Democrat seen as a likely vote to acquit Trump, has floated the idea of censuring Trump instead, though the idea doesn't seem to be gaining much traction.

Sen. Doug Jones, a former federal prosecutor and Democrat seeking reelection in strongly pro-Trump Alabama, told reporters he's likely to announce his vote Wednesday morning.

No member of either party has indicated yet that they will break with their party colleagues. Republicans hold a 53-47 majority in the Senate.

McConnell said the two charges against Trump — that he abused his power and obstructed Congress' ensuing investigation — are "constitutionally incoherent" and don't "even approach a case for the first presidential removal in American history."

McConnell opened the

Senate with a scathing assessment of the case presented by House Democrats, but he did not address whether Trump's actions were inappropriate or wrong.

McConnell has dodged questions about whether Trump's actions were inappropriate. He led an effort last week to deny Democrats any opportunity to call witnesses, and he has worked closely with the Trump White House in shepherding the case through the Senate.

Top Senate Democrat Chuck Schumer of New York weighed in immediately after McConnell's remarks, accusing the Republican leader and his GOP colleagues of sweeping Trump's misconduct under the rug.

"The administration, its top people and Senate Republicans are all hiding the truth," Schumer said. "The charges are extremely serious. To interfere in an election, to blackmail a foreign country, to interfere in our elections gets at the very core of what our democracy is about."

In Iraq, beauty grows through protest

Creative spirits reveal passion for political expression

BY ALISSA J. RUBIN
The New York Times

BAGHDAD — Hollow-cheeked and shivering slightly in jeans he had outgrown, Abdullah stood in an unfinished parking garage, transfixed in front of a mural whose meaning he was eager to decode for a visitor.

“See, the man in the middle, he is asking the security forces, ‘Please don’t shoot us, we have nothing, nothing.’” Abdullah said the final word twice for emphasis as he earnestly studied the black-and-white image on the wall.

Drawn in charcoal in a socialist realist style, the mural, more than 12 feet long, showed a group of men walking forward and carrying their fallen friends in their arms. The men depicted were unmistakably Everyman laborers, with rough clothes and strained faces.

Abdullah, 18 — a former cleaner in a hospital who asked that his surname not be used because he feared retribution for his involvement in anti-government protests — is now an unofficial art guide to one of the most unlikely galleries imaginable: a 15-story shell of a structure, known locally by all as the Turkish Restaurant building, that looks over the Tigris River. It is the self-declared stronghold of Iraqis who oppose the country’s leadership.

Covered on all sides by banners with messages to the government, to the security forces and to the world, the building looks like a ship about to set sail, with the slogans written on white cloth ballooning in the wind.

The first five floors have become one of the half-dozen major art venues that have sprung up in Baghdad around the protests as



A protester paints a mural on Sadoun Street in downtown Baghdad last November as artists rally to Baghdad’s protests.
IVOR PRICKETT/THE NEW YORK TIMES

painters — trained and untrained — have turned walls, stairwells and littered parks into a vast canvas.

Where did all this art come from? How is it that a city where beauty and color has been largely suppressed for decades by poverty, and by the oppression or indifference of successive governments, suddenly came to be so alive?

“You know, we have many thoughts about Iraq, but no one from the government ever asked us,” said Riad Rahim, 45, an art teacher.

The city’s creative hub is Tahrir Square. Art covers the underpasses that run below it, the green space behind it, and the streets leading into it.

The paintings, sculptures, photographs and shrines to killed protesters are political art of a kind rarely seen in Iraq, where art has been made for at least 10,000 years. It is as if an entire society is awak-

ening to the sound of its own voice, and to the shape, size and sway of its creative force.

“In the beginning this was an uprising, but now it is a revolution,” said Bassim al-Shadhir, an Iraqi-German who goes back and forth between the two countries and has participated in the protests. “There is art, there is theater, people are giving lectures and distributing books — giving them away for free.”

The artistic subjects and styles on view show how much a younger generation of Iraqis has been influenced by the internet, discovering there images that resonate with them and then drawing them with Iraqi touches.

Rosie the Riveter has an Iraqi flag on her cheek; Vincent Van Gogh’s “Starry Night” has the Turkish Restaurant building in place of a cypress tree. Some paintings feature comic book characters, but

wrapped in the Iraqi flag, the uniform of the protesters.

There are echoes of 1960s Pop Art in a painting of the Turkish Restaurant building with a red tuk-tuk flying out of the roof. The tuk-tuk is the protesters’ mascot, a diesel-fueled, three-wheeled vehicle that requires no license to drive and has become the unofficial front-line ambulance, bearing the wounded to the first aid tents.

More than 500 protesters have been killed and thousands more have been injured.

Trees are another common subject, with painters in different locations in the Turkish Restaurant building drawing images of falling leaves.

“This tree is Iraq and I am going to write on each leaf the name of one of those martyred by the security forces,” said Diana al-Qaisi, 32, who trained as an information systems engineer

but now works in public relations.

“Its leaves are dropping because it is autumn and those who are trying to kill the tree are trying to kill the revolution,” she said. “Even if they try, some leaves stay in the tree waiting to be born.”

The country is witnessing an expressive flowering in more than the visual arts.

More than a dozen songs have been written for the protests and circulate non-stop on social media. Luminaries of the Iraqi arts — actors and actresses, as well as musicians, painters and sculptors — came together to record a tribute to the fallen protesters.

Recently, Rahim, the art teacher, was working with his friend, Hussein Shenshul, 41, who runs a clothing store, on a low-budget, high-concept sculpture project. They were painstakingly carving archaeologically accurate maquettes of six famous Iraqi sites,

three ancient and three modern.

They had finished three — the Al Hadba minaret in Mosul, which was destroyed in the fight with the Islamic State group; the ziggurat of Samarra; and the Turkish Restaurant building. They were working now on the Ishtar Gate, which once stood in ancient Babylon.

Their tools were foam, toothpicks, box cutters and spray paint for the background color, paintbrushes for the calligraphy.

“We want to express what the Iraqi civilization means,” Rahim said. “We want to send a message to the world that this is our culture, we are educated, we are painters and poets, musicians and sculptors, this is what it means to be Iraqi.”

“Everyone thinks Iraq is all wars and fighting,” he added.

Outside the still unfinished Turkish Restaurant building — so named because some 25 years ago it housed a Turkish restaurant on the ground floor — Hussein Abdul Mufsin, 25, was finishing a mural on Sadoun Street. He had already painted four others — a far cry from his usual work as a house painter.

Two murals depicted silhouettes of protesters trying to scale the barriers that divide them from the security forces. But today his primary painting goal was not art, but life. He was painting the lines that delineate the street’s edges to keep cars from veering onto the curb.

“I brought my reflecting paint today from home because at night the government turns off all the electricity and the tuk-tuks carrying the injured cannot see the edge of the road and could crash,” he said.

Why was he doing this? “You could call it self-financing,” he said, looking down shyly.

“Or maybe this is patriotism.”



Security guard Damoi Shilon speaks with a customer Tuesday at the Greyhound bus terminal in Oakland. A bus shooting Monday left one person dead and five wounded.
BEN MARGOT/AP

Shooting shows security vulnerabilities on buses

BY MICHAEL TARM
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Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Would-be plotters bent on staging an attack aboard a passenger plane know they’ve first got to pass through a gauntlet of security measures at an airport, from body scans and spot interrogations to pat-downs and even close scrutiny of their shoes.

But a shooting that killed one person and wounded five this week on a Greyhound bus in California illustrates a stark reality about security on buses and trains: Anyone determined to carry out an attack on ground transportation faces few, if any, security checks.

The comparative scant security prompted at least one survivor of Monday’s shooting on the bus heading from Los Angeles to San Francisco to rethink his future mode of travel.

“I think I will fly from now on,” Mark Grabban said.

He was on the bus with his girlfriend when a passenger who had been muttering and cursing opened

fire with a semi-automatic handgun.

Grabban’s perception was that Greyhound worried more about stopping passengers from smoking and talking too loudly than ensuring no one got aboard with a gun.

“It’s astounding and shameful,” the 30-year-old said.

Greyhound has declined to comment.

In the four years after the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks, some U.S. lawmakers complained that way too little federal money was spent on ground transit security compared with what was spent on airports.

Then-U.S. Rep. David Obey, a Wisconsin Democrat, estimated that \$22 billion had gone into airline security in those years, while less than \$550 million went to security for buses, trains, subways and ferries combined.

There’s no indication spending gaps have closed. That’s true even though vastly more people get on a bus, train or subway than on planes each day. More than 30 million Americans use ground transit daily, compared with around 2

million who fly.

Violent incidents on buses are extremely rare. But concerns have arisen that with airports more secure than ever, would-be terrorists in particular could see buses and other ground transit as easier targets.

The Transportation Security Administration was established in 2001 to fix security holes that allowed for the 9/11 attacks, with a mandate to check 100% of baggage through airports.

That level of security would be impossible on the country’s sprawling bus and rail lines.

More than 70,000 buses operate on 230,000 miles of roads, according to the American Public Transportation Association. Even if money could be found to pay for metal detectors at bus stations, it would be impossible to have them at every stop along a route, security experts say.

“We don’t intend to roll out anything like what we have in the airports. We are satisfied at this point,” TSA Administrator David Pekoske said in 2017.

Hong Kong sees 1st virus death amid medical strike

BY KEN MORITSUGU
Associated Press

BEIJING — Hong Kong hospitals cut services as thousands of medical workers went on strike for a second day Tuesday to demand the border with mainland China be shut completely. The new virus caused its first death in the semi-autonomous territory, adding to growing fears it is spreading locally.

All but two of Hong Kong’s land and sea crossings with the mainland were closed at midnight after thousands of hospital workers went on strike Monday. Hong Kong health authorities reported two additional patients without any known travel to the virus epicenter, bringing the number of locally transmitted cases to four.

The growing caseload “indicates significant risk of community transmission” and could portend a “large-scale” outbreak, said Chuang Shuk-kwan, head of the communicable disease branch at the Center for Health Protection.

More than 7,000 health workers joined the strike Tuesday, according to the Hospital Authority Employees’ Alliance, the strike organizer.

Hong Kong was hit hard by the 2002-2003 outbreak of SARS, or severe acute respiratory syndrome, a virus from the same family as the current outbreak. Trust in Chinese authorities has plummeted following months of anti-government protests in the Asian financial hub.

The territory’s leader, Carrie Lam, criticized the strike and said the government was doing all it could to limit the flow of people across the border.

“Important services, critical operations have been affected,” including cancer treatment and care for newborns, Lam told reporters. “So I’m appeal-



Striking medical workers Tuesday demand that the government shut Hong Kong’s border with mainland China.
BILLY H.C. KWOK/THE NEW YORK TIMES

ing to those who are taking part in this action: Let’s put the interests of the patients and the entire public health system above all other things.”

China reported 490 deaths and 24,324 confirmed cases Wednesday.

Outside mainland China, at least 180 cases have been confirmed, including two fatalities, the one in Hong Kong and another in the Philippines.

The patient who died in Hong Kong was a 39-year-old man who had traveled to Wuhan, the mainland city where the outbreak started. The Hospital Authority said Tuesday that he had preexisting health conditions but gave no details.

Most deaths have been among the elderly and those with other health problems, authorities said. More than 80% were over 60 years old, and more than 75% had an underlying disease, Jiao Yahui, a National Health Commission official, told a news conference Tuesday.

Dr. David Heymann, who led the World Health Organization’s response to the SARS outbreak, said it’s too early to tell when the new virus will peak, but that it appears to still be on the increase.

He said the spike in China’s caseload in recent

days is partly attributable to the fact that officials have expanded their search to include milder cases, not only people with pneumonia. He declined to predict whether the virus would ultimately cause a pandemic, or worldwide outbreak.

Heymann said as the new virus starts to spread beyond China, scientists will gain a better understanding of it.

“What we will see is the clearer natural history of the disease,” he said, as those exposed to the virus “are being traced and watched very closely,” he said.

Nevertheless, WHO director-general Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus urged countries to share more data on infections outside China, adding that detailed information has been provided in only 38% of cases.

In particular, he said, “some high-income countries are well behind in sharing this vital data with WHO. Without better data, it’s very hard for us to assess how the outbreak is evolving or what impact it could have and to ensure we’re providing the most appropriate recommendations.”

In Wuhan, patients were being transferred to a new 1,000-bed hospital that was built in 10 days.

School desegregation efforts thwarted

Affluent parents resist change to kids' classrooms

BY REGINA GARCIA CANO AND SARAH RANKIN
Associated Press

ELLICOTT CITY, Md. — As they try to address stubborn school segregation, many of the nation's school districts confront a familiar obstacle: resistance from affluent, well-organized and mostly white parents to changes affecting their children's classrooms.

Sweeping proposals to ease inequities have been scaled back or canceled after encountering a backlash. The debates have been charged with emotion and racist rhetoric reminiscent of the aftermath of Brown v. Board of Education, the U.S. Supreme Court decision that threw out state laws establishing segregated schools.

While the federal government has largely stepped back from the aggressive role it played decades ago in school desegregation, some local districts have acted in recognition of increasingly apparent racial divides and the long-established educational benefits of integration.

In Howard County, Maryland, a suburban community between Washington and Baltimore, one parent who supports reforms lamented the presence of "concentrated poverty in certain schools and concentrated wealth in other schools."

"When we have concentrated poverty, those students are not getting that same quality of education," said Dawn Popp, a white mother of two students in local schools.

The Supreme Court has ruled that race cannot be used as the driving factor in assigning students to public schools. But more than 100 school districts have implemented voluntary desegre-



REGINA GARCIA CANO/AP 2019

Opponents of school desegregation protest outside a Howard County government building in Ellicott City, Maryland.

gation plans that work around that ruling by mixing students from families with different incomes or educational levels, factors often associated with race, according to Richard Kahlenberg, a senior fellow at the Century Foundation in Washington.

The success of such efforts can depend on the size of the coalition seeking change and how well the goals are communicated. The most important task for school officials is "to explain to the public why integrated schools are good for everyone," Kahlenberg said.

Race and class divisions were on display for months last year after the Howard County school board directed the superintendent to start a comprehensive redistricting process. The Howard County Council in August requested that the blueprint address socioeconomic and racial segregation across the school

system, which serves about 59,000 children, the majority of whom are minorities.

The superintendent originally proposed moving some 7,400 students to different schools. The overwhelming opposition was led by white and Asian families, who protested near an area mall and flooded public meetings.

They carried signs that read "Kids before politics," "Swapping kids creates new inequities" and "No forced busing."

Opponents insisted the issue was not about race and sought to distance themselves from racist feedback submitted in writing.

George Henry, a retiree living in Ellicott City, wrote in a newspaper op-ed that his children, now in their 30s, received good educations in the local schools, with highly diverse classmates. He said the "artificial and forced mixing" is unnecessary.

In November, the How-

ard County Board of Education approved reassigning some 5,400 students, not including two particular high schools — River Hill High and Wilde Lake High, where less than 5% and more than 45% of students, respectively, are from low-income families.

Some parents are now challenging the plan in court. Others would have preferred to see more ambitious changes.

Popp said the scaled-back redistricting sends a message that "people who can afford the matching T-shirts and the fancy signs" and have time to organize can get their way.

Cynthia Fikes, whose son attends Wilde Lake High, said the redistricting debate revealed the "level of fear and disdain" that much of the community had for people unlike themselves. She said racist and classist statements were "allowed to pass as conversations" at meetings and on social media.

"When you look at what was said, it's so hurtful," said Fikes, who is black.

In Virginia's capital city, the school board approved a plan that reassigned some students but rejected more sweeping proposals that would have diversified Richmond's whitest elementary schools.

The former capital of the Confederacy is about 47% white, but only about 14% of its public school students are. And of those white students, many are concentrated in just a handful of schools.

The push to integrate some of those most segregated schools was included in last year's rezoning process, which also aimed to ease overcrowding and fill new school buildings. The most controversial proposals involved pairing, a process in which students from the whitest elementary schools would have been pooled together with students from majority-black

schools and then split up by grade level.

In an emotional public debate that stretched for months, supporters called pairing a bold way to help disadvantaged students and create more unified and diverse communities.

But those supporters were often outnumbered by opponents, with parents and property owners raising concerns about home values. Some said it would strain families with children split between multiple schools, limiting what time parents could spend volunteering with a PTA or complicating pickups and drop-offs. Others threatened that it would trigger another exodus to the suburbs or to private schools.

At one forum, Taikain Cooper said the coded racist language was "so loud I had to pinch myself."

"We can all agree that the schools are not equal right now," said Cooper, the executive director of an education advocacy organization. "They're not the same. That's why some people behind me are fighting so adamantly to protect their own privilege."

But pairing was also unpopular among many black families. School board member Kenya Gibson addressed the crowd at a community forum where a diverse group of parents overwhelmingly opposed the plan. In December, the board enacted a plan that did not include pairing, although it redrew lines in parts of the city in ways that will make some schools more diverse.

Theresa Kennedy, a white mother of two elementary school students who served on the advisory committee that created the rezoning options, was a vocal advocate of pairing. She was disappointed.

"These votes don't come along often," Kennedy said. "And every vote like this has the opportunity to shift a generation."

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S. African court issues arrest warrant for ex-leader Zuma

JOHANNESBURG — A judge in South Africa issued an arrest warrant Tuesday for former president Jacob Zuma for failing to appear in court on a corruption case that he has sought to avoid for months — now by asserting that he is ill.

Reports have said Zuma is in Cuba seeking treatment. The National Prosecuting Authority is seeking Zuma's medical records as evidence of his claim, local state media

reported.

State advocate Billy Downer told the Pietermaritzburg High Court that Zuma's team has said he will be out of the country for treatment until mid-March.

Zuma's legal team asserted that he had two operations in early January before going abroad. But the judge questioned a letter from a military hospital in Pretoria explaining Zuma's absence, noting it had no date.

Judge OKs limited release of Pentagon Papers case records

BOSTON — The government must release some documents that will shed light on two grand juries that sat in Boston nearly 50 years ago to investigate the leak of the Pentagon Papers, a federal judge ruled Tuesday.

The records detailing the probe into the publication of records that exposed the deceit of American policymakers during the Vietnam War were sought by Jill Lepore, a

Harvard University professor and New Yorker staff writer.

Lepore filed a petition in 2018 seeking the long-secret documents from the 1971 grand juries.

But federal prosecutors fought their release, arguing that it is critical to keep grand juries secret in order to encourage witnesses to testify freely and protect the privacy of people who are later cleared of accusations.

Poland: Bill allowing judges to be punished signed into law

WARSAW, Poland — Polish President Andrzej Duda on Tuesday signed into law much-criticized legislation that gives politicians the power to fine and fire judges whose actions and decisions they consider harmful.

The legislation has drawn condemnation from the European Union and international human rights organizations as well as from Poland's opposition and some judges.

They say it violates the basic democratic values of checks and balances and puts judges under political control.

The legislation bans judges from questioning judicial appointments made by the president, limits their self-government rights and bans them from political activity. The Law and Justice party has been making changes to the judiciary since winning power in 2015.



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Boys sitting on a ledge in the town of Hazano watch a traffic-choked street Tuesday as people in vehicles laden with their possessions flee north in Syria's Idlib province amid a Russian-backed government offensive against the nation's last rebel enclave.

Returning to stand, Weinstein accuser avers: 'He is my rapist'

NEW YORK — A day after breaking down in tears under cross-examination, a key accuser at Harvey Weinstein's trial returned to court on Tuesday and told jurors: "I want the jury to know that he is my rapist."

The woman was back on the witness stand for a third and final day as Weinstein's lawyers finished an exhaustive review of friendly, sometimes flirtatious emails she sent the film producer after she says he raped her twice in 2013.

They also played a recording she made of herself telling a psychic in April

2014 that Weinstein "had tried to cross boundaries in my life but I don't allow him to."

Weinstein's lawyers contend that evidence points to a consensual relationship and shows that the 34-year-old former actress was a manipulator who gritted her way through sexual encounters with Weinstein because she enjoyed the perks of knowing him.

"I know the history of my relationship with him," she pushed back. "I know it was complicated and difficult. But that doesn't change the fact that he raped me."

She finished up direct testimony back on Friday and prosecutors decided not to ask her any additional questions once Weinstein lawyer Donna Rotunno was finished Tuesday afternoon.

The woman's return to the witness stand followed an emotional episode Monday, when she sobbed while reading an email passage about being abused earlier in her life. It was part of an email she sent a boyfriend in May 2014 explaining her relationship with Weinstein. The judge halted proceedings when she was unable to continue.

3 kids among 9 killed at Mexico video game arcade

MEXICO CITY — Four gunmen shot nine people to death at a video game arcade in western Mexico, and among the dead were three children aged 12, 13 and 14.

Prosecutors in the state of Michoacan said late Monday the attack left two other people wounded.

The attackers were apparently searching for specific targets, but then opened fire indiscriminately on customers. Two of the victims were ages 17 and 18.

The attack occurred Monday in Uruapan, a city of about 340,000 in Mexico's avocado belt where

violence has risen sharply.

Over the weekend, investigators also found the decomposed bodies of 11 people in clandestine graves in Uruapan.

Prosecutors said they were investigating a missing person case when they received a tip about the clandestine burial pits.

Twitter to label altered media, remove in some cases

SAN FRANCISCO — Twitter will begin to label and in some cases remove doctored or manipulated photos, audio and videos that are designed to mislead people.

The company said Tuesday that the new rules prohibit sharing synthetic or manipulated material that are likely to cause harm. Material that is manipulated but isn't necessarily harmful may get a warning label.

Under the new guidelines, the slowed-down video of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi in which she appeared to slur her words could get the label if someone tweets it out after the rules go into effect March 5. If it was proved it also causes harm, Twitter could remove it.

But deciding what might cause harm could be difficult to define, and some material will likely fall into a gray area.

In Turkmenistan: President Gurbanguly Berdimukhamedov allocated \$1.5 billion to build a new city, state-run media reported Tuesday, as the government cuts social spending and the economy is weakened by low global energy prices.

The city, which doesn't have a name yet, is envisioned as an administrative center of the Ahal province — a region governed by the president's only son.

Berdimukhamedov has ruled since 2006 through an all-encompassing cult of personality. Under his rule, state-run media have been depicting Turkmenistan as a prosperous welfare state, but in recent years the nation reportedly has been struggling with low incomes and scarce food supplies.

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EDITORIALS

After this Senate verdict but before voters decide:

Another call to censure Trump

President Donald Trump's insistence to the contrary, there was nothing "perfect" about the July 25, 2019, phone conversation that led to his impeachment. Trump abused presidential power in that call with Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

The only kinda, sorta "perfect" element we see, with Trump likely to be acquitted Wednesday by the Republican-controlled Senate, is the timing: As his trial concludes, primary season is underway. *Perfect*. Because while Trump's misconduct, in our view, didn't rise to the level of impeachment and expulsion from office, he committed wrongdoing by trying to shake down a foreign leader for personal political gain.

How to punish Trump

Should Trump be punished? American voters, who have heard the evidence, will determine whether to fire him. If you're curious, voting in the general election starts as early as Sept. 18 in Minnesota, seven-plus months away.

There's a reason we emphasize the role of the American people in impeachment, preferring they render judgment on Trump. Impeachment shouldn't be a strictly partisan exercise, a chesslike effort by members of



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Voters look on at an Iowa event for former Vice President Joe Biden last week. The start of general election voting is seven-plus months away.

one party to defeat the other by knocking off its king or, someday, queen. To remove a president from office is one of the gravest actions Congress can undertake. It represents the overturning of an election and, in this scenario, the disruption of another. It ought to be a break-glass-in-case-of-constitutional-emergency response.

Any impeachment and removal should have broad public support. But in Trump's case, Americans are split. Late Tuesday the Real-

ClearPolitics polling average showed a virtual deadlock on the question of impeachment and removal: 47.7% in favor, 48.2% opposed.

Less than a year ago, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi — in the context of the Mueller investigation and Trump's previous episode of alleged wrongdoing — tried to steer Democrats clear of impeachment. Obviously Pelosi's mindset changed, based on Trump's Ukraine gambit and pressure on her from fellow

Democrats. But her initial perspective on impeachment endures: "Impeachment is so divisive to the country," she warned, "that unless there's something so compelling and overwhelming and bipartisan, I don't think we should go down that path, because it divides the country."

The case for censure

Bipartisanship never has stood a chance in the Trump era. House Democrats impeached him and Senate Republicans defended him. Our hope was that Democrats would pursue a resolution of censure that might attract some Republican support. That way Congress could reassert a common standard of ethical presidential behavior and demonstrate for posterity that there were consequences for Trump's misconduct.

The closest Republicans have gotten to that point have been mild rebukes from several senators. Then on Monday, Sen. Joe Manchin of West Virginia, a Trump-friendly Democrat, made the case on the Senate floor for censure: "Censure would allow this body to unite across party lines, and as an equal branch of government, to formally denounce the president's actions and hold him accountable."

The American people will settle Trump's fate

Could Manchin's call now gain momentum among Democrats and draw some Republican support? GOP Sen. Lamar Alexander of Tennessee, soon to retire, has criticized Trump's "inappropriate" scheme to coerce Ukraine into announcing an investigation of Trump's political rival Joe Biden and son Hunter Biden. Then Alexander pivoted toward the 2020 campaign and our perspective: "Our founding documents provide for duly elected presidents who serve with 'the consent of the governed,' not at the pleasure of the United States Congress. Let the people decide."

Yes, we realize that GOP Majority Leader Mitch McConnell would see a censure vote as giving Democrats a modest victory. Yet censure would send an enduring statement of principle from Congress. And in the end it's what the voters do that matters.

Trump has nine months to argue that his conduct was defensible and that he deserves a second term. His Democratic opponent will argue the case for new leadership.

Should Trump be removed from office for his misconduct? The American people will decide.

Iowa as the new Florida: An app embarrassment but hey, no hanging chads

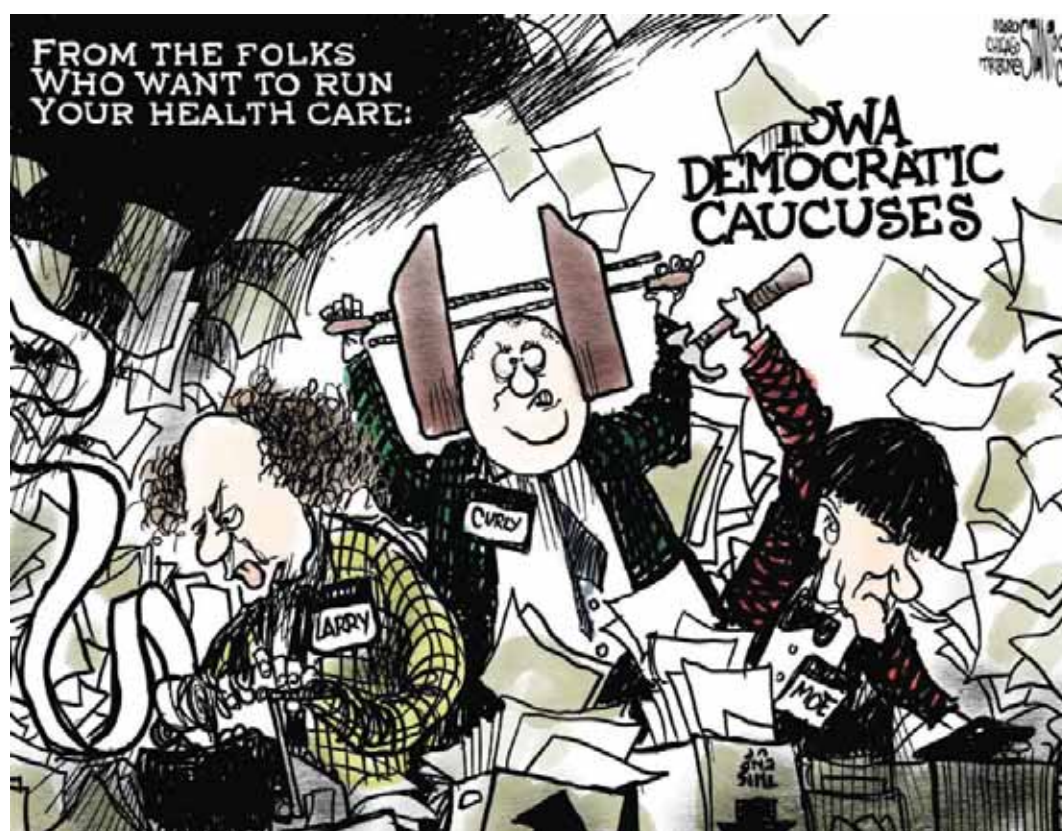
As Monday's Democratic caucuses in Iowa drifted into Tuesday's long search for a winner, the unfolding debacle evoked miserable memories:

Ah yes, the 2000 presidential election, with Florida officials looking as flummoxed as Democratic Party officials did Monday night in Des Moines. The quest to identify a Florida victor — eventually Republican George W. Bush, by 537 voters — added the phrase "hanging chads" to the political lexicon: Remember those bitsy rectangles still attached to incompletely pierced holes on voters' punch cards? (In addition to hanging chads, Florida also had pregnant chads and swinging chads, but the Tribune is a family publication.)

For sports fans, Tuesday's search for a Monday winner evoked "the long count" at Chicago's Soldier Field in 1927: World heavyweight boxing champion Gene Tunney survived being knocked to the mat in the seventh round because challenger Jack Dempsey didn't quickly go to a neutral corner; after the referee's long count, Tunney recovered and won the fight. Will Democrats be so fortunate?

For superstitious Democrats, history's touchstone is Feb. 3, 1959: Exactly 61 years before Monday's caucuses was "The Day the Music Died": Rock 'n' roll singers Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and the Big Bopper, J.P. Richardson, were killed when their small plane crashed into a frozen field near Clear Lake in north central Iowa. Expect the national Democratic Party to form a blue ribbon panel to determine who scheduled this year's caucuses on the anniversary of a tragedy that Iowans know well.

What went wrong with the counting? We can't fully explain. Neither can officials of the Iowa Democratic Party as they rolled out partial results late Tuesday afternoon and apologized. Phrases such as "technical problems," "mal-functioning app" and "quality



SCOTT STANTITS

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

I'm not saying that Iowa is that much of a disaster for the Democrats. It may be no more than an asterisk soon enough and, with any luck, merely signal the end of the role of the caucuses — way too white, way too complicated — in the process.

What I am saying is that this first moment of the campaign to unseat President Trump, coupled with the futile attempt to remove him from office through impeachment, feels like a movie we've seen before, and more than once. The Democrats, facing a remorseless, well-funded and imperious foe, imprison themselves in doubt, division and disorder. It can be an exhilarating ride, and great news copy. But it has led the party to repeated defeats in this era ... Is this

checks" won't suffice.

Keep in mind that caucuses are party-run events, not state-run primary elections. So Republicans are crowing about Democratic incompetence. What will sting Democrats more than this embarrassment, though, is the image of a party in search of voter-validated front-runners, yet unable to

parade Monday's winner(s) before national TV audiences Monday night and Tuesday morning. Having bought into the Iowa caucuses as the 2020 primary season's first event, the national Democratic Party will have to explain why it didn't have a better handle on gauging the outcome of a party function. That challenge only grew

"Groundhog Day" all over again?

Network entry polls in Iowa show Democrats are united about one thing: finding the best candidate to defeat Donald Trump ... The almost neurotic desire to find the right candidate — along with, or as opposed to, the right ideas — seemed to paralyze the overwhelmingly white and mostly college-educated caucus-goers of Iowa ...

Perhaps the biggest winner out of Iowa is a man who did not compete there, wisely as it turns out. Mike Bloomberg, the media mogul and former New York mayor, worth at last count an estimated \$61 billion, is waiting — he thinks — to bring order and discipline to the Democratic ranks.

Howard Fineman, RealClearPolitics

cybersecurity consultants." So much for blaming President Trump.

But the possibility of a Democratic circular firing squad is strong. U.S. Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., told MSNBC's "Morning Joe" on Tuesday that, "I think the Democratic Caucus in Iowa is a quirky, quaint tradition, which should come to an end."

That's not likely. Iowans have been caucusing since statehood in 1846. It was Democrats who turned the caucuses into a national spectacle. We've explained that it wasn't until South Dakota's George McGovern and his campaign manager, Gary Hart, realized how, under new party protocols meant to make the nominating process more inclusive, the state's 1972 caucuses could launch McGovern's long-shot presidential bid that the Iowa caucuses rose to prominence. The McGovern campaign recruited many Iowans to participate, and convinced national political reporters to fly to Des Moines and cover the outcome. McGovern, finishing second, stole the show and headlines from front-runner Edmund Muskie. McGovern won the nomination but lost to Richard Nixon in November. In 1976, an obscure Georgian named Jimmy Carter repeated the feat by shocking the Democratic field in Iowa, but he went on to win it all.

So Iowans are likely to continue caucusing. After Monday night's humiliation of the Democratic candidates, will the rest of us continue to care about future outcomes? To be determined.

Call this episode a debacle or a fiasco, but Iowa Dems hope you won't call it a circus. Four of the seven Ringling brothers were born in the Mississippi River town of McGregor, Iowa, north of Dubuque. What little remains of the brothers' empire is headquartered today in, yes, Florida. That's yet another bad Florida association for Iowa Democrats. Neither they nor the Ringlings' descendants can boast of conducting The Greatest Show on Earth.

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PERSPECTIVE



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Gov. J.B. Pritzker talked about ethics reform in his first State of the State speech in Springfield last month.

Aiming high won't get the job done for state ethics reformers. They need to aim highest.



ERIC ZORN

In his Jan. 29 State of the State speech, Gov. J.B. Pritzker called for “real, lasting ethics reform.”

Good.

But not good enough. Not for the moment we're in.

Tightening the codes of conduct for elected officials and public employees is a tepid and familiar goal, one that lacks the ambition needed to battle the entrenched culture of corruption. What Pritzker needs to do is take off his shoe, pound it on the table and vow to lead an effort to make Illinois' ethics laws the strictest in the nation:

Make us “a model for other states,” as Better Government Association policy director Marie Dillon put it in testimony last week in Springfield. That would be quite a step up from the current laughingstock/cautionary example.

Dillon, a friend and former colleague, was among the advocates who made presentations to the General Assembly's Joint Commission on Ethics and Lobbying Reform. The bipartisan panel was formed last year

in response to the metastasizing federal probe into state and municipal lawmakers and is conducting a series of hearings before issuing a final set of recommendations to the legislature by the end of March.

Joint commissions are cool and all, but they lack a certain urgency. If China can build a 1,000-bed hospital in 10 days, surely, with insistent leadership from the top, the state of Illinois can cobble together the toughest ethics rules in the country in less than 10 weeks.

Pritzker says the right things. The nearly 300 words he devoted to ethics in his speech made most of the next-day news stories.

“We must root out the purveyors of greed and corruption — in both parties — whose presence infects the bloodstream of government,” he said. “It's no longer enough to sit idle while under-the-table deals, extortion or bribery persist.”

The governor went on to call for an end to “the practice of legislators serving as paid lobbyists” and of legislators immediately becoming lobbyists after leaving office. He underscored the need for enhanced conflict-of-interest disclosures and for the imposition of penalties on those who cast votes in their own interests.

We've heard similar rhetoric before, and we've seen associated proposals die quiet deaths in committees. What

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we haven't seen is strident leadership that demands change, not just in occasional speeches or censorious news releases following yet another indictment, but every day. What we haven't seen is a governor use his political capital and moral authority to hammer away on ethics. What we haven't seen is a governor willing to take personal ownership of the issue and not fob it off on a commission.

We'll never eliminate political corruption. The scoundrels never quit trying to line their pockets, even as their colleagues are caught and marched off to prison. But we can make life more difficult for them.

“There isn't one state we can point to right now as the best,” said Alisa Kaplan, policy director at Reform for Illinois (formerly the Illinois Campaign for Political Reform), who also

testified before the commission last week. “We'd need to pick and choose from the tightest provisions around the country.”

We could for instance, borrow a page from a new law in Florida that will require former lawmakers to wait six years after leaving office to begin working as lobbyists. We could copy the exhaustive financial disclosure requirements in New York and California. We should at least do as well as the 35 states that require legislators to recuse themselves from voting on bills where they have a conflict of interest (Illinois' current, flaccid Governmental Ethics Act merely suggests that a conflicted lawmaker “should consider the possibility of abstaining.”)

In an interview, Dillon said best-in-the-nation ethics laws would include stricter campaign finance laws, more expansive Freedom of Information Act and open-meetings act procedures and tightened procurement regulations. In testimony to the commission, Common Cause Illinois Executive Director Georgia Logothetis suggested “real teeth for enforcement” against violators.

In the end, though, advocates and commissioners can only advise on overhauling our ethics laws. It's up to the governor to take the lead in demanding that they be the best.

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The age of impeachment and the death of shame



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As the impeachment trial fizzles out this week, I'm left wondering if the GOP has lost its mind, because the only other choice is that I have.

I'm not referring to the Republican senators' collective decision not to remove the president from office. I've always argued that this was a question reasonable people could differ on. But I've also argued for months now that it was clear the president was guilty of abusing his office by pressuring the Ukrainian government to target former Vice President Joe Biden in a corruption probe.

This has been obvious since he released the transcript of his conversation with the Ukrainian president, never mind when he said straight to a TV camera that he wanted Ukraine (and China) to do it.

For most of that time, taking their cues from the top, the president's most ardent defenders

treated this entirely reasonable observation as if it were both crazy and outrageous. The call was “perfect,” the president insisted over and over again. How dare you suggest otherwise.

Even reasonable people like my friend, radio host Hugh Hewitt, contended that even the suggestion of the president's guilt was not just wrong, but bizarre. We live on “different impeachment planets,” in his words. Other defenders agreed. Roger Kimball, the erudite editor of *New Criterion*, thought Hewitt was being generous. “In my view,” he tweeted, “Hugh's planet is *this* planet. I am not sure what solar system Jonah's is circulating.”

Now all that is left of this circus is for the Republican senators to finish their speeches and fold up the tent. What was otherworldly has suddenly become grounded. Sens. Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn., and Marco Rubio, R-Fla., were the first out of the block to explain that the president is guilty but shouldn't be ousted for it.

In a statement, Rubio explained that he always worked from the assumption the charges were true, but: “Just because actions meet a standard of impeachment does not mean it is in the best interest



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Sen. Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn., says proof of guilt doesn't mean President Donald Trump should be removed from office.

of the country to remove a president from office.”

Alexander was even more emphatic. In his statement, he said the House managers “have proved (the charges) with what they call a ‘mountain of overwhelming evidence.’”

Sen. Ben Sasse, R-Neb., agreed with Alexander's position, telling reporters that he speaks for “lots and lots of us.”

Sen. Lisa Murkowski, R-Alaska, went even further this week, saying, rightly, that the president's conduct has been “shameful.” Some Trumpists are grumbling

about Murkowski, but it's remarkable how it was so much more outrageous for Trump's defenders to note Trump's guilt when doing so might influence the trial. Now that he's off the hook, few are calling these senators crazy for stating the obvious.

But such selective deployment of outrage is the GOP's gift these days.

Consider that one of the best, as in effective, arguments of the White House legal team was that “partisan impeachments” are bad and if the Senate validates this one we will dive further into an “age of impeachment” — Kenneth W. Starr's words — in which this constitutional mechanism will be weaponized for political advantage. It is difficult to exaggerate the more-in-sorrow-than-in-anger hypocritical sanctimony from the president's lead lawyers on this point.

But once the president's acquittal was assured, Iowa Republican Sen. Joni Ernst said that now that the door to partisan impeachments had been opened, maybe Republicans should impeach Biden if he were elected. Her fellow Republicans didn't rush to deny the possibility. Partisan impeachments, you see, aren't bad

anymore, they're just bad when “they” do it.

One chapter in the Trump impeachment saga is ending, but the story is far from over. More evidence of the president's guilt will come out, from former national security adviser John Bolton's book and elsewhere. Indeed, one can be forgiven for thinking that the reason Rubio, Alexander and others felt the need to proclaim the president's guilt has less to do with a desire to tell the truth and more with getting ahead of a future torrent of irrefutable facts.

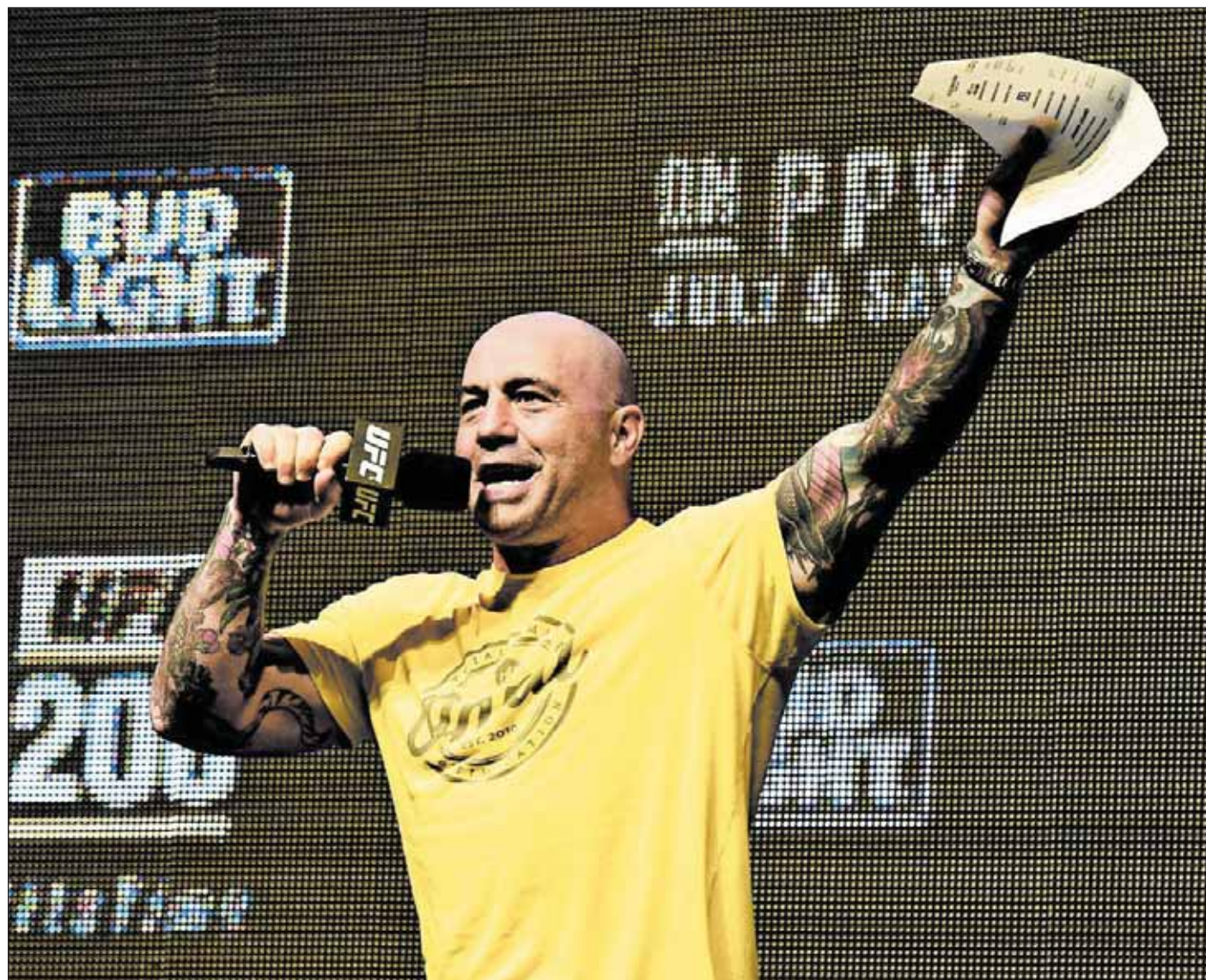
Nor should we rule out that Trump, emboldened by his “exonerated,” will do something even worse.

Starr may be right that we are entering an “age of impeachment.” But if we are it will be because hypocrisy has lost its sting, shame is something only the other side should feel, and telling the truth when it is inconvenient is a form of madness.

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PERSPECTIVE



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Joe Rogan, shown at a UFC event in 2016, voiced his support for presidential contender Bernie Sanders last month.

Hey, Bernie brigades, don't turn on him just because Rogan likes him



CLARENCE PAGE

"Can Democrats Win Back Trump Voters — Without Compromising Their Soul?" That's the question asked by the left-progressive weekly *The Nation*. But I have a better one: Can Bernie Sanders win Joe Rogan's audience without losing his dignity?

As you may have heard by now, the presidential hopeful and democratic socialist senator from Vermont has won the widely coveted — and also widely reviled — endorsement of Joe Rogan, the actor-comedian who also ranks No. 1 on *Forbes'* inaugural list of the highest-earning podcasters.

Rogan, the former host of "Fear Factor" — a TV contest show in which he coaxed contestants to eat bugs, among other stunts, for money — made \$30 million last year. Yes, there is life after television.

Rogan voiced support for Sanders during a Jan. 21 podcast episode featuring *New York Times* opinion columnist Bari Weiss after interviewing Sanders on an earlier episode: "I think I'll probably vote for Bernie. ... I believe in him, I like him a lot."

And the news of Rogan's endorsement came just before a new NBC/Wall Street Journal poll released last week that, for the first time, found Sanders had inched ahead of the pack to be the top choice of Democratic voters nationally. His 27% essentially tied Joe Biden, who scored 26% after weeks of having occupied the top spot in previous Journal/NBC polls by

himself.

But after the Sanders campaign happily shared the video of Rogan's comments on social media, the progressive-wing candidate was bombarded with, of all things, complaints from a high-class assortment of the left-progressive voices who did not approve.

MoveOn.org, for example, said Sanders should apologize for highlighting Rogan's endorsement. The Human Rights Campaign, a major LGBTQ rights organization, said it was "disappointing" that Sanders had "accepted and promoted the endorsement."

Writer Donna Minkowitz spoke for many, I'm sure, in an essay in *The Nation*, headlined, "Bernie Broke My Heart When He Embraced Rogan's Endorsement" and "I've been a lifelong socialist and a supporter of Sanders since the 1980s. I expected better from the senator."

I understand. On his freewheeling talkathon, Rogan has used the N-word, if only to chastise someone else for using it. He infamously described how visiting a black neighborhood to see "Planet of the Apes" made him feel like he, too, was visiting the "planet of the apes."

He also occasionally has given a platform to far-out conspiracy theorists such as Alex Jones and provocateurs such as Milo Yiannopoulos. Although, as my son — who stays in tune with the morning-zoo sectors of the internet better than I do — pointed out, Rogan did the world a favor. He was the interviewer who drew out the pedophile-tolerant quotes of former Breitbart editor Yiannopoulos that sunk his invitation to speak at the Conservative Political Action Conference, or CPAC, among other lucrative speaking gigs.

Rogan was accused in 2013 of making

transphobic comments about UFC fighter Fallon Fox, a trans woman, who was criticized for beating two women in matches before announcing that she used to be a man. Rogan was hardly the only voice to criticize the shaky ethics of Fox's move.

But, before we roll out the tumbrels to cart Sanders off to cancel-culture jail, consider the provocative question raised later in *The Nation* by Chicago-based podcaster Edward Burmila: "Beating Trump Is the Goal. What if Joe Rogan Fans Will Help?"

Burmila, described as working on a book about "why the Democrats are so bad at politics," says much of value, but me this line stuck out: "Elections and politics are about winning power, and it requires selective memory to pretend that winning the White House in 2008 and 2012, or the House in 2018, did not require swallowing hard on a lot of compromises aimed at courting conservatives."

True that. I'm not the world's biggest Sanders fan. His insistence on eliminating private insurance companies in his "Medicare for All" vision is too far left for me. But politics should be a game of addition, not subtraction. Before Donald Trump came along, it usually was.

By focusing so narrowly, Trump offers Democrats a gift: a vast multitude of swing voters and disaffected nonvoters who are looking to be persuaded by a reasonable alternative. At least, Sanders is trying to fill that gap. He shouldn't be alone.

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Just because it's legal doesn't mean marijuana is safe for everyone

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We have a big problem. Too many people think marijuana is harmless, and if we don't counter that misperception with accurate information, we'll have major public health costs to pay.

It doesn't matter how you feel about the debate to legalize marijuana. It doesn't matter if it's used for medical or recreational purposes. The reality is that marijuana — like alcohol, opioids and stimulants — alters the mind and is potentially addictive.

Legalization efforts nationwide have given rise to a myth that marijuana is benign. But make no mistake — while research reveals some medical benefits of marijuana, there is ample research showing that it causes problems with brain function and is addictive for about 8% to 10% of the population. As today's high-potency marijuana and new methods of using the drug, such as vaping, are studied further, the harms will only become clearer.

Too often, marijuana's addiction potential is minimized or ignored altogether. We were told recently about a patient at a large, well-known hospital. The patient reportedly disclosed previous struggles with addiction and a desire to remain sober. Yet three physicians suggested he be treated for his current malady with

medical marijuana. Tales like this are all too common.

A recent Emerging Drug Trends report published by our organization and the University of Maryland School of Public Health says marijuana is not a solution to the current opioid crisis, even though some have attempted to make that case. To the contrary, the report highlights strong research showing marijuana use increases the risk for later prescription opioid misuse.

Addiction, like many other diseases, has both environmental and genetic risk factors, and marijuana needs to be viewed in that context. The main risk factor for addiction, accounting for more than half the risk, is in our genes. If you have the disease in your family, especially the immediate family, you are more likely to develop addiction to marijuana and other substances.

For people with a family history of addiction, marijuana may be all it takes to trip the risk for addiction. If it's one of your parents with the addiction history, you are at least six times as likely as those without addiction in the family to develop the disease. If you have limited genetic risk, significant environmental factors (such as trauma) may be required to tip the balance toward addiction, leaving many people at risk.

Research on regular use of marijuana has shown that certain brain regions are

vulnerable and at risk for impairment. One of the primary findings has been an association between frequent use of marijuana during adolescence and into adulthood, with declines in IQ scores. There is also clear evidence of impaired cognitive function during marijuana use and for several days following use, which undermines the ability to learn. School performance suffers when marijuana is used regularly, and regular users are more likely to drop out. The research is suggestive of possible long-term cognitive impairment as well, though additional research is needed.

Several studies show a link between marijuana use and psychosis, especially for those with a family history of psychosis. We see marijuana-induced psychosis in our treatment centers too. Marijuana use can also worsen the symptoms of those with schizophrenia. In addition, we know marijuana use impairs driving capabilities.

Now, more than ever, it is incumbent upon all of us — especially medical and behavioral health professionals — to speak up and tell the entire story in an effort to prevent the risks of expanded marijuana use from turning into regrettable realities.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Taiwan has politicized outbreak

In his letter to the Tribune ("Taiwan a partner in fighting epidemic," Jan. 29), the head of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Chicago claimed that the exclusion of Taiwan — due to the objection of China — from the World Health Organization (WHO) "creates a big loophole in the global war on epidemics" and harms the health and well-being of the Taiwanese people. Director General Eric Huang is politicizing the health issue to seek political gains for "Taiwan independence."

Based on the arrangement made by China and the WHO, medical experts from the Taiwan region can attend relevant technical meetings of the WHO, and the WHO can send experts to Taiwan to inspect or assist when necessary. The Taiwan region has timely access to WHO's information on global public health emergencies, and any emergency happening in the Taiwan region can be reported to the WHO in time.

Since the outbreak of the novel coronavirus in Wuhan, the Chinese government has handled it in a serious, responsible and transparent manner, winning praise from the WHO and the wider international community. China's National Health Commission promptly and voluntarily notified the Taiwan region of the situation. At the request of relevant authorities in Taiwan, we arranged for experts from the Taiwan region to visit Wuhan on Jan. 13-14 to see for themselves our work in epidemic prevention and control, medical treatment of patients and pathogen detection. They also had discussions with mainland experts who participated in related work and expressed heartfelt appreciation for their reception in the mainland.

WHO is an international organization whose membership requires statehood. The Taiwan region's participation in WHO must be arranged pursuant to the "one China" principle. This is also an important principle affirmed by United Nations General Assembly Resolution 2758 and World Health Assembly Resolution 25.1. From 2009 to 2016, the Taiwan region participated in the World Health Assembly as an observer under the name of "Chinese Taipei." That was a special arrangement made through Cross-Strait consultation on the basis of the 1992 Consensus that embodies the "one China" principle. However, since taking power in 2016, the current Taiwanese government has put political calculations above the Taiwanese people's welfare and entrenched itself in the secessionist position of "Taiwan independence," thus undermining the political foundation for the region's participation in the WHA.

— Shen Qiwen, spokesperson, Consulate General of the People's Republic of China, Chicago

The brilliance of Iowa's confusion

The people of Iowa are pretty clever. Their caucus system is so confusing the Russians didn't know how to interfere with it.

— Don Evans, Barrington

Happy to be done with CPS drama

In just a few months, my children will graduate from two Chicago Public Schools high schools, and I've never looked forward to anything more. This is not due to all of the great things that are yet to come, but rather my anticipation of leaving the drama and trauma of being a CPS family behind me.

From the three schools they've attended, we have endured two principal removals and more "staff incidents, investigations and lockdowns" than I can count. Almost every formal communication begins with "The safety of your children is always our top priority, which is why we must inform you of an incident that took place at school today." The letters always go on to tell us of how details of said incidents cannot be shared, but we should trust that CPS has our best interests in mind.

The latest letter that arrived in my inbox reported on the removal of a principal, assistant principal, dean of students and coaching staff from Lincoln Park High School, as well as the suspension of the school's boys varsity basketball season. Like the many letters before this, we were invited to a meeting where CPS would address only how the school will move forward but would not share the details that have put the school and its families in this situation.

While I do trust that many in CPS are working to provide safe learning environments for our children, I am exhausted by the endless cryptic notification letters and am left wondering how a system that is so large and serves so many vulnerable families can operate this way. When the entire leadership of a school is wiped out in a single day, its families deserve more.

— Erica Salem, Chicago

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Workers prepare beds for infected patients at Wuhan International Conference and Exhibition Center on Tuesday in Wuhan, China.

Taking an economic toll

Chicago companies with ties to China watching the outbreak of coronavirus

BY LAUREN ZUMBACH,
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AND ROBERT CHANNICK

Custom clothing startup Balodana's clients are usually in no rush to get their orders. They know made-to-order garments take time, especially when they're coming from designers around the world. But there's one order that has founder Dana Todd biting her nails.

A bride is counting on Todd, who operates out of the River North-based tech hub 1871, to deliver a tailored linen suit in time for her engagement party in early March.

But the suit is being made in China, where the spread of a new virus is fueling not only humanitarian concerns, but worries about a broader impact on the global economy.

Authorities in China have restricted travel and extended the Lunar New Year holiday break in an effort to keep people at home and halt the spread of the virus, which has killed 426 people and struck 20,630 worldwide. Airlines have suspended flights to the country and businesses, including Starbucks and McDonald's, temporarily closed hundreds of shops.

The economic toll has been cushioned by the fact that the outbreak intensified last month during the Lunar New Year celebration, when many factories and businesses in China close as workers travel home to visit family. If the economic



A man crosses an empty highway in Wuhan, China on Monday.

"Each week is putting us behind. We have enough inventory to last us for four weeks, but thereafter we will be in trouble."

— Tanveer Khan, director of strategic sourcing at Morey Corp.

disruption lasts another week or two, the impact on Chicago-area firms may not be dramatic, said Phillip Braun, a finance professor at Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management.

But the longer production remains disrupted, the more the impact could grow.

The U.S. economy has weath-

ered overseas events in the past, including the SARS outbreak in 2002 and 2003, but China's economy has grown significantly since then. Illinois firms that source products from Chinese factories or depend on sales to its consumers are keeping a close eye on the virus' spread.

"We're really going to find out

how tied every company in the world is to China," said James Green, director of risk advisory services for Chicago-based risk management firm SAI Global.

Many Chinese factories plan to remain closed until Monday, the end of the extended Lunar New Year break. U.S. manufacturers may not feel the effect of the extended factory closures right away, since it can take three months to ship goods from China to the U.S., Green said.

That gives companies a chance to plan ahead.

Electronic device manufacturer Morey Corp. typically plans several weeks in advance this time of year, since the Chinese factories it uses regularly shut down for the holiday. But Tanveer Khan, the company's director of strategic sourcing, said he's concerned about the Woodridge-based company's bottom line if the delays continue.

"Each week is putting us behind," he said. "We have enough inventory to last us for four weeks, but thereafter we will be in trouble."

Mondelez International, maker of Oreos and Chips Ahoy, expects coronavirus to affect its first-quarter revenue, though it's too soon to say by how much, CEO Dirk Van de Put said last week during an earnings conference call with analysts. China accounts for \$1 billion of Mondelez's annual revenues, or about 4.5%, he said.

Lunar New Year is typically a

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Portillo's still plans to open on Northwest Side

Start of construction running a year behind schedule for chain

BY ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ

Portillo's fans awaiting the opening of the chain's promised restaurant on Chicago's Northwest Side can rest assured that it is still coming — just a year behind schedule.

The purveyor of hot dogs, Italian beef sandwiches and chocolate cake shakes a year ago announced plans to open its third city restaurant at Addison and Kimball streets, on the border between the Avondale and Irving Park neighborhoods, by the end of 2019.

That didn't happen, but the company is still "very much looking forward to opening" the restaurant, said Randall S. Guse,

Portillo's vice president of real estate.

"It has taken longer than expected to start construction, but we look forward to putting a shovel in the ground in the next two months and opening later this year," Guse said in an emailed statement.

At 9,900 square feet and with a "Roaring '20s" theme, the new Portillo's will have seating for more than 280 people, an outdoor patio, a parking lot and a double drive-thru.

Portillo's, whose other Chicago locations are in River North and the South Loop, has been expanding rapidly since Berkshire Partners purchased it five years ago from founder Dick Portillo, who started the business selling hot dogs from a trailer in a parking lot in Villa Park in 1963. The chain now has more than 60 restaurants across the U.S.



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Walgreens will pay \$7.5M to settle suit

Phony pharmacist said to have filled more than 745,000 prescriptions

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Walgreens will pay \$7.5 million to settle with California authorities after an employee was criminally charged with impersonating a pharmacist and illegally filling more than 745,000 prescriptions in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Kim Thien Le has pleaded not guilty to felony impersonation charges. Prosecutors said that from late 2006 through 2017, Le used the license numbers of registered pharmacists in order to impersonate them and dispense prescriptions at Walgreens stores in Santa Clara and Alameda counties.

The prescriptions allegedly included more than 100,000 for opioids such as fentanyl, morphine and codeine.

Le herself didn't have a pharmacist license, prosecutors said.

The district attorneys in both counties filed a consumer protection action against Deerfield, Illinois-based Walgreens. Prosecutors on Monday announced that the pharmacy giant agreed to settle. The company will pay \$7.5 million in penalties, costs and remedial payments.

"The burden is on the company to make sure its employees are properly licensed and to complete a thorough background check," Alameda County District Attorney Nancy O'Malley said in a news release announcing the settlement.

In a statement Monday, Walgreens said Le hasn't worked for the company since 2017.

"Pharmacy quality and safety are top priorities, and upon learning of this issue, we undertook a re-verification of the licenses of all our pharmacists nationwide," the statement said.

The complaint alleged Walgreens failed to vet Le thoroughly when it promoted her to positions requiring a license and failed to make sure that its internal systems were strong enough to prevent an employee from evading them.

Card game company purchases Clickhole

Cards Against Humanity buys parody website from The Onion

BY ROBERT CHANNICK

Cards Against Humanity, the irreverent Chicago-based card game company, bought satirical website ClickHole on Monday from G/O Media for an undisclosed price.

The all-cash deal separates ClickHole, a 6-year-old parody of clickbait websites filled with purposely inane listicles and quizzes, from humor website The Onion, which created it. The sale was first reported by BuzzFeed — one of the websites ClickHole set out to satirize.

"We are thrilled that Cards Against Humanity has made the very ill-advised financial decision to give us the funding we need to buy business supplies, such as staplers and TI-83 graphing calculators," ClickHole said in a news release. "They are giving us the rare opportunity to work with total creative freedom and to run our business with zero oversight, which will undoubtedly result in us bankrupting our company. This can only end in disaster."

G/O Media, formerly Gizmodo Media Group, is an assemblage of popular websites that also includes The A.V. Club, Jalopnik, Jezebel, Deadspin and The Root. Matt Goodman, a spokesman for

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time of high consumption for its Chinese consumers, and while Mondelez's sales to retailers were in line with expectations, the company will be watching to see if consumer sales take a hit, Van de Put said.

The Deerfield-based company, which has instituted travel restrictions within and to China for its employees, also closed two of its four factories in China at the request of the local government to reduce the risk of infection.

"We do believe that this could have a short-term impact, but long-term we continue to be very convinced for the outlook of the Chinese market for us," Van de Put said, according to a transcript of the call.

Chicago is particularly vulnerable to the effects of any interruptions to manufacturing supply chains, said Phil Levy, a global trade expert who served as a senior economist under President George W. Bush.

While the majority of Chinese products are shipped to the U.S. via ocean freight, crucial manufacturing parts and high-value products such as electronics are often sent by air, Levy said. Chicago was the top gateway for cargo flown between the U.S. and China in 2017, according to the

Chicago Department of Aviation.

All it takes is the absence of one key part to shut down a factory, said Levy, who was formerly a senior fellow at the Chicago Council on Global Affairs and now serves as chief economist at Flexport, a San Francisco-based global logistics company.

"If that was the key part that you needed to keep your assembly line moving and you don't have it, you're stuck," Levy said.

The ongoing trade war fueled by President Donald Trump's decision to impose tariffs on Chinese goods may provide some insulation for manufacturers that found safe haven suppliers in Vietnam and other countries.

Rick Woldenberg, CEO of Vernon Hills-based toymaker Learning Resources, said he stocked up on goods before the tariffs went into effect, though a handful of new items that haven't yet shipped will be delayed.

Still, it's not clear how quickly factories will be back to full strength, especially if employees who traveled home during the holidays are hesitant to return or are delayed by travel restrictions, he said.

"No one really knows how it's going to play out," he said.

If the coronavirus becomes a global pandemic, Levy said it could be a major blow to Chicago's tourism

and convention business — beyond the potential dearth of Chinese visitors this summer.

"If people are worried about something and decide not to undertake an activity, and those coordinated downturns can be really problematic for an economy," Levy said. "Tourists deciding not to visit, people deciding not to go to conferences and business meetings — something Chicago does a lot of. If everybody decides this is not a good time for that, that's a problem."

During prior outbreaks, like SARS, travelers have avoided the areas most affected but generally haven't curtailed flying altogether, said Khalid Usman, senior vice president with Oliver Wyman's transportation practice.

At the height of the SARS outbreak in 2003, airlines in the Asia-Pacific region lost about 8% of their annual passenger traffic, equivalent to about \$6 billion in lost revenues, according to a report from the International Air Transport Association. North American airlines lost about 3.7% of international traffic, or an estimated \$1 billion in lost revenues.

Travel rebounded within about nine months, suggesting any disruption would be temporary, the report said.

"As long as they can contain the longevity of the event...hopefully it only causes a short-term impact," said Usman.

But it could still be an "expensive impact, especially with China getting more relevant, and not just in aviation," he said.

U.S. carriers halted all flights to and from mainland China after the U.S. government issued a "do not travel" warning for China and imposed travel restrictions and mandatory quarantines on travelers who had been in China within two weeks of attempting to enter the U.S.

United Airlines is likely to be hardest hit of the three domestic carriers operating flights between the U.S. and China. The airline accounted for a little more than half of all flights domestic carriers operated connecting the U.S. to China

and Hong Kong last year, according to data from PlaneStats.com, Oliver Wyman's aviation data portal.

Still, most passengers flying between the U.S. and China aren't on United, American Airlines or Delta Air Lines. Foreign carriers operated nearly 65% of flights between the U.S. and China or Hong Kong last year, and some are still offering flights.

United and American both canceled flights to mainland China through late March. Delta Air Lines' suspension extends through April 30.

On Tuesday, United announced it would suspend service to Hong Kong — which already had been cut to a single daily flight from San Francisco — starting Saturday, "in response to the continued drop in demand." The airline expects to resume flights to Hong Kong on Feb. 20.

Four in five business travel managers said their company's employees would likely change travel plans to avoid flying and business travel due to the outbreak, according to a Global Business Travel Association survey about 250 travel managers conducted between Jan. 27 and 31.

In the meantime, companies are relying on video and phone conferencing. Some of Chicago-based Here Technologies' roughly 9,000 global employees are heading to an internal meeting in Europe this week, but workers in China will participate by video conference, said company spokesman Jordan Stark.

"The ability to have instantaneous communication through multiple mediums sure helps," Stark said.

Todd, at Balodana, said she's still optimistic the linen suit will arrive in time for the engagement party, so long as workers go back to work as planned.

"The big risk is if the government changes their mind and tries to push back that Feb. 10 date," she said.

Chicago Tribune reporter Mary Wisniewski contributed.



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Dave Pinsof, left, and Eli Halpern of Cards Against Humanity LLC., sell their popular game at Gen Con at a convention center in Indianapolis.

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G/O Media, gave few details Tuesday about the reasons for the sale, saying it was "a business decision."

ClickHole was launched under previous owners in 2014 as an offshoot of The Onion. Spanish language broadcaster Univision bought The Onion websites in 2016. Boston-based private equity firm Great Hill Partners bought the digital media portfolio, which had been combined with the remnants of Gawker Media, for an undisclosed price in April.

Founded through a Kickstarter campaign in 2010, Cards Against Humanity has carved out its own niche with a popular party game known for politically incorrect, cutting-edge humor.

"We wanted to purchase ClickHole because we think the team is extremely funny and we wanted them to have the same independence that we are lucky to enjoy," Max Temkin, co-founder of Cards Against Humanity, said in an email Tuesday.

Temkin said ClickHole will remain independent and be majority employee-owned in partnership with Cards Against Hu-

manity, which will supply funding and own a minority stake. ClickHole's five-person editorial staff will come over to the new corporate entity as part of the deal, Temkin said.

It is unclear if ClickHole will be relocated to the Bucktown offices of Cards Against Humanity, but the operation will remain in Chicago, Temkin said.

ClickHole will be leaving the G/O Media fold, and The Onion's offices at 730 N. Franklin St., just as Deadspin, the irreverent sports website shut down last fall by a mass exodus of New York staffers, moves in with plans to boost its staff and relaunch.

Last month, G/O Media announced it was relocating Deadspin to Chicago after a monthslong standoff between the digital media publisher and the union representing the more than 20 writers and editors who resigned in protest over the website's direction under private equity ownership.

Jim Rich, who was named editor-in-chief of Deadspin on Jan. 23, opened the Chicago editorial office last week to begin the task of rebuilding the dormant website. There is no target date for relaunch, Goodman said.

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NOTIFICATION OF DISPOSITION OF COLLATERAL

To: Interested Members of the Public

From: Golden Fleece Beverages, Inc. ("Secured Party")
c/o Leventfeld Pearlstein, LLC, Attorney for the Secured Party
Attn: Jamie L. Burns, 2 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1300, Chicago, IL 60602, (312) 476-7601

Names of Debtors: Argo Tea, Inc., Argo Tea Rush, LLC, Argo Tea State/Randolph, LLC, Argo Tea UCH, LLC, Argo Tea Broadway, LLC, Argo Tea Marquette, LLC, Argo Tea NW, LLC, Argo Tea Franklin, LLC, Argo Tea Mena, LLC

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Day and Date: **Friday, February 14, 2020** Time: **10:30 a.m.**

Place: **Leventfeld Pearlstein, LLC**
2 N. LaSalle Street, Suite 1300, Chicago, Illinois 60602, (312) 346-8380

Collateral: (a) All of the personal property now owned or at any time hereafter acquired by any Debtor or in which any Debtor now has or at any time in the future may acquire any right, title or interest, including all of each Debtor's Accounts, Chattel Paper, Commercial Tort Claims, Deposit Accounts, Documents, Equipment, Fixtures, General Intangibles, Health Care Insurance Receivables, Farm Products, Goods, Instruments, Intellectual Property, Inventory, Investment Property, Leases, Letter-of-Credit Rights, Money, Supporting Obligations and Identified Claims; (b) all books and records pertaining to any of the foregoing; (c) all Proceeds and products of any of the foregoing, and (d) all collateral security and guaranties given by any Person with respect to any of the foregoing.

The sale will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of the Illinois Uniform Commercial Code. The bid price must be paid in certified check or cashier's check payable to the order of Golden Fleece Beverages, Inc. Twenty Percent (20%) of the successful bid price will be paid at the time of sale and the balance must be paid within two (2) business days of the sale.

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Global business feeling blue over virus outbreak

China, world's No. 2 economy, a major buyer of goods

BY JOE McDONALD
Associated Press

BEIJING — Global business is catching a chill from China's virus outbreak.

Mink breeders in Denmark called off a fur auction because Chinese buyers can't attend due to travel curbs imposed to contain the disease.

Airlines have canceled 25,000 flights to and within China after ticket sales collapsed, according to travel data provider OAG. General Motors Co. and other automakers are telling employees to limit travel to China, their biggest market.

On Tuesday, the Chinese gambling enclave of Macao announced it was closing casinos for two weeks as a precaution. The territory is a big moneymaker for U.S. casino operators Wynn Resorts Ltd. and Las Vegas Sands Corp.

Hyundai Motors, meanwhile, said it is suspending production in South Korea due to disruptions in the supply of parts as a result of the outbreak. It said it is seeking alternative suppliers in other regions.

Global companies increasingly rely on

China, the world's No. 2 economy, as a major buyer of food, cars, movie tickets and other goods. But that has left them more exposed than ever to the pain of its latest abrupt slump.

The Singapore Air Show, due to open next week, announced Tuesday it is canceling a business conference due to the absence of Chinese participants.

Tourism revenue in Thailand and other Asian destinations that rely on China for up to 30% of their foreign visitors plunged after Beijing canceled group tours. Businesspeople were told to put off foreign trips.

"Many national as well as international events are now already canceled," the chief executive of Copenhagen Fur, Jesper Lauge Christensen, said in a statement.

The cooperative of 1,500 Danish breeders who account for 40% of global mink production called off this month's auction of 2 million skins. Most of the group's exports usually go to China and Hong Kong.

Italy could lose up to \$5 billion in tourism revenue this year as virus fears

keep visitors away, polling agency Demoskopika said in a study released Tuesday.

In Milan's luxury MonteNapoleone shopping district, dozens of luxury brands decked out their windows for Chinese New Year. But wealthy Chinese shoppers have failed to arrive in their usual numbers.

The Italian National Fashion Chamber estimated that industry sales will decline 1.8% in the first six months because of the virus. It had been expected to grow 3%.

Chinese visitors are responsible for about one-third of all luxury purchases globally. In Italy, they spend more than Russians, Arabs and Americans combined.

Chinese authorities have suspended most access to Wuhan, a manufacturing center at the center of the outbreak, and surrounding cities in Hubei province with a total of 50 million people.

China already was dealing with the impact of a tariff war with Washington and a separate outbreak of African swine fever that does not infect people but has disrupted pork supplies, causing food prices to soar.

UK plans to ban new gas, diesel autos by '35

BY JILL LAWLESS
Associated Press

LONDON — Britain announced Tuesday that it plans to ban the sale of new gas and diesel cars by 2035 — five years earlier than its previous target — in a bid to speed up efforts to tackle climate change.

The announcement was timed to coincide with the launch of Britain's plans for the United Nations' climate summit, known as COP26, which is scheduled to be held in November in Glasgow.

But the U.K. government's commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions was questioned by the woman who was appointed by Prime Minister Boris Johnson to head the Glasgow climate summit — and then was fired last week.

Sacked conference president Claire O'Neill said Britain's efforts to fight climate change were "miles off track."

Britain has pledged to reduce its net greenhouse gas emissions to zero by 2050. But the government's advisory Committee on Climate Change has warned that the country's action to slash carbon dioxide and other gases is lagging far behind what is needed.

The U.K.'s new 2035 target for ending gas and diesel car sales is one of the world's more ambitious. Several countries, including France, plan to stop by 2040. Norway, one of the early adopters of electric cars, has a goal, but not a requirement, to eliminate gas and diesel cars, excluding hybrids, by 2025.

The U.K. says it will bring in a ban on fossil-fuel cars and vans even earlier than 2035 "if a faster transition is feasible."

But environmental groups said Britain's goal was not ambitious enough.

Johnson kicked off a year of buildup to the climate conference Tuesday alongside naturalist David Attenborough and Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte at London's Science Museum. Italy is hosting a preparatory meeting for the conference.



STEVEN SENNE/AP

A scientist notes the time while testing human skin tissue with skin care products at a MatTek Corp. lab, in Ashland, Massachusetts.

Relief for rabbits, mice, others

Calf., Nevada, Ill. join push to ban cosmetics tested on animals

BY MICHELLE L. PRICE
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — A growing number of U.S. states are considering a ban on the sale or import of cosmetics that have been tested on animals, as advocates argue testing products such as lotions, shampoos and makeup on rabbits, mice and rats is cruel and outdated.

The cause has gained support from consumers and many cosmetics companies, but the biggest hurdle is China, which requires that cosmetics sold in its large, lucrative market undergo testing on animals.

California, Nevada and Illinois all saw new laws take effect this year that ban the sale or import of animal-tested cosmetics.

The laws, which apply to tests performed after Jan. 1, aren't expected to cause much disruption for the industry because many companies already use nonanimal testing.

Instead, they draw a line in the sand that puts pressure on the U.S. government to pass a nationwide ban and help end

China's requirement that most cosmetics sold in that nation of more than 1.4 billion people undergo testing on animals by Chinese regulators.

China's policy applies to all imported cosmetics, including makeup, perfume and hair care products, along with some "special use" goods produced in China, such as hair dye, sunscreen and whitening products that make functional claims.

Animal-tested cosmetics already are banned in Europe, India and elsewhere.

A ban in the United States, one of the world's largest economies, would put further global pressure on China to end its policy and push Chinese cosmetics companies to rely on nonanimal tests if they want to sell their products in the U.S.

"We're not trying to create an island out here in Nevada," said state Sen. Melanie Scheible, who sponsored Nevada's law. "We are trying to join a group of other communities that have stood up and said, 'We don't support animal testing.'"

Animal-rights groups like Cruelty Free International and the Humane Society of the United States hope to get more states to pass bans this year.

Legislation has been introduced or will soon be made public in Hawaii, Maryland, New Jersey, New York and Virginia, according to Cruelty Free International, and a national ban has been introduced in

Congress since 2014, though the bipartisan measure has been slow to advance.

The most recent version introduced in November marks the first time the country's leading cosmetics trade group, the Personal Care Products Council, has become a vocal backer of the ban, support that should ease lawmaker concerns about business opposition.

The California, Nevada and Illinois laws create exemptions for any cosmetics that were tested on animals to comply with regulations of a foreign government — an exception that acknowledges the reality that most companies will see their products tested on animals if they sell in China.

Scheible said her aim in Nevada was not to punish those multinational corporations but to raise awareness and put pressure on other governments, like China, to act.

"A lot of people thought that we no longer tested on animals at all," she said. "They thought that this was already a thing of the past."

The bans in all three states require cosmetics sellers to use nonanimal tests to prove their products are safe. Many international companies are already doing that after the European Union passed a series of similar bans on animal testing, culminating with a 2013 ban on the sale of animal-tested products.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

US antitrust chief off Google probe

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department official leading the investigation of big tech companies' market dominance is stepping aside from the department's Google probe because of his previous lobbying work for Google as a private attorney.

Assistant Attorney General Makan Delrahim, the department's antitrust chief, is recusing himself from the investigation into Google, a person familiar with the matter said Tuesday. Associate Deputy Attorney General Ryan Shores will continue to oversee the tech review.

Delrahim lobbied on Google's behalf in 2007 when the company faced antitrust scrutiny over its acquisition of DoubleClick, a competitor in digital advertising.

Etihad to sell 38 aircraft for \$1B

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Abu Dhabi's long-troubled Etihad Airways said Tuesday it would sell 38 aircraft to an investment firm and a leasing company in a deal valued at \$1 billion, the latest cost-cutting measure by the United Arab Emirates' national carrier.

Etihad said it would sell 38 aircraft — 22 Airbus A330s and 16 Boeing 777-300ERs — in the deal with investment firm KKR and leasing firm Altavair AirFinance.

KKR said the Boeing 777-300ERs will "be leased back to Etihad upon purchase in early 2020," while the Airbus A330s will go to international clients.

Etihad described the move as being in line with "the third year of its transformation program."

Irish regulators investigate Google, Tinder

Associated Press

LONDON — Irish regulators have launched separate inquiries into Google and dating app Tinder over how they process user data, in a new round of regulatory scrutiny aimed at tech companies.

Ireland's Data Protection Commission said Tuesday that it decided to look into how Google handles location data after a number of consumer groups across the European Union filed complaints.

The commission opened an investigation into Google's Irish subsidiary to determine whether the U.S. search giant "has a legal basis for processing the location data of its users" and whether it meets transparency obligations under the

EU's strict General Data Protection Regulation.

Google "will cooperate fully with the office of the Data Protection Commission in its inquiry, and continue to work closely with regulators and consumer associations across Europe," the company said in a statement. "In the last year, we have made a number of product changes to improve the level of user transparency and control over location data."

The regulator is also investigating Tinder after people in Ireland and elsewhere in the EU raised concerns about issues surrounding U.S. parent company Match Group's "ongoing processing of users' personal data" related to Tinder, transparency and compliance with GDPR.

"Transparency and protecting our

users' personal data is of utmost importance to us," Match Group said. "We are fully cooperating with the Data Protection Commission, and will continue to abide by GDPR and all applicable laws."

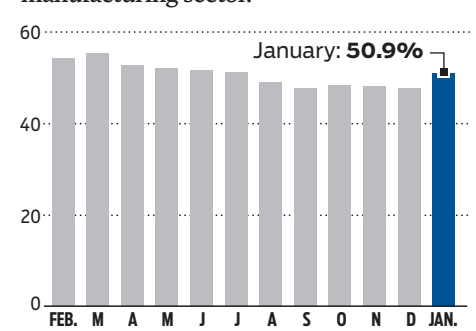
Ireland's Data Privacy Commission is the lead EU regulator for both companies because their European headquarters are based in Dublin. Under GDPR, regulators can fine companies up to more than \$22 million, or 4% of global annual revenue, whichever is higher, for any breaches as well as require changes to follow the law.

The commission has 23 inquiries into big U.S. tech companies, which also include Facebook and Twitter.

It launched a separate investigation of Google last year over personalized online advertising.

Manufacturing weakens

Manufacturing activity increased in January, according to the Institute for Supply Management's Purchasing Managers' Index, based on a survey of purchasing managers about the manufacturing sector.

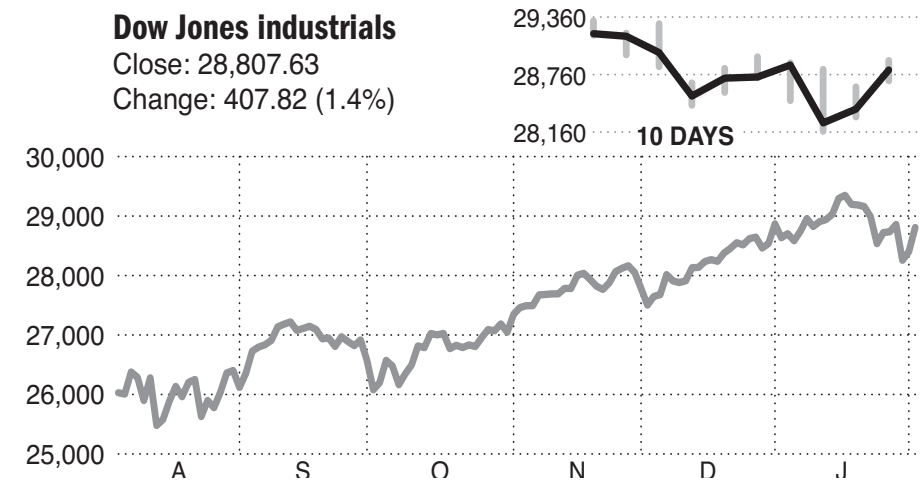


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Low: 9,374.05	Low: 3,280.61	Low: 1,644.42
Previous: 9,273.40	Previous: 3,248.92	Previous: 1,632.21

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+08 to 1.60%	-26.80 to \$1,550.40	+84 to 109.51/\$1	+0.0017 to .9056/\$1	-50 to \$49.61

Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P
+30	+2.14	+65	+78	+4.40	+1.87	+13.36	+27.91	+20.45

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 20	554.25	564.25	553.50	557.25	+1.75
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 20	378.25	383.50	378.25	382.25	+3.50
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 20	876.25	887	873.75	879.50	+2.50
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Mar 20	30.21	31.04	30.16	30.73	+44
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Mar 20	289.80	292.40	287.50	288.50	-1.30
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Mar 20	51.55	49.31	49.61	49.61	-50
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Mar 20	1.823	1.888	1.804	1.872	+0.053
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Mar 20	1.4635	1.5054	1.4345	1.4432	-0.0305

Source: The Associated Press

LOCAL STOCKS

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

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	88.23	+1.17	Envestnet Inc	N	79.63	+1.29	McDonalds Corp	N	214.62	-.56
AbbVie Inc	N	84.36	+2.06	Equity Commonwlth	N	32.91	+0.01	Middleby Corp	O	111.51	+1.51
Allstate Corp	N	119.95	+9.0	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	73.43	+4.5	Mondelez Intl	O	57.43	-.12
Aptargroup Inc	N	116.95	-.29	Equity Residential	N	83.64	+8.0	Morningstar Inc	O	159.73	-.38
Arch Dan Mid	N	45.37	+4.1	Exelon Corp	O	48.09	-.11	Motorola Solutions	N	178.32	+2.29
Baxter Intl	N	90.87	+1.18	First Indl RT	N	43.53	+6.9	NiSource Inc	N	29.48	-.31
Boeing Co	N	317.94	+1.94	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	71.24	+2.26	Nthn Trust Cp	O	100.42	+2.76
Brunswick Corp	N	61.21	-1.03	Gallagher AJ	N	104.70	+4.4	Old Republic	N	22.79	...
CBQE Global Markets	N	122.47	-1.39	Grainger WW	N	308.14	+4.91	Packaging Corp Am	N	99.47	+2.32
CDK Global Inc	O	55.91	+1.51	GrubHub Inc	N	55.97	+2.19	Paylocity Hldg	O	149.76	+5.64
CDW Corp	O	136.15	+3.26	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	107.85	+9.3	RLI Corp	N	94.95	+3.33
CF Industries	N	41.07	+1.32	IAA Inc	N	48.00	+1.13	Stericycle Inc	O	63.50	+1.2
CME Group	O	215.54	+9.7	IDEX Corp	N	169.09	+4.03	TransUnion	N	95.25	+2.53
CNA Financial	N	46.07	+6.1	ITW	N	182.03	+5.57	US Foods Holding	N	39.02	-.87
Cabot Microelect	O	153.27	+4.38	Ingredion Inc	N	88.35	+1.1	Ultra Salon Cosmetics	O	273.52	-1.44
Caterpillar Inc	N	133.51	+3.74	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	175.10	+1.64	United Airlines Hldg	O	78.89	+3.98
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	31.92	-1.02	Kemper Corp	N	77.39	+1.53	Ventas Inc	N	58.28	+3.6
Deere Co	N	164.43	+6.14	Kraft Heinz Co	O	29.15	...	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	52.34	+1.39
Discover Fin Svcs	N	75.80	+7.1	LKQ Corporation	O	33.26	+6.9	Wintrust Financial	O	65.11	+5.8
Dover Corp	N	116.46	+2.78	Littelfuse Inc	O	183.91	+6.75	Zebra Tech	O	247.87	+5.32

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE		
STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Ford Motor	9.18	+2.0
Chesapeake Engy	.51	-0.00
Snap Inc A	18.98	+7.5
Bank of America	33.62	+6.5
Gen Electric	12.58	+3.2
Teva Pharm	12.06	+9.1
Freeport McMoRan	12.04	+6.0
Uber Technologies	38.53	+9.4
AT&T Inc	37.63	+6.7
Exxon Mobil Corp	59.97	-7.6
Aurora Cannabis Inc	2.14	+1.4
Nokia Corp	3.96	+0.8
Pfizer Inc	37.69	+1.8
Ambev S.A.	4.09	-0.4
Invesco Mtg Cap	17.27	-2.1
Petrobras	14.37	+1.7
Disney	144.73	+3.1
Yamana Gold Inc	3.92	-1.0
Vale SA	12.23	+3.3
BP PLC	36.50	+1.27
Slack Technologies	23.25	+2.27
Intelsat SA	3.97	+4.3
Energy Transfer L.P.	12.88	+0.8
Regions Fncl	16.26	+4.0

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Tesla Inc	887.06	+107.06
eBay Inc	37.41	+3.02
Adv Micro Dev	49.45	+1.43
Onconova Therapeut	.38	+0.06
Microsoft Corp	180.12	+5.74
Apple Inc	318.85	+10.19
Luckin Coffee Inc	36.24	+4.89
Zynga Inc	6.08	+1.2
Vaxart Inc	1.18	-.42
Comcast Corp A	44.28	+1.62
On Semiconductor	19.82	-0.9
Intel Corp	65.46	+1.04
Sirius XM Hldgs Inc	7.21	+0.4
DigitalAlly Inc	1.23	+2.7
Micron Tech	55.50	+1.72
Facebook Inc	209.83	+5.64
JD.com Inc	40.35	+1.5
Gilead Sciences	67.40	+1.04
NortonLifeLock Corp	17.53	+3.8
Cisco Syst	47.62	+1.09
Applied Matis	63.01	+3.29
Caesars Entertain	13.96	+1.4
Oasis Petroleum	2.22	-0.2
American Airlines Gp	28.43	+1.37

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	2783.29	+36.7/+1.3
Stoxx600	418.47	+6.8/+1.6
Nikkei	23084.59	+112.7/+5
MSCI-EAFE	1986.30	-7.4/-4
Bovespa	115556.70	+927.5/+8
FTSE 100	7439.82	+113.5/+1.6
CAC-40	5935.05	+102.5/+1.8

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization		
STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
AT&T Inc	37.63	+6.7
Alibaba Group Hldg	222.88	+9.78
Alphabet Inc C	1447.07	-38.87
Alphabet Inc A	1445.41	-37.19
Amazon.com Inc	2048.67	+45.47
Apple Inc	318.85	+10.19
Bank of America	33.62	+6.5
Berkshire Hath B	225.08	+1.61
Facebook Inc	209.83	+5.64
HSBC Holdings prA	26.94	+0.2
Intel Corp	65.46	+1.04
JPMorgan Chase	135.29	+1.92
Johnson & Johnson	151.60	+1.43
MasterCard Inc	329.12	+4.60
Microsoft Corp	180.12	+5.74
Procter & Gamble	125.66	+5.5
Taiwan Semicon	57.52	+2.75
Visa Inc	203.56	+2.75
WalMart Strs	115.27	+1.00

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	1.53	1.55
6-month disc	1.51	1.52
2-year	1.40	1.34
10-year	1.60	1.52
30-year	2.08	2.00

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1550.40	\$1577.20
Silver	\$17.528	\$17.640
Platinum	\$966.10	\$970.70

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	4.75
Discount Rate Primary	2.25
Fed Funds Target	1.50-1.75
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.50

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

A U.S. Dollar buys ...

Argentina (Peso)	60.4997
Australia (Dollar)	1.4845
Brazil (Real)	4.2580
Britain (Pound)	.7670
Canada (Dollar)	1.3286
China (Yuan)	6.9984
Euro	.9056
India (Rupee)	71.104
Israel (Shekel)	3.4471
Japan (Yen)	109.51
Mexico (Peso)	18.6909
Poland (Zloty)	3.87
So. Korea (Won)	1183.49
Taiwan (Dollar)	30.09
Thailand (Baht)	30.98

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets			CHG	1-YR
FUND	NAV	IN \$	%	RTN
American Funds AMCpA m	34.30	+58	+18.6	
American Funds AmrcnBaIA m	28.81	+25	+14.6	
American Funds CptWldGrncA m	652.46	+84	+16.8	
American Funds CptlncBldrA m	63.24	+49	+12.5	
American Funds FdmtlnvnsA m	62.79	+107	+18.9	
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	53.41	+111	+21.6	
American Funds IncAmrcA m	23.30	+20	+13.9	
American Funds InvAmrcA m	39.96	+61	+17.9	
American Funds NwPrsctvA m	48.93	+100	+23.7	
American Funds WAMtlnvnsA m	48.34	+65	+17.8	
Dodge & Cox Inc	14.22	-0.3	+9.7	
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	42.22	+5.7	+9.7	
Dodge & Cox Stk	191.19	+2.61	+17.5	
DoubleLine TtRetBdl	10.79	...	+7.4	
Fidelity 500ldxnsPrrm	114.48	+1.69	+23.4	
Fidelity Contrafund	14.41	+2.6	+23.8	
Fidelity InvMGradeBd	11.74	-0.3	+10.4	
Fidelity TIMktldxnsPrrm	92.62	+1.41	+22.2	
Fidelity USBdlxnsPrrm	12.09	-0.4	+9.6	
Franklin Templeton IncA1 m	2.32	+0.1	+8.1	
Metropolitan West TtRetBdl	11.09	-0.4	+10.3	
PIMCO IncI2	12.09	...	+7.4	
PIMCO IncIstl	12.09	...	+7.5	
PIMCO TtRetns	10.52	-0.4	+9.4	
Schwab SP500ldx	50.48	+7.5	+23.4	
T. Rowe Price BCGr	131.83	+2.62	+24.4	
T. Rowe Price GrStk	78.04	+1.60	+24.7	
Vanguard 500ldxAdmrl	304.68	+4.50	+23.4	
Vanguard BalldxAdmrl	40.06	+3.1	+17.4	
Vanguard DivGrnv	31.24	+3.8	+24.9	
Vanguard EqInAdmrl	79.13	+8.4	+16.6	
Vanguard GrldxAdmrl	99.88	+1.91	+32.5	
Vanguard HCAdmrl	88.82	+1.63	+15.8	
Vanguard IntTTEAdmrl	14.65	-0.2	+7.6	
Vanguard Inslldxns	296.60	+4.38	+23.4	
Vanguard InslldxnsPlus	296.62	+4.38	+23.4	
Vanguard InstSMInPls	70.25	+1.07	+22.0	
Vanguard IntGrAdmrl	106.21	+2.99	+25.2	
Vanguard MdcpldxAdmrl	224.95	+3.01	+19.7	
Vanguard PrrmCpAdmrl	146.05	+3.15	+18.7	
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.79	-0.1	+5.9	
Vanguard SmCpldxAdmrl	79.68	+1.18	+12.8	
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	28.77	-3.91	NA	
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	17.71	-2.20	NA	
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	33.34	-3.16	NA	
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	21.10	-1.40	NA	
Vanguard TtBldxAdmrl	11.22	-0.4	+9.9	
Vanguard TtBldxns	11.22	-0.4	+9.9	
Vanguard TtBldxAdmrl	22.99	-0.5	+8.6	
Vanguard TtSldxAdmrl	34.50	+0.7	+8.6	
Vanguard TtSldxns	29.45	+4.9		

OBITUARIES

BERNARD EBBERS 1941-2020

WorldCom chief built phone company giant, jailed for fraud

BY KATHARINE Q. SEELYE AND DANIEL VICTOR
New York Times

Bernard J. Ebbers, who built a modest Mississippi phone company into a telecommunications giant, WorldCom, but later went to jail after its collapse in one of the nation's largest corporate scandals, died Sunday at his home in Brookhaven, Mississippi. He was 78.

His health had sharply deteriorated in recent months, his family said in a statement provided by his lawyer, Graham P. Carner, who confirmed the death. One of his daughters, Joy Ebbers Bourne, said in a court filing in October that Ebbers was "now experiencing full-blown dementia."

Ebbers, who in 2005 was sentenced to 25 years in prison, was freed from a federal prison in Texas in December, having been granted compassionate release by a federal judge to spend his final months at home.

In what was once considered a great entrepreneurial success story, Ebbers turned his small company in Mississippi, Long Distance Discount Service, into a telecommunications juggernaut, earning him the sobriquet "the telecom cowboy."

The company, renamed WorldCom, grew through an astonishing string of more than 40 mergers and acquisitions, including the \$37 billion takeover in 1998 of MCI Communications, which was twice the size of WorldCom. At its peak in 1999, WorldCom employed 80,000 people and had a market capitalization of about \$180 billion.

The company's sudden growth presented it with an array of new challenges, including placating federal regulators, courting multinational corporate customers and serving millions of residential customers.

But Ebbers minimized the immensity of his task.

"You know, it's not as complicated as people make it out to be," he told The New York Times in 1998 as he sat in the wood-paneled dining

room of his 130-foot yacht, Countach, while it was berthed at Hilton Head, South Carolina.

He said he would succeed by relying on experts. "I'm not an engineer by training; I'm not an accountant by training," he said. "I'm the coach. I'm not the point guard who shoots the ball."

But the company's apparent growth turned out to be largely illusory, facilitated by accounting trickery. At his 2005 trial, held in Manhattan, former employees testified that Ebbers had urged them to inflate WorldCom's financial results to make the company appear more profitable than it was.

The jury convicted him of securities fraud, conspiracy and filing false reports, despite his argument that he had been misled by subordinates and in the dark about any wrongdoing.

His case was one of a slew notable corporate scandals in the first half of the last decade that caught up high-ranking executives, including Jeffrey Skilling at Enron, John Rigas at Adelphia Communications and Dennis Kozlowski at Tyco International.

But Ebbers' 25-year sentence was among the harshest ever imposed on a corporate executive.

"The problem is that Bernard Ebbers was transformed into a symbol of corporate corruption," Reid Weingarten, one of his lawyers, said after he was sentenced.

WorldCom had \$107 billion in assets when it applied for bankruptcy protection in July 2002 — the largest bankruptcy filing in United States corporate history at the time — and its rapid fall reverberated throughout the industry. Thousands of WorldCom employees lost their jobs, insurance and pensions as well as their 401(k) retirement savings when the price of the company's stock plummeted.

Rival AT&T had laid off tens of thousands of its people in the late 1990s as it tried to chase WorldCom's phantom profits.

In 2005, Ebbers, who was once worth \$1 billion on paper, surrendered nearly all

of his remaining \$40 million fortune to investors who had lost billions in the bankruptcy

The WorldCom scandal was the largest accounting scandal in American history until Bernie Madoff's Ponzi scheme, involving billions of dollars and thousands of victims, was revealed in 2008.

Bernard John Ebbers was born on Aug. 27, 1941, in Edmonton, Alberta, to John T. and Kathleen Mary (Ellen) Ebbers. His father was a traveling salesman and a mechanic, and her mother was a homemaker.

The family moved to California in the 1940s. Later, Bernie, as he was called, attended boarding school on a Navajo reservation. He ended up receiving a basketball scholarship — he was 6-foot-4 tall — to Mississippi College, a private Baptist institution in Clinton, Miss. He graduated in 1967 with a degree in physical education.

Ebbers married Linda Pigott in 1968, and they divorced in 1997. He and his second wife, Kristie Ebbers, who were married in 1999, divorced in 2008.

He is survived by four daughters, Ave Easley, Treasure Ebbers Beeson, Joy Ebbers Bourne and Faith Ebbers Gates; three brothers, John, James and Stephen; a sister, Marion Olthuis; 12 grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

Ebbers had been scheduled to be released from prison on July 4, 2028, but after more than 13 years of incarceration he was granted compassionate release on Dec. 21.

In a statement Monday, Bourne, one of his daughters, said the family understood that many of the victims of her father's scheme had opposed his early release. But, she said, she was grateful for Judge Valerie Caproni's judgment that keeping him in prison would not bring back anyone's investments.

She added that the Ebbers family would join a movement of people who are pressing for the compassionate release of ailing prisoners.

Chicago Daily Tribune

ON FEBRUARY 5 ...

In 1631, the founder of Rhode Island, Roger Williams, and his wife arrived in Boston from England.

In 1897, the Indiana House of Representatives unanimously passed a measure redefining the area of a circle and the value of pi; the bill died in the state Senate.

In 1917, Congress passed, over President Woodrow Wilson's veto, an immigration act severely curtailing the influx of Asians.

In 1937, President Franklin Roosevelt proposed increasing the number of justices on the Supreme Court; critics accused Roosevelt of attempting to "pack" the high court.

In 1973, services were held at Arlington National Cemetery for Army Lt. Col. William Nolde, the last American soldier killed before the Vietnam cease-fire.

In 1981, a military jury in North Carolina convicted Marine Pfc. Robert Garwood of collaborating with the enemy while a prisoner of war in Vietnam.

In 1983, former Nazi Gestapo official Klaus Barbie, expelled from Bolivia, was brought to Lyon, France, to stand trial. (He was convicted and sentenced to life in prison; he died in 1991.)

In 1988, the Arizona House of Representatives impeached Gov. Evan Mecham, setting the stage for his conviction in the state Senate.

In 1993, federal Judge Kimba Wood, President Bill Clinton's expected choice for attorney general, withdrew from consideration, saying her baby-sitter had been an illegal immigrant for seven years.

In 1994, white separatist Byron De La Beckwith was convicted in Jackson, Miss., of murdering civil rights leader Medgar Evers

in 1963, and was immediately sentenced to life in prison.

In 2002, a federal grand jury indicted John Walker Lindh on 10 charges, alleging he was trained by Osama bin Laden's network and that he conspired with the Taliban to kill Americans.

In 2003, Secretary of State Colin Powell urged the U.N. Security Council to move against Saddam Hussein, saying Iraq had failed to disarm, was harboring terrorists and was hiding behind a "web of lies."

In 2011, former Chicago Bears defensive end Richard Dent, who racked up 137 1/2 sacks in his 15-year career and was MVP of the winning Super Bowl XX, was elected to the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

In 2015, 70s British rock star Gary Glitter is convicted of sexual child abuse charges in London.

In 2017, the New England Patriots defeated the Atlanta Falcons 34-28 in overtime to win Super Bowl LI after the Falcons disintegrated with a 28-3 lead late in the third quarter, giving Patriots quarterback Tom Brady in concert with coach Bill Belichick their fifth Super Bowl win in one of the greatest comebacks in the championship game of a major sport. **Also in 2017** Granddad, the Shedd Aquarium's Australian lungfish that was the oldest zoo animal in Chicago and the longest lived aquarium fish in the world, died; Shedd officials said he was likely to have been in his 90s or possibly beyond the century mark.

Chicago Tribune Death Notices
Chicago Tribune extends our condolences to the families and loved ones of those who have passed.
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Death Notices

Arvanites, Maria

Maria Arvanites, 87, (nee Metropoulos), Born in Kerasia, Greece; Beloved wife of Louis; Devoted mother of George (Thomas), Steven (Susan) and John (Lisa); Cherished grandmother of Michael and Sophia; Loving sister of Sotiria (the late Nicholas) Mpaxevanos, Eleni (the late Demetrios) Pilafas, the late Konstantinos (the late Areti) Metropoulos, the late Peter (the late Joann) Metropoulos, and the late Vasiliki (the late Guillermo) Ninon Dearest sister-in-law of the late Maria (the late Chris) Grumbos, the late Helen (the late Robert) Hylton, and the late Eugenia (the late John) Cox; Dear aunt, cousin and friend of many. Visitation Wednesday, February 5, 2020 from 4 - 9 p.m. at Salerno's Galewood Chapels 1857 N. Harlem Ave. Chicago. Relatives and friends are requested to please meet Thursday morning at St. Demetrios Greek Orthodox Church 2727 W. Winona St. Chicago, IL 60625 for 10:30 a.m. Funeral service. Interment will follow to Elmwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations in her memory to St. Demetrios Church appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to NICHOLAS M. PISHOS FUNERAL DIRECTOR, LTD. Info: 773-889-1700 or www.salernofuneralhomes.com

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Batka, Hynek J. 'Hank'

Hynek "Hank" J. Batka, age 89, of Chicago IL. Beloved husband to Dorothy nee Pulo for 60 wonderful years. Devoted dad to Phyllis (Jim) Sadowski, and Allan (Sheila) Batka. Loving grandpa to Henry, Kristen, Robert (Kalie), and Brendan. Dear brother to John (Bonnie) Batka. Hank was a life long "Indy" fan, and a proud Korean War veteran, specializing in the Explosive Disposal Division. A visitation will be held Thursday, Feb. 6 at Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home, 6150 N. Cicero Ave. Chicago IL, from 3:00-8:00PM. The funeral mass will be Friday, Feb 7, at Queen of All Saints Basilica, 6280 N Sauganash Ave, Chicago, IL at 10:00AM. Interment St. Adalbert Cemetery. For more info please call 773-736-3833 or visit Hank's memorial at www.smithcorcoran.com.

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Brown, Ruth

Ruth Brown, age 88, of Chicago Ridge, IL passed away on Sunday, February 2, 2020. Beloved wife of the late Thomas Brown; loving mother of Barbara (Drew) Steinbach and Timothy (Suzanne) Brown; cherished grandmother of Reid, Brett and Emily. Visitation Thursday, February 6, 2020, 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Blake-Lamb Funeral Home, 4727 W. 103rd St., Oak Lawn. Interment Private. For more information 708-636-1193 or visit www.blakelamb-oaklawn.com

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Byron, Alice L.

Alice L. Byron, born to James R. and Myrtle Shoop on June 19, 1925 in St. Lawrence, South Dakota. Beloved wife of the late Jerome. Loving mother of Jamie, Daniel and the late David. Proud grandmother of Olivia and Vanessa (Alasdair) Foster. Dear sister of Marian Heckard and the late Burdell, Herbert and James. Fond aunt of Connie and Sharon. Alice received training as an RN at Michael Reese Hospital in 1943 and continued until after her marriage. She was a loyal friend, avid traveler, dedicated housekeeper, excellent cook and above all, a devoted mother. Her many interests included gardening, collecting and refinishing antiques, and spending time with friends. Service Thursday 1PM at Chicago Jewish Funerals, 8851 Skokie Blvd (at Niles Center Road), Skokie, IL. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery, Skokie. Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of your choice. Arrangements by Chicago Jewish Funerals - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjffinfo.com

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Clark Jr., Cornelius Harry 'Neal'

Cornelius "Neal" Harry Clark Jr., 76, passed away peacefully at his home in Park Ridge, Illinois. Neal was born in Detroit. He graduated from the University of Detroit Jesuit High School in 1961 and the University of Notre Dame in 1965. Neal is preceded in death by his cherished father, Cornelius Harry Clark Sr., and mother, Dorothy O'Donnell Clark; and treasured brother-in-law Thomas Lagona and sister-in-law Patricia Montalbano Lagona. He is survived by his beloved wife of 33 years, Susan Lagona Clark; loving children Michael, Kathleen, and Anna; cherished siblings Melinda (Donald) Slagel, Elizabeth (Scott) Sloan, and Christopher Clark; beloved mother-in-law Lorraine Lis Lagona; loving brother-in-law and best friend Anthony Lagona; and many adored nieces and nephews. He will be dearly missed by Rose, his Australian Shepherd. Neal's bond with his family and friends is unbreakable and everlasting. Visitation will be held on Friday, February 7th from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm at Cooney Funeral Home (625 Busse Highway, Park Ridge, Illinois 60068). The funeral service will be held on Saturday, February 8th starting from Cooney Funeral Home at 9:00 am and proceeding to Mary, Seat of Wisdom Catholic Church (920 Granville Avenue, Park Ridge, Illinois 60068) with Mass starting at 10:00 am. Burial will immediately follow at St. Adalbert Catholic Cemetery (6800 Milwaukee Avenue, Niles, Illinois 60714). Please contact Cooney Funeral Home (847-685-1002) for more information. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be gifted to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research (www.bit.ly/tigertomlagona) in honor of his late brother-in-law, Thomas.

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Coate, Carol Jean

Carol Jean Coate, age 88, passed away January 26, 2020 at Michaelson Health Care Center in Batavia, IL. Devoted daughter of the late Jeannette (nee Fosdyke) and the late Harry B. Coate. Carol received a BA Degree from Wheaton College and went on to receive a Master's Degree from National College of Education in Evanston, IL. Carol taught for the Chicago Public Schools and also the Elmhurst School District teaching at Lincoln School. Member and longtime organist at Grace Bible Church in Elmhurst. Graveside service will be held at Mount Emblem Cemetery, Grand Ave. and County Line Rds., Elmhurst, at 1:00 P.M., Friday, February 7, 2020. Please meet at the cemetery office. Arrangements entrusted to Ahlgrim Funeral Home, Elmhurst, IL. Funeral Info 630-834-3515 or www.ahlgrim.com

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Death Notices

Dobrez, Joan C.

Joan C. "Gammmy" Dobrez nee Sloup, age 87. Longtime, 53-year resident of her beloved Flossmoor. Devoted parishioner and active volunteer of Infant Jesus of Prague Church. Wife for 59 years of the late John F. Dobrez. Mother of Kathy (Tom) Blakemore, Rick (Debbie) Dobrez, John (Tammy) Dobrez, Tom (Edie)



Dobrez, Dan (Amy) Dobrez, Scott (Deborah) Dobrez, Chris (Amanda) Dobrez and Grandchildren Jenni (Chad) Ranft, TJ (Patty) Blakemore, Chris Blakemore, Mike (Danielle) Blakemore, Megan Mulvehill, Adam (Marissa) Dobrez, Nate Dobrez, John (Emily) Dobrez, Matt Dobrez, Nick Dobrez, Becca Dobrez. Caroline Dobrez, Tommy Dobrez, Ryan (Alex) Dobrez, Brianna Dobrez, Teddy Dobrez, Catherine Dobrez, Amanda Dobrez, Charlotte Dobrez and Amelia Dobrez. Great grandmother to Thomas, Sophia, Jack, Elsie, Claudia and Sunny. Sister of Frank "Bud" (Dorothy) Sloup. Beloved aunt and dear friend of many. Joan was a very devoted volunteer to the Homewood-Flossmoor community. She founded Flossmoor in Autumn and Curtain Call shows, as well as the Village Door Consignment Shop, which helps support the JSF Cancer Support Center in Homewood. She chaired events for the American Society of Interior Designers, the Flossmoor Service League House Walks, and the Cancer Support Center Gala. She will be dearly missed by all fortunate enough to know her. Resting at Panozzo Bros. Funeral Home, 530 W. 14th St. (U.S. Rt. 30, 3 blks E. of Western Ave.), Chicago Heights on Thursday February 6th from 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM. Funeral Friday 11:15 AM to Infant Jesus of Prague Church, Flossmoor. Mass 12:00 PM. Burial, Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, 2:30 PM. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Joan's name to Cancer Support Center of Homewood, 2028 Elm St., Homewood, IL 60430 or Homewood Science Center, 18022 Dixie Hwy, Homewood, IL 60430, would be appreciated by her family. For further service information contact 708-481-9230 or panozzobros.com.

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Gora, Jr., Edwin L.

Edwin L. Gora Jr., age 71, of Chicago, IL passed away Sunday, February 2, 2020. He was loving father of Tasha Olivo and Marisa Gora, and lifelong friend of their mother, Rhonda Pepevnik, from whom he was happily divorced for over forty years. Together they continued to cherish the family they started and prioritized time with their treasured grandchildren, Salina Olivo, and Avery and Aiden Kemora. While Edwin was a loyal employee of A. Finkl & Sons for 45 years, what he truly loved to do was travel and seek out the newest dining experiences. As much as he had a passion for exploring the restaurant scene or stowing away on a tropical beach, more than anything he loved sharing those experiences. His generosity was evident in his desire to include not only family, but also their partners and friends, as it was clear that any experience for him meant more when it was a means to bring together the ones he loved. He took particular joy in humbly gifting to people the things in life they would not have bought or done for themselves. Edwin's life was in many ways consumed and driven by his inherent desire to provide a better life for those around him. He is preceded by Edwin Sr. and Dorothy Gora; and survived by dear brothers Robert Gora, Steven Gora and Thomas Gora. Edwin was also fond uncle of his dear nieces and nephew. Visitation will be held Friday, February 7, at The Elms Funeral Home, 7600 W. Grand Ave, Elmwood Park, IL 60707 from 4PM to 9PM with a service held at 7pm. In lieu of flowers please send donations to CLL Global Research Foundation or the American Kidney Foundation.

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Greenberg, Judi A.

Judi A. Greenberg, 59. Beloved daughter of the late Robert and Irene (nee Bookstein); cherished sister of Ileen (Adam) Bryer, Gayle (Daniel) Greenberg-Smith, and the late Allan Greenberg; loving aunt of Sam, Joe, Rachel, Aaron, Jake, and Emma Bryer, Josh, Ryan, Zach, and Lilli Smith; caring great-aunt of Hailey and Ethan. Judi was a proud firefighter and paramedic for the Naperville and Northfield Fire Departments; she was the first female hired at Northfield. She started in Northfield in 1980 and was the Lieutenant Medical Officer for over 20 years. Judi started in Naperville in 1984 and retired in 2018. She will be deeply missed. Funeral service Thursday, Feb. 6, 10 AM, at Temple Beth-El, 3610 Dundee Rd, Northbrook. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. Memorial contributions may be made to the Anti-Cruelty Society, www.anticruelty.org, or the Firefighter Cancer Support Network, www.firefightercancersupport.org. For info: 847-256-5700.

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HESIK SR., GEORGE JOHN

George John Hesik Sr. age 86 of Downers Grove, IL formerly of Clarendon Hills IL. Beloved husband of Joyce M.; loving father of Joseph (Nancy), Joanne (Eugene) Peace, Sandra (Clyde) Lazar, Edward (Monica), Patricia (Davis) Blouin and George John Jr.; cherished grandfather of 9, devoted great-grandfather of 3; also several nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by his parents and siblings. He was a member of St Mary of Gostyn Catholic Church. Visitation will be Thursday February 6, 2020 from 4-9PM and Funeral Services will be Friday 10:30 AM at Toon Funeral Home 4920 Main Street Downers Grove, IL 60515. Interment Resurrection Cemetery, Justice IL. For additional information www.toonfuneralhome.com OR 630-968-0408

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Izzo, Patricia K.

Patricia K. Izzo, nee Tegtmeier, age 95, of Deerfield. Beloved wife of the late Albert J.; dear mother of Steve (Alina) and Diane (Ray) Roman; loving grandmother of Courtney (John) Curtis, Stephanie (Geoff) Scott, Alexandra (Craig) Howell, Connor (Tatianna), Griffin, and Casey Roman; cherished great-grandmother of James Curtis, Nathan Scott and Colson Roman; fond sister of Mary Lou (the late Ben) Ehrlich and the late Sally (the late Zenon) Kowalczyk. Visitation, Thursday, February 6, 2020, from 3 to 9 p.m., at HABEN Funeral Home & Crematory, 8057 Niles Center Rd., Skokie, Illinois, Friday, February 7, at 9:30 a.m., from the funeral home, for Mass, 10 a.m., at Holy Cross Catholic Church, 724 Elder Ln., Deerfield. Interment, Ascension Catholic Cemetery, Libertyville. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Catholic Charities, 721 N. LaSalle St., Chicago, IL, 60654. Info: 847.673.6111 or www.habenfuneral.com to sign guestbook.

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WINNING LOTTERY NUMBERS

ILLINOIS

Feb. 4
Mega Millions
32 48 50 51 64 / 10
Mega Millions jackpot: \$168M
Pick 3 midday 175 / 5
Pick 4 midday 5125 / 1
Lucky Day Lotto midday
06 26 27 36 38

Pick 3 evening 399 / 8
Pick 4 evening 7176 / 3
Lucky Day Lotto evening
17 20 24 28 40

Feb. 5 Powerball: \$50M
Feb. 6 Lotto: \$5.75M

WISCONSIN

Feb. 4
Pick 3 366
Pick 4 8493
Badger 5 01 03 11 17 25
SuperCash 06 16 22 23 28 33

INDIANA

Feb. 4
Daily 3 midday 962 / 2
Daily 4 midday 2910 / 2
Daily 3 evening 716 / 0
Daily 4 evening 2894 / 0
Cash 5 03 04 18 26 31

MICHIGAN

Feb. 4
Daily 3 midday 472
Daily 4 midday 1430
Daily 3 evening 400
Daily 4 evening 8056
Fantasy 5 15 22 24 25 36
Keno 02 05 11 23 29
32 35 37 41 44 45 46 49
53 55 58 59 60 65 74 79 80

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Death Notices

Stackowicz, Joseph Frank 'Joe'

Love of family and love of life best describe Joseph Frank Stackowicz, who passed away peacefully on February 3, at the age of 98, surrounded by his loving family. Joe was born January 14, 1922 in Downers Grove, Illinois, to the late Thomas and Honorata (Urban) Stackowicz. He married the love of his life, Frances Paluch, from Buffalo, NY, on April 30th, 1949. She preceded him in death in 2005.

Left to cherish the memory of Joe are his 2 children, daughter, Norine (Robert) Baloun, and son, John (Millie) Stackowicz; eight grandchildren, and twenty-one great-grandchildren. He is survived by sister, Lillian Lee of Bloomington, IL; along with numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by 3 sisters and 4 brothers.

Joe was a Navy veteran who served during WW II on the USS Howard Gilmore. He worked in insurance sales for the Knights of Columbus until his retirement in 1994. Joe was a 4th degree member of the Knights of Columbus, served as a Grand Knight for Council 4263 in Granger, IN, and was also a Past Commander of American Legion post 738 in Deerfield, IL.

Joe was a lifelong Cubs fan and got to fulfill his dream of watching them win the world series. Some of Joe's favorite things included watching Notre Dame women's basketball, being Santa Claus for many families and organizations, singing to friends and family on their birthdays, making dill pickles and tending to his tomato plants. Time with family was the most important thing to Joe, who never missed a family event. Joe's entire family was lucky enough to be treated to many wonderful vacations.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Granger Knights of Columbus Scholarship Fund at P.O. Box 2, Granger, IN 46530.

Visitation for Joe will be held on Friday February 7th at the **McGann Hay** Granger Chapel, 13260 SR23, from 1-7 pm. Enter at Cherry Rd. Funeral services will be held at St. Pius X Catholic Church, 52553 Fir Rd, Granger, IN, on Saturday, February 8th at 9:00 AM with visitation 1 hour prior. Burial will take place following the service at St. Joseph Valley Memorial Park.

To send condolences to the family, please visit www.McGannHay.com.

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Tomazin, James U.

James U. Tomazin, 83, of Mt. Prospect; was born on August 5, 1936 in Chicago to Urban and Cecilia (nee Geoffroy) Tomazin. He died Wednesday, January 29, 2020 in Arlington Heights. Mr. Tomazin worked as a copywriter/producer for N.W.

Ayre, Earle Ludgin, Campbell Mithun and J. Walter Thompson Advertising Agencies in Chicago. He was a member of Alpha Kappa Psi Fraternity of Loyola University Chicago. Jim was also a member of the Chicago Architectural Foundation. He was a collector of everything from architectural artifacts to sports cars. James is survived by his spouse, of 50 years, Joyce (nee Fessler); sister, LaVaughn Mitoraj; and many loving nieces and nephews and great-nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Jill Cecilia Tomazin; and his parents.

Visitation Saturday, February 8, 2020 from 1 pm until the 4 pm Funeral Service at Glueckert Funeral Home Ltd., 1520 N. Arlington Hts. Rd., (4 blocks south of Palatine Rd.), Arlington Hts., IL 60004. Interment will be held privately at All Saints Cemetery in Des Plaines. In lieu of flowers memorials may be given to The Orchard Evangelical Free Church, 1330 N. Douglas, Arlington Heights, IL 60004 or Fenwick High School, 505 Washington Blvd., Oak Park, IL 60302. Funeral information and condolences can be given at www.GlueckertFuneralHome.com or (847) 253-0168.

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Tsaoussis, Frances

Frances Tsaoussis, age 93, nee Mallos, passed away peacefully on January 24, 2020 in Tarpon Springs, Florida. She was born in Louisville Kentucky, then moved to Chicago, where for over 66 years she was the beloved wife of the late Themis. Fond sister of the late Stella Georgacopoulos. Loving mother of Cari (Peter) Pappas and Solon (Patty) Tsaoussis. Devoted grandmother to Dino, Tim, Cynthia and Julia. Fond Aunt, Cousin, and Friend to many.

Frances was devoted to St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church in Chicago, Illinois where she was church secretary for over 25 years. She also served as Philoptochos President, Sunday School Teacher, and Choir Member for many years. Her warm smile, enthusiasm, and generosity are well known to all.

Visitation Friday January 31, 2020 10-11 am until time of funeral services at 11 AM at St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church, 5649 N. Sheridan Road, Chicago, IL 60660.

May her memory be eternal. Kindly omit flowers. Donations in her memory may be made to St. Andrew Greek Orthodox Church, Chicago, IL.

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Vanarsdall, Joyce K

Joyce Kathleen Vanarsdall (Norton), of Glen Ellyn, Ill, departed this life on January 23, 2020. She was one of four children and the only daughter of Walter and Eleanor Norton (Biegalski). She was predeceased by her beloved husband David, her brother Phillip and her grandson Pvt. David E Vanarsdall, USMC. She is survived by her son Kurtis (Margie) Vanarsdall, grandchildren Kevin, Julia and Mary, brothers Donald and Gerald and sisters-in-law Mary Ann Norton and Judith Hovious.

A Mass for the intention of her soul will be offered at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Lebanon, IN at 9AM February 8, 2020. Interment of ashes will follow at Oak Hill Cemetery, Lebanon, IN.

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Death Notices

Wiedner, Frank Joseph

Frank Joseph Wiedner, 96, was the loving husband of the late Alyce Wiedner for 72 years. Father of six, grandfather of 24, great-grandfather of 13, passed away peacefully at home on January 31st, 2020. Loving father of Patricia (Paul) Purcell, Carole (Peter) Clarke, Paul (Harriet) Wiedner, Mark (Jennifer) Wiedner, John Wiedner and Marianne (Chip) Stride. Dear grandfather of

Carolann (Baird) Allis, Paul (Mary) Purcell, Emily (Josh) Locke, Mark (Michelle) Purcell, Rebecca (Hubert) de la Vauvre, Molly (Parker) Dunning, the late Jimmy Wiedner, Beth (Faiz) Razi, Katie Wiedner, Maggie Wiedner, Annie Wiedner, Andrew (Nikki) Wiedner, Landis Wiedner, Wally Wiedner, Hallie Wiedner, Aubrey Baldwin, Paige Baldwin, Caleb Wiedner, Hannah Wiedner, Joshua Wiedner, Allie Stride, Parker Stride, Caroline Stride and Martha Stride. Revered great-grandfather of Catherine, John Paul, and Mark Allis, Owen and Madison Purcell, Frank Locke, Caroline, Patrick James, and Sophie de la Vauvre, Clarke Dunning, Brooklyn, Pason, and Wesley Wiedner. He is preceded in death by his parents Frank and Caroline Wiedner; his siblings Sister Marie Wiedner OP, William Wiedner and Joseph (Pat) Wiedner; his beloved wife Alyce Joyce Wiedner and cherished grandson Jimmy Wiedner.

Frank was born and raised on the northwest side of Chicago. He attended St. Philomena's Grade School, DePaul Academy High School, DePaul University, DePaul College of Law and then to midshipmen school at John Carroll University and Harvard University for officer communications. Frank and his wife Alyce were married in Tokyo, Japan in 1946 after World War II. They settled in Chicago and later moved to Glen Ellyn where they raised their six children. Frank practiced law in Chicago for 45 years. He started with General Accident Insurance Company and later formed his own firm in 1973 (Wiedner & McAuliffe). The firm is now located in five states and has over 75 attorneys. He was a frequent lecturer for Illinois Institute of Continuing Legal Education and served as editor of the Illinois State Bar Association newsletter on Workman's Compensation for 30 years.

His unparalleled run of volunteer service to the Village of Glen Ellyn began with his appointment in 1965 to Plan Commission, followed in 1967 with the concurrent appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals. This was followed in 1969 by election as Village President, a role he served for four years. Frank guided The Village during a time of high growth and completion of major village projects including the relocation of municipal offices to the Civic Center (formally Duane Street School). In appreciation of his efforts, village officials dedicated the gymnasium in his name. In addition, Frank was instrumental in the Village's efforts to acquire the land to expand The Village Links Golf Course to a 27-hole course. Frank served on the Board of the Fire & Police Commission from 1981-2005.

Lastly, Frank continued his service in the community through his participation as an original member of the DuPage Water Commission, securing Lake Michigan water for Glen Ellyn and surrounding communities. Frank developed commercial and residential properties including the street where he built the family home on Joyce Court which was named in honor of his wife Alyce Joyce Wiedner. Frank was an active member in the Rotary and Knights of Columbus. He was a founding member of the Glen Ellyn Chapter of Romeos (Retired Old Men Eating Out) at Santa Fe Restaurant in Glen Ellyn. He continued to play tennis, racquet ball, golf and snow ski into his 80's. A very special thanks to Jembo whose care and devotion over the last 15 months to Frank was unparalleled.

Above all else, his love of his wife and family was extraordinary. Family was the most important thing in his life, and for 54 years, the house on Joyce Court was an epicenter of family gatherings and cherished memories. Frank will be remembered on Sunday, February 9th at **Leonard Funeral Home**, 565 Duane St. Glen Ellyn from 3:00-7:00 PM. A Funeral Mass will be held Monday, February 10th at St. Petronille Church, 420 Glenwood Ave. Glen Ellyn at 11:00 AM. Interment will be private.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Marionjoy Rehabilitation Center & Misericordia in his honor.

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Chicago Tribune Publisher and Editor-in-Chief Bruce Dold will lead a discussion on empowering Chicago's at-risk youth. The program will be followed by a reception for the speakers and audience. Panelists include:

- > **Lori Lightfoot**, Mayor of Chicago
- > **Sandra Abrevaya**, President and Chief Impact Officer, Thrive Chicago
- > **Alex Kotlowitz**, author, *An American Summer: Love and Death in Chicago*
- > **Tom Gilardi**, Vice President of Youth Programs, Mercy Home for Boys & Girls
- > **Marcelo Sanchez**, Mercy Home for Boys & Girls alum

Monday, February 24

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National Moving and Storage/Notice National Moving and Storage is having an auction on 3/1/20 12-3pm for the abandoned house hold goods of Steven Patel. Auction located at 6445 N Hamlin Ave Lincolnwood IL 60712. For details call 888-668-3717

Trans Van Lines/Auction Notice Trans Van Lines is having an auction on 3/1/20 12-3pm for the abandoned house hold goods of Shirema Dumas. Auction will be located at 6445 Hamlin Ave Lincolnwood IL 60712. For details call 888-909-7940.

ASSUMED NAMES

Notice is hereby given, Pursuant to "An Act in relation To the use of an Assumed Business Name in the conduct of transaction of Business in the State" as amended, that a Certification was filed by the Undersigned with the County Clerk of Cook County File No. **202003075** on the **DATE: January 27, 2020** Under the Assumed Name of: **ORIGINAL CEREMONIES** with the business located at: **450 E WATERSIDE DR #2109 CHICAGO, IL 60601** The true name and residential address of the owner is: **KAREN KAUFMAN 450 E WATERSIDE DR #2109 CHICAGO, IL 60601**

1/29, 2/5, 2/12/2020 6587221

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

County of Cook
Toni Preckwinkle, President

Office of the Chief Procurement Officer
Rafiq Sarrafian, Chief Procurement Officer

ADVERTISEMENT DATE: February 5, 2020

DESCRIPTION: ROBERTS ROAD - Valley Drive to 87th Street
Section: 19-W3216-00-PV
Cook County Contract No.: 2028-18123

BID DEPOSIT: Each bid shall be accompanied by a bid bond, cashier's check or a properly certified check for not less than 5% of the amount of the bid on this contract.

MBE GOALS: 24%

WBE GOALS: 10%

PRE BID CONFERENCE: Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 11 a.m.
Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways
69 West Washington St.
Room 2200-D
Chicago, IL 60602

BID OPENING DATE: March 11, 2020 - 10:00 a.m.
Office of the Chief Procurement Officer
118 North Clark Street, Room 1018
Chicago, IL 60602

CONTACT: cho.ng@cookcountynil.gov

PROPOSAL DOCUMENT AVAILABLE AT:
<https://legacy.cookcountynil.gov/purchasing/bids/listAllBids.php>

LOCATION OF IMPROVEMENT
The proposed improvement is part of the public highway system in the County of Cook, State of Illinois, located by section and route before mentioned, and is indicated on the map showing the County Highway System on file in the office of the County Clerk and also in the office of the Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Highways, Springfield, Illinois.
Roberts Road from Valley Drive to 87th Street located in Palos Township within the Cities of Palos Hills and Hickory Hills in the County of Cook. The improvement begins as a point 774 feet north of the centerline of 111th Street and continues northerly to a point 226 feet south of 87th Street for a distance of 14903.45 feet or 2.82 miles.

DESCRIPTION OF IMPROVEMENT
Roberts Road from Valley Drive to 87th Street is a quality control/quality assurance (QC/QA) project. It is the intent of this contract to provide for the pavement rehabilitation of the Roberts Road from Valley Drive to 87th Street. The work will be as follows:

- Full depth Class C patching, edge grinding and 2 1/4 inch overlay with 3/4-inch Polymerized Binder Course, IL-4.75, N50 and 1 1/2 inch Hot-Mix Asphalt Surface Course, Mix "E", N70 at:
 - 95th Street to 92nd Street
 - 90th Street to south of 87th Street
 - Full depth Class C patching, 2-inch PCC surface removal and 2 1/4-inch overlay with 3/4-inch Polymerized Binder Course, IL-4.75, N50 and 1 1/2 inch Hot-Mix Asphalt Surface Course, Mix "E", N70 at:
 - 104th Street intersection
 - 102nd Street to south of 101st Place
 - Two-inch HMA Surface Removal and 2 1/4-inch resurfacing with 3/4-inch Polymerized Binder Course, IL-4.75, N50 and 1 1/2 inch Hot-Mix Asphalt Surface Course, Mix "E", N70 at:
 - Valley Drive to south of 104th Street
 - South of 101st Street to 95th Street
 - 92nd Street to 90th Street
- Also included in the improvement is traffic signal modernization, ADA ramp updates, median updates, removal and replacement of distressed concrete curb and gutter, drainage adjustments, pavement markings and other related road works.
2/5/2020 6594587

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Audrey Ligon Daniel Ligon, Jr D'Yaiza Ligon Serenity Williams

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Asia Williams (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA01555 19JA01556 19JA01557 19JA01558

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Daniel Ligon (Father), Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **December 23, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Bernard Sarley** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **02/27/2020** at **10:00 AM** in CALENDAR 9 COURTROOM 1, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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

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

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

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
January 9, 2020 6592573

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Eelani Davis AKA Eelani Davis AKA Eelani Evans

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Shira Weston (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA01257

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **October 30, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Maxwell Griffin** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **02/27/2020** at **9:30 AM** in CALENDAR 10 COURTROOM 1, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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

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

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
January 24, 2020 6594844

LEGAL NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE OF THE SELECTION AND THE DATE FOR CONFRATERNAL MEETING OF JUDGES OF ELECTION TO SERVE IN POLLING PLACE UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF KAREN A. YARBROUGH COOK COUNTY CLERK FOR THE YEARS 2020 AND 2021

Public notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of Cook County, Illinois has filed in the Circuit Court of Cook County, County Department, County Division, a Petition to have the persons hereafter named, confirmed and appointed as Judges of Election in the County of Cook under the jurisdiction of the County Clerk of Cook County.

Notice is also hereby given that upon the filing of the aforesaid Petition, an Order was duly entered by said Court that on or before the opening of court at 10:30a.m., on Friday, February 21, 2020, in Courtroom 1703, to the Honorable Sharon M. Sullivan, you must present, if any exists, any cause why the following named persons, or any one or more of them, should not be confirmed and appointed, as the case may be, for the years 2020 and 2021. If no cause is presented, then confirmation and appointment will be made on that day.

FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT NO CAUSE TO THE CONTRARY BEING SHOWN PRIOR TO THE OPENING OF COURT AT 10:30 A.M. ON Friday, February 21, 2020, SUCH APPOINTMENT BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF COOK COUNTY WILL BE CONFIRMED BY ORDER ENTERED BY THE COURT.

PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF COOK COUNTY
KAREN A. YARBROUGH
COOK COUNTY CLERK
Dated at Chicago, Illinois, this 5th day of February, 2020
2/05/2020 6588563

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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
Eva Barragan-Trujillo AKA Eva Barragan

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Yuly Barragan (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00653

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Ignacio Delgado (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **June 20, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Andrea M. Buford** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **02/27/2020** at **11:00 AM** in CALENDAR 4 COURTROOM D, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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

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

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

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
November 19, 2019 6525657

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Jennifer Martinez

A MINOR
NO. 2019JD01608

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, **Unknown (Mother)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **October 09, 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 **Stuart Lubin** in the 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois on **02/19/2020** at **9:00 AM** in CALENDAR 58 COURTROOM 11.

or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act. The court has authority in this case to take from you the custody and guardianship of the minor.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause to the contrary, an order or judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief asked in the petition.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT
January 14, 2020

ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY:
A. Sammarco, B. Serven
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 14, 2020 6575092

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
January 24, 2020 6594844

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
King Perry-Jones

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Sandy Jones (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00580

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **November 22, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Patricia M. Martin** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **02/27/2020**, at **10:00 AM** in CALENDAR 3 COURTROOM C, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

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

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

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
December 3, 2019 6562156

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Nico Johnson

A MINOR
NO. 2019JD01436

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, **Katavias Calhoun (Father)**, respondents, and to **ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN**, that on **September 11, 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 the court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Linda J. Prael** in the 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois on **02/13/2020** at **9:00 AM** in CALENDAR 60 COURTROOM 12.

or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act. The court has authority in this case to take from you the custody and guardianship of the minor.

UNLESS YOU appear at the hearing and show cause to the contrary, an order or judgment by default may be entered against you for the relief asked in the petition.

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF COURT
December 11, 2019

ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY:
Andrew Ches
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
December 11, 2019 6543252

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Illinois Housing Development Authority (the "Authority") gives notice that it will hold a hearing on February 20, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at the offices of the Authority located at 111 E. Wacker Drive, Suite 1000, Chicago, IL 60601 in connection with the proposed issuance by the Authority of not to exceed \$12,500,000 in aggregate principal amount of its tax-exempt bonds and/or notes (collectively, the "Bonds"), in one or more series, pursuant to a common plan of finance. The proceeds of the Bonds will be used to finance or refinance, through a new mortgage loan to the Owner listed below (or an affiliate thereof), (i) the acquisition, construction, rehabilitation and/or equipping of the multifamily residential housing property set forth below (the "Development"), and (ii) the costs of issuance, capitalized interest, and reserve funds for the Bonds, if any.

Property Name and Address / Name of Owner / Number of Units / Original Principal Amount (Not to Exceed)
Park Tower, 247 Caterpillar Drive, Joliet, IL 60436 / Inwood Park Tower 2 LLC / 134 / \$12,500,000
The Authority is a body politic and corporate of the State of Illinois created by the Illinois Housing Development Act, as amended (20 ILCS 3805/1) (the "Act"), for the purpose of assisting in the financing of decent, safe and sanitary housing for persons and families of low and moderate income in Illinois. The Authority is authorized by the Act to issue the Bonds to finance the Development described in this Notice.

This public hearing is being held to comply with the requirements of Section 147(f) of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the relevant regulations promulgated thereunder. Oral comments may be limited to ten minutes. Written comments may also be submitted to, and additional information obtained from, the Authority at its offices at 111 E. Wacker Drive, Suite 1000, Chicago, IL 60601 at any time prior to the public hearing.

Date of Notice: February 5, 2020
Kristin Fazio, Chief Executive Officer
Executive Director
Illinois Housing Development Authority
2/05/2020 6582227

PUBLIC NOTICE
Public notice of upcoming nursing accreditation review at Triton College

River Grove, Illinois - Triton College wishes to announce that it will host a site visit for continuing accreditation of its nursing program by the Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN). The community is invited to meet with the site visit team and share comments about the program in person at a meeting scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10, in the H Building, Room 223.

Written comments are also welcome and should be submitted directly to: Dr. Marsal Skoll, Chief Executive Officer, Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing, 3343 Peachtree Rd. NE, Suite 850, Atlanta, GA 30326
Comments may also be submitted via email to mskoll@acenursing.org

All written comments should be received by ACEN by Monday, February 17, 2020.
2/5/2020 6592955

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

IN THE INTEREST OF
Skylar Fleming

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Chanita Jackson (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: 19JA01060

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Edward Fleming (Father)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **September 24, 2019**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXX** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Nicholas Geanopoulos** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **02/27/2020** at **10:00 AM** in CALENDAR 17 COURTROOM K, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
January 9, 2020 6592550

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Education, Lemont-Bromberek Combined School District 113A, Lemont, Cook County, Illinois, hereinafter known as Owner, is seeking bids for New Generators at River Valley and Oakwood Elementary School in Lemont, Illinois.

Lump Sum Bids will be publicly opened and read at the District Office of CSD 113A, 16100 W 127th St, Lemont, IL 60439, at 11:00 a.m., on Tuesday, February 18, 2020. Bids received after designated time and date of bid opening will not be considered. Bid security, in the form of a bid bond or certified check in an amount equal to ten percent (10%) of the base bid shall be submitted with the bid. Performance and Labor and Material Payment Bonds and Certificate of Insurance, as required by the Owner, will be required from the successful bidder. The Board of Education, Lemont-Bromberek Combined School District 113A reserves the right to reject any and all bids or parts thereof, to waive any irregularities or informalities in bidding procedures and to award the contract in a manner best serving the interest of the Owner.

All bidders must comply with applicable Illinois Law requiring the payment of prevailing rate of wage to all laborers, workmen and mechanics working on public funded projects. If during the time period of work, these rate changes, the contractor shall be responsible for additional costs without any change to the contract amount. The proposed contract is subject to the requirements of the Equal Employment Practices Commission and the Illinois Human Rights Act (IHRA) Illinois Revised Statutes, Ch. 68, Par. 1-101, et. seg. "Including the requirement that every party to a public contract shall have adopted written sexual harassment policies, PA. 87-1257". Bidding Documents may be obtained from the District Office of CSD 113A, 16100 W 127th St, Lemont, IL 60439.

All prospective bidders are requested to attend a pre-bid conference at 10:00 a.m., on February 6, 2020, located at River Valley Elementary School, 15425 127th St, Lemont, IL 60439, in order to familiarize themselves with the project, which will be attended by both the Owner and the Architect/Engineer. Site inspection will follow the meeting. The Architect will transmit to prospective b

FORECLOSURES

F19120024 LCARE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION Lakeview Loan Services LLC, Plaintiff, vs. Adrean Williams aka Adrean S. Williams; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants Defendants. CASE NO. 19 CH 14474 10229 South Perry Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60628 Spratt Calendar # 64 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Adrean Williams aka Adrean S. Williams, and UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, defendants in the above entitled cause, that the suit has been commenced against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court for the Judicial Circuit by said plaintiff praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: THE SOUTH 15 FEET OF LOT 11, CT 12 (EXCEPT THE SOUTH 10 FEET THEREOF) IN BLOCK 4 IN COTTAGE ADDITION TO ROSELAND, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF BLOCK 16, THE EAST 1/2 OF BLOCK 17, LOT 4 AND THE EAST 1/2 OF LOT 3 OF BLOCK 26 OF FERNWOOD, BEING A RESUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 9, TOWNSHIP 37 NORTH, RANGE 14, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. P.I.N.: 25-09-429-010-000 Said property is commonly known as 10229 South Perry Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60628, and which said mortgage(s) was/were made by Adrean S. Williams and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 1630722084 and for other relief, that Summons was duly issued out of the above Court against you as provided by law and that said suit is now pending. NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Cook County on or before February 28, 2020, a default may be taken against you at any time after that date and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp. This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Steven C. Lindberg ANSELMO LINDBERG & ASSOCIATES LLC 1771 N. Diehl Rd., Ste 120 Naperville, IL 60563-4947 630-453-6960 | 866-402-8661 | 630-428-4620 (fax) Attorney No. Cook 58852, DuPage 293191, Kane 031-26104, Peoria 1794, Winnebago 3802, IL 03126232 lpl@anselmolindberg.com THIS LAW FIRM IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR. 1/29, 2/5, 12/2020 65865075

F19120106 CALI IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust Plaintiff, vs. Valerie A. Evans aka Valerie Evans; Katriek & Associates, Ltd.; Second City Construction Co., Inc.; Ironline Acquiring Services; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants Defendants. CASE NO. 19 CH 14886 7306 South May Street, Chicago, Illinois 60621 Sullivan Calendar #6 NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, Katriek & Associates, Ltd.; Zenith Acquisition Services, and UNKNOWN OWNERS and NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit has been commenced against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court for the Judicial Circuit by said plaintiff praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to wit: LOT 3 IN BLOCK 2 IN SAMUEL EICHERBERG S SUBDIVISION OF THE NORTH 1/2 OF THE WEST 1/2 OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 38 NORTH, RANGE 14, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. P.I.N.: 20-29-216-025-0000 Said property is commonly known as 7306 South May Street, Chicago, Illinois 60621, and which said mortgage(s) was/were made by Dorothy Evans and Valerie A. Evans and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 98064794 and for other relief, that Summons was duly issued out of the above Court against you as provided by law and that said suit is now pending. NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Cook County on or before FEBRUARY 28, 2020, a default may be taken against you at any time after that date and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit <http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm> to learn more and to select a service provider. If you need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp. This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Steven C. Lindberg ANSELMO LINDBERG & ASSOCIATES LLC 1771 N. Diehl Rd., Ste 120 Naperville, IL 60563-4947 630-453-6960 | 866-402-8661 | 630-428-4620 (fax) Attorney No. Cook 58852, DuPage 293191, Kane 031-26104, Peoria 1794, Winnebago 3802, IL 03126232 lpl@anselmolindberg.com THIS LAW FIRM IS DEEMED TO BE A DEBT COLLECTOR. 1/29, 2/5, 12/2020 65865658

TAKE NOTICES

To: Trust 3460 ; 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. 2019COTD004622 FILED: 11/22/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 5/8/2018 Certificate No.: 16-0002651 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: ON THE EAST SIDE OF MEACHAM ROAD, BEGINNING APPROXIMATELY 453.40 FEET NORTH OF BROOKDALE LANE AND HAVING 135 FEET OF FRONTAGE ON MEACHAM ROAD IN, PALATINE, ILLINOIS 60667 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 02-35-300-024-0000 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 5/11/2020. 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 5/11/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 5/20/2020 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 5/11/2020 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: January 22, 2020 Bailin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 2/3, 2/4, 2/5/2020 6586625

TAKE NOTICES

To: Jeffrey R Probst; First Midwest Bank, N.A.; Village Bank and Trust S/I/I to First North Bank; Village of Arlington Heights, c/o Becky Hume, Village Clerk; Person or Revenue Service; U.S. Attorney General for Northern District of IL; U.S. Attorney General; Jeff's Automotive Services, Inc.; Advance Pest Control, Inc.; Occupant, 105 N. Hickory Avenue, Arlington Heights, Illinois 60090; 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. 2019COTD004628 FILED: 11/22/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 5/7/2018 Certificate No.: 16-0004085 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: 105 N. HICKORY AVENUE, ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, ILLINOIS 60004 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 03-29-403-035-0000 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 5/11/2020. 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 5/11/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 5/20/2020 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 5/11/2020 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: January 22, 2020 Bailin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 2/3, 2/4, 2/5/2020 6586752

To: Klara Bakondi; Erno Bakondi; JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A.; c/o CT Corp. System; MAC FUNDING CORPORATION; MAC FUNDING CORPORATION, c/o Paracorp Incorporated; Midwest Manufacturing and Distributing, Inc.; c/o Monty S Boatright, Reg. Agt.; MAC Machinery Systems, Inc.; c/o MFR, Inc. Registered Asset, LLC, Reg. Agt.; PROPS 10 Keystone Realty; Occupant, 6025 N. Keystone Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60646; 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. 2019COTD004639 FILED: 11/22/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 5/8/2018 Certificate No.: 16-0006196 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: 6025 N. KEYSTONE AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60646 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 13-03-229-009-0000 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 5/11/2020. 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 5/11/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 5/20/2020 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 5/11/2020 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: January 22, 2020 Bailin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 2/3, 2/4, 2/5/2020 6586842

To: Chicago Title Land Trust Company A/T/ U/T/A/D 4/21/14 A/K/A/T/N 800234628 c/o CT Corporation System; Mako Properties, Inc.; Mako Properties, Inc.; c/o Olga Mitchell, Reg. Agt.; Szymbaranki, Szwab, Mitchell and Mitchell; Occupant, 3101 N. Lowell Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60641; Elisa Roberts; 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. 2019COTD004440 FILED: 11/22/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 5/8/2018 Certificate No.: 16-0006381 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: 3101 N. LOWELL AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60641 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 13-27-201-013-0000 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 5/11/2020. 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 5/11/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 5/20/2020 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 5/11/2020 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: January 22, 2020 Bailin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 2/3, 2/4, 2/5/2020 6586871

To: Veronica L Allen a/k/a Veronica Allen ; Internal Revenue Service; U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of IL; U.S. Attorney General; Molly's Beauty Shop; Eden Place Bible Fellowship; Occupant, 516 E. 67th Street, Chicago, Illinois 60637; 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. 2019COTD004630 FILED: 11/22/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 5/7/2018 Certificate No.: 16-0004707 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: 516 E. 67TH STREET, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60637 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 20-22-226-040-0000 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 5/11/2020. 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 5/11/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 5/20/2020 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 5/11/2020 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: January 22, 2020 Bailin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 2/3, 2/4, 2/5/2020 6586756

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To: Chicago Title Land Trust Co. Suctr to First National Bank of Illinois A/T/U/T/A/D 4/18/08 A/K/A/T/N 5222 c/o CT Corporation System; Dipak Shah & Gonzalez Realty; 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. 2019COTD004644 FILED: 11/22/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 5/9/2018 Certificate No.: 16-0010082 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: 4801 W. LAKE STREET, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60644 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 16-09-405-024-0000 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 5/11/2020. 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 5/11/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 5/20/2020 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 5/11/2020 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: January 22, 2020 Bailin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 2/3, 2/4, 2/5/2020 6586896

To: Javier Ortega; Occupant, 8028 S. Western Ave, Chicago, Illinois 60620; Awnings Express, Inc.; 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. 2019COTD004645 FILED: 11/22/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 5/8/2018 Certificate No.: 16-0006944 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: 8028 S. WESTERN AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60620 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 19-36-215-031-0000 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 5/11/2020. 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 5/11/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 5/20/2020 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 5/11/2020 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: January 22, 2020 Bailin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 2/3, 2/4, 2/5/2020 6586878

To: Eric Brewer; The Law Offices of Jeffrey M. Leving, Ltd.; City of Chicago, c/o Anna H. Leving, Chicago, Illinois 60636; Monet's Beauty & Barber Shop; Jerry Smith; 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. 2019COTD004642 FILED: 11/22/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 5/8/2018 Certificate No.: 16-0007281 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: 5543 S. RACINE AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60636 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 20-27-224-026-0000 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 5/11/2020. 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 5/11/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 5/20/2020 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 5/11/2020 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: January 22, 2020 Bailin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 2/3, 2/4, 2/5/2020 6586887

To: Veronica L Allen a/k/a Veronica Allen ; Internal Revenue Service; U.S. Attorney for the Northern District of IL; U.S. Attorney General; Molly's Beauty Shop; Eden Place Bible Fellowship; Occupant, 516 E. 67th Street, Chicago, Illinois 60637; 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. 2019COTD004643 FILED: 11/22/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 5/7/2018 Certificate No.: 16-0005065 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: 516 E. 67TH STREET, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60637 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 20-22-226-040-0000 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 5/11/2020. 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 5/11/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 5/20/2020 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 5/11/2020 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: January 22, 2020 Bailin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 2/3, 2/4, 2/5/2020 6586876

To: BHF Chicago Housing Group LLC, BHF Chicago Housing Group B LLC, c/o Chad M. Poznanski, Reg. Agt.; City of Chicago, c/o Anna M. Valencia, City Clerk; Beverly Bank & Trust Co., NA; Illinois Finance Authority; Wilmington Trust, NA; The Vineyard Church Chicago; Occupant, 402 E. 69th Street, Chicago, IL 60637; Occupant, 410 E. 69th Street, Chicago, IL 60637; Occupant, 400 E. 69th Street, Chicago, IL 60637; Wayla D. Prop, LLC; 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. 2019COTD004631 FILED: 11/22/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 5/7/2018 Certificate No.: 16-0004753 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: 400-418 E. 69TH STREET, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60637 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 20-22-408-018-0000 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 5/11/2020. 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 5/11/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 5/20/2020 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 5/11/2020 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: January 22, 2020 Bailin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 2/3, 2/4, 2/5/2020 6586760

To: Merrill Apartments LP, c/o Nick Lambros, Reg. Agt.; Merrill Apartments LP, c/o Ronald K. Nolen, Esq., Reg. Agt.; Trico One Realty, LLC; Anton Asset Mgt.; Urban Partnership Bank; 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. 2019COTD004634 FILED: 11/22/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 5/8/2018 Certificate No.: 16-0005268 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: 2135-2143 E. 80TH STREET, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60617 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 20-36-211-001-0000 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 5/11/2020. 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 5/11/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 5/20/2020 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 5/11/2020 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: January 22, 2020 Bailin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 2/3, 2/4, 2/5/2020 6586780

To: Chicago Title Land Trust Co., Trust No. 8002366118, c/o CT Corp. System; City of Chicago, c/o Anna M. Valencia, City Clerk; F & S Properties, LLC; c/o Angel S. Garcia, Reg. Agt.; F & S Properties, LLC; Salvador Garcia; Aristeo Garcia; Crystal Garcia; Roseland's Sucks & Shirts Logistic Corporation a/k/a Roseland's Sucks & Shirts Logistic Corporation; Mohammed Motani; Occupant, 1311 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60618; 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. 2019COTD004636 FILED: 11/22/2019 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 5/8/2018 Certificate No.: 16-0005876 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: 1311 S. MICHIGAN AVENUE, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60628 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 25-22-1103-0000 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 5/11/2020. 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 5/11/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 5/20/2020 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 5/11/2020 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: January 22, 2020 Bailin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 2/3, 2/4, 2/5/2020 6586787

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Blackhawks rookie Kirby Dach, right, controls the puck in front of the Wild's Jordan Greenway on Tuesday night in St. Paul, Minn.

WILD 3, BLACKHAWKS 2 (OT)

Rookies fuel a playoff push

Colliton: Dach, Boqvist are here to stay, 'getting better all the time'

By JIMMY GREENFIELD

ST. PAUL, Minn. — The debate over where Kirby Dach and Adam Boqvist should be spending this season has largely ended.

A few outliers still insist Dach would have been better off dominating with the Western Hockey League's Saskatoon Blades while Boqvist should have spent the

whole season learning how to be a pro in Rockford instead of with the Hawks.

The fact is that Dach and Boqvist, both 19, have developed into integral parts of a team that against all odds has turned into a playoff contender.

It's possible the Hawks could have found ways to fill their roles from within the organization or through trades, but general manager Stan Bowman didn't find that necessary.

Less than a week after Dach's NHL debut Oct. 20, Bowman told the Tribune that he suspected —

perhaps hoped is a better word — that the No. 3 pick from last year's draft would be a different player after a few months in the league.

"When you have a young player — Kirby's 18 years old (he turned 19 on Jan. 21) — he's different than a lot of our players because his level right now in October is different than his level will be in February," Bowman said in an Oct. 26 interview. "He's going to demonstrate some growth in his game because this is all new to him."

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BASKETBALL FIZZ

Dubbed the Pat Fitzgerald of hoops at NU, **Chris Collins'** magic has disappeared. But is he on the hot seat? Should he be?



TEDDY GREENSTEIN
On Northwestern

Northwestern alumni were so enamored with Chris Collins in 2017, some took offense when writers dubbed him "Basketball Fitz."

Pat Fitzgerald, they argued, is "Football Collins."

Now some of those same people are flooding inboxes and replying to tweets with this question: Is Collins on the hot seat?

The answer: No.

Should he be? No.

But that's not to say Collins deserves a pass. His Wildcats are 34-51 since Gonzaga's Zach Collins put his hand through the cylinder in Salt Lake City to effectively end the greatest season in program history. They bottomed out in the Big Ten last season and are threatening to repeat with a 1-10 start that KenPom.com projects as a 3-17 finish.

Momentum flushed.

Opportunity lost.

So what has gone wrong?

Some of it's bad luck, but a lot of it is on Collins for questionable decisions on and off the court.

Let's start with the "on": The Wildcats' failures down the stretch Saturday against Purdue were both jarring and totally predictable. Northwestern also collapsed against DePaul, Hartford (yes, Hartford) and Indiana.

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Northwestern's record in Big Ten play the last three seasons, including a 1-10 mark in 2019-20. Collins' Wildcats went 4-16 in 2018-19 and 6-12 in 2017-18.



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COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Spartan's over: Dantonio retires, says it has 'zero' to do with lawsuit

By MATT WENZEL
MLive.com

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Mark Dantonio's tenure as Michigan State football coach is over.

After 13 seasons of leading the Spartans and becoming the program's all-time leader in coaching wins, Dantonio announced his retirement Tuesday afternoon. It was a surprising decision because on Nov. 19, amid speculation about

his future, Dantonio said he planned to coach in 2020 and believed he could lead the program to more success.

So what changed in the more than two months that have passed? During a news conference Tuesday night, Dantonio, 63, cited the desire to "uncomplicate" his life and the need for someone running the program who's com-



Dantonio

mitted to at least a three-year vision.

The university announced defensive coordinator Mike Tressel will serve as acting head coach while it conducts a search for Dantonio's replacement.

Dantonio's announcement also comes while he is part of a federal lawsuit brought by former program staffer Curtis Blackwell. The former Michigan

State recruiting director is suing Dantonio, former athletic director Mark Hollis, former university President Lou Anna Simon and two university police detectives for wrongful termination and unlawful arrest.

Dantonio was asked Tuesday night what factor, if any, the lawsuit had to do with his retirement.

"Zero," he said. "No relevance whatsoever."

Blackwell, in a deposition, said

two assistant coaches advised Dantonio not to recruit Austin Robertson. The former four-star prospect was delayed in signing a national letter of intent with the Spartans' 2016 recruiting class because he was accused of inappropriately touching a high school classmate and entered a diversionary program before arriving at Michigan State.

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TOP OF THE SECOND

PATRICK REUSSE

Butler must be laughing out loud

MINNEAPOLIS — The NBA's Eastern Conference, often maligned as inferior to the West, is very stout with its top six this season. The order through Monday's games was the runaway Bucks followed by the surprising defending champion Raptors, then the Celtics, Heat, Pacers and 76ers.

The 76ers have been playing without Josh Richardson recently, his second disruption due to injury this season. The Heat have been playing without Justise Winslow for weeks, James Johnson has been on the outs most of the season and the talented but goofy Dion Waiters has been suspended three times.

No problem. The Heat have Jimmy Butler. And with his all-around play and leadership of a young team, the Heat are 34-15 after Monday's 137-106 blowout of the 76ers.

Butler had 20 points in a highly competitive first half, poured in a few more down the stretch and finished with a season-high 38 points. Humorously after the game, Butler said the ball was going in the basket so well for him (14 of 20) that he felt "like Luka," as in the Mavericks' Luka Doncic.

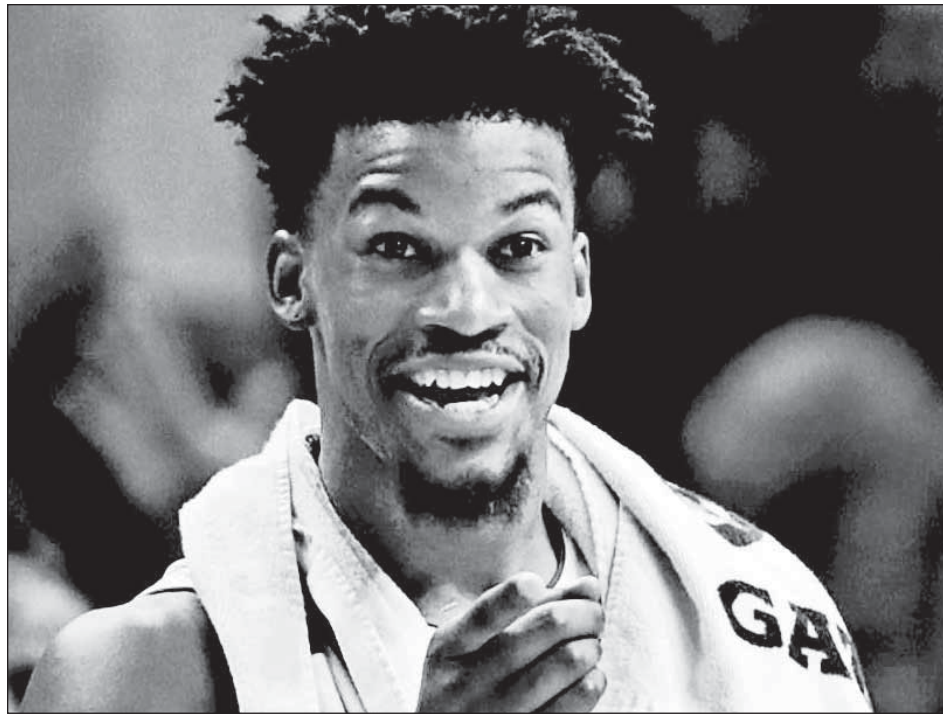
Miami basketball fans love Butler, and why not? The Heat are headed back to the playoffs after a 39-43 flop in 2018-19. And Butler is headed back to the All-Star Game in Chicago after missing it last season — the tormented campaign split between the Timberwolves and the 76ers.

He wanted out of Philadelphia, as he wanted out of Minnesota more loudly, to the point that he allegedly turned down the 76ers' offer of a five-year, \$190 million maximum deal to wind up with a four-year, \$142 million deal in Miami.

This came after a four-team trade July 6 in which Richardson wound up in Philly and Butler wound up in Miami, with other pieces moving hither and yon. One of those was Meyers Leonard, a 7-foot center from Illinois and a seven-year backup for the Trail Blazers.

A key part of the deal for the Heat was getting rid of Hassan Whiteside at the same time they were bringing in Butler. The over-under for wins in sports books before the season was 43½ for the Heat. And that was based on having Winslow.

Now the Heat's victory total will be in the 50s, and Butler and 22-year-old Bam Adebayo are among the East's 12 All-Stars.



/LYNNE SLADKY/AP

Heat guard Jimmy Butler is headed to the All-Star Game in Chicago.

The other starters are Leonard and two undrafted producers: Kendrick Nunn, a rookie who played at Simeon, and Duncan Robinson, with only 15 games played entering this season.

That leaves no mystery as to how Butler quickly has become a hero in South Florida. Speaking of which: The Heat also have Tyler Herro, a 3-point shooter from Kentucky and the No. 13 selection in the 2019 draft.

That was two spots after the Timberwolves were scheduled to draft, but they traded up to No. 6 to draft a non-shooter in Jarrett Culver.

We can only imagine the glee that has been added to Butler's life since Thursday:

Going to the All-Star Game, taking his man Bam with him, making shots "like Luka" against the team he ended the previous season with — and this as the kicker: getting to read the hallucinatory quotes from his Timberwolves rival, Karl-Anthony Towns, about not making the West All-Star squad.

"I'm desensitized to being disrespected in this league," Towns said. "I've been

disrespected since I came in. It's nothing new when I didn't see my name up there.

"When you're a person who's been disrespected like me so much, it's something you expect honestly. You're kind of shocked when you do get it."

Butler scored 24 in the Heat's 102-89 victory Saturday in Orlando. Monday, he had those 38 in 29 minutes against the 76ers. He also defended mightily, rebounded and passed.



It's shocking that Butler was able to play in either of these games. It can't be easy to play with a split gut, which he had to have from howling in laughter when he saw Towns' quotes on disrespect.

I mean, Rodney Dangerfield made a comedic career out of jokes on the subject, but nothing Rodney ever said about disrespect was funnier than last week's self-pity from Towns.

And if that quote wasn't enough of a belly buster for Butler, he can always look up Towns' team in the standings, go to the "Streak" column and see, "L-12."

Patrick Reusse writes for the Star Tribune.

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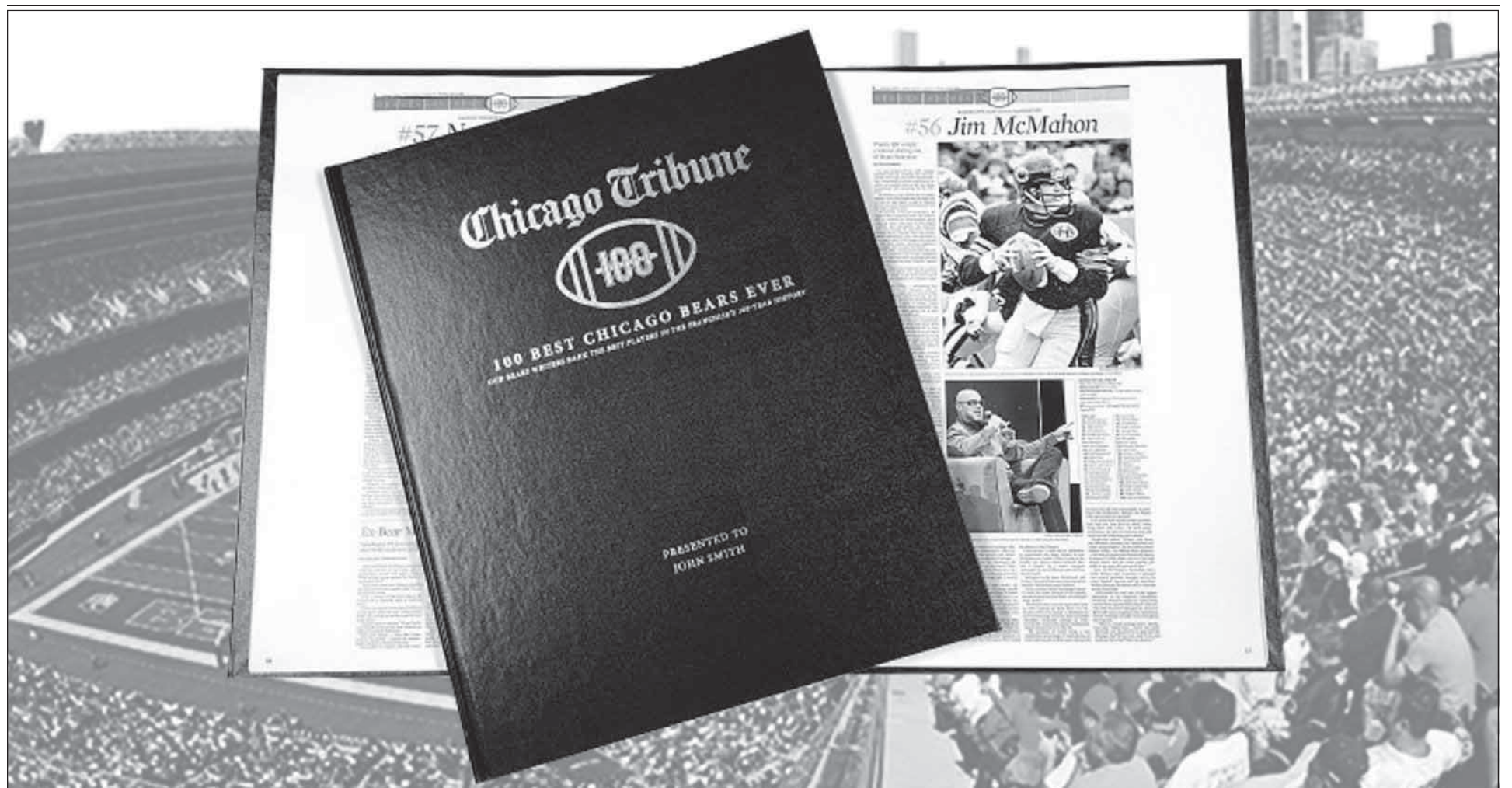
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Cog Hill has hosted many of golf's biggest bombers, including Tiger Woods, John Daly and Dustin Johnson. Coming to Lemont this fall is a man who can pipe it almost 100 yards past them — Steve Kois. Yes, Steve Kois. He once drove a golf ball 442 yards in competition. The Wheaton native and Naperville North alumnus is a big reason the 2020 World Long Drive Championship will be played at Cog Hill on Sept. 3-9, with Golf Channel providing prime-time coverage Sept. 8-9. Kois turned on organizers to the location. "They're building a custom grid for the event," Kois said. "It's an amazing site." Kois, 30, who sometimes practices at the Links & Tees Golf Dome in Addison, is ranked 15th nationally among long drivers. — Teddy Greenstein



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BULLS



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Bulls guard Kris Dunn has suffered an MCL sprain in his right knee. The Bulls said Dunn will be sidelined at least two weeks.

Dunn to miss 2 weeks

Guard needs 6 more starts to earn an extra \$2.5 million

BY JAMAL COLLIER

The Bulls, already without three members of their starting lineup until the All-Star break, sustained another major hit to the rotation last weekend when guard Kris Dunn suffered an MCL sprain in his right knee.

On Tuesday, the Bulls confirmed Dunn's diagnosis, announcing he will be out for at least two weeks while receiving physical therapy and immobilization before the team can provide a definitive timeline on his return.

Dunn suffered the injury on the first play Friday night in Brooklyn after taking a charge and colliding with teammate Thad-

deus Young in the paint. He hobbled to the locker room under his own power, but even before Dunn had a chance to be examined Saturday in Chicago, the Bulls were gearing up for a period without one of their best perimeter defenders.

"The effect of Kris Dunn not being on the floor for us is on multiple levels," coach Jim Boylen said. "He sat in the chair during practice (Tuesday) ... he was shouting out stuff and coaching guys and helping guys. He has embraced that part of it, and it's powerful for us. We miss it on the floor."

Dunn suffered a similar injury during the 2018-19 season, when he missed 24 games with what the team called a moderate MCL sprain in his left knee. The severity of the latest sprain is unclear; the Bulls have 30 games remaining.

The injury comes at an inopportune time in Dunn's career considering he will

be a restricted free agent at the end of the season. As ESPN's Bobby Marks pointed out on Twitter, Dunn is six starts from reaching starter criteria, which would see his qualifying offer rise from \$4.6 million to \$7.1 million.

"I don't talk to him about that," Boylen said Sunday in Toronto about Dunn's contract status. "We both come from the school of no nonsense. Control the things we can control. That will play itself out. I just want to let him know that we're supporting him, care for him."

"He means more to this team than the impact he has on the floor. He's great in the video room. He's great on the practice floor. In the meal room, he has a group of guys he sits with and there's always laughter coming from the table. Those things are important to a team. We'll miss that."

ALL-STAR WEEKEND

LaVine will try to make NBA history

Guard picks 3-Point Contest over third try at Slam Dunk

BY JAMAL COLLIER

The idea of participating in another Slam Dunk Contest never had much appeal for Bulls guard Zach LaVine.

He had already won the contest twice in his career, but if he reached his goal of making the All-Star Game roster, LaVine was prepared to make a run at all three of the premier events during NBA All-Star Weekend in Chicago, which will be held Feb. 14-16 at the United Center and Wintrust Arena.

After missing out on the game, LaVine wanted to be involved in the weekend's festivities in some capacity and settled on the 3-Point Contest. He will get his chance to represent the Bulls and leave his footprint on All-Star Weekend on Feb. 15 at the United Center.

"If I made the All-Star Game, I would've felt a lot better about doing the dunk contest," LaVine said at practice Wednesday. "I feel like I don't have a lot more to prove with that. The 3-point contest is something I've been wanting to do. I just think it will be fun."

LaVine will enter his first 3-Point Contest at an interesting time, with the NBA set to change the format and add two deep shots that will count for three points each, according to The Associated Press. This alteration will make each round a total of 27 shots instead of 25, and competitors will be given 70 seconds rather than 60 to complete each round.

LaVine could have had a chance to join Nate Robinson as the only player in NBA history to win three dunk contests in his career. Instead LaVine will have his own chance at history, vying to become the first player to win both the 3-Point Contest and Slam Dunk Contest.

"That was one of the things I thought of," LaVine said. "I think it will be cool. And I think I have a shot to do it."

The 3-point shootout is also quickly shaping up to be one of the most star-studded events of the weekend. LaVine's competition is expected to include Buddy Hield, Trae Young, Damian Lillard and Devonte Graham, who reportedly accepted an invitation Tuesday.

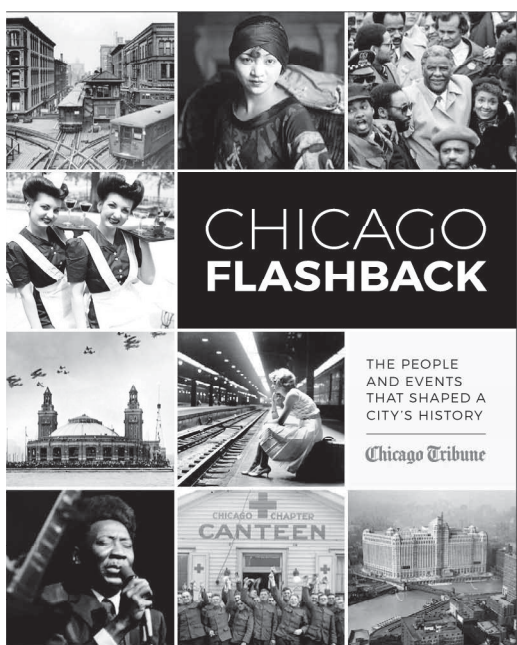
LaVine is attempting a career-high 79 3-pointers per game this season and knocking them down at a 37.6% rate. When he gets hot from beyond the arc, he has shown the ability to take over games, like the night he knocked down 13 3-pointers to lead the Bulls to victory on Nov. 23 against the Hornets.

"Obviously, if I get in a rhythm, I think I can win it," LaVine said. "I think it will be fun. It will be different. It will be something I haven't done before so I can go out and practice it. Hopefully, the rims give me a friendly bounce for the hometown guy."

LaVine is seeking to become the third Bulls player to win the 3-Point Contest, joining Steve Kerr (1997) and Craig Hodges (1990-92). But LaVine might also get some assistance from coach Jim Boylen, who revealed Tuesday he helped Marco Belinelli win the contest in 2014 when they were both with the Spurs.

"I can't give away my secrets," Boylen said with a laugh.

Clippers guard Patrick Beverley is the latest Chicago native to join in on the 2020 All-Star Weekend festivities, accepting an invitation to the participate in the Skills Challenge, according to ESPN's Adrian Wojnarowski. All-Star Weekend will be held from Feb. 14-16 in Chicago at the United Center and Wintrust Arena. Beverley, a Marshall graduate, will participate in the event alongside Pistons guard Derrick Rose, who attended Simeon and spent eight seasons with the Bulls.



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BLACKHAWKS



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WILD 3, BLACKHAWKS 2 (OT)

Not a bad point

After a miserable first two periods, the Blackhawks scored a pair of third-period goals, but Matt Dumba scored in overtime to give the Wild a 3-2 victory Tuesday night at the Xcel Energy Center. The Hawks fell to 25-21-7, and their four-game road win streak came to an end as did Patrick Kane's 12-game point streak. Jonathan Toews nearly won it in overtime, but his shot caromed off the crossbar. Adam Boqvist scored his third goal of the season early in the third period to pull the Hawks within one, and Olli Maatta tied it with 3:10 left. Corey Crawford was in net for the second straight game and was impressive while stopping 31 shots. Kevin Fiala's two second-period goals were all Crawford allowed in regulation. For more, go to chicagotribune.com/sports

Rookies

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Well, it's February and Dach is right on schedule. After scoring just one point in 28 games, he has four points in his last three games and has been charged with centering a line alongside Patrick Kane and Brandon Saad, no small responsibility for any player, let alone a rookie.

Boqvist made his NHL debut Nov. 2 for a six-game stint and joined the team again in early December after Calvin de Haan suffered a season-ending shoulder injury. When Brent Seabrook was lost for the season soon after, Boqvist's stay became permanent.

The ride this season has been bumpy for the Hawks' top picks in the last two drafts — Dach with his scoring drought and Boqvist with a need to improve defensively — but they both have elevated their game at a key time in the season.

"We've talked about before how the progression doesn't always go in a straight line," Hawks coach Jeremy Colliton. "But

the fact they were able to come in and play and show that they can be at our level, that really was a positive. And then (it's) just about trying to give them just the right amount to continue to improve and not so much that they take a step back.

"And we're not always going to be perfect on that, but to their credit, the focus has been really good and they're getting better all the time."

Dach has been living with Seabrook and his family all season and has given Seabrook a lot of credit for teaching him how to be a pro on and off the ice. It also helped when Dach came to the realization that, unlike in juniors, being in the NHL was a job and people were fighting for spots in the lineup every night.

But he can't point to a specific moment when he went from wide-eyed rookie to feeling comfortable.

"It's hard to tell," he said. "I feel like when I wasn't scoring or producing offensively I was doing good things defensively and building a good 200-foot game. And that's a big part of today's game is having that 200-foot ability in my game and it's only going to help me and my teammates out on

the ice."

Going through this season together has been helpful for Dach and Boqvist, who became fast friends after Dach joined the organization last June. Not many teams have a teenager on the roster, let alone two who also play on the top power-play unit.

The Boqvist that Hawks fans are seeing this season is probably not the one they'll see in the future, but he's the one they need now. Boqvist is occasionally letting his offensive instincts show even as he tries to stay strong defensively.

On Saturday, Boqvist twice took Coyotes forward and former NHL Most Valuable Player Taylor Hall off the puck seamlessly to prevent scoring chances.

He has come a long way from the first few games of the season.

"I'm still like — not nervous — but I'm more excited before games at the national anthem, the first shift," Boqvist said. "I think that's a good thing to just feel like, yeah, it's a game. The first six games (I played) was more like stiff and nervous, but now I'm more like I want to go out there and play as good as I can and help the team to win."

CUBS

Union to fight service-time manipulation

MLBPA not quite finished with Bryant's grievance

By MARK GONZALES

Kris Bryant's grievance case against the Cubs could have changed the landscape of free agency and the way teams handle young players' service-time schedules. After Bryant lost the case in a decision that was made official Tuesday, the MLB Players Association says it will continue to challenge the manipulation of their members' service time.

Tony Clark, executive director of the MLBPA, issued a statement after an arbitrator officially ruled the Cubs didn't manipulate Bryant's service time in 2015, when they promoted him to the major leagues after the Cubs had played eight games. That move made Bryant eligible for free agency after the 2021 season instead of 2020.

"The Players Association disagrees with the decision issued today in the Kris Bryant service-time grievance," Clark said. "While we respect the finality of that decision, we will continue to pursue any and all measures that incentivize competition, discourage service-time manipulation and ensure clubs field their best players."

"We applaud Kris' courage and determination in challenging the Cubs' actions and seeing the grievance through to the end."

All parties learned last week of the ruling. A source said Bryant, who will remain under team control as an arbitration-eligible player for two more seasons, "is totally fine" and not angry at the Cubs.

Clark's comments indicate that the MLBPA will continue to monitor every case in which a player falls barely short of the 172 days of service time needed to constitute a full major league season of service time. Bryant currently has four years, 171 days of service time.

The Cubs optioned Bryant to Triple-A Iowa to start the 2015 season despite a .425 batting average with nine home runs in 40 at-bats in spring training and didn't recall him until third baseman Mike Olt was diagnosed with a wrist fracture on April 16. The Cubs insisted that they wanted Bryant to work on his defense and polish all phases of his game.

The service-time topic is expected to be a major issue in the next round of negotiations before the collective bargaining agreement between Major League Baseball and the MLBPA expires shortly after the 2021 season.



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COLLEGES

XAVIER 67, DEPAUL 59

Still sliding: Blue Demons fall to 1-9 in Big East play

DePaul lost its fifth straight game and fell to 1-9 in Big East play Tuesday with a 67-59 loss to Xavier (15-8, 4-6) at Wintrust Arena. The Blue Demons (13-10) trailed 35-16 at halftime and 57-39 with 3:41 to go before outscoring the Musketeers 20-10 the rest of the way. Paul Reed led DePaul with 18 points, nine rebounds and seven steals, and Jalen Coleman-Lands hit five 3-pointers in a 17-point night. But the Demons shot 34.3% from the field and were outrebounded 50-37.

■ Eugene German scored 25 points as Northern Illinois won 66-61 at Toledo for its fifth straight win. Darius Beane had 11 points and Lacey James grabbed 13 rebounds for the Huskies (14-9, 7-3 MAC), who shot 47.1% (24 of 51).

Greenstein

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The Wildcats took a 58-50 lead on the Boilermakers with 4:34 to play. Then they played not to lose and did just that. The excruciating final stretch featured four missed shots (all 3-pointers) and two turnovers, with Pat Spencer driving into traffic and Ryan Young losing an unnecessary dribble under the basket.

And the NU defense yielded an open, albeit long, 3-pointer to Sasha Stefanovic, who is tied for fourth in the Big Ten in 3s. Stefanovic nailed it to cap an 11-0 finish.

Northwestern fell to 1-6 in close games as defined by leading or trailing by one possession in the final five minutes.

Sure, it marked progress after the Wildcats got slaughtered at Michigan State 79-50 three days earlier.

And, yes, Northwestern is a young team, as Collins regularly reminds reporters.

“We closed this game with three freshmen and a sophomore,” he said.

The excuse was valid in November and December, maybe January. Where are we now in the calendar?

Oh, yeah, Groundhog Day. It fits. In 2018, the year after the Wildcats were America’s darlings, Northwestern was doomed because of having to play in soul-sucking Allstate Arena. Last year’s team supposedly was wrecked because freshman point guard Jordan Lathon, the heir to Bryant McIntosh, was denied admission five months before the season. This year’s refrain is: *But we’re so young.*

OK, but a lot of other teams are too. Northwestern is paying for recruiting whiffs, recruiting misses (i.e. signing the wrong players), a lack of patience (Rapolas Ivanauskas felt he should transfer to Colgate), getting almost nothing from incoming transfers Ryan Taylor and A.J. Turner and not developing players such as Pete Nance, the highest-rated recruit in program history. Nance looks lost, unsure if he’s a big man or a perimeter player.

The team is long but ranks 13th in the Big Ten in rebounding margin. What does that say about its toughness?

Collins has gotten unlucky with injuries, ranging from Ivanauskas’ shoulder to Aaron Falzon’s knee to Vic Law’s toe to this season’s ailments — Anthony Gaines’ season-ending shoulder injury and Boo Buie’s stress fracture that came shortly after he tore up Michigan State and DePaul for a combined 51 points on 62% shooting.

As for Lathon, it’s hard to claim he would have been a savior. After a promising freshman season at UTEP, he’s a backup whose shooting percentage in 2020 is 0. He is 0-for-17 in eight games.

Fortunately for Collins, Jim Phillips is the kind of athletic director who would have stuck with Mike Krzyzewski after Coach K went 11-17 in his third season at Duke.

He’s the one who gave Bill Carmody every opportunity to break through, the one who laughed when some grew hostile toward Fitzgerald after back-to-back 5-7 seasons.

Phillips sees a promising nucleus of Buie, Young, Miller Kopp, Robbie Beran and Nance (if he can improve), to be supplemented next season by a healthy Gaines, borderline top-100 recruit Ty Berry, top-250 big man Matt Nicholson, athletic William & Mary transfer Chase Audige and at least one grad transfer to be named.

Will those additions (minus Spencer) be enough to get Northwestern into the NCAA Tournament picture? That’s a stretch.

But Collins, in his seventh season with a contract that runs through 2025, will receive the gift of time from an athletic department that values its NCAA-best 98% graduation rate. It also values continuity.

Have you heard about the Big Ten basketball program whose coach made the NCAA Tournament once in his first 11 seasons — and was brought back for a 12th?

The coach is Joe McKeown. His women are 19-3, tied atop the Big Ten standings at 9-2. And he reports to work at Northwestern.



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Illinois center Kofi Cockburn puts in a shot over Minnesota’s Daniel Oturu on Thursday.

STATE BASKETBALL RANKINGS

Salukis on fire, Illini still No. 1

BY SHANNON RYAN

Almost every Missouri Valley Conference game will feel like *the* game for the remainder of the regular season. Seven teams are crammed within three games of the top of the standings. Three of them are Illinois teams with Loyola (7-3) and Southern Illinois (7-3) a game behind first-place Northern Iowa (8-2) and Bradley (6-4) two games back. The Salukis might be the conference’s hottest team with five straight wins. SIU isn’t the only team on an upward trend. Illinois remains tied for first in the Big Ten despite its seven-game winning streak coming to an end Sunday. And Northern Illinois has moved into a share of the West Division lead in the Mid-American Conference. Here are this week’s power rankings of the state’s Division I teams, with records through Monday and last week’s ranking in parentheses.

1. Illinois 16-6, 8-3 Big Ten (1): Coach Brad Underwood said the Illini aren’t pushovers — and they showed it in a scrappy win over Minnesota before pushing Iowa to the brink in a tense 72-65 road loss.

2. Southern Illinois 13-10, 7-3 Missouri Valley (5): Freshman Marcus Domask — Wisconsin’s Mr. Basketball last year — is one of four Salukis averaging in double digits. He scored a career-high 28 in a win over Drake.

3. Loyola 15-8, 7-3 Missouri Valley (2): The Ramblers have won five straight at Gentile Arena and are decent on the road at 2-3 in conference play, though they’ve dropped their last two.

4. Bradley 15-8, 6-4 Missouri Valley (3): The Braves have lost four straight at Loyola. They registered season lows in their 62-51 loss Saturday in points and rebounds (23).

5. Northern Illinois 13-9, 6-3 Mid-American (6): Eugene German set the NIU career scoring record during a win against Miami that extended the Huskies’ streak to four games.

6. UIC 11-13, 6-5 Horizon (7): The Flames have five of their last six games.

7. DePaul 13-9, 1-8 Big East (4): The Blue Demons are reeling in conference play. They missed 11 of 23 free throws to lose by four at Marquette.

8. Northwestern 6-15, 1-10 Big Ten (8): Nothing is going right in Evanston. The Wildcats have lost four games they led by five points or more with 5 minutes to play.

9. Illinois State 7-15, 2-8 Missouri Valley (10): The Redbirds haven’t won two straight since the opening week of the season.

10. Eastern Illinois 11-11, 4-6 Ohio Valley (9): The Panthers lost two straight road games by a combined seven points.

11. SIU-Edwardsville 5-18, 2-8 Ohio Valley (11): The Cougars lost their last two by a combined 43 points.

12. Western Illinois 5-15, 2-8 Summit (12): The losses are really stacking up for the Leathernecks, now on a five-game skid.

13. Chicago State 4-19, 0-8 Western Athletic (13): The Cougars are getting outscored by 20 points per game.

RECRUITING

Thompson dumps Illini for Cincinnati

Chicago Tribune staff

Illinois’ highest-rated — and only in-state — Class of 2020 football commitment, four-star Naperville Central wide receiver Jadon Thompson, switched his commitment to Cincinnati on Tuesday on the eve of national signing day.

Thompson, who transferred from Marist to Naperville Central before his senior season, had been committed to Illinois since April but didn’t sign during the early period in December. He’s the fifth-ranked senior prospect in the state and No. 352 nationally.

The Illini signed 12 players in the early period and are expected to add two-star cornerback Tahveon Nicholson from Jacksonville, Fla., on Wednesday. With the loss of Thompson, their class ranking fell to No. 90 in the nation in the 247Sports.com composite.

With more than 75% of Division I prospects now signing during the early period, the “traditional” national signing day has lost a lot of its pomp and drama. Only nine of the nation’s top 100 players in the composite rankings didn’t sign early, and that trend also played out locally as 20 of the state’s top 25 prospects have already signed.

Notre Dame (17 signees), Northwestern (17) and Northern Illinois (26) also signed the bulk of their classes in December and don’t expect a lot of activity Wednesday. Four-star defensive back/wide receiver Cameron Martinez of Muskegon, Mich., was considering Notre Dame and Northwestern before reaffirming his commitment to Ohio State last week. The Irish and Wildcats are likely to look to the graduate transfer market to fill remaining needs, as is Illinois.

Dantonio

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Robertson was kicked off the team after his freshman season and is serving 43 months to 10 years in prison for raping a fellow student.

Asked on Tuesday night what he would say about what Blackwell said in his deposition, Dantonio said: “I think that’s something that’s for the courts or not for the courts really. But what would I say? I try very hard to never say anything negative about anybody. I keep that right where it’s at.”

Dantonio denied a reporter’s attempt at a related follow-up question.

“We’re not talking about this here,” he said. “This is a celebration.”

A motion filed by Blackwell’s lawyers late Monday alleges Dantonio had Blackwell accompany him on an in-home recruiting visit, in violation of NCAA rules.

It also claims Dantonio’s deposition may have revealed NCAA violations related to a donor “providing the parents of star recruits jobs/employment upon signing to play for MSU” and that he might have committed perjury.

Michigan State athletic director Bill Beekman said Tuesday night the university is aware of the allegations of potential NCAA violations.

“To the best of our knowledge, as I understand the allegations, they’re patently false,” Beekman said. “We’ll be happy to defend that in the court of law. Insofar as there are ongoing legal issues, I’m not sure there’s a whole lot more I can say.”

Hollis abruptly announced his resignation Jan. 26, 2018. Beekman was appointed interim athletic director the following month and promoted to the full-time position in July 2018.

Beekman said when speaking in public the first year of his tenure, he made a point to mention “integrity” whenever discussing Dantonio or men’s basketball coach Tom Izzo after they had been accused of potentially mishandling instances of alleged sexual assault involving their players.

“Perhaps it’s a good opportunity to say that, from my perspective, Mark and Tom are two people that are just of extraordinary integrity,” Beekman said Tuesday. “I think that will bear itself out.”

Dantonio posted a 114-57 record with the Spartans, peaking during the 2013-15 seasons, when they went a combined 36-5 with two Big Ten titles and a College Football Playoff berth while finishing in the top six of the AP rankings each year.

But the Spartans were just 27-24 over the last four seasons, including a 7-6 mark in 2019.

Michigan State also dominated its heated rivalry with Michigan for much of Dantonio’s tenure. In 2007, his first season at the helm, the Spartans lost to the Wolverines. Afterward, Michigan’s Mike Hart referred to Michigan State as a little brother. Dantonio responded by warning the Wolverines that “pride comes before the fall” — and the Spartans won four straight meetings after that.

Even after losing to Michigan the last two seasons, Dantonio ended up 8-5 against the Wolverines.

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Utah	32	17	.653	2
Oklahoma City	30	20	.600	4½
Portland	23	28	.451	12
Minnesota	15	34	.306	19

PACIFIC	W	L	PCT	GB
L.A. Lakers	38	11	.776	—
L.A. Clippers	35	15	.700	3½
Phoenix	20	30	.400	18½
Sacramento	19	31	.380	19½
Golden State	12	39	.235	27

TUESDAY'S RESULTS	W	L	PCT	GB
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Denver at Utah, 8 p.m.				
Miami at L.A. Clippers, 9 p.m.				

BUCKS 120, PELICANS 108	W	L	PCT	GB
MILWAUKEE: G. Antetokounmpo 12-17-19-13, Middleton 9-18-0-20, B.Lopez 6-10-0-12, Middleton 9-18-0-20, B.Lopez 6-10-0-12, Bledsoe 7-20-2-16, Matthews 6-11-0-17, Brown 0-3-0-0, Connaughton 2-3-0-0-4, Ilyasova 0-2-0-0, Korver 3-8-0-0-9, R.Lopez 0-0-0-0, DiVincenzo 3-10-2-2-8, Totals 48-102-13-17-120.				
NEW ORLEANS: Ingram 12-19-5-6-2, Williamson 5-18-10-14-20, Favors 0-3-0-0-0, Ball 4-12-0-0-11, Holiday 3-14-0-0-7, Hayes 0-0-0-0-0, Melli 3-6-0-0-9, Hart 3-9-1-1-8, Moore 3-7-1-1-8, Redick 5-10-1-2-13, Totals 38-98-18-24-108.				

Milwaukee	26	32	42	20-120
New Orleans	33	28	24	23-108

3-Point Goals—Milwaukee	11-36
(Matthews 5-9, Korver 3-7, Middleton 2-5, Brown 0-2, Bledsoe 0-3, DiVincenzo 0-3, B.Lopez 0-4), New Orleans	14-49
(Melli 3-5, Ingram 3-9, Ball 3-10, Redick 2-5, Moore 1-4, Hart 1-6, Holiday 1-6, Williamson 0-3). Rebounds—Milwaukee	53
(G.Antetokounmpo 17), New Orleans	49
(Ball 14). Assists—Milwaukee	34
(Middleton 8), New Orleans	25
(Holiday 5). Total Fouls—Milwaukee	19
New Orleans	17
A—15,424 (16,867)	

ALL STAR SATURDAY NIGHT	W	L	PCT	GB
Feb. 15 at United Center, Chicago				
SKILLS CHALLENGE (EVENT 1)				
Bam Adebayo, C/F, 6'9, Miami				
Patrick Beverley, G, 6'1, LA Clippers				
Spencer Dinwiddie, G, 6'5, Brooklyn				
Khrist Middleton, F, 6'7, Milwaukee				
Derrick Rose, G, 6'2, Detroit				
Domantas Sabonis, F, 6'11, Indiana				
Pascal Siakam, F, 6'9, Toronto				
Jayson Tatum, F, 6'8, Boston				

3-POINT CONTEST (EVENT 2)	W	L	PCT	GB
Davis Bertans, F, 6'10, Washington				
Devonte' Graham, G, 6'1, Charlotte				
Joe Harris, G, 6'6, Brooklyn				
Buddy Hield, G, 6'4, Sacramento				
Zach LaVine, G/F, 6'6, Chicago				
Damian Lillard, G, 6'2, Portland				
Duncan Robinson, F, 6'7, Miami				
Trae Young, G, 6'1, Atlanta				

Slam Dunk (EVENT 3)	W	L	PCT	GB
Pat Connaughton, G, 6'4, Milwaukee				
Aaron Gordon, F, 6'9, Orlando				
Dwight Howard, C, 6'10, L.A. Lakers				
Derrick Jones Jr., F, 6'6, Miami				

NHL	W	L	PCT	GB
EASTERN CONFERENCE				
ATLANTIC				
Boston	32	10	12	76
Tampa Bay	33	15	5	71
Florida	29	17	6	64
Toronto	28	18	7	63
Montreal	25	23	7	57
Buffalo	23	23	7	53
Ottawa	18	24	11	47
Detroit	12	38	4	28

WESTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	PCT	GB
CENTRAL				
St. Louis	32	14	8	72
Dallas	30	18	5	65
Colorado	29	16	6	64
Nashville	25	20	7	57
Chicago	25	21	7	57
Winnipeg	26	23	5	57
Minnesota	24	22	6	54

PACIFIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Vancouver	30	19	5	65
Edmonton	28	19	6	62
Vegas	27	21	6	60
Arizona	27	21	6	60
Calgary	27	21	6	60
San Jose	23	27	4	50
Anaheim	22	26	5	49
Los Angeles	19	30	5	43

WILD 3, BLACKHAWKS 2 (OT)	W	L	PCT	GB
Chicago	0	0	2	0-1
Minnesota	0	2	0	1-3

FIRST PERIOD: No scoring.
Penalties: Donato, Min (Delay of Game), 10:50; Kane, Chi (Tripping), 11:27; Zuccarello, Min (Tripping), 19:57.
SECOND PERIOD: 1, Minnesota, Fiala 10, 3:53. 2, Minnesota, Fiala 11 (Dumba, Zucker), 15:08 (pp).
Penalties: Koivu, Min (Tripping), 10:03; Koeckkoek, Chi (Interference), 14:15.
THIRD PERIOD: 3, Chicago, Boqvist 3 (Saad, Keith), 6:23. 4, Chicago, Maatta 4 (Dach, Gustafsson), 16:50.
OVERTIME: 5, Minnesota, Dumba 4 (Suter, Zuccarello), 2:21.
SHOTS ON GOAL: Chicago 4-10-15-0-29. Minnesota 12-10-7-5-34.
POWER PLAYS: Chicago 0 of 3; Minnesota 1 of 2.
GOALIES: Chicago, Crawford 10-13-3 (34 shots-31 saves). Minnesota, Stalock 12-8-3 (29-27).
A: 17,341 (18,064). **T:** 2:36.
Referees: Peter MacDougall, Chris Schlenker.
Linesmen: Darren Gibbs, Brian Mach.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

HOW MEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED

- Baylor** (20-1) did not play. Next: vs. Oklahoma State, Saturday.
- Gonzaga** (23-1) did not play. Next: vs. Loyola Marymount, Thursday.
- Kansas** (19-3) did not play. Next: at TCU, Saturday.
- San Diego State** (23-0) did not play. Next: at Air Force, Saturday.
- Louisville** (19-3) did not play. Next: vs. Wake Forest, Wednesday.
- Dayton** (20-2) did not play. Next: vs. Saint Louis, Saturday.
- Duke** (19-3) beat Boston College 63-55. Next: at North Carolina, Saturday.
- Florida State** (19-3) did not play. Next: vs. Miami, Saturday.
- Maryland** (18-4) beat Rutgers 56-51. Next: vs. Illinois, Friday.
- Villanova** (17-4) did not play. Next: at No. 19 Butler, Wednesday.
- Auburn** (20-2) beat Arkansas 79-76. OT. Next: vs. No. 18 LSU, Saturday.
- Seton Hall** (16-5) did not play. Next: at Georgetown, Wednesday.
- West Virginia** (17-4) did not play. Next: vs. Iowa State, Wednesday.
- Oregon** (18-5) did not play. Next: at Oregon State, Saturday.
- Kentucky** (17-5) beat Mississippi State 80-72. Next: at Tennessee, Sat.
- Michigan State** (16-7) lost to No. 22 Penn St. 75-70. Next: at Michigan, Sat.
- Iowa** (16-6) did not play. Next: at Purdue, Wednesday.
- LSU** (17-4) did not play. Next: at Vanderbilt, Wednesday.
- Butler** (17-5) did not play. Next: vs. No. 10 Villanova, Wednesday.
- Illinois** (16-6) did not play. Next: vs. No. 9 Maryland, Friday.
- Creighton** (17-5) did not play. Next: at Providence, Wednesday.
- Penn State** (17-5) beat No. 16 Michigan 51-70. Next: vs. Minnesota, Saturday.
- Arizona** (15-6) did not play. Next: vs. Southern Cal, Thursday.
- Colorado** (17-5) did not play. Next: vs. California, Thursday.
- Houston** (17-5) did not play. Next: vs. Tulane, Thursday.

TUESDAY'S SCORES

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB
Albertus 97, Johnson & Wales (RI) 80				
Anna Maria 81, St. Joseph's (Maine) 64				
Bloomfield 79, Concordia (Neb.) 54				
Brockport 88, Fredonia St. 60				
Connecticut College 87, Regis 58				
Dean 117, Pine Manor 87				
Duke 63, Boston College 55				
Emmanuel 89, Colby Sawyer 70				
Fairfield 55, Monmouth (NJ) 53				
Felicjan 62, Nyack 59				
Franklin Pierce 89, S. New Hampshire 83				
Gallaudet 71, Penn St.-Berks 69				
Geneseo 79, Buffalo St. 76				
Goldey-Beacom 78, Sciences (Pa.) 64				
Husson 84, Bowdoin 76				
Immaculata 95, Valley Forge 77				
Ithaca 88, Rochester 50				
John Jay 58, City Collège (NY) 51				
Lehman 75, Brooklyn 57				
Maryland 56, Rutgers 51				
Medgar Evers 59, Baruch 56				
Oswego St. 80, New Paltz 55				
Post (Conn.) 81, Caldwell 66				
Potsdam 89, Plattsburgh 82				
Rhode Island 73, UMass 67				
St. Joseph (Conn.) 94, Lasell 57				
Staten Island 82, York (NY) 49				
Wilmington (DC) 96, Chestnut Hill 85				

SOUTH	W	L	PCT	GB
Averett 86, NC Wesleyan 77				
Georgetown (Ky.) 145, Oakland City 108				
Georgia Tech 76, Virginia Tech 57				
Methodist 84, Greensboro 75				
Tennessee 69, Alabama 68				
William Peace 118, Pfeiffer 91				

MIDWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Ball St. 62, Kent St. 54				
Benedictine (Ill.) 82, Aurora 45				
Cent. Michigan 92, Bowling Green 82				
Concordia (Wis.) 85, MSOE 71				
E. Michigan 66, Buffalo 62				
Edgewood 67, Donnicola 66				
Lakeland 92, Concordia (Ill.) 76				
N. Illinois 66, Toledo 61				
Ohio St. 61, Michigan 58				
Penn St. 75, Michigan St. 70				
Rockford 88, Marian 77				
South Dakota 106, Peru St. 45				
W. Michigan 64, Miami (Ohio) 60				
Westminster (Mo.) 93, Principia 87				
Wis. Lutheran 79, Illinois Tech 63				
Xavier 67, DePaul 59				

SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Auburn 79, Arkansas 76, OT				
Texas Tech 69, Oklahoma 61				

WOMEN'S AP TOP 25 SCHEDULE

- South Carolina** (21-1) did not play. Next: at No. 25 Arkansas, Thursday.
- Baylor** (19-1) did not play. Next: vs. Kansas, Wednesday.
- Oregon** (20-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 12 Arizona, Friday.
- UConn** (19-2) did not play. Next: vs. Memphis, Friday.
- Louisville** (21-1) did not play. Next: vs. No. 17 Florida State, Thursday.
- Stanford** (20-2) did not play. Next: vs. No. 10 UCLA, Friday.
- N.C. State** (21-1) did not play. Next: at Virginia Tech, Thursday.
- Mississippi State** (20-3) did not play. Next: at No. 23 Tennessee, Thursday.
- Oregon State** (18-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 19 Arizona State, Friday.
- UCLA** (19-2) did not play. Next: at No. 6 Stanford, Friday.
- Gonzaga** (22-1) did not play. Next: at Pacific, Thursday.
- Arizona** (18-3) did not play. Next: at No. 3 Oregon, Friday.
- Maryland** (18-4) did not play. Next: vs. Rutgers, Sunday.
- DePaul** (20-3) did not play. Next: at St. John's, Friday.
- Kentucky** (17-4) did not play. Next: vs. Alabama, Thursday.
- Texas A&M** (18-4) did not play. Next: at No. 8 Mississippi State, Sunday.
- Florida State** (18-4) did not play. Next: at No. 5 Louisville, Thursday.
- Indiana** (18-5) did not play. Next: vs. No. 13 Maryland, Thursday.
- Arizona State** (16-6) did not play. Next: at No. 9 Oregon State, Friday.
- Iowa** (18-4) did not play. Next: vs. Nebraska, Thursday.
- Northwestern** (19-3) did not play. Next: at Michigan, Thursday.
- South Dakota** (21-2) did not play. Next: at North Dakota, Sunday.
- Tennessee** (17-5) did not play. Next: vs. No. 8 Mississippi State, Thursday.
- Missouri State** (18-3) did not play. Next: at Northern Iowa, Friday.
- Arkansas** (18-4) did not play. Next: vs. No. 1 South Carolina, Thursday.

TUESDAY'S SCORES

EAST	W	L	PCT	GB
Marist 73, Iona 56				

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NFL

It's already on in offseason

Brady's future tops storylines as NFL focus turns to 2020

BY BARRY WILNER
Associated Press

MIAMI — The NFL's centennial season concluded with a championship a half-century in the making.

Now that the Chiefs have ended that 50-year drought and own their second NFL title, the focus will turn elsewhere in what could be a very busy offseason.

QB carousel

It starts — some might say it ends — with Tom Brady. For the first time in his six-ring career, the 42-year-old Brady is on the market. Maybe the fact the Patriots went 4-4 in the second half of the schedule, blew a bye in the AFC playoffs with a last-week loss at home to the lowly Dolphins and then went out, also at home, to the Titans in a wild-card game made the Patriots think twice about spending multimillions on a middle-aged man whose skills just might be declining.

While it still seems likely Patriots owner Robert Kraft will pony up the bucks — say a two-year deal in which the second season can be voided without too much cost to the team — it's fun to think of other landing spots for pro football's most successful quarterback.

Try the Chargers if they are looking to make, uh, a charge into the new stadium they will share with the Rams. Brady would be an intriguing addition down the road from Hollywood, particularly if Philip Rivers is done with the Bolts.

Or the Raiders to make a splash in Sin City, though Derek Carr isn't exactly headed out the door.

Though wouldn't Brady want to go to a potential contender seeking a winning QB to push it to the top? Perhaps the Titans, for whom former teammate Mike Vrabel is the coach? Or the Bears?

Brady and Rivers hardly are the only passers likely available. Cam Newton, Nick Foles, Joe Flacco, Marcus Mariota, Andy Dalton, Ryan Tannehill and perhaps Jameis Winston could be out there.

OPI/DPI

The adjustment to the pass interference rules that allowed video reviews was a flop. Coaches who were so adamant about needing a change after the egregiously botched call in the NFC title game a year ago got little to no traction with their challenges. Interference became an even murkier proposition.

Will the powerful competition committee recommend more alterations? Or drop the modification altogether?

Labor and 17 games

Commissioner Roger Goodell has been encouraged by negotiations toward a new collective bargaining agreement. The current 10-year deal expires in March 2021, but the league in particular is eager to get a contract finalized well before that. Indeed, well before next season.

Union officials are being coy, but simply the fact both sides have been meeting semi-regularly and reaching accords on a variety of issues is good news.

The public expects the main sticking point to be expanding the regular season by one game, which would include reducing the preseason, probably adding another off week and pushing the Super Bowl back into mid-February. Player safety concerns need to be paramount in any such discussions.

But 17 games could be a done deal if the union gets, say, three or four more roster spots per franchise. That's anywhere from 96 to 128 additional jobs.

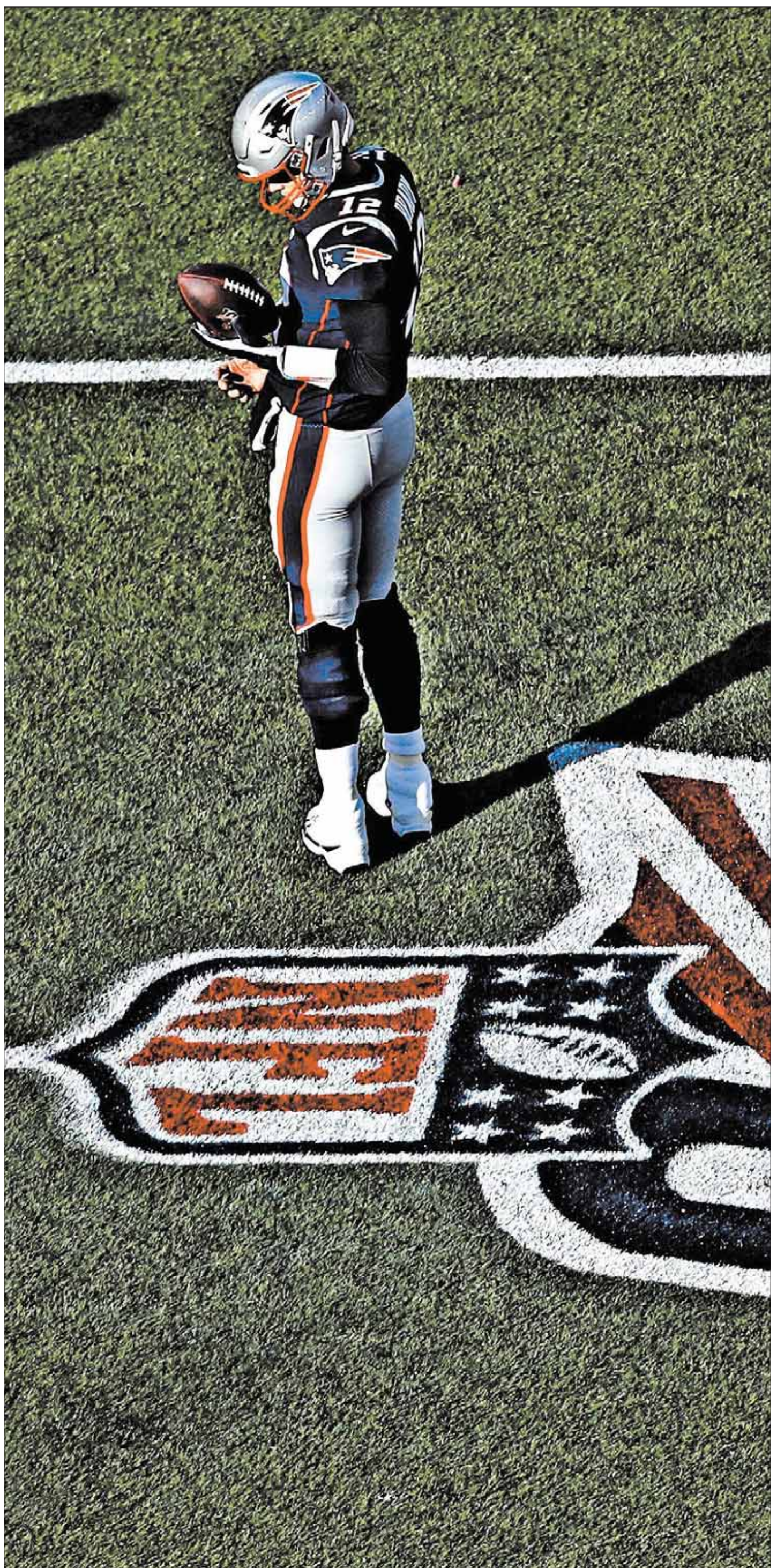
Tua

The Bengals don't need to wait until April 23 to announce LSU quarterback Joe Burrow as the top overall draft choice.

And the second pick, barring injury, is not a mystery either: Ohio State defensive standout Chase Young to the Redskins, who already have their QB in Young's former teammate, Dwayne Haskins.

So where does Tua Tagovailoa wind up? The left-hander was sidelined in the ninth game with a major hip injury that could slow his debut, perhaps until 2021.

So do the Lions decide Tagovailoa can be the heir to Matthew Stafford? Do the Dolphins get Tua at No. 5 or move up — or is that too much of a gamble?



MADDIE MEYER/GETTY

One of the biggest questions this NFL offseason: Will Tom Brady return to the Patriots?

NFL NOTES

Jaguars agree to play back-to-back London games in 2020

Associated Press

The Jaguars have long-term plans in place to generate more revenue. They expect to break ground in the spring on an entertainment district adjacent to their aging stadium and eventually hope to develop the shipyards along the St. Johns River.

Both are years from completion. In the meantime, the Jaguars have found a short-term solution: another home game in London.

Jacksonville announced Tuesday it has reached an agreement with the NFL to play consecutive home games at Wembley Stadium next season, doubling the franchise's overseas income and potentially strengthening its foothold in a market the NFL wants to expand.

Fan reaction surely will be mixed, at best.

"My expectation is that it should be very positive," said owner Shad Khan, adding that he doesn't believe playing two games abroad puts his team at a competitive disadvantage. "Everything we're doing helps the city, helps us. And that's what you need a small-market team to do to get on competitive footing with ... all the big-market teams."

The Jaguars will play back-to-back games at Wembley to bolster revenue during "a period of significant change within the league," team President Mark Lamping said. Dates and opponents weren't announced. The Jaguars protected home games against the Steelers and Bears, so those teams will play at TIAA Bank Field.

Lamping said the recent relocation of the Chargers, Raiders and Rams will move all three out of the NFL's bottom fourth in local

revenue. The Jaguars remain there, searching for ways out.

"Makes our path here exiting the bottom quartile of the league more challenging, but we believe achievable," Lamping said.

The Jaguars have played a "home game" at Wembley every year since 2013 and is under contract to do so through 2020. Khan and Lamping expect to extend the contract. It's unclear whether the next deal will include two games annually abroad.

In other Jaguars news, the team hired former 49ers general manager Trent Baalke as their director of player personnel.

Baalke replaces Chris Polian, who was fired last month after seven seasons.

Baalke spent the last three years working for the NFL as a football operations consultant. Before that, he spent 12 seasons with the 49ers (2005-16), including the final six as GM.

Big money on Super Bowl: Gamblers in Nevada wagered \$154.7 million on this year's Super Bowl, an increase from last year but still below the record high set in 2018.

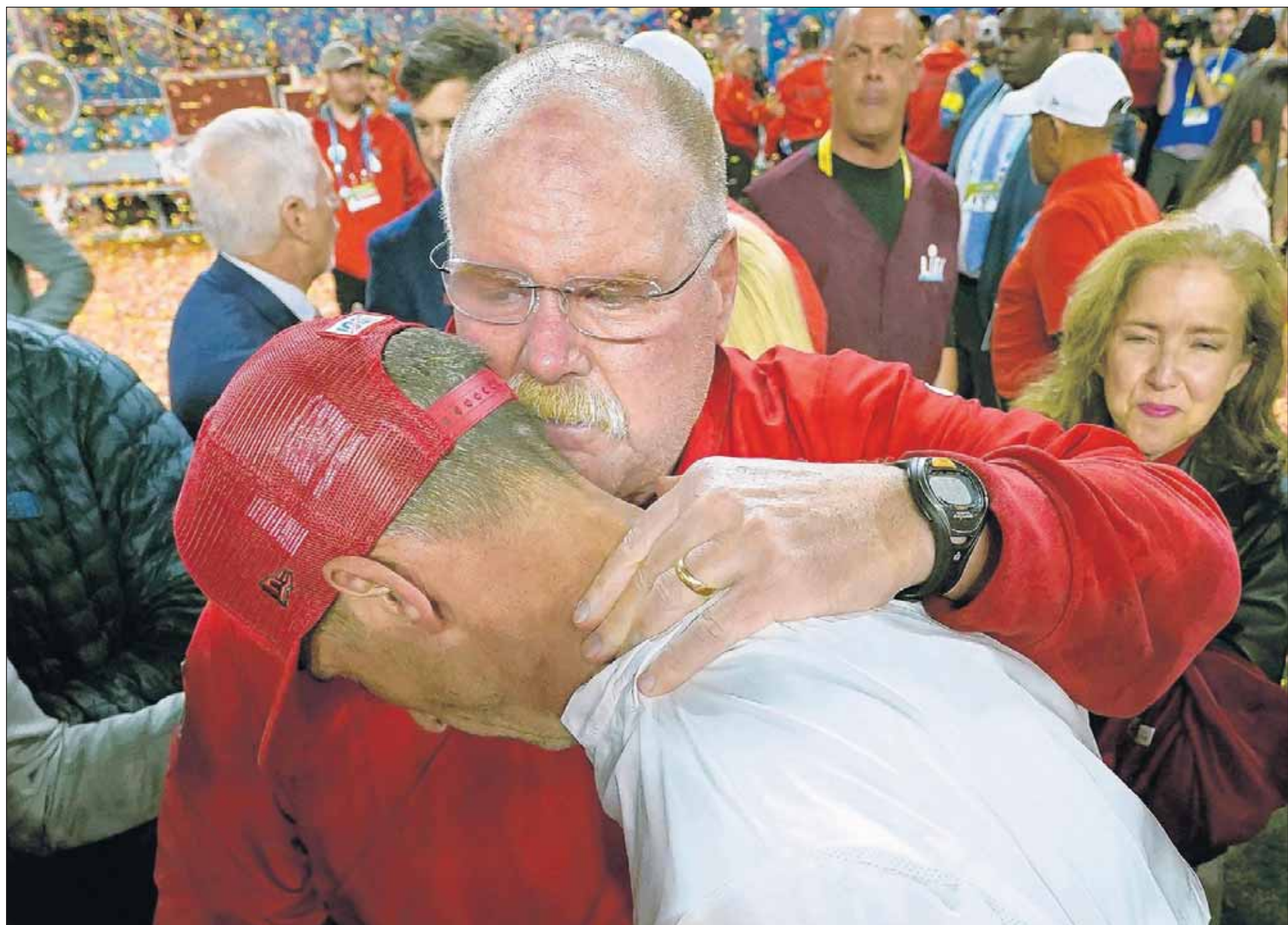
The Nevada Gaming Control Board released its Super Bowl betting figures Tuesday, a day later than expected, because of technical difficulties with one of its licensees collecting and reporting data.

The Nevada totals were the highest in the nation, where 14 states now offer legal sports betting.

The 190 sports books there won nearly \$18.8 million, for a combined hold percentage of 12.1%.

The amount wagered in Nevada represented an increase from last year's \$145.9 million, but it still trailed the \$158.5 million that was bet on the 2018 Super Bowl.

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DAVID J. PHILLIP/AP

Chiefs coach Andy Reid puts his arm around 49ers coach Kyle Shanahan after the Chiefs rallied from a 10-point deficit to win Sunday's Super Bowl LIV at Hard Rock Stadium.

Collapse to sting for a while

Niners will wonder what could have been after blowing late lead

BY DIETER KURTENBACH
The San Jose Mercury News

MIAMI GARDENS, Fla. — I'd be more shocked, more awed, more confused as to what just happened, had I had not covered the Warriors during their five-year dynastic run.

Because what went down in the final seven-plus minutes of Super Bowl LIV was beyond comprehension in football, but was commonplace — at least for the Dubs — in basketball.

Steph Curry and the Warriors were the masters of “flipping the switch.” You could also call it prolific procrastination — taking an entire game's worth of success and condensing it into a short run, dazing the other team in the process. I've seen it too many times to count.

That's what Patrick Mahomes and the Chiefs did to the 49ers on Sunday.

Mahomes faced a third-and-15 in his own territory with 7:13 remaining in the game. Kansas City was down 20-10.

Less than six minutes later, the Chiefs had won the Super Bowl, leading 31-20 with 1:20 to play. The 49ers had not thrown an interception or lost a fumble deep in Kansas City territory, either. Mahomes — who had a negative Expected Points Added before his majestic third-and-long pass to Tyreek Hill — had merely compressed an entire game's worth of positive play into three critical drives. A Curry-esque flurry.

Kyle Shanahan's 49ers will be defined by what happened by those critical moments in the Super Bowl, for better or for worse.

After a week in Miami, I found it incredibly difficult to make a prediction on the game, but I went into Sunday's game convinced that — no matter the outcome — this would not be the 49ers' last time in the Super Bowl.

Shanahan is an elite coach. Don't let one bad quarter and some questionable game management at the end of the first half distract you from the fact that he took the NFL's laughingstock franchise (non-Browns edition) to the Super Bowl within three years of taking over.

Last year, the 49ers drafted second. This year, they finished second. That's an incredible turnaround, soured by the incredible turnaround to Sunday's game.

The 49ers were able to be so close to winning the Lombardi



MATT YORK/AP

Niners quarterback Jimmy Garoppolo lies on the ground after being hit during the second half of Sunday's Super Bowl LIV. The Niners led 20-10 in the fourth quarter before surrendering 21 straight points.

Trophy because the infrastructure of this team is so strong. Shanahan's staff is second-to-none in the NFL and it seemed as if no one in his employ was merely using the 49ers as a means to a different end with a new team. The Niners will unquestionably lose coaches in the years to come, as bigger and better opportunities come their way, but the brainpower behind the scenes is jaw-dropping.

And yes, there will be tough decisions to make on the roster heading into next season, but Shanahan and his hand-picked GM John Lynch have shown an almost preternatural ability to find top — even elite — talent in unlikely places, and Shanahan remains the best offensive mind in the NFL.

What's being built in Santa Clara is sustainable for the long haul. And while the competitiveness of the NFC tampers my thoughts that there are some serious Patriots vibes with the Niners, again, I did go into the game thinking San Francisco would be back at the Super Bowl in the years to come.

But it's harder to predict that after what went down on Sunday.

What Mahomes did was special — transcendent — but the 49ers also imploded in Super Bowl LIV.

Niners players were emotional after the game, as you'd expect, but on a long flight back to the Bay, the gravity of the situation will crash over them. The darkest days

are likely yet to come.

Next year will tell us so much about these 49ers and their character. Even if they had so much to celebrate this season, man, will 2020 be tough for them. This was a team with so much momentum behind it. That momentum seemed to come to a halt on Sunday. Championship games carry outsized importance, and Sunday's was the kind of loss from which teams rarely recover.

The Seahawks never returned to the Super Bowl after blowing a 10-point lead and a goal-line opportunity to beat the Patriots in 2015. That loss tore a truly great team apart.

The Colts blew a 10-point Super Bowl lead in Super Bowl XLIV — they never returned to the big game.

The Denver Broncos blew a 10-point lead in the Super Bowl in 1988 and went 8-8 the next year, they did return to super Sunday in 1990. You know that they lost again.

And yet the 49ers' 10-point collapse felt stronger than all of those — even Seattle's. I don't think that's recency bias, either.

The only comparable is — you guessed it — the Atlanta Falcons. The authors of the biggest collapse in Super Bowl history, 25 points, have not recovered and it seems highly doubtful they ever will under their current coach and quarterback.

The NFL is a league that

defines success through a team's head coach and quarterback, after all. Especially quarterback. The 49ers' defense might have been incredible this season, but when the going got tough Sunday, it was the better quarterback who took control of the game and won it. The NFL has changed the rules so that quarterbacks define the game — like in the NBA, they want their biggest stars to shine brightest.

And that should give 49ers fans pause.

Do the 49ers have a good enough quarterback to win the Super Bowl?

Sunday, the answer was clear: No.

Jimmy Garoppolo had won a handful of games for the 49ers this year — in big moments, he shined. That was not the case in Miami. In the final 10 minutes of Super Bowl LIV, he went 2-of-10 for 24 yards and an interception. His fourth-quarter quarterback rating of 2.8 is the lowest in Super Bowl history.

Give credit to the Chiefs' defense, and feel free to note that Garoppolo started the second half 9-of-10 for 106 yards — the truth is that the 49ers' quarterback could not return serve with the NFL's best, even once, down the stretch.

He was a one-read quarterback who thrived when those reads were clear but showed every bit of his struggle when the water became cloudy, missing wide-open receivers on critical plays with his eyes and, critically, with his

throws.

As the offensive play-caller of arguably the two worst Super Bowl collapses of all time, Shanahan will be divvied the vast majority of the blame for Sunday's loss, but upon further review, it's difficult to say what play he called incorrectly down the stretch. No, the Niners were done in by Shanahan's overall conservatism and fear of Mahomes in conjunction with a defense that fell apart at the exact wrong moments, a team that lost its focus, and a quarterback who proved lesser-than when so much more was required.

This was Garoppolo's first full season as a starter and with steady, regular-season-long improvement, he showed he was a viable proxy for Shanahan on the field. But his playoffs were pedestrian — at best — in a league where, again, quarterbacks must be the team's best player. The latter is a trend that isn't going away anytime soon.

The 49ers have Garoppolo under contract through 2022 — a positive for San Francisco's future, it seemed, until Sunday, when his play made him more of a liability than an asset. Still, he's not going anywhere — to suggest the Niners move off him this offseason is preposterous — but as he garners more experience in the years to come, can he improve to reach a level to where he is a viable MVP candidate? That's what will be required going forward in this league.

Garoppolo certainly has the right man calling the plays to make that happen. The talent around him should be more than adequate too. Going into the postseason, Garoppolo's trajectory was clear-cut — the read was easy to make: the more he played, the better he became. Now, those waters are a bit cloudy.

Still, the 49ers' championship window remains wide open.

Sunday's loss might be the impetus for a dynastic run — the fuel to a fire that stays lit for a decade. That was certainly the positive spin after the game.

But it could also be the kind of collapse from which no one ever emotionally recovers.

Because the new reality for the 49ers is that there cannot be reconciliation unless there is ultimate victory. The bar has been reset, and it is as high as it can go. Another division title, another trip to the Super Bowl — they mean nothing now. This 49ers season was a wild success by any measure except the last. And because of that, until that final step is taken — until Shanahan lifts the Lombardi Trophy — everything else will be considered a failure.

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ADRIAN DENNIS/GETTY-AFP

Manager Frank Lampard has Chelsea firmly in fourth place in the English Premier League and in solid position to clinch a return to the Champions League.

Experiment soon a test?

At Chelsea, manager Lampard's fun approach has young club making progress

By RORY SMITH
The New York Times

LEICESTER, England — More than a decade ago, one of the world's foremost cardiovascular health experts tracked the heart rate and blood pressure of two Premier League managers during a game.

His findings were, by most measures, alarming: pulse rates that, at times, spiked to four times their ordinary level; blood pressures that soared to dangerous levels. The doctor who carried out the experiment, Dorian Dugmore, was in no doubt as to the warning contained within his findings. Every week, he said, "these guys are putting their hearts on the line."

It is hardly a surprise, then, that there are physical consequences to that strain. Some resist for a little longer than others. José Mourinho arrived in English soccer with a head of raven-black hair; it was a few years before it turned salt-and-pepper. Jürgen Klopp's beard is flecked with gray these days, too, four years after he joined Liverpool. The color, by contrast, seemed to drain from Ole Gunnar Solskjær within months of taking over at Manchester United.

For now, though, Frank Lampard seems almost immune. He is seven months into his career as a Premier League manager, and he has spent most of it smiling. The long hours might have added a little to the shadows under his eyes, but his mood is unfailingly cheery. He skips up the stairs onto his dais at news conferences. He has a disarming knack of chuckling and charming at even the most challenging, impertinent questions, a well-worn recipe of wry grin, one-liner, and then, "No, but seriously."

For a man who spent much of his career learning at the knee of Mourinho, Lampard's style is unexpectedly chipper. He is not, unlike his mentor — and, indeed, like essentially all of his peers in the Premier League these days — much of a brooder and a bristler.

In his first few months, it was easy to explain why. Lampard, uniquely in this phase of Chelsea's history, appeared to be under no immediate pressure whatsoever. The club accepted, it seemed, that he would have to learn on the job to some extent: his only previous managerial experience, after all, had been a season with Derby County in the championship.

The club was operating under a FIFA-imposed transfer embargo; it had lost its lone superstar, Eden Hazard, to Real Madrid; it was determined to promote some of



LEILA COKER/AP

Chelsea played to a 2-2 draw with Leicester City on Saturday.

the brightest talents from its youth program — the best in England for almost a decade — now that its hand had been forced. It knew there would be bumps in the road: that opening day defeat to Manchester United; the early troubles in winning games at home.

Youth has always bought managers time. Fans are, broadly, willing to suffer a little — and only a little — today if they feel that the promise of tomorrow is genuine. For once, and in a complete volte-face from its usual modus operandi under Roman Abramovich, Chelsea seemed to agree. This would, the line came again and again, be a transitional year. Not quite a freebie, but not far off, either.

On the face of it, the gamble has worked. Chelsea sits fourth in the Premier League, possessed of a comfortable cushion over the gaggle of teams — Manchester United, Tottenham, Wolves and Sheffield United — in pursuit.

A 2-2 tie with Leicester City on Saturday meant the gap to third place remained at eight points, most likely too much to be over-

hauled, but no matter: a return to the Champions League would represent a more than acceptable start for Lampard. His squad already has reached the last 16 of this year's competition, another box ticked. Getting past Bayern Munich later this month would, if anything, be exceeding expectations.

His young players, too, are flourishing. Tammy Abraham, for so long the avatar of all that was wrong with Chelsea's approach to youth, has scored 15 goals in his long-awaited first season as the club's first-choice striker. Midfielder Mason Mount and winger Callum Hudson-Odoi have played their way into contention for England's national team. Reece James has adapted so well to the Premier League that he is currently forcing Cesar Azpilicueta, the club captain, to play out of position.

That is how it seems. It is not, necessarily, how it is. Lampard was pleased Saturday with what he described as a "fair" point against Leicester — a team, after all, one place higher in the league — but it meant that Chelsea has

now won only four of its last 13 Premier League games. That it remains secure in fourth place is not, increasingly, through its own merit, but through the failings of Manchester United and Tottenham, in particular.

He remains adored by Chelsea's fans, of course — they sang his name here, lovingly, as he trotted over to thank them for their support, his fist clenched in appreciation — but that early-season aura of happy-go-lucky insouciance is starting, for the first time, to dissipate.

When the transfer window closed Friday without any new arrivals to his squad, Lampard suggested that Chelsea had made itself "underdogs" in the race for a Champions League spot. Twenty-four hours later, he decided to drop Kepa Arrizabalaga, the most expensive goalkeeper in the world, for the first time in the Premier League season, in favor of his veteran understudy, Willy Caballero.

This was always the challenge Lampard was likely to face. Chelsea is prepared to wait for a while, of course, for the future to

arrive, to give Lampard chance to grow. It is willing to do what Leicester, for example, has been doing for a couple of years: to accept that youth buys time, but also needs it.

But Chelsea is not Leicester. The profiles of the clubs are completely different, even if their league positions are reasonably similar. It is easy to believe that Chelsea wants to wait, wants to be patient, wants to trust in its young players. It is much harder — bordering on impossible — to know if it will be able to stick with that approach, or whether there will come a point where today, all of a sudden, matters more than tomorrow.

For now, Lampard is still smiling. A few minutes after his news conference had finished in Leicester, as the home team's manager, Brendan Rodgers, was speaking, he burst through the door again. He was about to leave, and he wanted to say goodbye to Rodgers. "I didn't want to be rude," he said, with a laugh. He left the room at a jog, a smile on his face. That is not bad, seven months in. The question now is how long it will last.



BRANDON HICKMAN/CBS

"Criminal Minds" comes to an end after 15 seasons on CBS.

MY WORST MOMENT

Brewster not dressed for success at audition

Wrong outfit just part of a forgettable tryout actor had in 1996

BY NINA METZ

After 15 seasons, the CBS procedural "Criminal Minds" is coming to an end.

Paget Brewster, who plays unit chief Emily Prentiss, joined the show in Season 2 and stayed for six years. Though Brewster stepped away for a few years, she returned for the show's last four seasons.

Brewster said it was fans who convinced her to come back.

During her hiatus they would approach her "in the airport or the supermarket or in the bathrooms at movie theaters and be like, 'Why aren't you on the show anymore?' And it kind of wore me down and I was like, 'Why am I not on that show anymore?' And (the producers) had continued to ask me back, so finally I was like, 'Of course I should be back here.'"

Brewster is just as comfortable doing comedy, including a memorable stint in "Friends" as both Joey and Chandler's love interest Kathy (she said she's still recognized for it) and a recurring role this season on the CBS sitcom "Mom." And periodically she gamely takes on the duties of an intoxicated narrator for the Comedy Central series "Drunk History." She will also have a recurring role in the second season of CBS' summer action-adventure series "Blood & Treasure."

When asked to share a worst moment from her career, it was a hectic day early in her career that Brewster recalled, when she had just relocated from San Francisco to Los Angeles in 1996.

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MICHAEL BROSILOW

Carrie Coon and Namir Smallwood portray characters who occupy a crappy Oklahoma hotel room in "Bug" at Steppenwolf Theatre.

IN PERFORMANCE 'Bug' ★★★★★

Steppenwolf goes old-school in thriller

Brilliant, hypnotizing performances perfectly paired on a dynamic set

BY CHRIS JONES

Like a sleeping Midwestern beast loosed from its cage of self-imposed timidity and graduate-school moralism, the old-school Steppenwolf Theatre came roaring back to life Monday night with the opening of "Bug," Tracy Letts' seminal, skin-crawling 1996 work about, depending on how you read the play, debilitating, delusional paranoia or the government's ongoing tendency to experiment on its own citizens.

Once again, Chicago's most famous theater has turned to Letts, its resident playwright with two shows this season on Broadway, including a transfer of "The Minutes," which happens to be the last show at this theater to shock its audience like this one. But this time,

Steppenwolf paired Letts (building on their New York collaboration with "The Man From Nebraska") with the director David Cromer, a theatrical genius who emerged from the very same Off-Loop milieu as Letts and is always at his best when making like an emergency locksmith with revivals of profoundly observational plays ready to burst wide open. For those of us who are longtime students of Cromer's work, "Bug" is a thrilling addition to the Cromer Chicago canon: this is his most spectacular piece of direction in this city since his seminal "Our Town," one of the greatest Chicago productions of all time.

And here's the other thing. When I first reviewed "Bug" at A Red Orchid Theatre in 1996 starring Michael Shannon, I thought its milieu was big fun but that the plot was weird and far-fetched.

This brilliantly cast play is centered on Peter Evans (Namir Smallwood), a quiet man who finds himself occupying a crappy Oklahoma hotel room with Agnes White (Carrie Coon), a woman running

from her abusive husband (Steve Key) and trying and failing to content herself with her friendship with R.C. (Jennifer Engstrom). Agnes and Peter get it on, so to speak (the characters spend a good portion of the night naked), but then Peter starts seeing bugs — little tiny critters burrowing under his skin and inside his eye sockets. Before long, Agnes sees them too. Bugs are everywhere. Peter says it's all government experimentation gone wrong.

Long before a quiet man named Dr. Sweet (Randall Arney) appears, we have figured out that the two main questions of this play are A) are the bugs real? And B) if so, who put them there?

The idea of being overheard by some version of the industrial-military complex in your private motel room took some swallowing in the 1990s. But not now, my fellow Americans, not now. Not with Alexa and Siri and Google Home all listening and watching, not with Big

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Marin Alsop takes new major post at Ravinia

Multitalented visionary will be the festival's first chief conductor, curator

BY HOWARD REICH

Marin Alsop has been appointed chief conductor and curator of the Ravinia Festival, the Highland Park institution announced Wednesday morning.

She will be the first person to hold this post, which has been created for her, in Ravinia's 116-year history.

Alsop has been a familiar figure at the festival, particularly during the past two seasons, when she curated centennial celebrations of conductor-composer-teacher Leonard Bernstein, her mentor. She holds posts as chief conductor of the ORF Vienna Radio Symphony and music director of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra.

"This is a huge honor and privilege," said Alsop, 63, in a phone interview. "And also, I think, for me, (Ravinia) really has become a little bit like family."

Alsop guest conducted the Chicago Symphony Orchestra at Ravinia in 2002 and 2005, and more recently led a historic, semi-staged concert performance of Bernstein's "Mass," to be broadcast on PBS' "Great Performances" on a date to be announced.

"This really came about from the long relationship she and I have had, and more important the connection she's made with the Ravinia family and the Ravinia audience," said Ravinia president and CEO Welz Kauffman, who will be stepping down from his post at the end of the festival's 2020 season.

Kauffman was the first to engage her to conduct the New York



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Marin Alsop leads the Chicago Symphony Orchestra in a Leonard Bernstein tribute at the Ravinia Festival last

Philharmonic in 1999, when he worked there, according to a Ravinia statement, and has been an Alsop champion ever since.

"These last two summers with the Bernstein celebration just cemented the fact that she's just the right person in so many ways

to both conduct the fabulous CSO but also to work with me, and with my successor, on what the whole Ravinia gestalt is," said Kauffman. "She gets every piece of it."

Ravinia is currently conducting a national search for Kauffman's

successor.

What will Alsop do in her new role?

"She will continue to do the kind of curator piece, which is deliberately amorphous," said

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CHRIS PIZZELLO/INVISION

Shannen Doherty at a "BH90210" press tour in August.

Doherty on stage 4 cancer diagnosis: 'Why not me?'

NEW YORK — Shannen Doherty is battling a recurrence of breast cancer that has progressed to stage 4, and is telling fans "it's a bitter pill to swallow."

"I definitely have days where I say, 'Why me?' And then I go, 'Well, why not me? Who else? Who else besides me deserves this?' None of us do," Doherty told "Good Morning America" on Tuesday. "I don't think I've processed it. It's a bitter pill to swallow in a lot of ways."

The actress from "Charmed" and "Beverly Hills, 90210" first revealed she had breast cancer in 2015 and charted her battle with the disease and its remission on social media.

She said one reason she came forward to say it has returned is because her health conditions could come out in court. The actress sued insurance giant State Farm after her California home was damaged in a fire in 2018.

"I'd rather people hear it from me. I don't want it to be twisted. I don't want it to be a court document. I want it to be real and authentic," Doherty said. "I want people to know from me, I just didn't want them to know yet."

Doherty, 48, has been working on a reboot of "BH90210" and kept the diagnosis mostly secret. "People with stage 4 can work too. Our life doesn't end the minute we get that diagnosis," she said. "We still have some living to do."

— Associated Press

Feb. 5 birthdays: Director Michael Mann is 77. Actress Charlotte Rampling is 74. Actress Barbara Hershey is 72. Actor Christopher Guest is 72. Actor Tom Wilkinson is 72. Actor Tim Meadows is 59. Actress Jennifer Jason Leigh is 58. Actress Laura Linney is 56. Singer Bobby Brown is 51. Actor Michael Sheen is 51. Country singer Sara Evans is 49. Actor-singer Darren Criss is 33. Actor Henry Golding is 33.



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NAACP honoree: Rihanna will receive the President's Award during the 51st NAACP Image Awards this month. The NAACP selected the 31-year-old pop star and fashion icon for her "ground-breaking career as an artist and musician, but (someone who) has also distinguished herself as a stellar public servant." Rihanna will be given the award during the Feb. 22 ceremony that will be televised for the first time on BET. Previous recipients include Jay-Z, Muhammad Ali, Jesse Jackson and Condo-leezza Rice.

Hasty honors: Award-winning actor and musician Ben Platt was named 2020 Man of the Year by Harvard University's famed Hasty Pudding theater troupe on Monday. Platt, 26, is the youngest recipient in the 54-year history of the award, handed out annually by the troupe that dates to the late 18th century. Actor-director Elizabeth Banks was named Hasty Pudding's 2020 Woman of the Year last week.

Oscar hack? There were flashbacks to 2017's "envelope-gate" Monday when the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences appeared to post its official "predictions" for this year's Oscars on Twitter, showing Bong Joon Ho's "Parasite" winning best picture and Sam Mendes taking best director for "1917." The widely shared tweet — since deleted — quickly sparked confusion, with many wondering if the organization had accidentally leaked the winners or had been hacked. The academy shared a tweet from awards pundit Kris Tapley, who wrote: "Every-one chill, it's a predictions app!"



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Son's new baby a poorly kept secret

Dear Amy: My divorced 45-year-old son, who lives 3,000 miles away, has been keeping a big secret from me for a year: He has a baby daughter, and I have a baby granddaughter.

I received a letter with photographs from his then-girlfriend, the baby's mother. She asks nothing of me or from me. She wants me to know I am welcome to visit and be a part of the baby's life, if I so choose (which I do).

She has asked my son to tell me about the baby several times. He refused. She felt I had the right to know.

The pregnancy was a surprise to both of them. He wanted her to terminate the pregnancy, and she didn't, so he walked out. He has nothing to do with the baby or her mother, who went through the pregnancy and childbirth alone. I do not know if he contributes any child support.

Meanwhile, he has asked/pressured me three times to get rid of my generation-skipping trust ... with no personal explanation. I did not.

I thought my son and I had a close relationship. I stood by him through several years of a nightmare divorce. He is my only living child. The baby is my only biological grandchild.

My former husband abandoned us. I am remarried to a wonderful man, and through him, I am blessed with a loving stepfamily (four grandkids).

My son has either no conscience or a selective conscience, and he is very self-righteous.

I fear the choice to acknowledge my baby grand-

daughter could end my relationship with my son. I am sad, angry and ashamed of him.

How should I tell him that I know?
— Anonymous Gran

Dear Gran: You could send your son the text of this question, which seems to outline exactly how you feel, with a note in the margin: "FYI"

I assume you plan to follow up and make contact with this child's mother. I hope you do.

There is no need for you to try to explain your son's behavior to the mother of the child — or discuss this further with your son until you are ready. You are both adults, and you both have the right to engage in whatever relationships you want. He may eventually acknowledge the child and come around in some minimal ways, but, as the son of a father who abandoned him and disappeared from his own life, he might not ever step up.

You should assume that if you choose to acknowledge this child, your relationship with your son will be affected, but that is up to him.

Dear Amy: My wife and I have a 3-year-old son.

My wife's 17-year-old sister "Tessa" lives with us.

One day, my teenage sister-in-law was tasked to watch our son because we had an all-day personal appointment.

However, we finished our appointment by 1 p.m., and upon arriving home, we were shocked to find that Tessa had invited four of her friends over when she was watching our son. I have no issues with her

friends being over, yet the fact that she didn't ask us has me very concerned.

What say you?
— Upset Dad

Dear Upset: Your concern is completely justified.

"Tessa" is a teenager and is demonstrating the judgment typical of her age. But, while she might have thought that having more "help" would be good for everyone concerned, the more people around, the more divided attention toward the child.

Tessa might not be mature enough to take on responsibility for another human. If you plan to trust Tessa to continue occasionally watching her nephew, emphasize the absolute need for her to be completely honest with you. You should meet and approve of any other people spending time with your child.

Dear Amy: "Jealous?" was worried about a newly single female work friend of her boyfriend's, who was driving four hours to their town for a personal visit.

You were wrong to justify her jealousy. Female jealousy has ruined many platonic friendships.

— Upset

Dear Upset: I suggested that this person acknowledge her feelings and also accept the female friend's invitation to get together in order to see if the feelings were justified. Jealousy is not confined to women.

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Brendan Coyle to return to Goodman in 'Sweeney'

By CHRIS JONES

The actor Brendan Coyle will appear at the Goodman Theatre in artistic director Robert Falls' March production of Brian Friel's "Molly Sweeney," the Goodman announced Tuesday.

Although a longtime stage actor, Coyle now is best known around the globe for playing the mysterious valet Mr. Bates in the TV show "Downton Abbey," as well as its recent movie spin-off. He previously appeared at the Goodman Theatre in Conor McPherson's "St. Nicholas," a play about a theater critic who finds himself involved with a dangerous cult after falling in love with an actress. At the time, Coyle expressed great desire to come back



HELEN MAYBANKS

Brendan Coyle portrayed a Dublin theater critic in the Donmar Warehouse production of "St. Nicholas" by Conor McPherson at the Goodman Theatre in 2019.

and work on one of Chicago's storied stages.

The Goodman's "Molly Sweeney" will also star Kate Fry and Christopher Donahue and will run from March 27 to April 26.

More information is at

312-443-3800 and www.goodmantheatre.org.

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MHz Worldview leaving WYCC for streaming

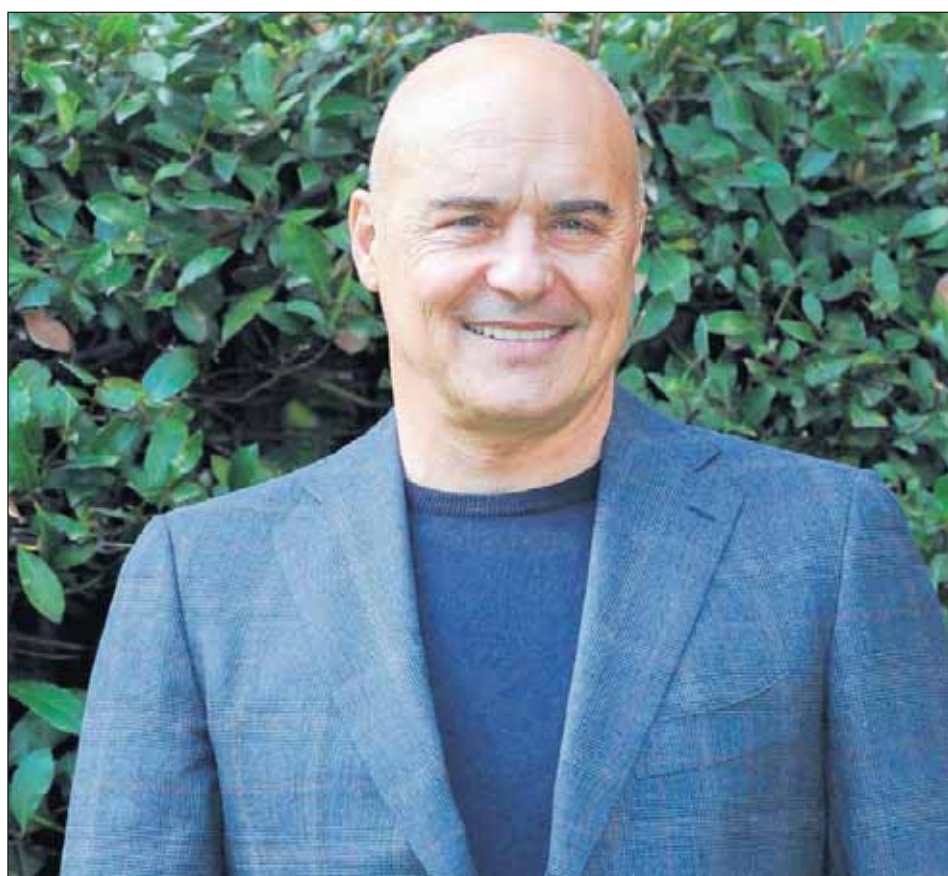
WTTW to replace channel with shows seen on WORLD

BY NINA METZ

As of next month, MHz Worldview is no more. The public television channel, carried in Chicago on one of WTTW's sub-channels, is known for its international news programs during the day and a prime-time lineup of foreign dramas including the Italian series "Detective Montalbano" and the French series "Spiral," which is often compared to "The Wire."

Why the change? MHz will no longer be distributing its programming via public TV stations. Those interested in the company's lineup can instead pay a monthly subscription to stream the service. According to the MHz Networks website:

"As March 1, 2020, MHz Worldview will no longer be available on the 26 public TV stations that currently carry MHz Worldview. We sincerely thank you for watching as well as the community stations



Italian actor Luca Zingaretti from "Detective Montalbano," which MHz Worldview airs.

across the U.S. that had the vision to carry us these last 12 years." In MHz's place, WTTW

will be replacing it with a channel branded as WORLD, which is described as follows:

"Devoted to telling stories that humanize complex issues, WORLD shares the best of public media in

news, documentaries, and fact-based informational programming. While airing news and documentaries from PBS, WORLD's focus is on original content, offering a national platform to issues too often ignored by mainstream media. WORLD's emerging and master filmmakers spotlight a diversity of voices, telling stories not heard elsewhere."

As of March 1, WORLD will be available on WYCC 20.1, Comcast channel 372, and RCN channel 57.

If the WORLD branding sounds familiar, that's because WTTW is already carrying the channel, splitting daily broadcasting schedule with a channel called CREATE, which features DIY programming that includes shows about cooking, travel, home improvement, etc.

Now both WORLD and CREATE will have their own individual 24-hour channels. (CREATE will be available on WTTW 11.3, Comcast 369 and RCN 38.)

WORLD does carry programming that duplicates what viewers can find on other WTTW channels ("Nature," "Frontline" and

"PBS NewsHour" among them) and also includes some locally produced series including "Art & Design in Chicago," "Central Standard," "Fighting on Both Fronts: The Story of the 370th" and the upcoming "Firsthand: Gun Violence Series."

The programming change comes a little more than two years after WYCC auctioned off its frequency for \$15.9 million, effectively ending the channel's existence.

For audiences on limited incomes (or households simply tapped out with too many streaming subscriptions already), WYCC was a reliable source of high-quality TV series from Europe (via MHz's lineup) and the U.K.

Though many of the British detective shows once carried by WYCC did not return to the Chicago airwaves after 2017 (including "Vera," starring Brenda Blethyn in the titular role), WTTW did subsequently buy WYCC's license in order to bring back MHz, which it has carried up until now.

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On the final episodes of Netflix's "BoJack Horseman," the characters debate what makes a real Chicagoan and which things can be classified as "Chicago style."

Real Chicagoans? 'BoJack' continues to debate subject

BY CARMEL CARRILLO

Netflix's final eight episodes of "BoJack Horseman" premiered last week, and the characters continued to poke fun at Chicago, where Diane moved in with her boyfriend, Guy, earlier in the season.

"You got to try a Chicago-style baked potato," urges Guy (voiced by LaKeith Stanfield) during an outing to the city's fictional Hubba Bubba Field to see the Human Babies baseball team play.

"Why does everything have to be Chicago style here? We get it, we're in Chicago," says an exasperated Diane (Alison Brie).

The animated show about BoJack, a horse/human hybrid who's a washed-up actor and recovering addict, wraps its final season with his best friend, Diane, struggling to write a book, dealing with depression and adapting to life in the Midwest.

Other Chicago-style mentions: museums, pizza by the spoonful, whistling, pork and "The Bean" beans, pickles, bands and cheese fries. There's even a bookstore called "Da Books."

The series wraps up with the main characters

reconciling and moving on with their lives, often ungracefully, after choosing separate and difficult paths. Suggestion: Get your tissues at the ready for the emotional finale.

One of the recurring questions of the sixth and final season is: Who or what counts as real Chicago?

When Guy's son reads Diane's young adult mystery, he angrily points out that she claims the book takes place in Chicago, but the main character lives in Schaumburg. When she points out that the northern suburb is in the metro area, Sonny retorts, "Oh my god! What's next — Evanston's Chicago? Morton Grove, Chicago? Naperville, Chicago?"

In a phone conversation between Diane and her ex-husband, Mr. Peanutbutter, he asks how she's settling in.

"You know, I went to school in Chicago," he tells her.

"You went to Northwestern," she corrects him. "That's not in Chicago."

"Ah!" Mr. Peanutbutter explains. "You are a Chicagoan!"

"BoJack Horseman" airs on Netflix.

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My worst moment ...

"I had done plays in San Francisco, but I had never had an agent. So suddenly I'm at UTA (the talent agency) and my agent is sending me out on auditions. On this one day I had two auditions and I'm thinking, oh yeah, now things are cooking! I'm going to be a star!

"The first audition was for a prostitute, which is what every actress goes out for until you're 35. So I went down to Hollywood Boulevard and I got the fake patent leather thigh-high 'Pretty Woman' boots and hot pants.

"I got in my car — I had this really old Volvo with a broken gas gauge — and went all the way over west in Los Angeles and auditioned for the prostitute. I don't remember what (show or film) it was for. (I) got back in the car to drive home and change, but the car died because it had no gas in it.

"So I had to walk five blocks down Pico Boulevard with a gas can, dressed like a hooker. People are honking at me because I didn't know enough to have a change of clothes in the car. This isn't even the story; I'm telling you the preamble!

"I get the gas, go back to the Volvo and fill it up, and now I have to get the next audition. No time to go home and change clothes. And I get there and I probably said something like, 'Listen, I know I shouldn't be dressed like this, but I had another audition and I just couldn't get home in between.'

"I was auditioning to play a nanny in a made-for-TV movie and I should have been in a gingham Laura Ashley dress for this. And instead I'm trying to cover the bottom of my (butt) cheeks because I was wearing short shorts and high plastic boots.

"The movie was about a nanny that goes to work for a mafia boss to take care of



MICHAEL YARISH/CBS

Paget Brewster has had two stints as Emily Prentiss on CBS' "Criminal Minds." She joined the show in Season 2 and stayed for six years, then returned for the last four.

his little kid and they fall in love and then he finds out she's not a nanny. She's an undercover agent, so the audition was the scene where she's confronted by the mob boss.

"I walk into the room and the casting director is there with a couple other people and they've got a big box of cookies in front of them. And they said, 'Is it OK if we eat?' I didn't realize at the time casting people are not supposed to eat while they're auditioning you. Now I know better — I'm haunted by the sound of the cookie crunching — but I said, 'Yeah, go ahead. It's fine.'

"So I start the scene and I'm giving it my all. The mafia boss is supposed to be strangling me while I say I love him, so now I'm on the floor, on my knees, strangling myself, saying, 'But Antonio, I love you!' And between that and the crunching sound of cookies, I knew it wasn't happening. And I put my hands down on the ground so I'm all fours, and I look up at them and I said, 'This isn't working, is it?' And they were all like, 'Nope,' and kept eating their cookies.

"It was devastating. And I left feeling depressed and I got in my broken Volvo dressed like a prostitute and cried all the way home.

"And it was not the last

time I cried all the way home. That happens all the time when you're first auditioning and you don't know anything — you have this fantasy that in the room they're going to say, 'You're the one, kid! The part's yours!'

"Weirdly, even though it was so cringe-worthy and I did everything wrong, I'm still kind of proud that despite my inexperience I still had the courage to go to the audition dressed like that. And that I was able to just call it in the middle of the audition and say, 'This is not working out' — I sometimes wonder if I would do that now as a 50-year-old woman in an audition and actually just go, 'I think we can all agree I'm not getting this part.'

"But I'm proud of that naive, scrappy little dum-dum who had just moved to LA and got gas looking like a hooker and still went to the audition.

"Not long after that, I got cast in a pilot with Dana Gould and Kevin McDonald of 'Kids in the Hall' and that didn't get picked up. And then the first job I got (a few months later) that aired was 'Friends.' That was huge. It was the biggest show on the air at the time.

"But I guarantee you the week before I auditioned for 'Friends' I was probably still hung up on an audition

I didn't get — I don't remember what that other thing was, but I bet you I was crying about it."

Does she still wear costumes to auditions?

"Absolutely. I've never not done it. And if it's a period piece, I have all those clothes. I have a dedicated bedroom in my home that's a walk-in closet — they show it on 'Drunk History' all the time — because I love dressing up for auditions. I can go as a cavewoman, I can go as a grim reaper, I can go as a boss or therapist. I love dressing up for auditions.

"But now I have entire outfits in my car ready to go. And I have a black wrap dress, nude heels and earrings in the car right now just in case I need to change into something normal."

The takeaway ...

"When I audition now, I'm aware that everything happens the way it's supposed to happen. So I'll go in and I'll think: OK, I'm going to do it the way I want to do it, and if they want to hire me, they hire me. Oh, they hired Lauren Graham? She's great! Oh, they hired Judy Greer? Awesome. It doesn't matter; we all do different jobs. And if you don't get this job, it means you're free to get something else that you don't even know exists yet.

"I think the reason why that experience was so — I didn't even realize it was funny until I started telling my actress friend Maria Thayer. A few years ago we were just sitting around having wine and she said, 'What was your worst audition?' and I was like, 'Ugh, this one,' and we were laughing while I was telling her about it.

But I never thought it was funny until that moment; I still remembered it as deeply upsetting. And when she asked me about it I realized this thing that had been so humiliating for me? It's actually funny!

"I haven't told anyone this story except you and Maria."

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Ravinia

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Kauffman.

"It's meant to be weighing in on things that she has knowledge about, the things she's interested in, the things she's always well aware of that Ravinia does: the mix of programming, the education with little kids, since she's so involved with kids in Baltimore. And being a terrific conductor who has wide breadth of repertoire, of which we've only begun to scratch the surface."

This summer Alsop will conduct the CSO in several

concerts: "Shostakovich and 'Slava!'" featuring Shostakovich's Symphony No. 7, "Leningrad," and Prokofiev's Violin Concerto No. 1 performed by Midori (July 10); an "All-Rachmaninoff Evening" including his Piano Concerto No. 3 and Symphonic Dances (July 11); "Legendary Women's Voices," starring singer Cynthia Erivo in a gala benefit evening (July 12); "Voices of Light," Richard Einhorn's 1994 oratorio, performed as accompaniment to Carl Dreyer's silent film "The Passion of Joan of Arc" (July 16); and "An Evening of Variations," with pianist Jorge Federico Osorio

performing Rachmaninoff's Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini on a program that also holds Elgar's "Enigma" Variations (July 17).

To Alsop, the new post offers ample possibilities.

"I really think that my experience of Ravinia is one of large-picture ideas that we have the opportunity to share," she said. "For example, this summer, we're focusing on (the centennial of) the 19th amendment" which secured women's right to vote.

"We can do this from the classical perspective — I'm going to do this film with a contemporary score," she added, referring to Dreyer's

"The Passion of Joan of Arc."

"Cynthia (Erivo) is going to do her tribute. So we can take something of interest and look at it from all these various perspectives, which I think is really interesting for our audience.

"I'll continue that tradition that exists there, trying to program excellent classical programs and also the dramatic connections to various subjects that we're going to focus on."

Alsop's is a two-year appointment that can be extended, according to the conductor and Kauffman.

In effect, she will serve as a bridge between his tenure and that of

his successor.

"That's kind of built in," said Alsop.

Added Alsop, the scenario "gives a little stability through this time, and consistency. But I'm hoping that Welz and I will really already have (programming for) 2021 pretty well under control by the time he leaves, so the next person can come in with the freedom to have a look broadly as to what their vision is as well."

Kauffman has high hopes for what Alsop will bring to Ravinia.

"A continuing of the fabulous effect she already has had," he said. "A warmth, a compassion and

understanding, a joy about what Ravinia is all about and what it feels like and what it could be.

"But the most important thing is: How do we bring more people to the CSO concerts and everything we do on the classical side?"

"But not just that. Her vision, her sweep is so much wider than what one would think of with a conductor. She's had her own jazz orchestra. She's been involved with music theater. (She's) mirroring everything we're about."

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What awaits new reality stars of ‘Cheer’?

Show may be over and there is no pro version of the sport

BY MEREDITH BLAKE
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Morgan Simianer and Shannon Woolsey, members of the Navarro College cheerleading team, were on a trip recently when a woman approached them with a message: “If Jerry needs a kidney, I’ll happily give him one.”

The Jerry in question is teammate Jerry Harris, one of the standout athletes featured in the Netflix documentary series “Cheer.”

“Someone that doesn’t even know me but knows my story has so much love for me,” Harris said, sharing the story with disbelief. “It makes me feel really special.”

While fans offering their vital organs remain rare, many viewers have responded to “Cheer” — and especially its subjects — with similar fervor since it premiered in January. The six-part series, directed by Greg Whiteley, follows the elite cheerleaders at Navarro, a junior college in the small town of Corsicana, Texas, in the intense months leading up to the national championships.

The team is led by Monica Aldama, a Sheryl Crow lookalike with a perfect blowout, an impressive boot collection and an MBA from the University of Texas. Demanding and nurturing in equal measure, she has the ability to inspire fierce loyalty and selfless devotion among her athletes, most of whom defy the perky-cheerleader stereotype.

Netflix declined to reveal ratings information about “Cheer,” but anecdotal evidence suggests the series has broken out with an audience well beyond the cheerleading community. Its high drama — only half the 40-member team will “make mat,” or be selected for the starting squad, and the entire season comes down to a 2-minute, 15-second performance — has made it one of the most talked-about new shows of 2020, turning viewers who were previously indifferent to the sport into passionate armchair experts, conversant in terms such as “top girl,” “hit zero” and “full out.”

Its young subjects have become in-demand talk-show guests and overnight influencers. And in what may be the surest sign of its cultural resonance, “Cheer” was spoofed in a recent episode of “Saturday Night Live.”

“I think we all have been really shocked,” Aldama said via telephone from Netflix’s LA offices the day after an appearance on “Ellen.” The coach was joined by one of her star athletes, Lexi Brumback.



NETFLIX

Netflix’s documentary series “Cheer” follows the competitive cheerleaders of Navarro College in Corsicana, Texas. Led by Monica Aldama, the small junior college has won 14 national championships since 2000.

“We knew that the people in the cheer industry would watch it,” Aldama said. “But we really had no idea that so many people would not just watch it but (do so) multiple times.”

“Life has been wild lately,” added Brumback, a platinum-haired raver with freakish tumbling skills. She’s been excited by the response from celebrities, like “Jersey Shore” star Snooki.

“I can’t believe that!” Brumback said.

A high school dropout with a history of acting out violently, she credits cheerleading — and Aldama — with keeping her out of trouble.

“I’ve learned a lot of useful tools while being here,” she told The Times.

Brumback, 20, is one of five athletes at the center of “Cheer.” Their poignant personal stories of overcoming poverty, sexual abuse, parental neglect and tragic loss lend the series a surprising emotional wallop.

Harris is a bighearted underdog so committed to cheerleading he performed the day after his mother died of lung cancer. La’Darius Marshall is a gifted but mercurial athlete whose brothers used to beat him for being gay.

Wide-eyed and eager to please, Simianer was effectively abandoned by her parents as a teen and struggles with feelings of inadequacy. Gabi Butler, a genuine “cheer-lebrity” who arrives at Navarro with endorsement deals and a huge social media following, has to balance practice with late-night photo shoots and calls from her overbearing parents.

“The secret to the series are these kids and how interesting they are,” said Whiteley, who documented the struggles of college football players in the series “Last Chance U.” He calls the Navarro cheerleaders “the toughest athletes I’ve ever filmed.”

“Cheer” has also brought attention to what many think of as a sparkly sideline attraction, not a physically and mentally punishing sport that is the leading cause of catastrophic injury for young female athletes. (One Navarro cheerleader reveals she’s had five concussions. “That’s usually what happens to get it perfect,” she says with a shrug.)

And it hints at the extreme measures these athletes undergo to meet the physical ideal for the sport — especially the women, who are seen anxiously weighing themselves and teasing their hair to ridiculous heights.

The series has become a phenomenon because it “finally showed the true, authentic meaning of what cheerleading is,” said Marshall. “There’s a lot more than looking pretty under the Friday night lights.”

A few years ago, Whiteley was in Scooba, Mississippi, filming “Last Chance U,” which follows junior college football players trying to qualify for a four-year school, and noticed the cheerleaders on the sideline. He decided to check out a practice and was immediately struck by how intense it was.

He soon had the idea to follow a team as members prepared to compete at the national championships in Daytona Beach, Florida — the biggest and effectively the only competition in college cheerleading. After a little research, Whiteley realized the Navarro squad — which had then won the championship 13 times — would make an ideal subject.

“The moment we began filming,” he said, “all of us felt like we had something special.”

An experienced documentarian, Whiteley trusted his instincts when it came to selecting which of the team members to follow in “Cheer.”

“In the first few days,

there’s going to be a handful of people that are going to jump out at you,” he said.

Aldama mentioned that team member Simianer had had “a rough upbringing,” but initially Whiteley knew almost nothing about his chosen subjects beyond that. (We eventually learn that for a time in high school Simianer lived with her brother in a trailer.)

“It turns out they weren’t just interesting in terms of how they performed on the mat,” Whiteley said. “They were also really amazing people off the mat.”

Whiteley has ideas about why elite cheerleading seems to appeal to athletes who’ve been through such personal hardship. The sport is so demanding, both mentally and physically, that it draws “people that maybe feel they’ve really got nothing to lose.”

“Think about the type of courage it takes to be launched into the air 20 to 30 feet in hopes that these people you just met are going to catch you,” he said.

Marshall, who had a brush with fame in 2018 when a video of his hyper-expressive sideline dancing went viral, backed up this theory, calling cheerleading “a safe haven for people that are hurt.”

“I never got that love and that nurturing,” said the 21-year-old, who was taken in by a family friend while his mother was incarcerated. “The only way I knew that I had purpose is by how much I touched everybody when I cheered. They’re like, ‘Oh my gosh, the way you perform.’ That is like someone saying that they love me, that I am doing something that is making them happy.”

It has even helped Marshall repair his relationship with his brother Antonio, whom we see in the series crying while he watches La’Darius compete: “I finally felt like he saw me,” Marshall said. “I finally felt like I was not invisible.”

Harris, 20, who joined

him by phone, has become a fan favorite because of his relentless optimism and morale-boosting “mat talk” — the high-pitched, mile-a-minute pep talks he gives his teammates from the sidelines. The New Yorker described him as “a human sunbeam,” but Harris, who is more reserved than his exuberant cheering persona suggests, said, “I just think of myself as someone who is very positive.”

Marshall, the chattier of the two, described Harris as “my personal role model. I love you, Jerry. You are more than a sunbeam, baby child.”

“Jerry balances me with the love and the heart and the compassion,” Marshall said. “I balance him with that confidence, that tough love. We’re like the yin and yang — I’m that dark and he gives me some of that light; he’s that light and I give him some of that dark.”

Over the phone, the friends crack each other up almost constantly. In “Cheer,” they bond over their shared love for “Bad Girls Club,” an Oxygen reality show about unruly women living together (and often brawling) in a mansion. The series “is really good for us,” Marshall says earnestly, because it shows the importance of talking things out rather than fighting.

Their odd-couple friendship is briefly tested in “Cheer” when Aldama, weary of Marshall’s attitude, temporarily gives Harris his spot on the mat. But Marshall speaks glowingly of his coach.

“She treats everyone as if they are her child and she would do anything for us and that’s where that loyalty comes from,” he said.

He says she commands respect because of her fearsome alter ego, known as “Annette.” (“If Annette jump on you, child, that’s the end of your career.”)

“Annette” aside, Aldama can be tough as nails when it comes to making

decisions about what’s best for her team. And she stays stone-faced, even when her athletes get injured — which they do, frequently.

But she’s also a compassionate and nonjudgmental mentor who has earned comparisons to the “Friday Night Lights” character Tami Taylor or “The Blind Side’s” Leigh Anne Tuohy.

She supports Brumback through a personal crisis involving nude photos posted online. And even though she describes herself as conservative, Aldama talks in “Cheer” about defending her male cheerleaders, many of whom are gay, in a long conversation with her pastor.

“I want to make sure they feel loved no matter what,” she told The Times. “I will have their backs no matter what.”

What’s next for Navarro? The “Cheer” athletes now seem poised to become influencers.

On Instagram, they have hundreds of thousands of followers. They’ve gotten social media shout-outs from Reese Witherspoon, Chrissy Teigen and J.J. Watt. Brumback has plugged a flat tummy app. Harris has an account on Cameo, where fans can pay \$75 for a video greeting of him doing mat talk.

The enthusiastic embrace of the series has taken its subjects by surprise.

“I thought people would want to go out there and try to find something to hate, but I’ve gotten so much positivity,” said Brumback.

Given the microscope her charges are now under, Aldama senses she may need to step into the Mama Bear role even more often.

“We’re learning as we go,” she said. “I’m trying to protect them as much as I can and give them the best advice possible. It’s been such a whirlwind.”

The series ends with the question of “what’s next” unanswered. There is no professional cheerleading league to try out for after Navarro, and few of the “Cheer” kids — and even some of their coaches — seem certain about what to do outside the sport that is their sanctuary. Even though Brumback, Marshall and Harris all left Navarro at the end of “Cheer,” they have all returned. Perhaps they’re back to film Season 2?

Netflix declined to say whether a second season was in the works, and Whiteley, who ran into major obstacles filming the championships in Daytona, is also evasive about the possibility of another go-around. For now, as always, Aldama’s eyes are on the prize.

“We’re trying to catch our breath and keep our head above water at the moment,” she said, “and maybe try to find time to practice.”

Thrilling

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Tech excavating your data like a fevered Wisconsin mine owner. We invited all of those mercenary folks right into the most intimate and vulnerable areas of our lives. So you might say that time sure has ripened for a play probing the downside of a colossal societal decision taken without anybody fully reading the terms and conditions.

And then there’s the whole idea of viral transmission at work here. And who, friends, has not been thinking of late about all of that?

Many of the most terrifying Steppenwolf performances — John Malkovich comes to mind — reside in actors moving through time and space, playing characters who finally have bust their lid, gone for broke, and are no longer fully in control of their own actions. Smallwood, whose work here is a series of thrilling fever blisters, has exactly one of those moments in the second act of “Bug,” coming from the back of the stage with such intensity that you can feel the audience recoil in his

wake. Smallwood has worked all over Chicago theater but I’ve never seen him do work quite like this. He has found the farthest reaches of his internal dial, and he has figured out not only how to show us all the positions of the needle, but to connect each movement with the requisite psychological logic in a play that (Letts being a formalist with one foot in Ionesco-like neo-absurdism) is very clinically and logically mapped out.

Coon, marking her first appearance as a Steppenwolf ensemble member, is every bit as potent. In her performance, which is deeply vulnerable and often profoundly sad, fans of this play on stage or screen will see what they have not previously experienced, but maybe already know about Coon.

Coon is married to Letts; demonstrably here, she understands the rhythms of her partner’s thinking and writing and she has an intuitive understanding of his particular marriage of black comedy, shock-horror and political fury. She removes all filters but never her on-stage intelligence, adding just a note of remove from her character’s terrible situation.



MICHAEL BROSILOW

Carrie Coon and Namir Smallwood star in the Tracy Letts play “Bug” at Steppenwolf Theatre.

Coon makes it very clear that she is playing a victim of marital abuse and that insects also can have two legs.

It’s brilliant and hypnotizing both.

Previous incarnations of “Bug” have been staged with limited dollars in unit sets. Not this one. Cromer has the budget, and the skill with theatrical transitions, to offer up a scenic coup de theater, in concert with the set designer Takeshi Kata.

You always have a feeling something is going to happen inside that massive Steppenwolf proscenium, but Kata and Cromer still pull off something totally unexpected (or I, at least, did not see coming). Kata just designed the mentalist Derren Brown’s show on Broadway and, here, it is as if he has purloined the tools of that fine illusionist and thrown them in the face of Chicago-style realism, at once doubling down and

folding the hand. This set is a stunner and well worth the price of admission, but the brilliant Heather Gilbert, that most Cromer-compatible of lighting designers, is part of that grand illusion, as is Joshua Schmidt’s playful and Sarah Laux’s talkative costumes.

“Bug,” you should know, is not for the squeamish. What is these days?

But few things, surely, are as exciting for a Chi-

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ago theater-goer as seeing a work with such an off-Loop DNA being expanded and exploded in this way, now the work of mature but still-fearless artists who are at the peak of their international careers. I doubt Broadway has the capacity or appetite for more Letts this year, but you never know.

American discourse has so coarsened, and the nation’s checks and balances have so eroded, that we now are at the point where “Bug,” once a pulpy play, feels like it has become part of our not-so-shared architecture. That is hardly to be cheered, Lord knows. But it makes this show all the more worth the feeling.

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WATCH THIS: WEDNESDAY



Will Arnett

"LEGO Masters" (8:01 p.m., FOX): Best known to legions of fans for voicing Batman in the animated LEGO blockbusters, Will Arnett hosts this new competition series, in which he and some expert judges watch as pairs of LEGO enthusiasts face off in a series of brick-building challenges. In each episode, the competitors who most impress the judges progress to the next round and so on until the finale, where the top teams vie for a cash prize.

"Survivor at 40: Greatest Moments and Players" (7 p.m., CBS): CBS is making a Very Big Deal about how the new Season 40, which launches next Wednesday, coincides roughly with the 20th anniversary of the "Survivor" premiere in 2000. Fan favorites from previous "Survivor" editions make up the roster of Season 40 contestants, and they'll be playing for \$2 million. First, though, this retrospective special features interviews with some of those past "Survivor" players.

"Summer House" (8 p.m., 10:30 p.m., 5:58 a.m., Bravo): No matter what you call it — a docu-soap? an unscripted relationship series? — there's little question that the Hamptons will be hopping once again as Kyle Cooke, Amanda Batula, Carl Radke, Lindsay Hubbard, Hannah Berner and Paige DeSorbo return for more summertime shenanigans. They're also joined by two new roomies, Luke Gulbranson and Jules Daoud, plus their friends Danielle Olivera and Jordan Verroi also are back.

"Party of Five" (8 p.m., FREE): In the aftermath of baby Rafa's ER visit, a shaken Emilio (Brandon Larracuente) realizes he is overwhelmed by his family responsibilities and needs help, which finally gets him to open up to those around him in the new "Patch Job." Elsewhere, Beto (Niko Guardado) falls short when he makes a play to impress Ella (Audrey Gerthoffer).

"Good Trouble" (9 p.m., FREE): In a new episode called "In Good Conscience," Callie (Maia Mitchell) is forced to confront a difficult choice after she discovers that the Anwei International case is going forward after all. Meanwhile, Mariana (Cierra Ramirez) gets ready to launch her new app. Tommy Martinez also stars.

"Vikings" (9 p.m., 1:01 a.m., History): Ivar and Igor (Alex Høgh Andersen, Oran Glynn O'Donovan) join the intimidating force that's departing Kiev to invade Scandinavia, even though both are plotting against Oleg (Danila Kozlovsky), in the mid-season finale, "The Best Laid Plans." King Harald and King Bjorn (Peter Franzén, Alexander Ludwig) scramble for the imminent attack.

TALK SHOWS

"Conan" (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Guest: Diego Luna.*

"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon" (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actress Claire Danes; actress Lana Condor; Lil Wayne performs.*

"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert" (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actor Jim Carrey; Michael Kiwanuka performs.*

"Jimmy Kimmel Live!" (10:35 p.m., ABC): Actor Nick Kroll; actress Tika Sumpter; Russ performs.*

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	FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)					Hannity (N) ©	The Ingraham Angle (N)	Fox News			
	FOOD	Guy's Grocery Games					Guy's Grocery Games (N)	Guy's Grocery Games (N)	Grocery ♦			
	FREE	† Twilight: New Moon					Party of Five (N) ©	Good Trouble (N) ©	700 Club ♦			
	FX	Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle (PG-13,'17) ♦♦♦ Dwayne Johnson.					Jumanji: Welcome ♦					
	HALL	Walking the Dog (NR,'17) Jennifer Finnigan. ©					Bottled With Love (NR,'19) © ♦					
	HGTV	Property Brothers					Property Brothers (N)	Hunt Int'l (N)	Hunters (N)	Beach		
	HIST	Forged in Fire (N)					Forged in Fire (N)	Vikings (N) ©	Forged ♦			
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	IFC	† (5:45) Home Alone ♦♦♦ (8:15) Home Alone 2: Lost in New York (PG,'92) ♦♦♦ © ♦										
	LIFE	Married at First Sight (N) ©					Supernanny (N) ©	Married ♦				
	MSNBC	All In With (N)					Rachel Maddow Show (N)	The Last Word (N)	11th Hour (N)			
	MTV	Catfish: The TV Show (N)					True Life Crime (N) ©	Ridic. (N)	Ridiculous. Ridiculous.			
	NATGEO	Locked Up Abroad (N) ©					Locked Up Abroad (N) ©	To Catch a Smuggler (N)	Smuggler ♦			
	NBCSCH	Snowboarding (Tape)					College Basketball: Teams TBA. (N) (Live)	Skating ♦				
	NICK	† (6) Kung Fu Panda ♦♦♦ Substitute					Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©		
	Ovation	† (6) The Firm (R,'93) ♦♦♦ Tom Cruise, Jeanne Tripplehorn. ©					Primal Fear (R,'96) ♦♦♦ ♦					
	OWN	20/20 on OWN					20/20 on OWN	20/20 ♦				
	OXY	Snapped ©					Snapped: "Tammy Cole."	Snapped ♦				
	PARMT	† (5:30) The Shawshank Redemption (R,'94) ♦♦♦ ♦					68 Whiskey (N) ©	Shaw ♦				
	SYFY	† (5:01) Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets					The Magicians (N) ©	Rings ♦♦				
	TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Full (N)	Conan (N)				
	TCM	The Apartment (NR,'60) ♦♦♦♦ Jack Lemmon. ©					(9:15) The China Syndrome ('79) ♦♦♦ ♦					
	TLC	My 600-Lb. Life: "Travis's Story." (N)					1000-Lb. Sisters (Season Finale) (N)	My Feet ♦				
	TLN	Moody Bible Founder's Week Special					Life Today	Exalted	Humanit ♦			
	TNT	All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite (N) (Live) ©					Point Break (PG-13,'15) ♦♦ ♦					
	TOON	Home Movie					Burgers	Rick, Morty	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Family Guy	
TRAV	Paranormal Ca.					Paranormal Ca. (N)	Paranormal Ca. (N)	Paranorm. ♦				
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USA	WWE NXT (N) (Live) ©					Miz & Mrs	Miz & Mrs	Mod Fam ♦				
VH1	Black Ink: Chicago (N)					Love & Hip Hop ©	Black Ink Crew: Chicago	Hip Hop ♦				
WE	Law & Order: "Illegitimate." Law & Order ©					Law & Order: "Rapture." Law ♦						
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	SHO	† The Parts You Lose ('19)					The Wind (R,'18) Caitlin Gerard. ©	Desus	Donny ♦			
	STARZ	† (5:47) Moneyball ♦♦♦					(8:02) Spider-Man: Far From Home (PG-13,'19) ♦♦♦	Cooties (R) ♦				
STZNC	† The Whole Nine Yards ♦♦					Wrong Man ©	(8:58) Wrong Man ©	Untouch ♦				

COMMENTARY

In praise of 'The Masked Singer,' TV's last uniter

BY DANIEL D'ADDARIO
Variety

This year's post-Super Bowl program made beautiful sort of sense: It was hard to imagine a more perfect pairing for the NFL than "The Masked Singer."

That's true both pragmatically — it's the biggest hit on Fox's air right now, so why not let it and the most-watched broadcast of the year pump each other up — and aesthetically. "The Masked Singer" has all the gleeful, slick brainlessness that characterizes America's most popular sport, the same triumphant sense of production exerting control over potential chaos. And it has none of the downsides. "The Masked Singer," unusually for the reality genre, is a series fueled by optimism rather than rancor: Its great appeal is its belief in the power of showmanship. In that, it represents spectacle that even football skeptics can enjoy — and it generates the refreshing sense of something stupidly fun enough to be truly mass entertainment in the era of the niche.

Some of "The Masked Singer" is genuinely laudable on a craft level — the suits the competitors wear, for instance, reflect a commitment to jolly fun that is admirable, so far does it tip into mania. (This new season features, for instance, a singer dressed as a taco with his or her face covered by a cherry tomato mask. That's a level of proud inanity that deserves some consideration.) And it's sweet to see genuinely iffy singers feeling the courage to express themselves when concealed and done up; unlike other "celebrity" reality shows, this show degrades neither its participants nor its audience. The costumes conceal both the competitors and the ways in which the show can find its way towards being pleasingly



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The Flamingo wowed the judges on "The Masked Singer" last year.

low-fi, hinging in the end more on human emotion than on outsized stagecraft.

But the element of "The Masked Singer" that is most easily mocked — and the one that it most plainly shares with NFL football — is the less-than-expert commentary by a panel who are likelier to guess that, say, Beyoncé or Rihanna is competing on the show than the lower-wattage stars who actually do. As the show has gone on, though (its post-Super Bowl berth launched the third season), this has come to seem less like bug than feature: These people know as little about celebrity as, say, Simon Cowell and Paula Abdul did about live vocals, and are far nicer about it. After all, isn't wondering if a Raven-Symoné or a Paul Shaffer is among the biggest stars on earth on the basis of stage presence a compliment?

It brings to mind a recent quote by Michael Strahan, the former football player-turned-TV host. As an NFL commentator, he said, his job is "entertainment. We are mostly just the opinion of the game. You don't want to sit in a meeting five days a week and then on Sunday turn on the TV and feel as if you're in another meeting when you're watching a football show." If the conversation between Ken Jeong, Jenny McCarthy, Nicole Scherzinger, and Robin Thicke feels a little dim — well, there is something relaxing about allowing oneself a harmless moment of idiocy, and something prosocial too.

For those who indulge, "The Masked Singer" fills the function of what had once been water-cooler chatter in what are, for many, now-increasingly-siloed jobs. Being forced to tolerate the clueless on



The current season of "The Masked Singer" featured a robot character, who was quickly eliminated.

small issues (like whether or not Meghan Markle would really compete on "The Masked Singer") is a

healthy practice for dealing with them on the big ones (like everything else). It's also one that's increas-

ingly rare.

After all, even the gridiron has become, well, a political football, one about which Strahan and company's entertainment-focused coverage is eliding a fair deal. Perhaps as recently as five years ago, the San Francisco-Kansas City matchup would have seemed deeply appropriate — fans in blue California and red Missourian enjoy alike. That's been shifted by both the contretemps over Colin Kaepernick's protest and his subsequent unemployment as well as by the league's seemingly insufficient response to long-term brain damage among players. Seemingly safe ground for political discourse had eroded. Other parts of the broadcast felt attenuated now, too, from the ads (all now extensively previewed online for some ultra-cynical reason known only to marketing firms) to the halftime show (pulled together this year only under strain and with the understanding that various true music A-listers wouldn't consider taking part).

Which leaves the lead-out slot to bring us together. The last truly notable post-Super Bowl broadcast was "This Is Us," which promoted that it was going to kill off its central character and unleash a vale of tears.

By contrast, "The Masked Singer's" value proposition is relatively innocent: Tune in, have some laughs, let the dumb parts give you something to talk about, tune out, go to bed having been distracted and diverted for a while. It's one of the core functions of TV throughout its history, and one increasingly less central to the medium, whether for reasons of lofty ambition or of circumstances intruding on once-uniting entertainments like the NFL.

Horoscopes



Today's birthday (Feb. 5): Anything is possible with teamwork this year. Strengthen foundations with disciplined planning. Winter introspection and rest prepare you for summer group changes, before an energy boost. Resolve a romantic barrier next winter with help from friends. Strengthen community bonds for growth, fun and love.

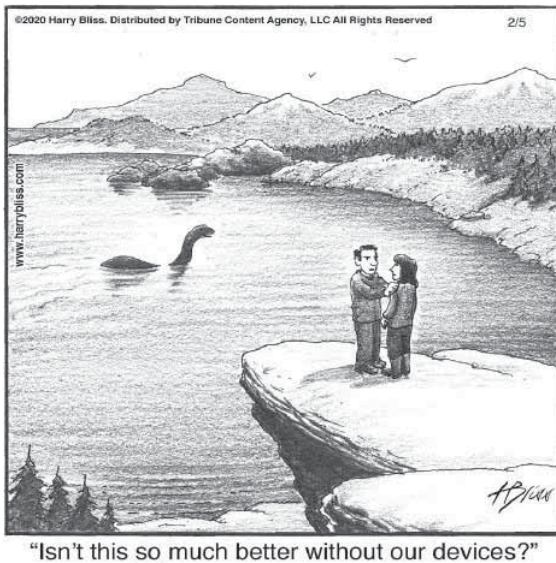
- Aries** (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Discuss hopes, dreams, goals and ambitions with your inner circle. Help a relative achieve a seemingly impossible goal.
- Taurus** (April 20-May 20): 9. You're especially quick, charming and intuitive. Aim your talents to take advantage of breaking news. Get into a larger conversation about a subject you love.
- Gemini** (May 21-June 20): 8. Talk about what you love and dream about. What could be possible? Look sharp to catch a profitable and unexpected opportunity. Run with it.
- Cancer** (June 21-July 22): 8. Talk about what you're learning. Unexpected personal insights arise in conversation. Listen to your intuition, especially regarding a personal project. Grow what you love.
- Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): 7. Find a quiet place for dreaming. Envision an inspiring possibility. Notice an opportunity within reach and plan the steps to make things happen.
- Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. A friend can get through where you can't. Link arms to take advantage of collaborative opportunities. Social connections provide just the talents needed.
- Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Benefit from a positive professional surprise. Grab an unexpected chance for a career surge. Listen to your heart. Build structures with integrity. Discuss passions.
- Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. A dreamy educational or travel opportunity presents itself. Hitch a ride with someone going the same way. Discover and learn about a beloved subject.
- Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 9. Pull together to take advantage of an unforeseen financial opportunity for a shared venture. Contribute your talents, ideas and passion.
- Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 9. You and a partner can accomplish amazing results together. Collaborate and coordinate for maximum value. Share your skills, talents and heart for a common vision.
- Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 9. All that practice is paying off. Grab an unexpected chance to raise your performance to the next level. Train for the work you love.
- Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): 9. Love beats any other card. Play the game to win. Take advantage of a lucky chance by watching for it. Let your heart guide you.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater



Bliss



Bridge

North-South vulnerable, South deals

- Robot North**
 - ♠ K Q 10
 - ♥ J 8 2
 - ♦ A J 8 6 5 2
 - ♣ 9
- Robot West**
 - ♠ J
 - ♥ 10 9 3
 - ♦ Q 10 9 7 4
 - ♣ K 8 6 2
- South**
 - ♠ A 8 7 4 3 2
 - ♥ A K
 - ♦ K 3
 - ♣ A J 10
- Robot East**
 - ♠ 9 6 5
 - ♥ Q 7 6 5 4
 - ♦ Void
 - ♣ Q 7 5 4 3

Today's deal is from a robot tournament last year. South was the only human at the table. South's jump to seven may seem a little extreme, but dummy might well have had the queen of diamonds in addition to the jack, or instead of the jack.

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
4NT	Pass	5♣**	Pass
7♠	All pass		

***Game forcing**
****Two key cards plus the queen of spades**

Opening lead: 10 of ♥

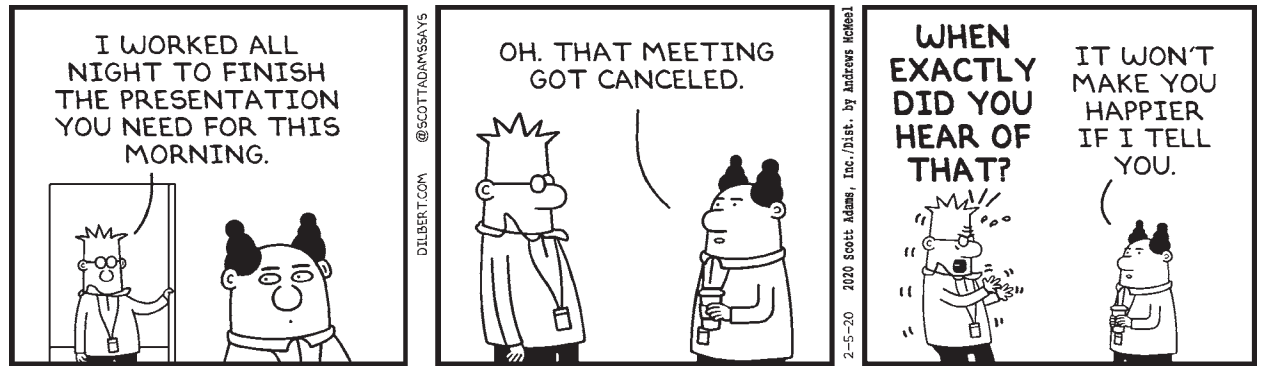
by the king of hearts and the king of diamonds. This was the position:

- North**
 - ♠ Void
 - ♥ J
 - ♦ A J 8
 - ♣ 9
- West**
 - ♠ Void
 - ♥ Void
 - ♦ Q 10 9
 - ♣ K 8
- South**
 - ♠ 4
 - ♥ Void
 - ♦ 3
 - ♣ A J 10
- East**
 - ♠ Q 7
 - ♥ Q 7
 - ♦ Void
 - ♣ Q 7 5

South led the four of spades and West, forced to keep all of his diamonds, shed his low club. Dummy parted with the now useless eight of diamonds and East with a low heart. A diamond to the jack forced one low club from East and the ace of diamonds forced another low club. A club to the ace now felled both the king and queen, and the jack of clubs took the thirteenth trick. Beautifully played!

— Bob Jones, tcaeditors@tribpub.com

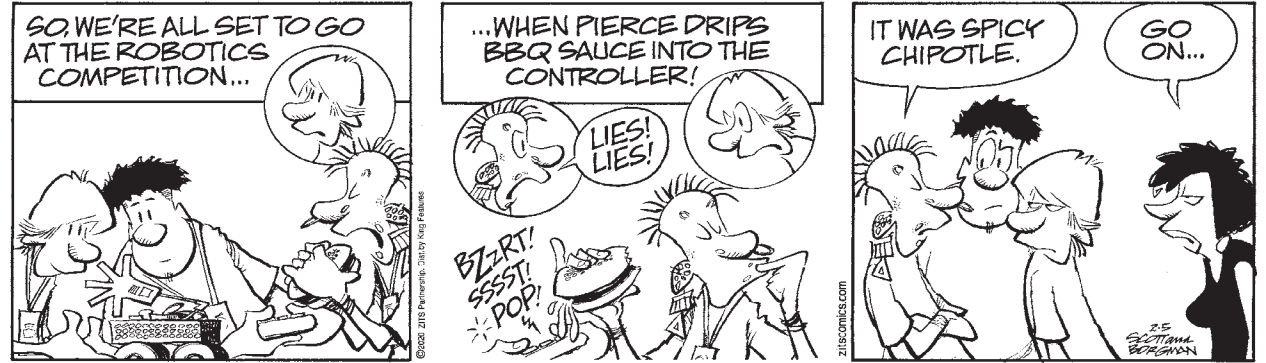
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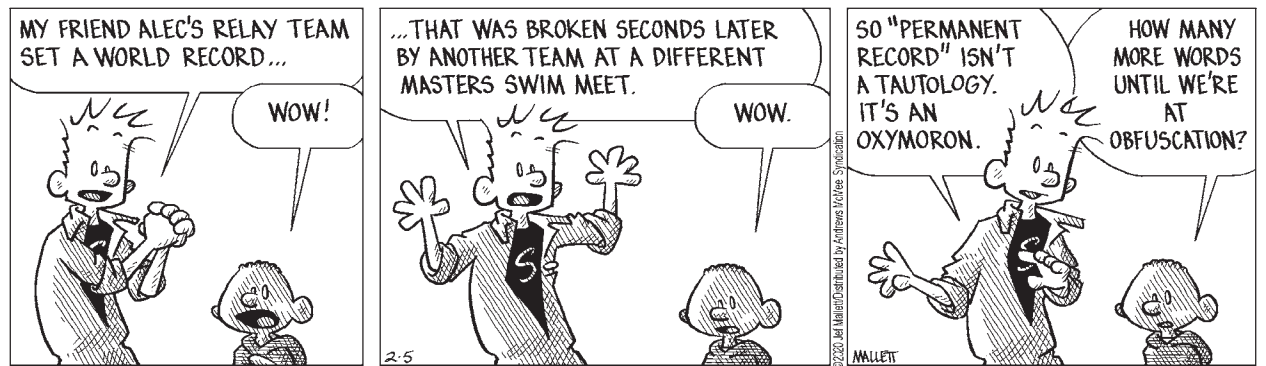
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Mr. Boffo



Frazz



Classic Peanuts



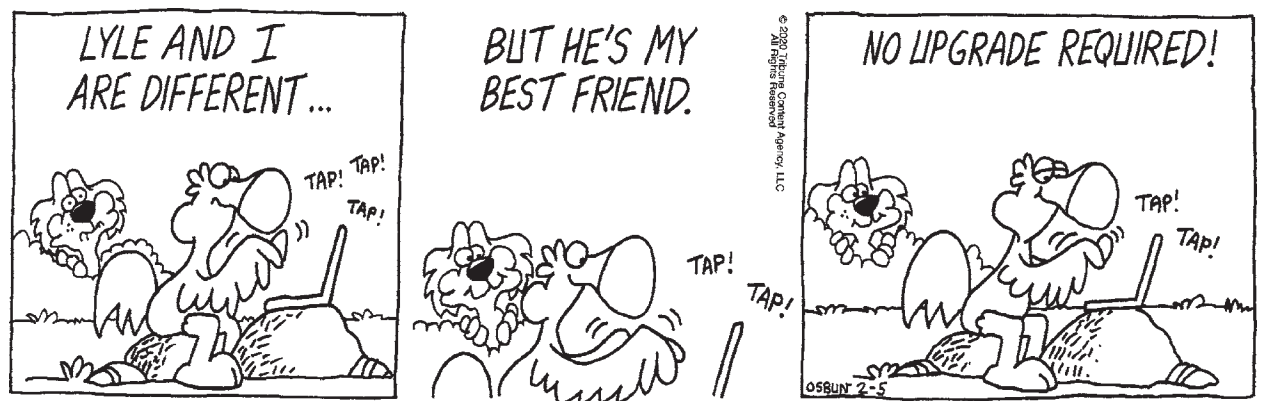
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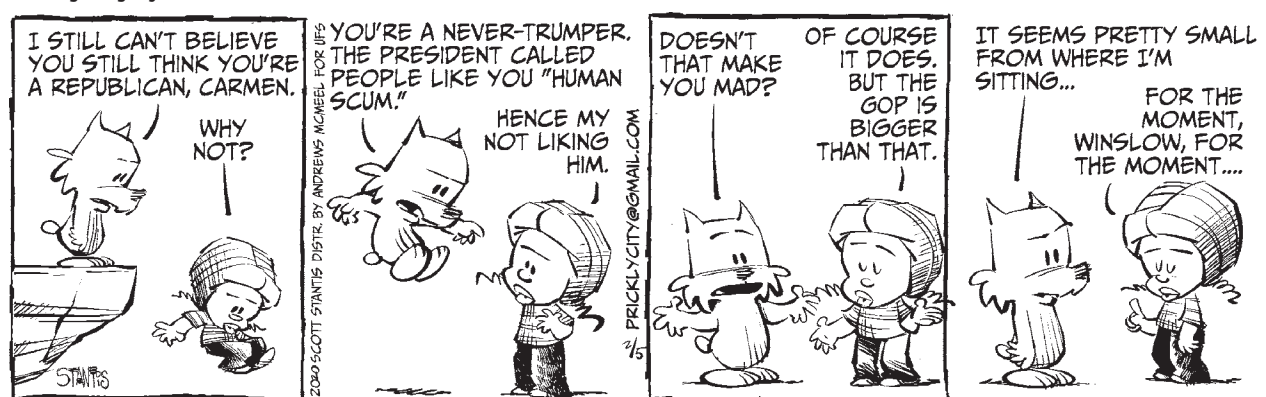
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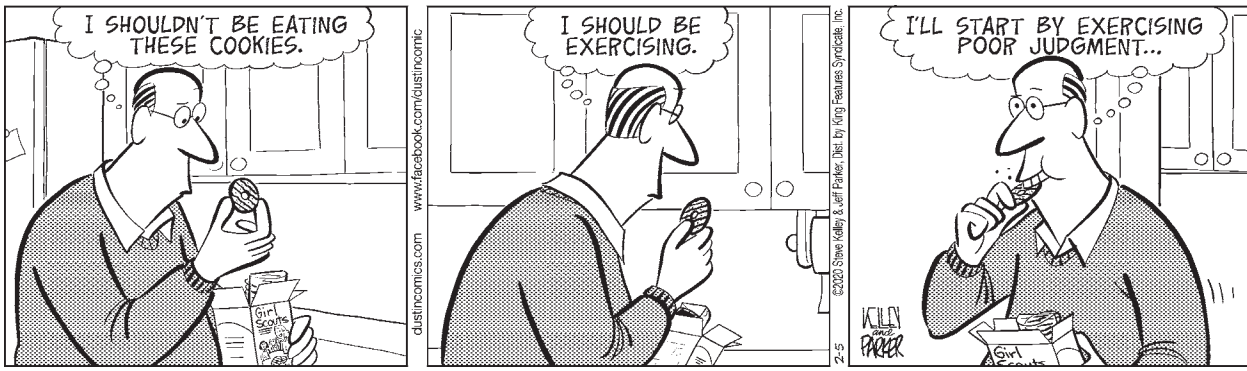
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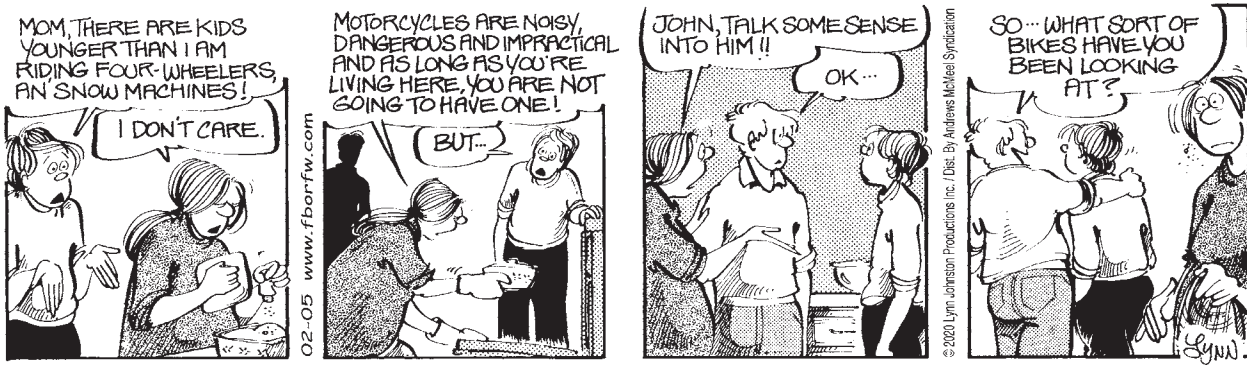
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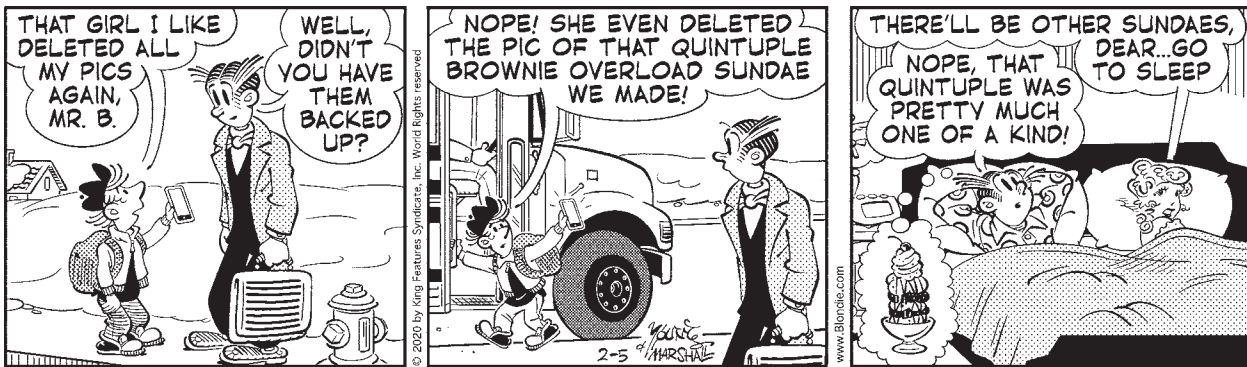
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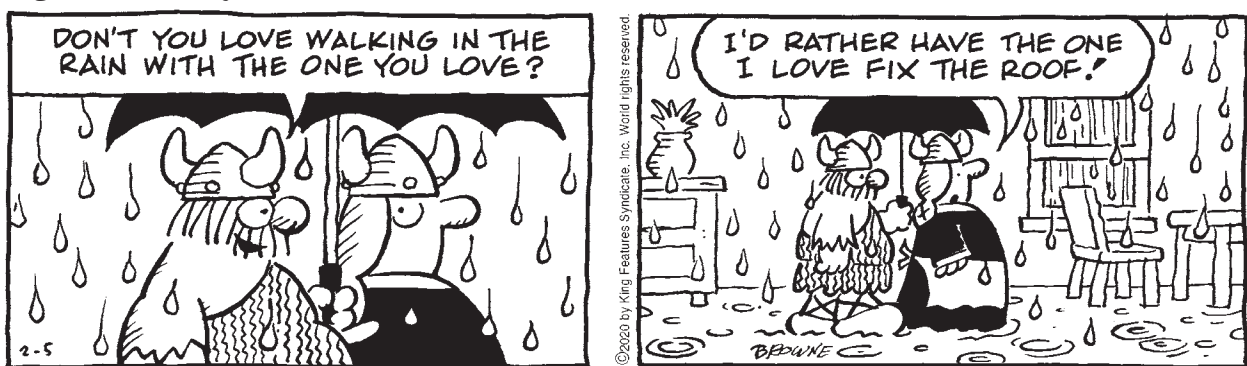
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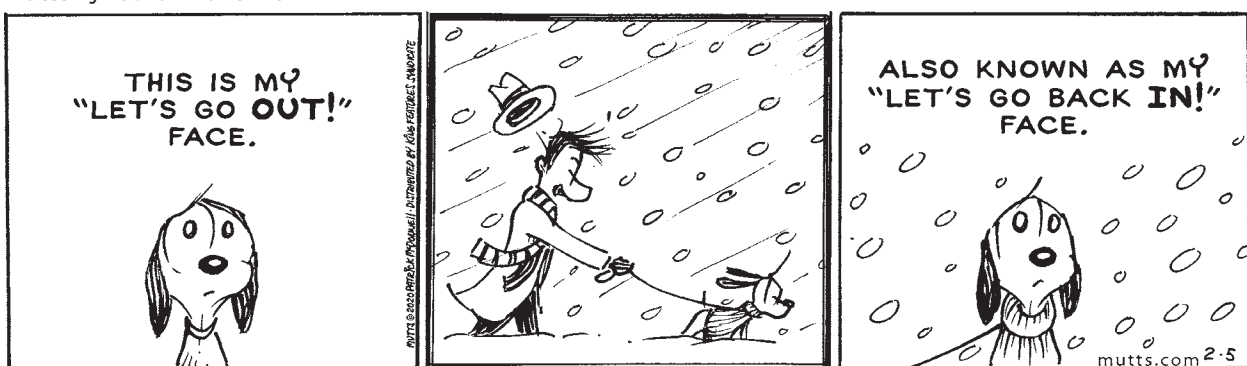
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Hägar the Horrible By Chris Browne



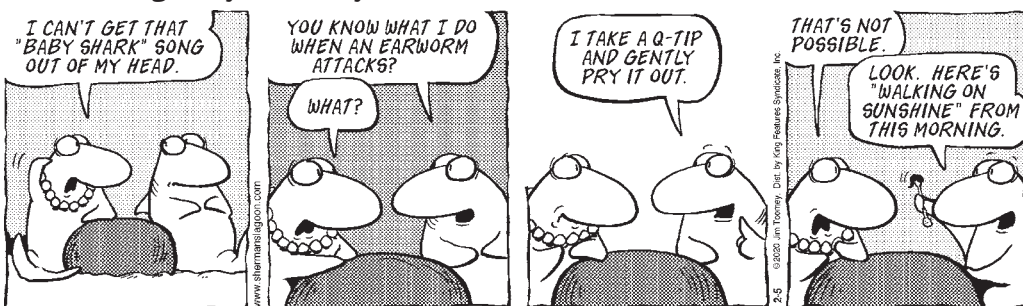
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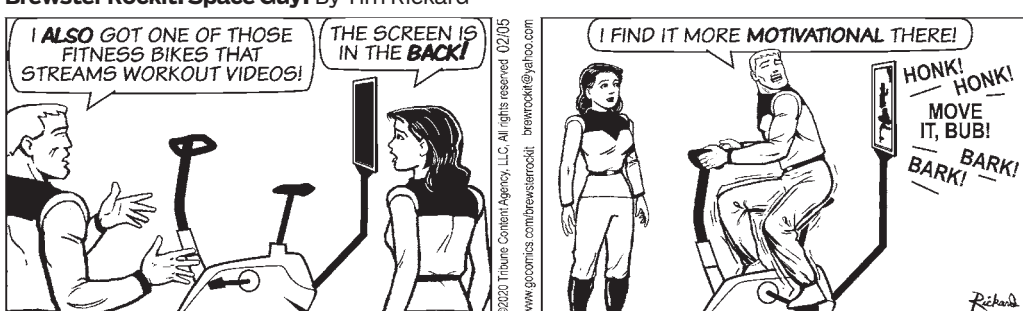
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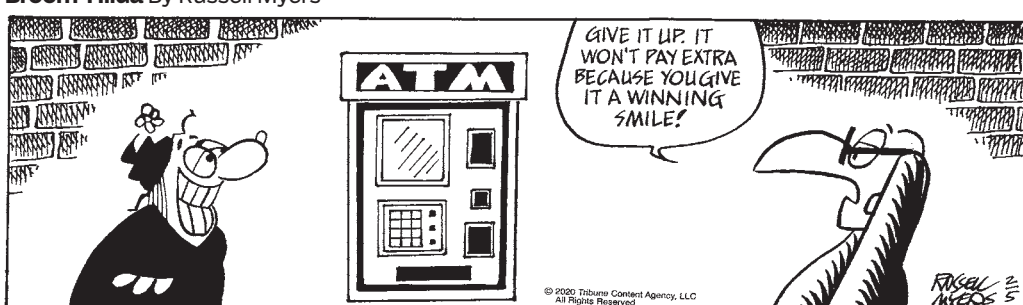
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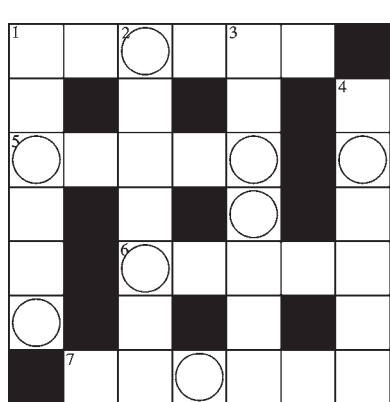
Broom-Hilda By Russell Myers



Trivia Bits

Fort Knox is named for a man who held what position?
 A) Governor of Kentucky
 B) Secretary of the treasury
 C) Secretary of war
 D) Vice president of the United States
 Tuesday's answer: California congresswoman Karen Bass is the current chair of the Congressional Black Caucus.
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Jumble Crossword



CLUE ACROSS
 1. Migratory insect
 5. Putty
 6. Praise, acclaim
 7. False

CLUE DOWN
 1. Probable
 2. Broiled
 3. Skinny
 4. Chase after

ANSWER ACROSS
 1. CLSUTO
 5. FIKNE
 6. DSKUO
 7. UURETN

ANSWER DOWN
 1. LLYKIE
 2. HNCICEK
 3. RLESND
 4. SPUEUR

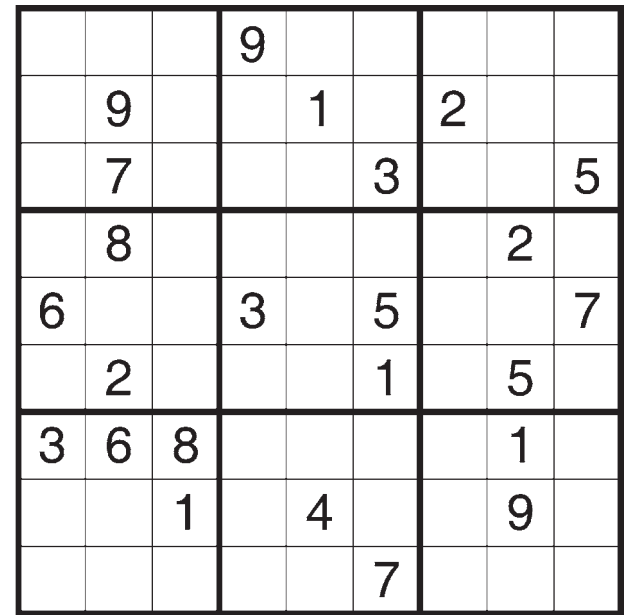
How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

BONUS _____ is one of four U.S. states constituted as a commonwealth.

ANSWERS: 1A-Locust 5A-Knife 6A-Knife 7A-Locust 8A-Knife 9A-Locust 10A-Knife 11A-Locust 12A-Knife 13A-Locust 14A-Knife 15A-Locust 16A-Knife 17A-Locust 18A-Knife 19A-Locust 20A-Knife 21A-Locust 22A-Knife 23A-Locust 24A-Knife 25A-Locust 26A-Knife 27A-Locust 28A-Knife 29A-Locust 30A-Knife 31A-Locust 32A-Knife 33A-Locust 34A-Knife 35A-Locust 36A-Knife 37A-Locust 38A-Knife 39A-Locust 40A-Knife 41A-Locust 42A-Knife 43A-Locust 44A-Knife 45A-Locust 46A-Knife 47A-Locust 48A-Knife 49A-Locust 50A-Knife 51A-Locust 52A-Knife 53A-Locust 54A-Knife 55A-Locust 56A-Knife 57A-Locust 58A-Knife 59A-Locust 60A-Knife 61A-Locust 62A-Knife 63A-Locust 64A-Knife 65A-Locust 66A-Knife 67A-Locust 68A-Knife 69A-Locust 70A-Knife 71A-Locust 72A-Knife 73A-Locust 74A-Knife 75A-Locust 76A-Knife 77A-Locust 78A-Knife 79A-Locust 80A-Knife 81A-Locust 82A-Knife 83A-Locust 84A-Knife 85A-Locust 86A-Knife 87A-Locust 88A-Knife 89A-Locust 90A-Knife 91A-Locust 92A-Knife 93A-Locust 94A-Knife 95A-Locust 96A-Knife 97A-Locust 98A-Knife 99A-Locust 100A-Knife

Sudoku 1 2 3 4

2/5



5	3	2	9	8	6	7	1	4
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4	7	6	2	1	5	9	8	3
9	2	3	8	6	4	5	7	1
6	5	7	3	9	1	8	4	2
8	1	4	5	2	7	3	6	9
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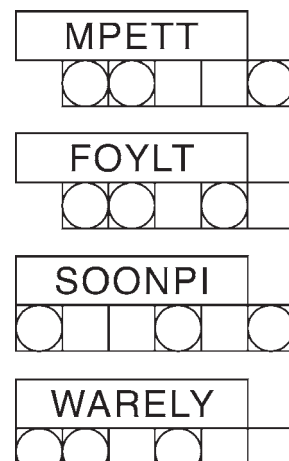
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

Tuesday's solutions

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Jumble

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.



Answer here



Tuesday's answers

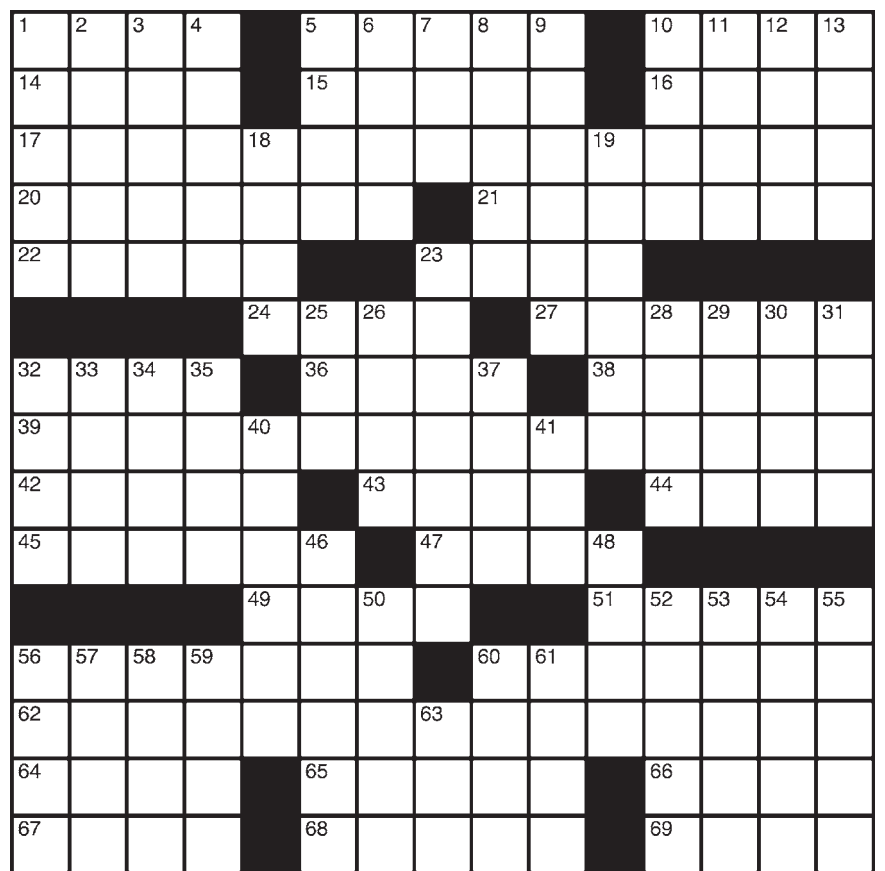
Jumbles: CHAMP TREND ORIOLE INSIST
 Answer: The duration between the first and second take would depend on the "RE-ACTION" TIME

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Crossword

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Across
 1 Twinings products
 5 Wolf pack leader
 10 Oft-misused pronoun
 14 Hall of Famer Donovan, first woman to coach a WNBA championship team
 15 One-piece dresses
 16 Georgetown athlete
 17 Compact
 20 Outshine
 21 Codgers
 22 Shorthand writer, for short
 23 Haus husband
 24 "Apollo 11" org.
 27 Solution for contacts
 32 Decides
 36 Attended, as college, with "to"
 38 Fibula neighbor
 39 Compact
 42 Thumb one's nose at

Down
 43 Air Quality Index factor
 44 Old flames
 45 Bench-clearing brawls, e.g.
 47 Big fusses
 49 Grammar, in grammar
 51 Slices in a pie, often
 56 Christmas show
 60 Nutritionist's unit
 62 Compact
 64 Soaks (up)
 65 Aptly named 1955 and 2019 Disney dog
 66 Oboe vibrator
 67 Tupelo, e.g.
 68 Chips in a chip
 69 Mixes in

Down
 1 Subdues
 2 Make into law
 3 Common sprain site
 4 Welcome at the door
 5 Snakes in hieroglyphics
 6 Bodice trim
 7 In favor of
 8 Depend (on)
 9 Daisy-like fall flowers
 10 Zoom (by)
 11 Refine, as skills
 12 Open hearing, in law
 13 "24K Magic" singer Bruno Mars
 18 Familiar with
 19 Force gas into
 23 Word-guessing game
 25 Cobbler's tool
 26 Swell places?

Tuesday's solution



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Accumulating snow passes over area into night

LOCAL FORECAST

HIGH 30 **LOW** 27

As low pressure approaches from the southwest, there will be an increase and thickening of clouds with snow spreading into southern portions of the Chicago area (south of I-80). Accumulating snow will spread north out of central Illinois into southern sections of our area by late afternoon and over most of our area overnight. Snow accumulations could range from an inch or so north to 4 inches or more far south. NE winds 15-25 mph will keep some building waves along the Lake Michigan shoreline.

NATIONAL FORECAST



As low pressure approaches from the southwest moving into the Ohio River Valley, clouds will lower and thicken with accumulating snow spreading into southern sections of our area later in the afternoon and across the entire Chicago area overnight. Snow will gradually diminish from the west later Thursday. The exact storm track will determine where the band of heaviest snow will occur, with current thinking having 1-3 inches possible in northernmost sections and over 6 inches possible just south of Chicago into northwest Indiana. Northeast winds will possibly enhance accumulations as lake-effect snow mixes in with the system.

THURSDAY, FEB. 6

HIGH 31 **LOW** 25

Snow diminishes to flurries or light snow by afternoon except snow showers could still accumulate just inland of the Lake Michigan shoreline. Temps hold in the low 30s as winds continue NE 10-20 mph. Partly cloudy at night.

FRIDAY, FEB. 7

HIGH 32 **LOW** 26

Partial sun fades at times as a weak disturbance spreads patchy high-mid level clouds across the area. Scattered light snow or flurries possible. Temps remain seasonal with highs in the lower 30s. Southerly winds 8-12 mph.

SATURDAY, FEB. 8

HIGH 32 **LOW** 26

Clouds and a chance of light snow during the forenoon, becoming partly sunny in the afternoon. Afternoon highs in the lower 30s. Partly cloudy overnight. South winds shift to the west.

SUNDAY, FEB. 9

HIGH 35 **LOW** 26

Thickening clouds with a chance of light snow later in the day and overnight. High temps in the middle 30s. South winds shift west.

MONDAY, FEB. 10

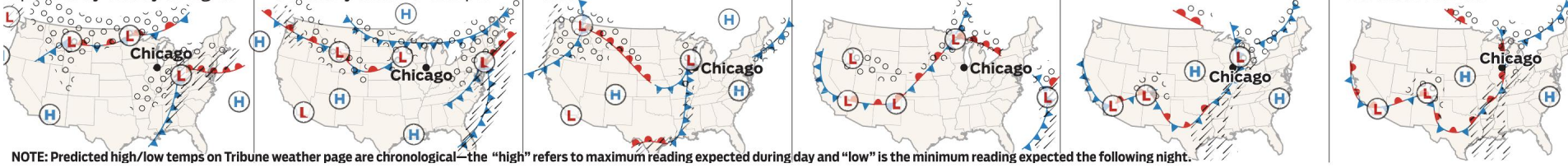
HIGH 36 **LOW** 25

Partly cloudy with highs in the middle 30s. High and mid-level clouds thicken from the south overnight. Light winds become easterly late.

TUESDAY, FEB. 11

HIGH 36 **LOW** 27

Clouds thicken from the south with a chance of a rain/snow mix south and some light snow north later in the day and through the overnight hours. Highs in the middle 30s. East to northeast winds.



NOTE: Predicted high/low temps on Tribune weather page are chronological—the "high" refers to maximum reading expected during day and "low" is the minimum reading expected the following night.

ASK TOM

Dear Tom,
We have been quite mild so far this winter with few single-digit or lower temperatures. Which cold season had the least amount of days with single digits or lower temperatures? Thanks.
Joseph Zwick

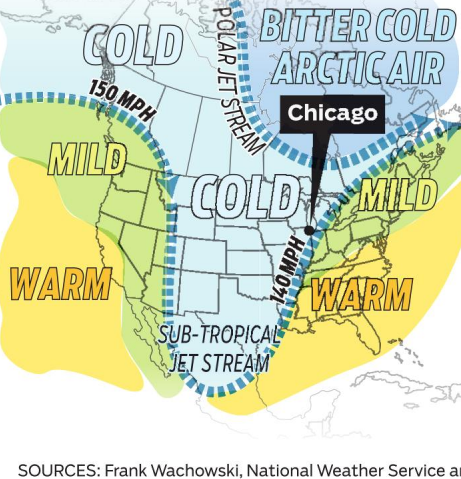
Dear Joseph,
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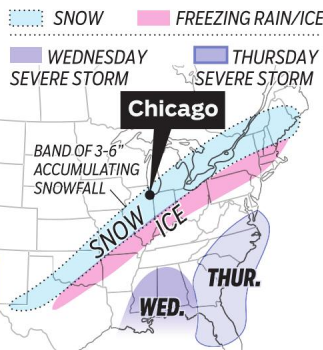
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WEDNESDAY EVENING
As jet stream moves east, cold air moving in from the west with snow falling across the Chicago area
Upper-level 30,000-ft jet stream flow and low-level/surface temperature distribution map



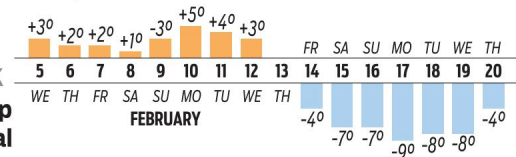
WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY FORECAST STORM TRACK
Projected snow/ice band and severe storm outlook



ESTIMATED SNOWFALL TOTALS
Through 6 p.m. Thursday evening



COLDEST WEATHER OF COMING 16 DAYS HITS LATER THIS WEEK
Predicted Chicago temp departures from normal



MIDWEST CITIES					OTHER U.S. CITIES					WORLD CITIES										
WED./THURS.	FC	HI	LO	FC HI LO	WED./THURS.	FC	HI	LO	FC HI LO	WED./THURS.	FC	HI	LO	WED./THURS.	FC	HI	LO			
Illinois	rn	36	29	sh	35	26	Albany	pc	37	27	rs	39	33	Alger	pc	62	42	sn	33	18
Carbondale	sn	31	24	ss	28	21	Albuquerque	su	36	20	pc	50	32	Amsterdam	pc	62	42	sn	33	18
Champaign	sn	32	26	ss	20	13	Amarillo	pc	35	15	su	50	26	Ankara	pc	58	41	sn	34	19
Decatur	sn	32	26	ss	20	13	Anchorage	ss	33	32	cl	36	29	Athens	sh	60	41	sn	34	19
Moline	sn	32	24	ss	21	14	Asheville	ts	65	57	rs	50	36	Auckland	pc	73	65	sn	35	20
Peoria	ss	33	25	ss	20	13	Aspen	pc	18	3	sn	26	23	Baghdad	su	69	45	sn	35	20
Quincy	ss	32	25	ss	31	20	Atlanta	ts	70	63	ts	65	37	Bangkok	pc	90	76	sn	36	21
Rockford	sh	32	24	ss	31	20	Austin	sh	45	39	rs	55	48	Barbados	pc	84	77	sn	36	21
Springfield	sn	32	25	ss	30	20	Austin City	sh	49	33	su	60	40	Barcelona	su	59	43	sn	35	20
Stirling	sn	33	24	ss	32	20	Baltimore	su	46	38	rs	55	48	Beijing	sh	31	14	sn	37	22
Indiana	rn	37	30	sh	34	27	Birmingham	pc	33	26	ss	37	24	Beirut	su	68	57	sn	39	24
Bloomington	pc	31	18	pc	31	24	Bismarck	pc	33	19	ss	27	8	Berlin	cl	61	35	sn	39	24
Evansville	sn	31	25	ss	22	15	Boston	pc	39	31	rs	41	41	Bermuda	cl	69	65	sn	38	23
Fort Wayne	ss	31	26	ss	29	24	Burlington	pc	25	16	sn	31	24	Bogota	pc	93	78	sn	39	24
Indianapolis	pc	36	29	ss	32	26	Brownsville	cl	74	46	su	69	45	Brussels	cl	46	36	sn	39	24
Lafayette	sn	33	26	ss	29	24	Buffalo	pc	29	24	sn	33	24	Bucharest	rn	45	33	sn	39	24
South Bend	cl	32	25	ss	29	23	Burlington	pc	25	16	sn	31	24	Buenos Aires	pc	44	28	sn	48	32
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Green Bay	pc	25	14	pc	32	14	Charlston SC	sh	67	61	ts	69	54	Cancun	pc	85	75	sn	40	25
Kenosha	sh	31	27	ss	32	25	Charlston WV	sh	44	43	rs	64	34	Caracas	pc	80	62	sn	40	25
La Crosse	cl	31	15	pc	34	18	Chattanooga	ts	69	62	rs	65	37	Casablanca	pc	71	47	sn	40	25
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Milwaukee	sh	30	24	cl	31	22	Cincinnati	rn	39	35	sh	40	28	Dublin	cl	49	40	sn	40	25
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Marquette	pc	31	18	pc	30	19	Columbus	sh	38	34	sh	41	28	Havana	pc	87	69	sn	40	25
St. Ste. Marie	pc	26	16	cl	30	14	Concord	pc	33	21	rs	34	29	Heilbrunn	pc	34	23	sn	40	25
Traverse City	pc	30	22	cl	31	21	Corps Christi	pc	63	41	su	65	46	Hong Kong	cl	69	64	sn	40	25
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Ames	sh	27	11	pc	28	16	Daytona Bch.	cl	80	65	cl	84	57	Jerusalem	su	60	43	sn	40	25
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Dubuque	cl	31	21	pc	31	18	El Paso	pc	44	31	pc	58	37	Kingston	pc	87	77	sn	40	25

CHICAGO DIGEST

TUESDAY TEMPERATURES

LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	36	31	Midway	38	32
Gary	39	34	O'Hare	39	32
Kankakee	38	32	Romeoville	38	31
Lakefront	38	31	Valparaiso	38	32
Lansing	37	32	Waukegan	37	30

CHICAGO PRECIPITATION

PERIOD	2020	NORMAL
Tue. (through 4 p.m.)	0.00"	0.05"
February to date	0.01"	0.20"
Year to date	2.81"	1.93"

CHICAGO SNOWFALL

PERIOD	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Tue. (through 4 p.m.)	0.0"	0.0"
Season to date	18.1"	15.2"
Normal to date	21.8"	23.0"

LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	
Wind	NE 10-22 kts.	NE 11-22 kts.
Waves	3-6 feet	4-7 feet
Tue. shore/crib water temps	42°/41°	

U.S. SNOW COVER

FEB. 5	2020	2019
Area covered by snow	0.0"	0.0"
Average snow depth	18.1"	15.2"

TRACKING THE COLD

SINCE OCT. 15	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Sub-32° highs	18 days	14 days
Subzero lows	0 days	0 days

CHICAGO AIR QUALITY

Tuesday's reading: Good
Wednesday's forecast: Good
Critical pollutant: Particulates

WEDNESDAY RISE/SET TIMES

Sun	6:59 a.m.	5:10 p.m.
Moon	3:53 p.m.	1:22 a.m.

WEDNESDAY PLANET WATCH

PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	7:47 a.m.	6:37 p.m.
Venus	8:44 a.m.	8:39 p.m.
Mars	3:44 a.m.	12:50 p.m.
Jupiter	5:18 a.m.	2:28 p.m.
Saturn	5:57 a.m.	3:22 p.m.

BEST VIEWING TIME

PLANET	DIRECTION
Mercury	6:15 p.m. 3.5°
Venus	6:15 p.m. 25.5° SW
Mars	5:30 a.m. 14.5° SE
Jupiter	6:15 a.m. 8° SE
Saturn	Not visible

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HEALTH & FAMILY

A new sexual orientation?

Heteroflexible brings up health issues that need to be addressed

BY DARCEL ROCKETT

Labels, categorization, boxes. There are some, if not many, who don't want any part of identifying themselves by others' characterizations.

But, according to Nicole Legate, an assistant professor of psychology at the Illinois Institute of Technology, some categorization is vital when it comes to addressing health disparities in sexual minority groups (groups other than heterosexuals), including higher levels of distress, lower levels of self-esteem, and unprotected sex.

It was while looking for those health disparities between heterosexuals and sexual minorities that Legate, with co-author Ronald Rogge of the University of Rochester, found a new sexual orientation category that they believe should be considered alongside heterosexuals, bisexuals and homosexuals. That category is heteroflexibles — men and women who identify as heterosexual but who are strongly attracted to or engage in sex with people of the same sex. Legate said this group does not identify as bisexual, which is why these individuals should be in their own unique category.

Heteroflexibles are much less out about their orientation, according to Legate, so they don't talk about it to other people nearly as much as bisexuals or gay and lesbian individuals. And not offering that bit of information to a health provider could prevent a physician, for instance, from recommending getting tested or talking about PrEP, pre-exposure prophylaxis, to prevent against HIV since same-sex partners (regardless of how one identifies) tend to have greater risk for sexually transmitted infections.

Legate and Rogge discussed heteroflexibles in a 2016 study where they created an algorithm that looks at survey participants' identity, behavior and attraction to produce a more data-driven look at sexual orientation. The study included over 3,000 people in the U.S. and took about two years to complete. In the study, 56% of bisexuals said they had had a same sex partner in the previous year, and for heteroflexibles, it was 42%, Legate said. She estimates that up to 15% of the general population may identify as heteroflexible but that a larger



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representative sample is needed for more research.

"Against heterosexuals, they (heteroflexibles) showed higher rates of different kinds of risks and worse psychological functioning," Legate said. "The risk behaviors they showed in our study were things like problematic drinking,

condom-less sex — so greater levels of sexually transmitted infections. There are so few studies out there about this group, and we have not yet uncovered the reasons why they might show this higher level of risk."

Next steps, Legate said, include nailing down why

heteroflexibles might engage in same-sex activity versus opposite sex activity, how many heteroflexibles there are and why this group shows certain health disparities.

The more accurate estimates are of sexual minorities in the population, the better prepared researchers

and health care providers interested in studying health, epidemiological and psychology issues related to sexual orientation can be when addressing their needs.

"When you go to the doctor's office, they don't ask you for your sexual orientation," Legate said. "I



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Nicole Legate's study formally identifies a new sexual orientation category, heteroflexible.

think educating providers about the fact that it's OK to ask and that it is relevant in many cases just like knowing race and age — these are standard demographic questions that can give us a little extra health information or help us understand what groups may be at elevated risks for different things."

Getting on the same page with a wider, yet standardized unified range of sexual orientations would be a tremendous advance in the sexual orientation literature, Legate added.

The more recognition of sexual diversity, the less stigmatization there will be, Legate said. Local pod-casters/marketing managers and sisters Dionna Gray and Danyelle Gray agree on that front — the more options in the sexual orientation spectrum, the better. The duo, with creative director Emily Dahlquist, are behind the upcoming monthlong "womxn-centered" gallery exhibition "Womanish" that explores nonbinary experiences by women-identified artists. Danyelle Gray said another sexual orientation category does not seem out of place in 2020.

"I feel like anything is possible, everything is so fluid, and I feel like they say sexuality is such a spectrum, so there can really be so many stops on the spectrum," she said.

"Since people are finally feeling a little bit more comfortable in having a voice, they can also kind of define their own stereotypes a little bit more," Dahlquist added. "We all have a lot of different perspectives that we live with. And I think even in our lifetime/generation, we've seen LGBT go to LGBTQI to A to + and keep on going. I feel like the spectrum is just going to keep getting larger and larger and celebrated."

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Mattel diversifying look with new Barbie line



HEIDI STEVENS
Balancing Act

At a time when fear-of-the-other is stoked for votes, profits, laughs, you name it, it's refreshing to see a company double down on diversity in its bid for our hearts, minds and dollars.

Mattel released a new line of Barbie dolls last

week. One doll has vitiligo, a condition that causes patches of skin and skin tissue to lose pigment.

"I think this is the best thing that could happen for children," Stella Pavlides, president and chief executive of the American Vitiligo Research Foundation,

told The New York Times.

Another doll in the new lineup uses a wheelchair, and another has a prosthetic leg. The male doll has long, flowing hair, and one of the female dolls has no hair. It's a collection that reflects what America — and American kids — actu-

ally look like. (Except for the body type, which remains painfully, unrealistically Barbie-thin. But more on that later.)

The new lineup comes on the heels of Mattel's September release of Creatable World, a line of gender-neutral dolls that come

in a range of skin colors. (Tagline: "a doll line designed to keep labels out and invite everyone in.")

For International Women's Day in 2018, Mattel released Frida Kahlo, Amelia Earhart and Kath-

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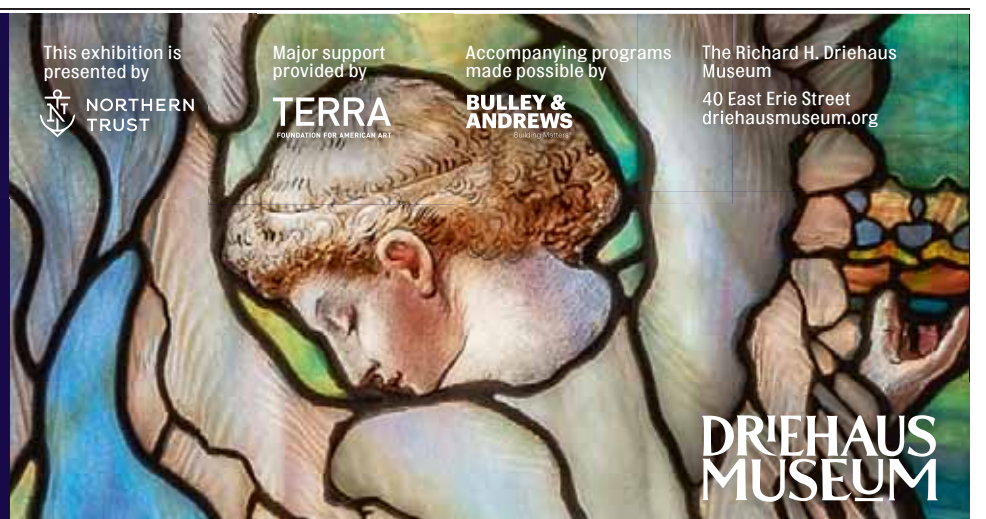
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Shifting away from shield use

Some groups rethinking practice of lead aprons on patients during X-rays

BY MARY CHRIS JAKLEVIC
Kaiser Health News

Patients have come to expect a technician to drape their torsos with a heavy lead apron when they get an X-ray, but new thinking among radiologists and medical physicists is upending the decades-old practice of shielding patients from radiation.

Some hospitals are ditching the ritual of covering reproductive organs and fetuses during imaging exams after prominent medical and scientific groups have said it's a feel-good measure that can impair the quality of diagnostic tests and sometimes inadvertently increase a patient's radiation exposure.

The about-face is intended to improve care, but it will require a major effort to reassure regulators, health care workers and the public that it's better not to shield.

The movement also has yet to gain much traction among dentists, whose offices perform more than half of all X-rays.

"There's this big psychological component, not only with patients but with staff," said Rebecca Marsh, a medical physicist at the University of Colorado Anschutz Medical Campus in Aurora, Colorado. "How do you approach something that is so deeply ingrained in the minds of the health care community and the minds of patients?"

Covering testicles and ovaries during X-rays has been recommended since the 1950s, when studies in fruit flies prompted concern that radiation might cause birth defects. Only in the past decade did radiology professionals start to reassess the practice, based

on changes in imaging technology and a better understanding of radiation's effects.

Lead shields are difficult to position accurately, so they often miss the area they are supposed to protect. Even when in the right place, they can obscure areas a doctor needs to see, resulting in a need to repeat the process, according to the American Association of Physicists in Medicine.

Shields can also cause automatic exposure controls on an X-ray machine to increase radiation to all parts of the body being examined in an effort to "see through" the lead.

Moreover, shielding doesn't protect against the greatest radiation effect: "scatter," which occurs when radiation ricochets inside the body, including under the shield, and eventually deposits its energy in tissues.

Still, Dr. Cynthia Rigsby, a radiologist at Chicago's Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital, called the move away from shielding a "pretty substantial" change. "I don't think it's going to happen overnight," she added.

In April, the physicists' association recommended that shielding of patients be "discontinued as routine practice." Its statement was endorsed by several groups, including the American College of Radiology and the Image Gently Alliance, which promotes safe pediatric imaging.

Around the same time, the Food and Drug Administration proposed removing from the federal code a 1970s recommendation to use shielding. A final rule is expected in September.

In 2020, the National Council on Radiation Pro-



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A number of radiology organizations are trying to end the decades-old practice of shielding patients with lead aprons.

tection and Measurements, which gives guidance to regulatory bodies, is expected to release a statement supporting a halt to patient shielding. However, experts continue to recommend that health care workers in the imaging area protect themselves with leaded barriers as a matter of occupational safety.

Groups in Canada and Australia have endorsed the change, and a movement to abandon lead shields is underway in Great Britain, according to Marsh.

Marsh, who's helping direct the educational effort, said perhaps a dozen U.S. hospitals have changed

their official policies, but "most hospitals are starting to have the conversation."

Chicago's Lurie Children's Hospital is launching an "Abandon the Shield" campaign to educate staff, patients and caregivers before it stops shielding this spring, Rigsby said. Shielding is used for most of the 70,000 X-ray procedures performed annually at Lurie.

A few miles away, at the University of Chicago Medicine hospitals, the recommendation to stop shielding "came as kind of a shock," said Dr. Kate Feinstein, chief of pediatric radiology.

Feinstein said it seems contrary to what radiology professionals are taught, and she's uncertain how it applies to her department, which already takes steps to reduce the chance that a shield will interfere with an exam. "We apply our shields correctly, and our technologists are incredibly well trained," she said.

Nevertheless, Feinstein said, her department is weighing a halt to routine shielding.

As of last spring, at least 46 states required shielding of reproductive organs if they are close to the area being examined, unless shielding would interfere

with the diagnostic quality of the exam, according to the medical physicists' association.

The amount of radiation needed for an X-ray is about one-twentieth of what it was in the 1950s, and scientists have found no measurable harm to ovaries and testicles of patients from radiation exposure that comes from diagnostic imaging after decades of looking at data.

"What we know now is that there is likely no (hereditary) risk at all," said Dr. Donald Frush, a radiologist at Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Stanford in Palo Alto, California.

Follow-up lacking for teens who overdose on opioids

Fewer than 33% received medication or therapy within 30 days, researchers say

BY ALISON BOWEN

Teenagers who land in emergency rooms after overdosing on opioids can benefit from adults who connect them to resources and addiction services right away.

But that often doesn't happen, according to a recent study published in JAMA Pediatrics.

Researchers looked at more than 4 million cases of Medicaid-enrolled young people ages 13 to 22 who overdosed during a 7-year period. They found that fewer than a third who overdosed on opioids got treatment such as medication or therapy within 30 days.

"We just wouldn't accept (this) for other pediatric illnesses like asthma," said Rachel Alinsky, a fellow in adolescent and addiction

medicine at Johns Hopkins Medicine. "When we have doctors face-to-face with these patients, we should be able to offer them the best care possible, which would be linking them into treatment."

The time when a young person lands in an emergency room is a critical touch point, Alinsky said, and an opportunity to engage them and connect them to treatment.

As medical director of Lurie Children's Hospital's substance use and prevention program, Maria Rahmandar has experience with youths facing addiction.

She said youth who overdose, and their families, experience similar problems to adults in finding help. A stigma against medication still exists, and it can be hard to know what

resources are available. But they also face challenges adults don't. For example, they are more susceptible to the negative effects of substances because their brains don't fully develop until age 25.

"Experimentation and trying things and risk-taking is definitely part of being a teen," Rahmandar said. "It doesn't come without its risks."

In Illinois last week, Gov. J.B. Pritzker signed an executive order to create the Opioid Overdose Prevention and Recovery Steering Committee to address racial disparities. According to the governor's office, opioid overdose deaths among white residents in Illinois decreased 7% in 2018. In contrast, opioid deaths increased by 9% among African Americans and increased by 4% among Latinos.

"Illinois has made great strides in responding to the opioid crisis that has swept



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Doctors who treat young people after an overdose should connect more to resources for getting treatment, a new study finds.

the nation, but our work won't be done until all our residents have the opportunity to live their most fulfilling lives," Pritzker said in a statement announcing the committee as well as \$4 million toward recovery and prevention services throughout the state.

In her study, Alinsky also found disparities. She said 1 in 651 black youths received medication, compared with 1 in 44 white youths.

"I think that that's great that Illinois is going to be looking into this," she said. "How do we improve ac-

cess to care for the most vulnerable patients and make sure we're designing a system that doesn't worsen disparities?"

According to her study, the opioid overdose mortality rate for children and adolescents under age 20 has tripled since 2000.

Finding help for a child struggling with opioid addiction is challenging for many parents who might not know where to begin, Alinsky said. So having doctors immediately connect families to resources after they arrive at the ER following an overdose is key.

Alinsky noted that just 1% of youths in cases she studied received pharmacological help within 30 days. The American Academy of Pediatrics considers both medication and counseling effective treatments that are underused.

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erine Johnson Barbies, expanding the role models that are placed in kids' hands when they play.

"Do I wish the dolls' midsections were wide enough to house their vital organs? I do. Do I wish they had wrists that wouldn't fracture under the weight of a chunky bracelet, let alone a briefcase? I really do. Will I die on this particular hill? I probably will.

But praise where praise is due. If you're a brand, this has to be an incredibly tricky time to determine what you want to be known for, what you want to stand for, what you'll stick out your neck for.

Gillette rolled out its toxic masculinity commer-



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A new line of Barbie dolls includes one with no hair, one who uses a wheelchair, another who has vitiligo and one with a prosthetic leg.

cial and watched as folks flushed their razors down the toilet.

Nike announced a Colin Kaepernick sponsorship and people started cutting

the swooshes off their Nike socks. The Hallmark Channel

aired a commercial featuring a same-sex wedding and angry viewers threatened to boycott.

It's no time to stay silent on issues of justice and inclusion, but it's also not an easy time to be loud. Blowback and outrage are swift, and they've never had more platforms on which to thrive: Twitter, Facebook, online petition sites, email campaigns, blogs.

In and among all that, it's a lovely ray of hope — and maybe a guiding light — to watch a toy company try to win by reaching kids who might be transgender, might have a misunderstood skin condition, might use a wheelchair, might not have hair on their heads, might not look how dolls and commercials and magazines and TV shows and movies and billboards

have always told them they should look. Even if they catch flak from people who want their Barbies to remain in their traditional Barbie mold.

Now, if we could just work on getting a little more (thermoplastic polymer) meat on their bones.

Join the Heidi Stevens Balancing Act Facebook group, where she continues the conversation around her columns and hosts occasional live chats.

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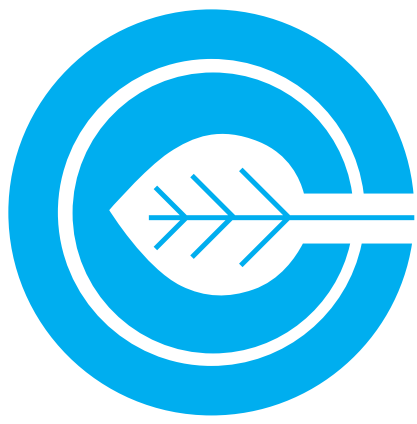
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A fairly new normal

Average body temperature is lower than 98.6 and cooling, research shows

BY KATE THAYER
Chicago Tribune

For centuries, 98.6 degrees Fahrenheit was said to be the average, normal body temperature. It's not.

More recently, researchers have known normal body temperature is actually lower than 98.6 and can vary by gender, size, age, time of day and other factors. But now there's also new evidence that shows we've been cooling off since the 19th century when 98.6 was established as "normal."

Research published in January in *eLife*, shows body temperature has not only dropped since German physician Carl Reinhold August Wunderlich's study in 1851 established the average body temperature as 98.6 degrees, but it has also dropped since the 1970s. The findings indicate that Americans' average, normal body temperature has dropped about 0.05 degrees Fahrenheit per decade, based on their birth year.

"People are stuck on the 98.6 number, but that number has always been wrong," said Dr. Julie Parsonnet, one of the authors of the study and professor of medicine at Stanford University. "There's never been a real number because people vary."

But Parsonnet's research indicates there are still unknowns when it comes to the continued decrease in body temperature.

In the study, Parsonnet and other researchers looked at the temperatures of three groups: data from a study that recorded Civil War veterans' temperatures from the mid-1800s through 1930, more recent data from the 1970s recorded by the Centers for Disease Control, and temperatures of patients visiting Stanford health clinics from 2007 to 2017.

The data showed that the body temperature of men born in the 2000s is



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"There's never been a real number because people vary."

— Dr. Julie Parsonnet of Stanford University

about 1.06 degrees Fahrenheit lower than men born in the early 1800s. And the body temperature of women born in the 2000s is on average 0.58 degrees Fahrenheit lower than women born in the 1890s.

Meaning, "it's not just an ancient change," Parsonnet said, indicating previous theories that advancements in thermometers or means of calculating research data are not the only possible

explanations for the change.

It's unclear what exactly is causing the continued decline, Parsonnet said, or what it could mean moving forward. Some factors could be that people have grown taller and heavier, and that their metabolic rates have slowed.

And modern medicine's elimination of certain diseases, such as syphilis, tuberculosis and periodon-

tal diseases also could affect changes in body temperature, she said. When the original 98.6-degree normal was established, a significant portion of the population would've been fighting these diseases, Parsonnet said, which cause inflammation and higher temperatures.

It's important to find out why, she added, because it could affect lifespan. "We are having human cooling, and we don't know what that means, but it's good to know that it's happening."

But doctors say evidence of declining temperature is not likely to change how they treat and assess pa-

tients for fever, though Parsonnet said it emphasizes that people should pay attention to how they feel and not just the number on the thermometer.

Dr. Edward Ward, emergency medicine physician at Rush University Medical Center, said he doesn't give a lot of weight to what could be considered normal temperature, instead focusing on extremes, including above 100 degrees Fahrenheit indicating a fever and below 94 degrees indicating hypothermia.

"It's not surprising that there will be changes (in normal body temperature)

since the Industrial Revolution," he said. "As an ER doctor, I'm looking for abnormalities."

Ward also pointed out that there's "a difference between having what is medically considered a fever and feeling feverish. If someone is normally 96 and then suddenly they're 99, they probably feel uncomfortable."

That can indicate illness and the need for medications like acetaminophen or ibuprofen, especially for higher temperatures that indicate influenza, he said.

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Researchers found that heavy drinking was associated with increased levels of blood biomarkers that signify harm to heart tissue.

Study suggests link between binge drinking, heart damage

BY KIERSTEN WILLIS
Atlanta Journal-Constitution

A study published in the *Journal of the American Heart Association* indicates there may be a link between binge drinking and heavy alcohol consumption and heart damage.

Reuters reported that researchers analyzed data from nearly 3,000 adults from northwest Russia. They found that heavy drinking was associated with increased levels of blood biomarkers that signify harm to heart tissue.

They included ones that showed a sign of heart muscle injury, a marker of heart-wall stretch associated with heart failure and a measure of inflammation linked to atherosclerosis, a buildup of fats and other substances in the arteries.

There are two mechanisms that may influence how alcohol consumption can negatively affect the heart. "The first one is related to increases in blood pressure due to heavy alcohol use," said study leader Olena Iakunchykova, a doctorate candidate at the University of Tromsø — The Arctic University of Norway. "In turn, (high) blood pressure damages

the structure and function of the heart. Second, alcohol can directly affect heart muscle by causing changes in its cell metabolism."

In examining how binge drinking leads to heart damage, Iakunchykova and her colleges recruited a mixed group of adults from Russia. Most of the group — 2,479 volunteers between the ages of 35 to 69 — were split into categories — 278 patients — were undergoing clinical treatment for alcohol abuse.

The community-dwelling 2,479 volunteers were divided into four categories: hazardous drinkers, harmful drinkers, nonproblem drinkers and nondrinkers. The categories were based on volunteers' self-described drinking habits.

Harmful drinkers were found to have a dangerous drinking problem on two of three questionnaires. Hazardous drinkers had dangerous drinking issues on all three questionnaires.

All volunteers were tested for biomarkers linked to heart damage at the beginning of the study. Volunteers in treatment for alcohol abuse had the highest of all three

biomarker levels. Compared with nonproblem drinkers, biomarkers related to heart muscle injury, heart-wall stretching and inflammation were increased by 10.3%, 46.7% and 69.2%, respectively.

Heart-wall stretch biomarkers for the community-dwelling volunteers was 31.5% higher among harmful drinkers compared with nonproblem drinkers. As alcohol consumption increased, so did the biomarkers for heart-wall stretching and inflammation.

Iakunchykova said the study shows "heavy drinking leads to damage of the structure and function of the heart."

Researchers noted they were unable to account for the effects of smoking. The study was also not made to prove cause and effect, as it pointed to a single moment in time.

Another study has found it doesn't take just heavy drinking to create bodily damage. The Japanese study found that light to moderate drinking can increase the risk of cancer. Light drinking, which was defined in the study as drinking once each day for 10 years or consuming two beverages a day for five years, increased the general risk of cancer by 5%.

PEOPLE'S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

Saffron may ease symptoms of macular degeneration

BY JOE GRAEDON
AND TERESA GRAEDON
King Features Syndicate

Q: You had a letter from a person who was taking saffron for age-related macular degeneration. Since I have AMD, I am willing to try anything that might alleviate symptoms.

I began taking the spice with no real idea of how much I should use. At my next eye exam, there was definitely improvement, something my eye doctor said he had never seen. This has continued through three subsequent exams. In fact, the AMD has almost completely disappeared in one eye.

Not everyone may benefit as I have from this spice, but every AMD sufferer should consider it. It's relatively inexpensive. Actually, I would have paid thousands for the results I've received.

A: What a great story! Since the initial column you read two years ago, scientists have done further research on saffron for protecting the retina and helping macular degeneration. Italian researchers found that AMD patients taking 20 mg/day of saffron had no deterioration of vision over more than two years, while those taking the recommended nutrients lutein and zeaxanthin did (*Antioxidants*, July 17, 2019).

A separate randomized placebo-controlled clinical trial in Australia tested saffron at 20 mg/day against placebo in 100 people with age-related macular degeneration (Graefe's Archive for Clinical and Experimental Ophthalmology, January 2019). The investigators concluded "Saffron supplementation modestly improved visual function in



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Taking the spice saffron in supplement form may help AMD patients.

participants with AMD, including those using AREDS supplements. Given the chronic nature of AMD, longer-term supplementation may produce greater benefits." Those on saffron had no more side effects than those on placebo.

We agree that AMD patients should discuss saffron supplements with their ophthalmologists. Taking saffron together with AREDS vitamins seems to provide additional benefit.

Q: Although it's not a recognized benefit of Vascepa, I found that 2 grams/day (half the usual dose) reduced inflammation. The effect was noticeable enough that my wife reported that my snoring went from strong to tolerable.

A: Vascepa (icosapent ethyl) is a highly purified fish oil derivative prescribed to reduce the risk of heart attacks and strokes and to lower high levels of triglycerides. It contains only one omega 3 fatty acid, EPA (eicosapentaenoic acid). Ordinary fish oil also contains DHA (docosahexaenoic acid).

A large, randomized controlled trial tested Vascepa against placebo in people at high risk for cardiovascular complications (*New England Journal of Medicine*, Jan. 3, 2019). When people took 4

grams daily, they were less likely to have heart attacks or strokes, need stents or die from any of these causes.

You are right that omega 3 fatty acids found in fish oil reduce inflammation. That is why they have been used to treat autoimmune diseases (*Frontiers in Immunology*, Sept. 27, 2019). We've never heard before that this medication would reduce snoring, but if inflammation is the source, that effect is plausible.

Q: Why haven't you written about naltrexone? It has been used at low doses to treat fibromyalgia and myalgic encephalomyelitis. (ME is the new term for chronic fatigue syndrome.)

A: Naltrexone is an opioid antagonist. It can reverse the effects of narcotic pain relievers. In addition, naltrexone has been approved by the Food and Drug Administration to help people overcome alcohol dependence.

Some physicians are prescribing low-dose naltrexone off label for a number of other conditions, including fibromyalgia, ME, multiple sclerosis, Crohn's disease, inflammatory bowel disease and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS, aka Lou Gehrig's disease) (*NIPH Systematic Reviews*, April 2015). Although research shows that low-dose naltrexone may work by restoring the function of transient receptor potential (TRP) ion channels, we have not seen large clinical trials for these indications (*Frontiers in Immunology*, Oct. 31, 2019).

In their column, Joe and Teresa Graedon answer letters from readers. Send questions to them via www.peoplespharmacy.com.

Q&A

Whole grains offer a number of health benefits

BY HOWARD LEWINE, M.D.
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Q: What makes whole grain foods healthier than other carbs? And how can you tell which products are really whole grain?

A: Whole grains reduce the risk of heart disease, stroke and type 2 diabetes. But they do even more. People who eat a diet rich in whole grain foods live longer compared with people who consume foods made from refined grains.

All grains grow as kernels. Each kernel has three layers: The inner germ contains many of the vitamins, minerals and healthy oils. The middle layer is called the endosperm. It is primarily starch and makes up most of the kernel. It provides the energy the kernel needs to start growing. The outer coating, known as bran, contains



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Don't be fooled by terms such as "wheat flour" and "multigrain" on bread labels.

most of the grain's fiber.

In the 1880s, millers became adept at separating the layers, especially for wheat. The starchy middle layer was ideal for baking. These new refined grains became popular. White bread crowded grocery store shelves for the next 100 years. Goodbye to the germ and bran, along with their nutritional value.

When you eat a whole grain, you're getting more than just the fiber from the outer layer. You also get all the vitamins, minerals,

good fats, protein, antioxidants and other healthful parts of the grain's inner layer.

It's easy enough to decide between brown rice and white rice. But selecting whole-grain breads and cereals requires a close reading of the food label.

Don't be fooled by terms such as "wheat flour," "unbleached wheat flour" and "enriched wheat flour." They can refer to refined white flour. The same goes for "stone-ground," "multigrain," "fortified," "stoned

wheat," "cracked wheat" and "organic." None of these terms guarantees that the product is whole grain. To be sure that you are really getting whole grains, look for the words "whole" or "whole-grain" before the grain's name as the first ingredient.

Q: Where did the recommendation that we need five servings of fruits and vegetables come from?

A: According to what I found, the five-a-day slogan was conceived by a number of food companies and endorsed by the U.S. National Cancer Institute back in 1991. Over the next couple of decades, public health agencies around the world continued to promote the message.

Eating at least five servings of fruits and vegetables got another boost in 2014. The British Medical Jour-

nal published a careful review of 16 studies involving more than 833,000 people. The researchers found that those who consumed five servings of fruits and vegetables a day lowered their risk of dying from heart disease by 20% compared with those who consumed fewer servings.

The researchers also looked at whether more is better. In this analysis, they could not determine if more than five servings a day offered more health benefits. While there is general agreement that five servings of fruits and vegetables is the minimum, many experts say that we should aim higher, perhaps 10 servings per day.

A diet that includes sufficient amounts of fruits and vegetables is associated with preventing many age-related diseases, such as heart disease, stroke and cancer, the World Health

Organization says.

Fruits and vegetables contain high amounts of antioxidants and polyphenols, such as vitamin C, carotenoids and flavonoids, as well as high levels of fiber, all of which have been shown to help with lowering cholesterol, reducing blood pressure and managing weight.

Not sure what a serving means? In general, a serving of whole fruit equals the entire fruit, while a serving of cut-up fruit is one cup, or about the size of a small fist, according to the American Heart Association. A serving of vegetables (fresh, frozen or canned) is a cup, and a serving of raw green leafy vegetables is two cups.

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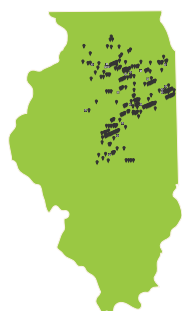
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Maine lobster, paired with pressed Asian pear saison, at Moody Tongue in Chicago.

REVIEW Moody Tongue ★★★

Beer and food pairings may attract Michelin attention

BY PHIL VETTEL AND JOSH NOEL

Editor's note: This tandem review by Phil Vettel and Josh Noel begins with an intro by Vettel.

The only brewpub in America with Michelin-star recognition is Band of Bohemia. I strongly suspect that, in the next Michelin Chicago Guide, the Ravenswood restaurant will have company.

Moody Tongue, in its spacious new South Loop digs, combines a serious, large-scale brewing program with the cuisine of chef Jared Wentworth, who, through his stellar work at Longman & Eagle and Dusek's Board & Beer, has had considerable

success in capturing the Michelin Man's attention.

Careful readers of my reviews know that I don't often discuss beer programs because I'm slightly allergic to beer, in a stuffy head sort of way. And so I rarely drink beer, except when duty calls.

And when the critical stakes are as high as Moody Tongue's ambition makes them, I call for backup — specifically, my colleague, beer writer Josh Noel, who evaluates co-founder and brewmaster Jared Rouben's work in more reliable and relatable detail below.

I'll say this much: There's a remarkable

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Rich Jensen cuts a pizza for delivery at Pizza Castle in the Gage Park neighborhood of Chicago.

CULT PIZZA

16 Chicago classics you don't know — unless you're part of the cult

BY CHRISTOPHER BORRELLI

Cult pizza — which is what I call Chicago pizza that has a substantial following yet doesn't always work its way to best-of lists, inspire lines of tourists or rattle reflexively off tongues that brag about Chicago being the greatest pizza town in America — is our everyday pizza.

It's your neighborhood pizza, it's the pizza you grab on the way home, the pizza you crawl into when 6 inches of snow cover the ground and the pizza you return to decades after you have

moved away somewhere. Its makers occupy Chicago storefronts that are closer to urban wallpaper, everywhere and nowhere, seen and not seen, necessary to live here yet taken for



Bill's Pizza & Pub in Mundelein features a classic neon sign.

granted, paradoxically rooted in your personal history though somehow underrated.

Cult pizza is family.

Odd as it is to suggest a parallel world of local pizza consumption — operating in plain sight, away from the fashionable, the trends, the food writers, the calcified mirage of a deep-dish Chicago pizza mecca — that's exactly how I've come to see cult pizza, as a multiverse.

And like any multiverse, a handful of

planets seem to soak up all the oxygen, meanwhile the sky is full of stars, each an alternate reality burning brighter the closer you stand. The pizza in this multiverse transcends critical thought. Typical physics don't apply. Pizza here is sometimes great, sometimes trash, but always comfortable. Outside the cult, it may leave no impression, it may taste like an imitation. Either way, it's rarely a benchmark pizza, and never a

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A sausage (with pickled onions) pizza at Bob's Pizza in Pilsen, which opened this summer.



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Union Squared ladles the sauce on top of the cheese and other ingredients.



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Pizza is served only Thursdays through Sundays at Smack Dab in Rogers Park.

Cult

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famous pizza. Its ovens were not shipped from Italy; its dough likely didn't ferment for days. But the heart wants what it wants.

The cult abides.

I mention this because we are in Pizza Season.

January, February, March. We stay closer to home and prefer the familiar.

The pizza is ripest about now. And so, not long ago, in anticipation of this most magical time of the year, I took a self-guided, not-at-all-thorough tour of the Chicago pizza multiverse, on an earnest mission of understanding, on the hunt for what might be regarded as the most unappreciated pizzas (outside their already sizable followings) in the Chicago area.

Beginning with **Bill's Pizza & Pub in Mundelein**, in many ways the ultimate cult pizza parlor: You might not exactly see the attraction, but then, who really cares what you see?

Bill's resembles a hunting lodge. Its seats are dark pews, its walls are covered in taxidermic foxes, deer and raccoons; those mounted fish alongside your head come direct from founder Bill Kwiatkowski and the three generations of family that have run Bill's since it opened in 1957. Bill was just a teenager at the time; now he's 80. The Double Decker pizza (which Bill's claims to have invented) is the star of the menu. The cut is tavern-style, the sauce is somewhat like gravy, the crust is firm, the onions curl through amorphous globs of cheese — it all feels as if it's always been like this. Same goes for the peanut shells crunching beneath your feet (you're encouraged to toss them on the floor) and Bill's brown facade — “the ugliest dark brown you'll ever see,” said Bill's grandson Erik Rouse with some pride.

Place matters in the pizza multiverse, arguably as much as pizza.

Pizza here is a respite. Grab a seat in the window at **Pizza Castle** in Gage Park — there are only five, total — and admire the homemade collages of photographs of its regulars, pasted together as class photos of sorts, stretching back decades. The red sauce is great, the grease is ample; the pizza, tavern-style again, is begging to be cut into triangles then folded and shoveled in your mouth. But more importantly: Since 1973, Pizza Castle has been a cramped sliver of a strip-mall anchor. Because there's nowhere to stand, customers hover at the takeout counter, chatting up owner Rich Jensen and son Rick, who succinctly and proudly described their modest place in the multiverse: “Everyone has their pizza that they will never give up on, you know? And we happen to be this neighborhood's pizza.”

Permanence is its own attraction.

Indeed, there are so many aging, quietly imbedded pizza parlors like this within a brief drive from Midway, I came to regard 63rd Street as the Midway Pizza Corridor. Think scalloped paper plates and wood-paneled walls, waitresses standing on their feet for a dozen hours, serving customers hunched into vinyl booths beneath framed clippings published during presidential administrations long gone. The pizza places here look as if they have always been here, as if they came up from the soil ages ago, and now



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Pizzas are prepared at Bill's Pizza & Pub in Mundelein, which opened in 1957.



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Barnaby's of Northbrook is known for thick, granular crusts with curled ridges.

refuse to budge. None more so than **Palermo's of 63rd Street** in Chicago, which started in 1961, founded by Antonio and Carmella Calderone, Sicilian immigrants whose son Frank still operates and cooks at the restaurant.

I went on a Sunday. The dining room resembled a once-bustling banquet hall, the waitresses wore Bears shirts, and the cushion in my booth was so unsteady I could have been sitting on a waterbed. Frank Calderone, his hair white and slicked, his eyebrows dark and bushy, emerged from the back with his apron stained by tomatoes. He shook hands with a former regular, a guy who was visiting from Florida. The man told Calderone that, in Florida, he can't get decent pizza anymore.

Calderone threw up his hands in outrage. He went back to the kitchen and returned with ice cream sandwiches, not only for the old friend but for everyone in the dining room. He did this just because. Older now, Calderone is still recognizable from photos on the wall. When we talked later, he noted no less than three times the very day the Chicago Daily News said he had the best pizza in the city: Aug. 31, 1971.

Permanence, however, can be an illusion.

No one would confuse **Our House** — not a decade old, and better known as the baking pizza kitchen from baker Rachel Kitch, a summer staple of Green City Market and Logan Square farmer markets — with an institution. You grabbed a pizza, sat in the grass for an impromptu picnic. The reliable pizzas and devoted following looked timeless. Except it wasn't: Our House is now



CHRIS BORRELLI/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

The pizza at Lefty's in Wilmette is a kind of compromise between deep dish and the pan pizzas popularized by Burt's and Pequod's.

closed, Post told me. Not enough people paid for that experience, she said. They took pictures of her domed, Tatooine-like oven, but they didn't necessarily buy anything.

In the pizza multiverse, a vulnerability is never far from a strength.

The sauce at Palermo's has a sugary sweetness that might make many pause — and yet without that sweetness, it's not a Palermo's. Small distinctions are enormous gulfs in the multiverse.

Consider the very good **Lefty's Pizza Kitchen** in Wilmette, only a year and a half old and already pulling a hardcore following (and likely to expand north into Highland Park soon). Lefty's adheres closely to a North Shore tradition of pan pies with bright chunky tomato and burnt, near-caramelized ends. Which makes sense. Owner John Munao was a partner in the revived Burt's Place in Morton Grove, the famed pan-pizza originators. Yet Lefty's pie is a compromise, with a doughier base than deep dish, never scorching a crust like Burt.

Likewise, without its rich sauce and rolling browned

meadows of cheese, it's hard to imagine distinguishing **Joe's Italian Villa** in Palos Heights from a million other tavern-style pizzas in the Southwest Suburbs. But it's great pizza, around since 1947 exactly because of those subtleties. Detail matters: The cash register is analog, the booths are terrible red-black-green vinyl. Even the chef illustration on the fat-go box is theirs, a kind of fat ghost in a toque.

Not that every place in the pizza multiverse is a shade removed from another place.

Smack Dab in Rogers Park — which has the best pizza in Chicago you had no idea about — is actually a breakfast spot and bakery on Clark Street that at night, from Thursday through Sunday only, delivers a perfectly balanced, slightly greasy, zero-pretense, slightly spicy, East Coast-style thin pie. It would rather hit all the classic slice-and-a-Coke notes of an old-school pizza parlor than reinvent the wheel. Yes, Smack Dab wears progressive politics on its sleeve to such an admirable degree — they sell “Gender is over if you

want it” T-shirts — that you might assume they'd strive to innovate or at least they'd be afflicted with that Chicago comfort-food disease of not leaving well-enough alone.

But no. “Truth is I wanted pizza that was just a bit better than what I grew up with,” said owner Axel Erkenwick, “and what I grew up eating (in Edgewater) was trash, but fun to eat.”

Which is a good description of many cult pizzas.

Bob's Pizza in Pilsen, wowing its gentrifying neighborhood since it opened in summer, strikes a similar balance. There's nothing low-rent here; its crust, also East Coast-thin, is made with beer instead of water, allowing a chewy tang that's malty and rich; its ingredients include the trendy (honey) and counterintuitive (pickles). But hugging a residential corner alongside Mexican markets, with its old Zaxxon machine set to free-play, football on wide-screens and cheese that stretches for days, its heart is at home. And home is specific.

Stix N' Brix on Armour Square Park, about two years old, within cheering distance of the White Sox, offers smart, somewhat small wood-fired pizzas that, at a glance, resemble those floppy, orthodox Neapolitan pizzas found in slews of places across town. Except owner Mario Scalise doesn't want that authentic flop. Fashionable as Stix N' Brix appears (brick walls, fig-jam pizzas, Monday night yoga classes), the dough isn't pushed outward to the edges for a pillowy crust but leveled across, allowing for a meatier bite.

Scalise wonders aloud, in fact, if they might be a touch too unusual for Bridgeport, if this isn't their proper home, if they wouldn't fare better maybe in the West Loop: “You ask people in this neighborhood what the best pizza is and people tell you immediately that it's **Phil's**,” he said, referencing another, more-ingrained Bridgeport spot, one that's 60 years old, with a following that, like many cult followings, can be difficult to comprehend if standing outside.

Home is like that.

You know what? **Forno Rosso Pizzeria Napoletana** in Dunning when they refuse to cut a pizza into more than four slices (or six, if you plead). Or at **Rosangela's** in Evergreen Park — started 65

years ago — when the place is packed before rush hour even begins, everyone in the wooden pews knows everyone else and a little more browned bubbling is allowed than typical of other tavern-style, cracker-crust joints.

You know you're at **Barnaby's of Glen Ellyn** when the crust is full of air and the deep dish comes with a generous sprinkling of Parmesan cheese already sifted on the top of the sauce. Owner Dena Colie said what I had heard, more or less, from many owners of cult pizza parlors, that the customers who move away tend to harbor a palpable craving for their home.

It's called nostalgia and for a long time it was thought about as a clinical ailment and often diagnosed in soldiers who spent years from home, missing their friends and families. It might explain why **Dante's Pizzeria** in Logan Square and Avondale remains such a criminally underrated cult — perhaps those glistening, thin UFOs of cheese that stretch out 20 inches wide and occupy whole tables are more cravable to East Coast expats than native Chicagoans? It could justify why **Union Squared** in Evanston — light, nearly-focaccia blocks with tomato sauce ladled across the top of the ingredients, better known as Detroit-style — has had trouble expanding outside its hardcore neighborhood following, closing downtown and Wrigleyville locations not long after opening. Pizza feels tribal, said Union Squared co-owner Vince DiBattista, “so people assume they already know what they like.”

And what they like, in Northbrook, what they have liked since the Johnson administration, is this place called **Barnaby's**. Think granular crusts with a generous amount of cornmeal and curled ridges that wouldn't look out of place on an apple pie. Orders are placed at the counter and numbers are read through a deep-toned intercom. Booths are dark wood. Natural light barely penetrates the dining room, which lends a feeling of eating inside a sepia-toned Polaroid. Complimentary cheese and crackers sit on the front counter, just like at your aunt's, in 1976. The food's OK, but Barnaby's is often packed. I can't say I understand this, but then I was too busy sipping the root beer (served on tap) to drink the Kool-Aid.

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The world of mezcal evolves and grows

BY ERIC ASIMOV
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From the consumer's view, the world of mezcal in 2020 is radically different from that of 10 years ago. Del Maguey, which 25 years ago pioneered the discovery and marketing in the United States of small-production, geographically specific bottles, is still going strong, though its visionary founder, Ron Cooper, sold a controlling interest in the brand to the beverage giant Pernod Ricard in 2017.

Rather than packaging his discoveries as a luxury brand or with celebrity tie-ins in the fashion of tequila, mezcal's agave cousin, Cooper emphasized the cultural significance of mezcal, highlighting its ability — through traditional, laborious methods of production — to transmit the character of a place and a people.

But where 10 years ago, Del Maguey alone seemed to be shining a light on the enormous potential and complexity of mezcal, now more than a few entrepreneurs, no doubt inspired by Cooper's example, have entered the artisanal mezcal business.

While "artisanal" has become a marketing buzzword, it seems to mean something more with mezcal. Entrepreneurs with dollar signs in their eyes have gotten into the act, no surprise, but the best and most interesting bottles are still the most rustic and distinctive, rather than the most polished.

Nowadays, dozens of small-production bottles are available, each highlighting the styles of small mezcateros, or mezcal makers, local production techniques and the various sorts of agaves that are permitted to be used in mezcal production.

Unlike tequila, which can be produced only from the blue agave in the state of Jalisco and a few surrounding areas, mezcal can



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legally be made in 10 Mexican states with any sort of agave.

Practically speaking, though, most mezcal comes from Oaxaca, and most of the time it's made from the espadín agave. Yet it's not rare to find mezcals made of other sorts of agaves with names like barril, jabalí, cuishe, tepeztate and tobalá.

To get a sense of the evolved world of mezcal today, the spirits panel recently tasted 20 bottles. For the tasting, Florence Fabricant of The New York Times and I were joined by two drinks writers and historians, David Wondrich and Robert Simonson.

Mezcal, like tequila, often comes with an age statement: joven, or young; reposado, which is aged in oak for up to a year, and añejo, which is aged one to three years. I love the purity of agave spirits undis-

torted by oak, so for this tasting we stuck to joven.

As usual, we bought all the bottles retail, and we capped the selections at \$100 a bottle, which ruled out quite a few. Even without the most expensive choices, we all marveled at the high level of quality in the tasting. We were floored by the wide variety of flavors, complex and strange in the best possible way.

In the past I had come to think of smokiness as the defining feature of mezcal. In this tasting, smokiness, which comes from roasting the agaves in rock-lined pits before fermentation, was just one of many components.

We found aromas and flavors of herbs, vegetables, jalapeños, flowers and a lot more, often in combinations that seemed to vary widely from bottle to bottle.

What accounts for such

variety? Partly, it's a reflection of the diversity of raw materials. Agaves take a long time to grow, and can vary in age. Some are harvested after five years, others after many more.

It's also a function of production techniques — copper pot stills are most common, for example, but some mezcateros still use clay stills.

Local traditions differ as well. Sometimes mezcals are redistilled with grains or nuts to add flavor.

It's often said by mezcal enthusiasts that the spirit needs to be at least 45% alcohol to show its true character. Perhaps that's true. Seven bottles in our tasting had alcohol levels under 45%, and only two of those made our top 10.

Our top bottle was the Rezipiral Abel Martínez Series Four, named after the mezcatero who produced it. It was briny, deep

and complex with a pronounced saline quality.

No. 2 was the subtle, complex, lightly smoky Agave de Cortés Espadín, the sort of spirit in which you seem to taste something different with every sip. By contrast, the No. 3 Sombra was rich, deep and assertive, though not as complex. At \$35, it was also our best value.

I recognize that many of these mezcals may be difficult to find. The good news is that even if you cannot find the precise bottles that we tasted, many of these brands offer a variety of different bottlings, made by other mezcateros in different villages using their own techniques and sometimes other sorts of agaves.

They are all worth trying. No doubt, you will find favorites that we did not taste. With mezcal circa 2020, discovery is part of the thrill.

Tasting report

1. Rezipiral Mezcal Espadín Abel Martínez Series Four, 48%, \$75: Briny, deep and multidimensional, with herbal, saline, licorice and smoke flavors. (USA Wine Imports, New York)

2. Agave de Cortés Mezcal Joven Espadín, 45%, \$40: Subtle, complex and balanced, with lightly smoky, floral and vegetal aromas and flavors. (Back Bar Project, Seattle)

3. Sombra Mezcal Joven, 45%, \$35 (Best Value): Spicy, vegetal and floral, with deep, rich flavors of licorice and herbs. (Davos Brands, New York)

4. Montelobos Mezcal Joven Espadín, 43.2%, \$32: Balanced and complex, with an oily texture and subtle, smoky, herbal and floral flavors. (Campari America, New York)

5. Nuestra Soledad Mezcal Joven Espadín San Baltazar, 47%, \$55: Complex and assertive, with meaty, peppery, vegetal flavors. (Back Bar Project)

6. Vago Mezcal Elote Aquilino García, 50.3%, \$66: Bracing, powerful and rich, with aromas and lightly sweet flavors of flowers, herbs, licorice and jalapeño. (Montañero Mezcal, Ophir, Colorado)

7. Yuu Baal Mezcal Joven Espadín, 48%, \$37: Spicy and subtle, with flavors of sweet vanilla, spices and bell pepper. (Pacific Edge Imports, Agoura Hills, California)

8. Banhez Mezcal Joven Cuishe, 47%, \$95: Fresh and almost meadowy, with floral, herbal and vegetal flavors. (CNI Brands, Manhasset, New York)

9. Derrumbes Mezcal San Luis Potosí Salmiana, 43.9%, \$40: Briny, spicy and vegetal, with flavors of pickled chiles. (PM Spirits, Brooklyn, New York)

10. Alipús San Andrés Mezcal Joven, 47.3%, \$57: Unusual, with peppery, fruity, herbal and sarsaparilla flavors. (Kastara Imports, Ukiah, California)

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Using a sheet pan to make chicken paprikash updates the dish's flavor and makes cleanup a snap.

A modern spin on a cozy classic

Sheet-pan paprikash intensifies flavor



JEANMARIE BROWNSON
Dinner at Home

At this time of the year, leaving the house proves challenging. Best to stay in and cook. Smell the goodness, feel the coziness.

My favorite comfort foods tend to be close to my roots. I get nostalgic for simple suppers at my gram's, the flavors she coaxed from just a few ingredients. Potatoes and noodles to fill us up. The Hungarian paprika my grandfather brought home from the butcher in a brown paper sack, smelling of earthy, sweet chiles.

A cut-up chicken, or chunks of pork, would simmer to tenderness with that paprika, a few cloves of fresh garlic and water. We'd play card games until dinner was ready. Nothing to fuss over as the combination was ladled into flowered porcelain bowls.

What lingers is the desire to gather with family at the table with no real agenda, with food that nourishes, tastes delicious, but causes no stress for the cook. To impart to the children the beauty of generations dining together: That's the true benefit of home cooking.

This winter, I'm paying tribute to the gone, but never forgotten, family elders with an oven-roasted version of chicken paprikash — the classic dish from Hungary.

Similar to goulash in that paprika-seasoned beef, chicken or veal simmers to tenderness in water, paprikash has the distinction of a sour cream finish. My mother preferred to make paprikash, while her mother mostly made a brothy goulash.

I like making sheet-pan paprikash. The hot oven and a large rimmed baking sheet allow me to reduce cooking time, concentrate flavors and improve texture more in line with today's tastes.

The chicken skin crisps,



Skillet apples with whipped cream — akin to a crustless strudel — is an ideal dessert for your paprikash dinner.

Skillet apples with smoked-paprika whipped cream

Prep: 20 minutes **Cook:** 10 minutes **Makes:** 6 servings

5 small Honey Crisp apples, about 1 ½ pounds total

3 tablespoons butter

¼ cup each: packed dark brown sugar, raisins

½ teaspoon ground cinnamon

1 cup heavy whipping cream

2 tablespoons powdered sugar

¼ teaspoon smoked or sweet paprika

Spice cookies or shortbread cookies

1. Peel apples; cut into quarters. Remove the core and cut each apple quarter into 3 slices.

2. Heat a large, well-seasoned cast-iron or nonstick skillet over medium heat. Reduce heat to medium-low; add butter and apples. Cook and stir for 5 minutes.

3. Stir in sugar, raisins and cinnamon. Cook and stir until apples are fork-tender, 4 to 5 minutes. Remove from heat.

4. In a small bowl, beat cream until soft beaks form. Beat in powdered sugar and paprika just to mix.

5. Serve warm apples with their pan juices in small bowls. Top with a dollop of whipped cream. Pass cookies.

Nutrition information per serving: 295 calories, 20 g fat, 13 g saturated fat, 60 mg cholesterol, 29 g carbohydrates, 25 g sugar, 2 g protein, 15 mg sodium, 2 g fiber

the potatoes and onions brown to golden, and the paprika's natural sweetness intensifies with the dry heat.

After everything is cooked, I deglaze the pan with water and then swirl in a bit of sour cream for a simple sauce to spoon over the chicken or buttered noodles.

For the fastest dinner, I choose bone-in, skin-on, chicken thighs. They're easy to serve and always stay moist. Bone-in pork loin chops are great here too; 1-inch-thick chops will cook in about the same time as the chicken thighs. Whole roasted chicken is

synonymous with comfort cooking, so I've included for it as well; it typically requires 20 extra minutes of oven time.

Paprika is made from ripe, red chile peppers that are dried and powdered. In the United States, sweet paprika is an underrated spice because it's often stale and flavorless. We tend to keep a jar for years, but the powder stales quickly and the color fades. If you don't know how old your paprika is, taste it. If it's pale orange and flavorless, start over. Fresh paprika is a deeper, darker red color than the ripest tomatos. The aroma should

be sweet and a bit musky.

Most supermarkets carry sweet paprika. I like the Szeged brand imported from Hungary. Or, order Hungarian or Spanish paprika on the internet from spice shops. If you like heat, try subbing in some "half-sharp" (spicy) paprika for the sweet. Or swap in a teaspoon or so of smoked paprika for a different take. Of course, don't confuse paprika with cayenne pepper, that superhot chile powder.

I like to take advantage of the flavors in the pan drippings and boil water in the pan to make a fast sauce. This boiling works

to dissolve all the stuck-on bits, so cleanup is a snap!

For dessert, I suggest sauteing apples in butter with raisins and cinnamon — sort of like a crustless apple strudel. Top it with a dollop of lightly sweetened whipped cream, flavored with just a smidgen of smoke or sweet paprika for intrigue.

I believe comfort food means not focusing on calories and carbs. Of course, you can skip eating the chicken skin and opt out of the sour cream and pan juices if you have concerns. Otherwise, gather the family and friends and enjoy the warmth.

Sheet-pan chicken paprikash with potatoes

Prep: 25 minutes

Cook: 45 minutes

Makes: 6 servings

Use absolutely fresh paprika; it should be bright red with a rich aroma.

6 bone-in, skin-on chicken thighs, 2 ¼ pounds total

5 to 6 medium-size yellow roasting potatoes, about 1 ¼ pounds total, scrubbed

1 medium-large (8 ounces) sweet onion, halved, thickly sliced in wedges

¼ cup Hungarian sweet paprika

1 ½ teaspoons salt

1 teaspoon dried oregano

½ teaspoon garlic powder

½ teaspoon hot paprika or ¼ teaspoon cayenne

3 tablespoons olive oil

¼ cup water

2 to 3 tablespoons sour cream or creme fraiche

Flat-leaf parsley

Buttered noodles (optional), see recipe

1. Heat oven to 400 degrees on convection setting or 425 degrees on conventional. Pat chicken dry and place on 16-by-12-inch (or larger) rimmed baking sheet. Cut potatoes lengthwise into quarters. Arrange potatoes and onion slices around the chicken.

2. Mix sweet paprika, salt, oregano, garlic powder and hot paprika in small bowl. Sprinkle chicken, potatoes and onion on all sides with the paprika mixture. Drizzle everything with olive oil.

3. Roast for 20 minutes. Stir vegetables well. Continue roasting until chicken juices run clear and potatoes are fork-tender, 20 minutes more.

4. Transfer chicken and vegetables to serving platter. Set baking sheet over a burner and turn heat to medium. Stir ¼ cup water into the pan. Heat to a boil and scrape up all the browned bits from the bottom of the pan. Remove pan from heat. Stir in sour cream and season with salt.

5. Drizzle pan sauce over the chicken and vegetables. Garnish with parsley and serve.

Whole roasted chicken: Use a 4- to 5-pound whole broiler chicken and remove the giblets and extra pockets of fat. Tuck the wings behind the back. Place chicken on a 16-by-12-inch baking sheet. Rub chicken on all sides with half of the seasoning mixture. Roast, breast side up, at 400 degrees on convection setting or 425 degrees on conventional for 20 minutes. Add potatoes and onions to pan; toss with remaining seasoning mixture and drizzle with oil. Continue roasting, stirring vegetables once or twice, until potatoes are fork-tender and chicken juices run clear, 35 to 40 minutes more. Let chicken rest 10 minutes before carving. Make pan sauce as directed in step 4.

Buttered noodles: Heat a large pot of salted water to boil. Add 1 bag (12 ounces) extra broad egg noodles to the water. Cook, stirring occasionally, until nearly tender, 7 to 8 minutes. Drain off the water. Return the noodles to the pot and add 2 tablespoons butter. Toss to melt the butter. Season with salt.

Nutrition information per serving: 395 calories, 23 g fat, 6 g saturated fat, 132 mg cholesterol, 22 g carbohydrates, 3 g sugar, 26 g protein, 695 mg sodium, 4 g fiber

Pan tips

- Use a heavy pan that doesn't warp in the oven.
- Use a large enough pan — around the food room a better to have than a packed-tight version that prevents crispness.
- Use plenty of seasoning: Since there's no direct heat on the foods, all the flavor comes from the seasonings.
- Use a convection setting, if you have it; the circulating hot air promotes browning.



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The Bud Light Seltzer mixed 12-pack has all four of the brand's flavors: strawberry, lemon-lime, mango and black cherry.

Cashing in on a trend, Bud Light has a seltzer

BY JOSH NOEL

If you tried to affix the word "seltzer" to "Bud Light" 15 years ago, you would have been laughed out of the hallowed halls of Anheuser-Busch.

Back then, Bud Light was the unrivaled king of American beer. It not only sold far more than any other brand in the U.S. — it continued to grow.

While Bud Light is still the nation's top-selling beer, it's hardly the unrivaled king these days. After sales peaked in 2007, they've shrunk every year since, including a nearly 5 percent drop in 2019, according to market research firm IRI Worldwide.

Bud Light has therefore fallen into a strange middle ground: It remains a ubiquitous force, but atrophies before our eyes. Its best days as a beer brand are long past. Yet it retains vast power and name recognition.

Hence Bud Light Seltzer. Though Bud Light Seltzer elicited all sorts of smirks and sideways glances when announced in November, we've been here before.

Back in 2012, Anheuser-Busch farmed out the Bud Light name to another unlikely product: Bud Light Lime and its extension of sugary "Rita" drinks: Bud Light Lime Lime-A-Rita, Bud Light Lime Berry-A-Rita, Bud Light Lime Coco-Nut-Rita, Bud Light Lime Mang-O-Rita and so on. The flavor profiles — fruity, sickly sweet — were miles from

what we knew of the once ascendant Bud Light beer.

But behind the Bud Light name, the Ritas became a healthy brand family; not top tier for the nation's largest beer company, but firmly in the middle of the pack.

Upon the release of Bud Light Lime Lime-a-Rita, Anheuser-Busch's vice president of innovation explained the strategy: "It has the Bud Light name on it so it attracts people who are interested in the Bud Light brand, but it also attracts people who may not have been in our franchise before."

That's why in recent years we've also seen Bud Light Apple, Bud Light Orange and the new Bud Light Lemonade Radler.

It's also why we're seeing Bud Light Seltzer, for which an online ad mimes no words: "Whether you love Bud Light or hate Bud Light, you're going to love Bud Light Seltzer." (Is that true? We'll get to that.)

The point ultimately isn't what you think of Bud Light; it's that you've heard of Bud Light. And with that name, a connection is immediately forged in a hard seltzer space where Anheuser-Busch is playing desperate catch up.

Hard seltzer has become a rocket ship of a category, led by the ascendant White Claw, introduced in 2016 by Chicago-based Mark Anthony Group. Anheuser-Busch has at least three other hard seltzers in its portfolio — Bon & Viv Spiked Seltzer, Natural

Light hard seltzer and the forthcoming Social Club — but Bud Light Seltzer is its strongest bid yet to disrupt a landscape where it is in the rare position of trailing. The company is investing a reported \$100 million in hard seltzer in 2020.

Harry Schuhmacher, editor and publisher of Beer Business Daily, reported that Bud Light Seltzer is off to a strong start. Distributors described the launch as "incredible," "exceptional," and as one colorfully put it, "f***ing killing it," Schuhmacher wrote.

Which was exactly the point of slapping the Bud Light name on it. With that instant familiarity, many people will try it at least once. And while lending the name "Bud Light" to a seltzer may chip away at Bud Light the beer, so what? Bud Light the beer is already being chipped away.

Schuhmacher noted, though, that Anheuser-Busch's long play remains unclear. Is Bud Light Seltzer "just aggressive pipe fill" to chip away at White Claw while Anheuser-Busch hopes the bottom falls out of hard seltzer?

"Or will repeat buys prove this to be a 'game changer?'" Schuhmacher wrote.

We will see.

In the meantime, Bud Light Seltzer underscores a grim truth: Hard seltzers tend to be middling, soulless beverages. And like most of its competitors, Bud Light Seltzer is devoid of any experience. It's just

some bubbles and flavor.

The best hard seltzers are refreshing; none of the four flavors sold in the Bud Light Seltzer mixed 12-pack — mango, lemon-lime, black cherry and strawberry — meet that basic standard. Yet only one is egregiously bad. The other three are fine, and nothing more. The flavors come across as reasonably authentic, though a bit robust. Bud Light Seltzer would do well to trade some of that robustness for more crispness and refreshment.

The mango flavor is passable, adequately approximating mango aroma. It has a decent "juicy" character, though it is too juicy to be worth drinking a full 12 ounces. Lemon-lime has some citrus juice character and some rind character, both of which are admirable, but it also comes off a touch cloying. Same, too, for black cherry, which is wounded by an aroma veering into cough syrup territory. The only irredeemable dud is the strawberry flavor, which smells like a seventh grader's lip balm and doesn't taste much better.

While there may be some runway for Bud Light Seltzer to threaten a brand such as Boston Beer's Truly Hard Seltzer, it'll face an uphill climb to do any better. In the world of hard seltzer, the words "White Claw" are likely to continue to hold far more sway than the words "Bud Light."

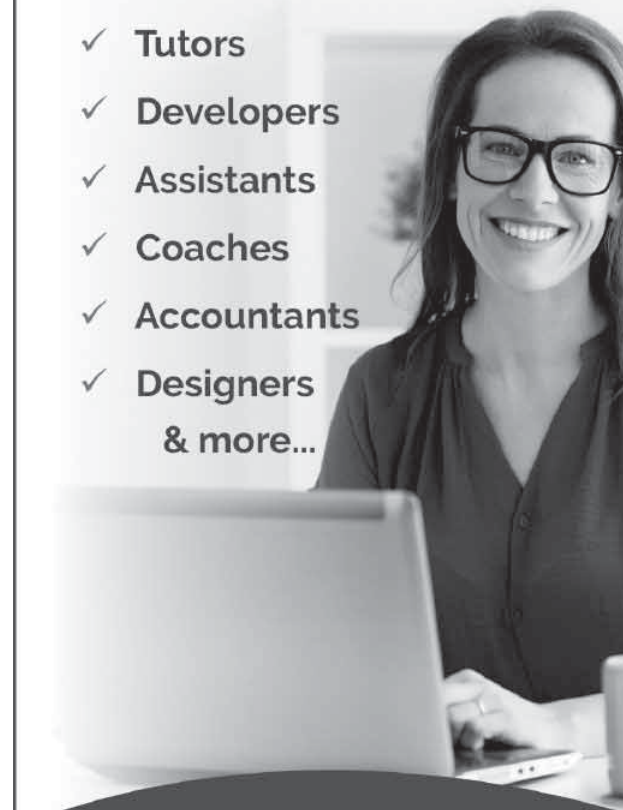
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DRINK

Hot toddy might help with a cold

BY ZAK STAMBOR

Last winter I had a dreadful cold. The type of cold that seems to never end. The type of cold where your body aches, your head throbs, you can't ever seem to rid your nose of mucus and a restless night of sleep seems impossible. The type of cold where leaving the house is the last thing you'd ever want to do.

Nevertheless, I dragged myself to the pharmacy down the street and bought just about any over-the-counter remedy I could find. Nothing seemed to work except the passage of time.

When I returned to work a few days later, a colleague asked how I was feeling.

"Not good, but much better than I was," I replied.

"Next time, try a hot toddy," he said.

"Isn't that an old wives' tale?" I asked.

"Try it," he said.

The hot toddy — the simple hot cocktail consisting of hot water, honey, lemon and brown liquor — like chicken soup, has long been touted as a remedy for the common cold. But when I'm feeling awful, alcohol is the last thing I

Hot toddy

Makes: 1 drink

1 ounce brown spirit (I prefer bourbon)

1 tablespoon honey

2 teaspoons lemon juice

¼ cup hot water

Pour ingredients in a mug and stir until the honey dissolves.

want to consume. That's why I had never tried a hot toddy when feeling under the weather — until I got another cold a few months later.

Before I had another restless night, I decided to give the hot toddy a try. I pulled out a mug, poured in 2 ounces of bourbon, a tablespoon of honey and 2 teaspoons of lemon juice, then topped with a quarter cup of hot water and stirred.

My skepticism quickly faded. It seemed to work better than any of the over-the-counter products I had tried. I slept through the night.

While it was no cure, it temporarily relieved my symptoms, which may make some sense, says Donald Hensrud, a physician in internal medicine



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who also serves as an associate professor of nutrition and preventive medicine at the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine and Science.

After all, even though there are few "good studies" on the hot toddy, if you look at the individual elements you can understand why the cocktail offers some relief.

"The warmth of the drink may provide symptomatic comfort," he says. That explains the effectiveness of other traditional remedies that also provide fluids, such as chicken soup, which also supplies nutrients, and tea, which also contains antioxidants.

Then there's hot lemon water with honey, which has long been used to soothe a sore throat and to act as a cough suppressant.

One study, which gave children who had upper respiratory tract infections and were at least 2 years

old up to 2 teaspoons of honey at bedtime, found that the honey seemed to improve sleep and reduce nighttime coughing. In fact, it was just about as effective as the common cough suppressant ingredient dextromethorphan that's found in Robitussin.

While some have suggested the alcohol has medicinal benefits — such as its ability to fight infection — Hensrud is skeptical, noting that it can actually cause some congestion and may affect immune function.

But those negative effects may not matter in limited amounts. And there may actually be another effect: Like Nyquil, it can help you get to sleep.

And rest, along with fluids, are the key ingredients to cold relief.

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Moody

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synergy between the food and the beer at Moody Tongue; every bite and sip speaks to collaboration and mutual understanding. And a couple of the pairings — the watermelon saison with a Chinese-influenced crab dish, and the lemon saison with the mussels (steamed in that same beer) — were inspiring even to this beer-phobic palate. I'll leave the rest of the pairings to Josh.

— Phil Vettel

The food

Wentworth offers two menus at Moody Tongue. There's a 12-course tasting, priced at \$155 (which includes beer pairings), and an à la carte menu. My guess is that most people will pick a la carte, especially the first time out, so I'll start there.

The menu reads simply — few terms will induce head-scratching — but the dishes are executed with precision and uncommonly pretty presentation. Grilled octopus arrives as five medallions dabbled with saffron-lemon aioli, arranged in a slight curve on a bed of slow-simmered eggplant and chickpeas, and chunks of morcilla sausage. Beet tartare is magazine-cover pretty, a tall disk of smoked beet topped with spruce-infused ricotta, gelled egg yolk and mustard seed.

Bread plays a large role in both menus; Wentworth is playing off the beer-is-liquid-bread saying. Crusty, toasted sourdough plays nicely with that smoky beet tartare; chicken liver mousse is paired with a yummy pecan toast. And the mussels, mentioned previously, are matched to warm slices of toasted baguette smeared with black-garlic aioli.

I'm particularly fond of the rotolini, contributed by sous chef Emily Phillips. The pasta pieces are like oversized tortellini, rolled tall and filled with celery root and ricotta. Brown-butter solids are scattered at the base, while Parmesan foam and slivers of black truffle sit on top.

Main courses include an exceptional dry-aged pork chop with pears, cabrales cheese and fennel conserva, and an imaginative bouillabaisse with prawns, mussels, striped bass, and a scallop-mousse and king crab cannelloni. What's rapidly becoming a signature entree is the skillet-fried chicken with black-truffle cavatelli; it's a good chicken, but it didn't curl my toes the way the pork and bouillabaisse did.

The tasting menu gets off to a rousing start with a trio of single bites: A puffy gougere topped with smoked-bass mouseline and arctic-char roe, an oyster with kalamansi vinaigrette and a tall samosa of butter-crisped phyllo filled with ground lamb, topped with a dab of yogurt and finger lime.

In rapid succession come chawanmushi topped with lobster and shaved truffle, and a fanciful nigiri of madai (sea bream) draped with lardo and topped with sea urchin, wrapped in braised kombu (in lieu of nori).

Seared foie gras with pain d'epices and fruit is a fairly common composition, but Wentworth switches things up with his fruit choices — umeboshi, gooseberries, satsuma and cranberry gel.

About two-thirds into the menu, there's a palate cleanser — in my case, pieces of caraway pretzel with a puddle of beer cheese, since changed to black-truffle focaccia with house-made citrus butter — more fun with bread.

Meaty contributions are very impressive; there was pork belly on a bed of Carolina Gold rice with pumpkin puree; squab with wonderful caramelized endive and cassis sauce; and American Wagyu with carrot puree, maitake puree, salsify and a teeny Yorkshire pudding.

Pastry chef Tucker Critchfield manages some nifty desserts. For the tasting menu, he contributes a lime-pineapple sherbet (with a toasted-rice lager pour-over), brown butter spongecake with sweet-



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The Dining Room at Moody Tongue (above) features a 12-course tasting menu. An à la carte menu is available at The Bar at Moody Tongue.



Chef Jared Wentworth, left, and brewmaster Jared Rouben at Moody Tongue.



The beer selection includes Aperitif Pilsner, from left, Roasted Cocoa Oatmeal Nitro Stout, Sour Raspberry Framboise, Hazy Mango Pineapple IPA, Salted Gose, Sliced Nectarine IPA and Bourbon Barrel-Aged 12-Layer-Cake Imperial Stout.

potato ice cream and gooseberry conserva, and bittersweet chocolate cake with toasted-rye ice cream, topped with a shower of micro-shaved, smoked foie gras.

On the à la carte side, Critchfield offers the spongecake with slightly different accompaniments (burnt-honey ice cream and date puree), a rich and satisfying dark-chocolate cremeux with cocoa nibs and devils-food crumble and, my favorite, a colorful take on ambrosia made with charred pineapple, lime sherbet, milk jam and coconut foam.

In addition to the beers that accompany the tasting menu, there's a list of the brewery's current releases (with very little duplication) on the back of the à la carte menu. There's also a legit wine list, with bottles and by-the-glass pours. Beer and wine lovers can coexist at Moody Tongue quite nicely.

Service on our visits was exemplary, particularly on the night I visited with Josh. We briefly wondered which one of us had been recognized first, but it really didn't matter.

— P.V.

The beer

In an evening of memorable moments during Moody Tongue's 12-course, beer-pairing journey, one moment is particularly acute.

It's the fourth stop of the \$155 evening: Kaluga caviar, served with rich oyster panna cotta and paired with a beer called Salted

Moody Tongue

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Prices: Entrees \$16-\$42; 12-course tasting menu with beer, \$155

Noise: Conversation-challenged

Ratings key: ★★★★★ outstanding; ★★★★★ excellent; ★★★★★ very good; ★★★★★ good; no stars: unsatisfactory. The reviewer makes every effort to remain anonymous. Meals are paid for by the Tribune.

Gose.

Gose is a German-style wheat beer that features salt as a prominent, if unlikely, ingredient. The result is an ale that's lightly tart, lightly briny and deeply refreshing when done right.

For that fourth course, Rouben — who often, though not always, handles beer service for the pairing menu — explains the beer's German heritage and its unique ingredient. It makes for a seamless pairing with the salty caviar and sweet panna cotta, he explains.

Rouben then finishes the short introduction by spooning a tiny amount of house-made salt foam into the glass and stirring it in. Beer lovers familiar with gose will appreciate the nod to brewing history. Those less familiar with the style will be dazzled by the

dramatic flair. Salt? *In beer?*

It's a small, dynamic touch in an evening filled with sensory revelations. It also underscores Moody Tongue's goal of creating rarefied fine dining inside a brewery.

Moody Tongue generally succeeds with The Dining Room at Moody Tongue, and on multiple levels: the quality of the beer, its thoughtful presentation and its place beside Wentworth's bold and uncompromising menu.

Some of the beer pairings — 12 beers across the 12 courses, plus a bottomless side pour of pilsner — work better than others. But complaints are few.

A key to dining at Moody Tongue, though, is that the same can be said of the à la carte side of the equation, The Bar at Moody Tongue.

Wentworth applies a similar approach to The Bar at Moody Tongue as he did at Longman & Eagle and at Dusek's: rich, hearty dishes transcending mere pub fare that happen to pair brilliantly with beer. It's the kind of food that hums just as well beside a crisp pilsner as next to a Belgian-style sour ale.

Some degree of pairing guidance on the bar menu — there currently is none — would serve most diners well. Asking the servers for recommendations is always a smart bet, though, and ours were well informed. But so, too, is following your instinct; I landed on one I can't wait to try again: the bright, zesty Steeped Emperor's Lemon Saison alongside the grilled octo-



Seared foie gras is among the stylishly-presented offerings on the menu.



The smoked beet tartare is topped with spruce-infused ricotta, gelled egg yolk and mustard seed.

Neither the fine dining nor bar concepts would work if the beer didn't back up the ambition. The good news is that Moody Tongue — which, like many breweries has had highs and lows over the years — is making some of the best and most consistent beer of its six-year existence.

The velvety Roasted Cocoa Oatmeal Nitro Stout, at an approachable 5.7% alcohol, is a perfect hole to crawl into on a winter evening. Sour Cherry Belgian Ale is lush and fruity, pleasantly sweet but tempered by the tart cherries. Toasted Rice Lager is an endlessly drinkable gem: crisp, refreshing and lightly fruity.

Though you can eat and drink perfectly well in the bar, the real journey lies on the fine dining side. The experience begins with a beer unavailable on the bar side: Pressed Asian Pear Saison, presented in place of what would be Champagne for most pairing menus. It's earthy and fruity and without much sweetness, tuning the taste buds to the evening ahead. It also happens to be a faultless food beer when the first course of "snacks" arrives. (They're quite likely the most decadent snacks you've ever had, especially the lamb samosa.)

Not every pairing is seamless; I wasn't a fan of the madai and Freeze Dried Black Lime Wit, but that one has already been tweaked. In place of the wit is now a barrel-aged sour saison spiked with lime.

But they mostly succeed, whether to contrast (the lush Sour Peach Belgian Golden alongside the exquisite seared foie gras) or to complement (Bruleed Banana Dunkel Weizen-bock beside pork belly is an elegant melding of sweet, creamy, meaty, savory and salty).

The last dinner course is the burliest: American Wagyu served with Oak Barrel-Aged Flanders Red

Ale. Rouben calls it "the burgundy of beer?"

"If you're not going to have burgundy with beef, you might as well have the burgundy of beers with beef," he says.

It's an excellent pairing made all the more enjoyable in the context of beer as a replacement for wine. There are so many layers of flavor at work, and they tie together beautifully: tart fruitiness mingling with savory beef (not unlike wine).

At that point, we'd been served nine beers in nine types of glassware.

The dark horse hero is the constant side pour of Aperitif Pilsner, refilled as if it were a water glass. I drank plenty of it across the two-hour meal — probably the equivalent of four 8-ounce pours. It was an ideal addition: a crisp and unfussy palate cleanser between courses.

Moody Tongue is so devoted to its beer pairings that the pairings extend through dessert. I'm generally a skeptic of pairing beer with dessert, but Moody Tongue mounts a valiant effort.

There's genoise made with brown butter alongside Bourbon-Barrel-Aged Chocolate Barleywine (a big pairing that works) and two pours, Scotch-Barrel-Aged Peated Scotch Ale and Bourbon-Barrel-Aged 12-Layer-Cake Imperial Stout, alongside bittersweet chocolate cake (a big pairing that didn't work as well, especially the massive Scotch ale).

The best was the simple refreshment of lime-pineapple sherbet paired with that wonderful Toasted Rice Lager, but not beside it. Instead, the beer is poured over the sherbet tableside: a tidy, crisp and creative finish befitting an audacious evening of beer and food.

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Russets have a thicker skin and a starchy, snowy interior — ideal for baked potatoes.

For perfect baked potato, you have to use a russet

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A fluffy baked potato is a glorious thing, but too often you slice into the potato and it is shiny and waxy, not light and creamy in texture.

Baking a potato is the easiest thing in the world, right? Then why are so many lacking in texture and flavor?

First, for the traditional baked potato that is going to be loaded with toppings, you must buy a russet potato. Russets have a thicker skin and a beautiful starchy, snowy — almost meaty — interior that soaks up all your butter, cheese and sour cream. I love making mashed potatoes with red new potatoes or baby Yukon Gold potatoes, but only a russet will do for a baked potato.

For my latest cookbook, “Steak and Cake,” I tested several popular ways of baking potatoes. I have friends who swear by wrapping the potato in foil before baking. I have always baked the potato without the foil, but I tried both ways. I baked them at 350 degrees and at 400

degrees too. The potatoes took a bit longer to bake at 350, but they were fluffier and had a better crust and interior texture. Generally, when you cook anything at a higher temperature, the outside gets done before the inside. That means you risk an overdone exterior by the time the interior is cooked through. Potatoes are no exception. That’s why I prefer a lower temperature. But if you like to bake your potatoes at a higher temp, do so. It is all about what works.

The potato wrapped in foil was waxy and had a hard texture even when fully cooked. The foil also prevents the skin from becoming crusty, which I think is the best part of a baked potato.

If you are a fan of twice-baked potatoes, you have to bake them unwrapped or the skin/shell will be too soft to restuff.

When I bake potatoes, I preheat the oven to 350 degrees and place a sheet of heavy-duty aluminum foil on the bottom shelf of the oven in case any of the juices drip.

After washing and drying the potatoes, I coat

them with either a little regular Crisco shortening or olive oil — both work well. Next, I prick them four or five times with a fork to let steam escape while they are baking. Sometimes, I sprinkle them with a little kosher salt to add to the skin’s flavor, but it doesn’t affect the interior.

I place the potatoes in the center of the oven, directly on the oven rack set over the foil. Drips are generally not an issue for russet potatoes, but they are a big issue for sweet potatoes, which I bake exactly the same way.

After an hour of baking, I stick the end of a paring knife into the potato to gauge its doneness. It generally takes another 20 minutes to be perfect, but it depends on the potato’s size.

A little tip for those who like to make twice-baked potatoes: Always bake three potatoes for two finished potatoes, so you can mound the filling over the top. I make them often for dinner parties since they are best made in advance and reheated just before serving.

Brisket made easy

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Brisket is a hearty cut of beef that comes from the rib area of the cow. Although delicious, it is a time commitment: It takes hours for it to turn fork-tender in the oven or slow cooker. Cook it in your electric pressure cooker like your Instant Pot, however, and you can serve the same sweet and sour brisket in a fraction of the

time.

You’ll start by browning the beef right in the pot to build the base of flavor, then you’ll soften the onions and add the tangy liquid that will cook the brisket and form a delicious gravy.

You’ll need less liquid for an Instant Pot brisket than what’s required for a

traditional braise. Here, we’re combining equal parts beef broth, red wine vinegar and ketchup to give the brisket its notable sweet and tangy flavor. Don’t be tempted to substitute tomato paste for the ketchup; the classic condiment adds concentrated tomato flavor and sweetness.

Instant Pot brisket

Makes: 6 to 8 servings

1 large yellow onion

1 (3-pound) beef brisket, preferably flat-cut

2 ½ teaspoons kosher salt, divided

½ teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

1 tablespoon vegetable oil

⅓ cup low-sodium beef broth

⅓ cup red wine vinegar

⅓ cup ketchup

¼ cup packed light brown sugar

1 teaspoon dried thyme

1 teaspoon dried oregano

1 teaspoon paprika

¾ teaspoon garlic powder

Fresh parsley, for serving (optional)

1. Thinly slice 1 large onion and place in a medium bowl. Trim off the surface fat from a (3-pound) beef brisket if the fat is more than ¼-inch thick. Cut the brisket in half if needed to fit in an electric pressure cooker or Instant Pot. Season the brisket all over with 2 teaspoons of the kosher salt and ½ teaspoon black pepper.

2. Heat 1 tablespoon vegetable oil in the pressure cooker, using the Sauté function, until shimmering. Add the brisket (sear in 2 batches if needed) and sear undisturbed until browned on the bottom, 5 to 6 minutes. Flip the brisket and brown on the other side, 5 to 6 minutes more. Transfer to a large plate.

3. Add the onion and remaining ½ teaspoon salt to the pressure cooker, and sauté until onions are tender, scraping brown bits from the bottom of the pot, 4 to 6 minutes.

4. Stir in the beef broth, red wine vinegar, ketchup, brown sugar, dried thyme, dried oregano, paprika and garlic powder. Return the brisket to the pot, overlapping the pieces if needed.

5. Lock the lid on and check that the valve is set to seal. Set to cook for 70 minutes under HIGH pressure. It will take 5 to 7 minutes to come up to pressure.

6. When the cook time is up, let the pressure naturally release; this will take 20 to 25 minutes. Carefully open the pressure cooker and transfer the brisket to a cutting board.

7. Slice the brisket across the grain into ¼-inch-thick slices. Serve the brisket with the onions and gravy. Garnish with fresh parsley, if desired.

Make ahead: The brisket can be cooked up to three days in advance. Store the brisket covered with the gravy. Reheat in a baking dish covered with aluminum foil in a low oven.

Storage: Leftovers keep well for up to five days. Store the beef covered in gravy to keep the meat moist.

Kosher: For kosher cooks, make sure the ketchup is corn-syrup free.

Sauce variation: For a smooth sauce, strain the gravy through a fine-mesh strainer into a large bowl. Return the onions and garlic to the Instant Pot. Pour gravy into a fat separator, then pour the gravy back into the Instant Pot. Use an immersion blender to blend the sauce until smooth.



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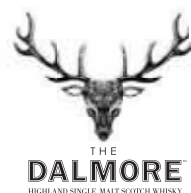
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