



## Pritzker to propose hike in child welfare spending

Governor to push his income tax plan in announcing balance for state budget

BY JAMIE MUNKS AND DAN PETRELLA

Gov. J.B. Pritzker on Wednesday will propose millions of additional dollars for Illinois' long-troubled child welfare agency as he puts forward a plan to again balance the state's chronically unstable budget

while simultaneously attempting to convince voters to approve his graduated-rate income tax plan this fall.

The budget proposal Pritzker will present to lawmakers can't rely on any additional revenue Illinois could see from the graduated income tax if voters approve his plan, and the Illinois Department of Child and Family Services is just one area where there's a demand for more state funding.

Pritzker's spending plan also will need to continue pumping more money into public schools under the education funding formula lawmakers approved in 2017, and the state's required payments to its underfunded

pension systems will continue to grow.

Pritzker wouldn't explain how he plans to handle those challenges in an interview with the Chicago Tribune last week, instead highlighting his proposal to increase funding and staffing at

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## Minority voters to test 2020 hopefuls

Democrats' election calendar shifts to Nevada, South Carolina

BY BILL BARROW AND TOM FOREMAN JR.

Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — For I.S. Leevy Johnson, the Democrats' search for a challenger to take on President Donald Trump is personal.

"There is what I call an 'ABT mood' in the black community: Anybody but Trump," said Johnson, 77, and the first black graduate of the University of South Carolina's law school. "It has people of color very motivated and excited about voting this time because they know how his administration has adversely affected them."

Now, as the election calendar turns to Nevada and South Carolina, states with substantial minority populations, that "anybody" moves closer to being identified. But the next stage in the nominating fight will test candidates such as Sens. Bernie Sanders of Vermont and Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota, and Pete Buttigieg, the former mayor of South Bend, Indiana. Their success thus far has come in front of overwhelmingly white electorates in Iowa and New Hampshire.

It's also a potential last comeback opportunity for former Vice President Joe Biden. He finished poorly in those first two contests but argues he has durable support among the minority voters who will soon make their choices.

Nevada's caucuses are Saturday and will feature a growing population of Latinos, African Americans, Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. Yet no single place in the early going is as important as South Carolina. Up to two-thirds of voters in the Feb. 29 primary could be African American. Biden, more than any other candidate, must show he can win their

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Sanders



Klobuchar



Buttigieg



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Cassandra Tanner Miller's son was fatally shot by his father with a gun he should have relinquished after his FOID card was revoked.

## Case for court compliance

Cook, DuPage weigh more ways to force FOID card violators to turn in guns

BY STACY ST. CLAIR, CECILIA REYES, ANNIE SWEENEY AND SARAH FREISHTAT

Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart is calling for changes in how the judicial system handles defendants with revoked gun licenses following a Tribune investigation into the ballooning backlog of people declared too dangerous to own firearms and the state's failure to address it.

The move comes after the Tribune highlighted the story of Christopher Miller, a Joliet man who fatally shot his 18-month-old son, Colton, with a gun he should have relinquished after having his firearm owner's identification card revoked more than a year earlier.



Tanner Miller shows the last picture taken of her 18-month-old son, Colton. The picture was taken Sept. 21, 2019, the day he was killed by Christopher Miller.

According to a Tribune analysis, Miller was among the more than 70% of revoked FOID permit holders statewide who ignored police orders to account for their weapons.

During his 20 months on the revocation list, Miller appeared before judges in two separate counties on criminal charges, and never once was asked if he complied. No one at the hearings — one in DuPage County and one in Cook County — ordered the Illinois National Guardsman to give up the multiple firearms he kept in violation of state law.

His wife even warned DuPage County officials about the weapons and his FOID revocation by the Illinois State Police, but

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## Concern grows over Trump's influence

Some lawyers at the Department of Justice question whether the attorney general is able to uphold the law without bias. **Nation & World, Page 8**

## Slam Dunk contest needs a makeover

**Thompson:** The Slam Dunk contest needs an intervention. An executive order, a papal bull, an injunction. Whatever it takes. **Chicago Sports**

## With CTA crime in spotlight, tips for 'L' riders to stay safe



MARY WISNIEWSKI  
Getting Around

Steve Potchatek was heading home on the CTA Blue Line last month when he saw three men beating up another passenger, in the middle of a weekday afternoon.

"I'm 52, and I've never seen anything like it," said Potchatek, a flight attendant who lives in Chicago's Logan Square neighborhood.

Potchatek said he and other passengers were scared, and they jammed together in the opposite end of the car. He pushed the emergency call button for help, but got no response. At the Logan Square station, he approached the train operator, who asked which

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CTA passengers wait for a train at the Ashland station on Wednesday.

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Democratic presidential candidates former South Bend Mayor Pete Buttigieg, from left, Sen. Bernie Sanders, former Vice President Joe Biden and Sens. Elizabeth Warren and Amy Klobuchar greet before a debate in Manchester, New Hampshire.

# It's tough being a Democratic voter if you're not a clairvoyant



DAHLEEN GLANTON

If this were a normal presidential election, most Democrats would have decided by now whom they would vote for in the primaries. They simply would have weighed each candidate's message and decided which aligned most closely with their own.

That's how easy the political process is supposed to be. But this is no ordinary election. It never is when Donald Trump is involved.

This time around, Democrats are facing an extraordinary challenge. They will have to become clairvoyants. They must try to look into the future to Nov. 3 and decide who most likely would be giving a victory speech, Trump or his Democratic challenger.

Not only must they decide which candidate out of the large field of contenders they like, but also which candidate the majority of Americans might like in the general election. With so much at stake, Democrats can't afford to end up choosing someone who isn't strong enough to stop Trump from getting a second term.

They will have to gaze into a crystal ball that is both cloudy and unreliable and try to determine which candidate has the most firepower, charisma and bankroll to make it all the way to the White House.

They must envision what turnout might look like for one candidate, as opposed to another. In choosing the best possible nominee, many are willing to forfeit the right to vote for the candidate who is personally appealing to them and think rather about how that candidate might resonate with others.

Caucusgoers in Iowa had to sort through "Democratic socialist" talk about "Medicare for All" and figure out how it might play among those moderate Northwest Iowa voters who supported Obama in 2012 and switch-

ed to Trump in 2016. They struggled with choosing a progressive over a centrist, as no clear winner emerged.

People who never have had an unpleasant experience with police must figure out if a candidate's history with stop-and-frisk or police brutality might turn off African American voters in Philadelphia, Cleveland and Detroit. These urban voters could determine the outcome in three battleground states.

Those who abhor homophobia and sexism must consider whether having a woman at the head of the ticket or a gay man could bring out the bigoted or misogynistic fears in more conservative, rural Democrats, prompting them to stay home.

Voters are being asked to weigh whether experience even matters in this election and whether a candidate is too young or too old. They must try to figure out who young voters would likely default to if their candidate fails, and who black voters might line up behind if the person they are most comfortable with bows out.

Gone are the days when a Democrat could go into the voting booth without worrying about what the Democrat next to them is doing in theirs. In the old days, whoever emerged victorious at the end of the night likely would be a candidate most of them could live with. This time, too much is at stake to get it wrong.

It is a daunting task that many Democrats find overly stressful. Frankly, it also is a task that is impossible to accomplish. Only a psychic, someone with the ability to look into the future, could figure out which of these candidates would appeal to a diverse swath of voters with different viewpoints and opposing interests.

Perhaps no single one of the candidates can.

Voters in Illinois and other states where the primary elections come later in the election cycle don't necessarily feel the same pressure as the early voters. But they are not immune. They have to entrust the important job of weeding out the field to others.

By the time Illinois voters cast their ballots on March 17, the choices will

be limited. Super Tuesday will have pushed the weakest to the wayside, leaving only those whom others have deemed suitable to take on Trump standing. Still decisions must be made. But it all could be over by June when the last voters weigh in.

Increasingly, it's becoming tougher to choose a consensus candidate. That's because the Democratic Party is so fractured. There clearly are two powerful and headstrong Democratic entities in play now — the centrists and the progressives. And they're out to tear each other down.

While the Republican and Democratic parties always have been comprised of opposing interests, Democrats have not had to deal with it so blatantly since the party split over civil rights issues in 1948.

Southern Democrats split from the party rather than support President Harry Truman's pro-civil rights agenda. This is a bad time for Democrats to repeat history.

While most Democrats are resigned to support whoever ends up on the ballot in November, not everyone is committed. Only about half of Bernie Sanders' supporters say they will vote for the Democratic nominee in the general election if it isn't Sanders, according to polls.

The greatest risk to Democrats in 2020 is apathy. This is one election where the vote of every Democrat, independent and moderate Republican is needed to hand Trump a resounding defeat. Democrats can't afford to select an opponent who is so unappealing that any group of voters might choose to sit this one out.

Four years ago, 43% of eligible voters — roughly 100 million people — stayed home, according to the U.S. Elections Project. That would be another bonus for Trump.

Democrats cannot afford to mess this up. The free world is depending on them to get rid of Trump and bring back sanity and reason. Our democracy depends on it too.

Voting from one's heart in the primaries is not an option. This time, it has to come from the brain.

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## Indiana Dunes attendance climbs to record

But after 1st year as national park, little else differs

BY AMY LAVALLEY

A year in to its new status as a park, officials said Indiana Dunes National Park is breaking visitor records while the park's budget, and just about everything else involving the park, have remained the same.

The path to the being christened as the nation's 61st national park, which occurred on Feb. 15, 2019, lasted for years and was not an easy one. The change came after U.S. Rep. Pete Visclosky, D-Gary, slipped the measure into appropriations legislation.

"It was a great surprise, and I hope that we continue to celebrate every year on the 15th," said Lorelei Weimer, executive director of Indiana Dunes Tourism. "It's an important date for our park that we don't want to forget."

The change, said Paul Labovitz, the park's superintendent, has elevated the visibility of the park nationally and internationally.

"It was good news for people in this region, and we don't get a lot of good news. It's a positive thing," he said.

When the name changed, Weimer said, people started asking what the economic impact would be but the tourism bureau had no idea. That soon changed.

By April, the visitor center had seen almost double the number of visitors it had in April 2018. In July, the park's peak month, the numbers for that month over the previous



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Photographer QT Luong, who has taken photos of every national park in the US, assembles his large-format camera in February 2019 for a photograph during his visit to Cowles Bog.

year had doubled.

"We started tracking this closely," she said, adding the July average for the visitor center had been around 22,000 people since 2011. "Last July we were at 42,000."

The center had just over 170,000 visitors last year. The previous peak was 108,000 people in 2017, pushed up because senior citizens stopped by to get senior passes before a price increase.

"The 170,000 people were coming specifically because they heard about the national park," Weimer said.

Another thing Weimer said she couldn't predict was the national and international media attention the park soon garnered. A picture of Weimer with park officials holding a piece of cardboard with "park" written on it held over "lake-shore," the park's former design-

ation, went viral. The media attention spiked in the days after the switch and again in the summer.

Accompanying the growing interest in the park was a growing interest in seeing more than its beaches.

Weimer told her full-time staff they had to spend a couple hours working the front desk at the visitor center to appreciate what that staff does and learn more about what visitors ask about.

Before the name switch, she said, it was all about the beaches.

"When I worked out there, I never had one person ask about the beach," she said, adding visitors wanted to know about the trails because they were "national park people" who were knocking the park off a bucket list.

People also were more likely

to stop by the park, even briefly, when they were on their way somewhere else and say they would come back, she added.

The visitor center is seeing almost twice the number of visitors it used to, she said, but the staffing levels have remained the same.

"Is this the new normal? We don't know, but what we find interesting is when travel season hits and they promote those national parks, we're on that list," she said, adding Frommer's Travel Guides recently listed the park as a top destination internationally.

The park itself has changed very little, Labovitz said.

"We have some new signs up and that process is taking longer than we hoped," he said, adding additional money to increase staff to handle the additional visitors hasn't been forthcoming, and fighting rising lake

levels and erosion have taken up more energy than he hoped.

Even the budget for things like toilet paper, soap and staff for trash removal has remained the same, despite the increase in visitors.

"If you don't have enough money, it has to come from somewhere else," he said. "It's not a sustainable path that we're on. We're trying to figure that out, and we will."

Still, he expects local hotels and restaurants to have seen an uptick in business, and drivers passing through the area may be more likely to take U.S. 12, which goes through the park.

"You've made a conscious choice to take a route because there's a park there, and we don't count that (in the number of visitors)," he said. "I think that's valid."

Labovitz is holding public meetings to hear from the public about their experiences in the park and how they hope to enjoy it in the future.

The meetings take place from 5 to 7 p.m. March 5 at the Dorothy Buell Memorial Visitor Center in the visitor center, 1215 Indiana 49, Porter; 5 to 7 p.m. March 10 at Portage Lakefront and Riverwalk, 100 Riverwalk Drive, Portage; and from 5 to 7 p.m. March 19 at the Paul H. Douglass Center for Environmental Education, 100 N. Lake St., Gary.

The program includes a short presentation and then an open house format for questions and answers. For more information, contact Dean Mourtos at 219-395-1699, or by email at constantina.mourtos@nps.gov.

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## SUNNY SUNDAY IN THE PARK

Nine-year-old twins Jaxson, left, and Maxwell Rodgers play football amid patches of snow on a sunny day Sunday in Humboldt Park. After the coldest Valentine's Day since 1943, temperatures were more mild Sunday. The sunshine maybe be short lived, however, as the forecast calls for clouds, wind and a wintry mix of precipitation to develop across the metro area on Monday, making for a gray start to the work week. Snow and sleet are expected to develop midday.

## 3 charged after robbery at Joliet phone store

Police: Chicago men tied up customers, stole iPhones, iPads, money

BY JESSICA VILLAGOMEZ

Three men from Chicago were charged in connection with a robbery at a Verizon Wireless store in Joliet on Saturday afternoon. Two of the suspects took several iPhones and iPads and cash from the register and tied up everyone in the store, Joliet police said Sunday.

The incident occurred in the 2900 block of West Jefferson about 1 p.m., police said. Two of the suspects left the store and

took off in an awaiting vehicle. No one inside the store was injured.

Officers located the vehicle and tried to stop it near Bronk Road and Theodore Street. The driver of the vehicle refused to pull over and instead increased speed. Officers followed the car but eventually lost sight of it after it got on Interstate 55. A description of the vehicle was given to local law enforcement agencies, and a Will County sheriff's deputy located the vehicle in Dupont.

One of the suspects, Tobert G. Walls, 44, took off running before being taken into custody, police said. During the foot chase, the vehicle took off again but crashed

into a snowbank in Lemont, where police soon located it.

Another suspect, Tirmell L. Williams, 43, who is paraplegic, was taken into custody and transported to Silver Cross Hospital for treatment of injuries from the crash that were not life-threatening. The third suspect, Blaine I. Goodall, 27, took off running from the vehicle and was arrested a short time later, according to police.

Williams was charged with armed robbery. Goodall was charged with armed robbery, aggravated unlawful restraint, unlawful use of a weapon by a felon, unlawful use of a weapon by a street gang member,

aggravated fleeing and eluding, and possession of a stolen motor vehicle. Walls was charged with armed robbery, aggravated unlawful restraint, armed habitual criminal, unlawful use of a weapon by a street gang member and possession of a stolen motor vehicle.

All three men were transported to Will County Jail.

Two firearms, the stolen goods and money were recovered, police said.

The vehicle used in the robbery was reported stolen from Indiana, according to police.

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## Football player of Homewood charged with homicide of 2

Associated Press

A former University of Wisconsin football player who is the brother of a standout in the 2011 Super Bowl surrendered to Chicago police on Saturday in connection with the deaths of two people who were found with gunshot wounds on a road in Janesville, Wisconsin.

Marcus Randle El, 33, turned himself in Saturday afternoon and was charged with two counts of first-degree intentional homicide, Janesville Lt. Charles Aagaard said at a news conference. Officers from the department were in Chicago during the surrender, he said.

A motorist found 30-year-old Seairaha Winchester and 27-year-old Brittany McAdory suffering from multiple gunshot wounds early Monday afternoon. They were taken to a hospital, where they were pronounced dead. Randle El was accused of taking their SUV, which was found in Justice, Illinois, about 30 miles northwest of Randle El's hometown of Homewood, Illinois.

Randle El's brother, Antwaan Randle El, was a star quarterback at the University of Indiana and spent nine years with the NFL, including as a receiver for the Pittsburgh Steelers, where he was a standout in their Super Bowl victory. He is currently a member of the Tampa Bay Buccaneers' coaching staff.

Aagaard said video from early that morning at the T.A. Express gas station showed the two victims leaving in the SUV. He said the investigation had turned up evidence that Randle El was in the area at that time and had planned to meet them.

Illinois Department of Corrections records show Randle El was released from jail on parole in October 2018 after serving time for an incident in 2014 in which he abducted his daughter at gunpoint, WMTV reported.

Randle El played wide receiver for the Wisconsin Badgers from 2004 to 2007. In 2005, he was charged with battery involving a woman on campus and was arrested again later that year after punching a teammate, the TV station reported. He was sentenced to 18 months of probation.

# Court

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no one acted on the information. DuPage County prosecutors told her to seek an order of protection if she was afraid.

Within a month of Miller's Cook County bond hearing and shortly before he was due to stand trial in DuPage County, he fatally shot their 18-month-old son and then himself during a brutal attack in his estranged wife's Joliet home.

Under Dart's proposal, the FOID revocation status of all defendants would be checked and shared with a judge before bond is set. In a letter to Cook County Chief Judge Timothy Evans after the Tribune shared its findings with Dart, the sheriff said bond court, particularly, is "ideally situated to require compliance."

"Every day in bond court, pretrial service representatives assess an individual's risk for fleeing and offending," Dart's letter reads, explaining that information on whether a defendant had a FOID card revoked and why can better inform a judge's decisions to require compliance with gun licensing laws when setting bail. "This point in the judicial process serves as a prime opportunity."

Through a spokesperson, Evans said that his staff will work directly with the sheriff's office on how to address the issue.

The Tribune has analyzed the state's FOID card revocation system in several stories since a revoked cardholder opened fire on Feb. 15, 2019, at the Henry Pratt plant in Aurora, killing five people before he was killed in a shoot-out with police. Five responding police officers and an employee also were injured.



Miller

The investigation revealed that shooter Gary Martin had his FOID card revoked five years earlier. He failed to turn in his weapons, and no one in law enforcement followed up to make sure he did.

The Miller case was yet another tragic example of a FOID cardholder who ignored the state law and then committed an act of gun violence.

A closer look at the details of Miller's case reveals missed opportunities inside Illinois courtrooms, the very place where a judge and prosecutors would appear to have the most leverage to get compliance.

Dart's proposal has the support of Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx, whose office has access to a statewide database detailing residents who had their cards rescinded, the reason for the revocation and whether they complied with orders to account for their weapons. Currently, Cook County prosecutors look at FOID revocation status "where it is relevant to the case," including charges that involve guns or violent crimes.

Prosecutors knew Miller was facing trial for felony battery in DuPage County but determined his FOID status was not germane to his drug case and did not check. That would change under the sheriff's plan.

"The state's attorney's office supports this proposal," said Aviva Bowen, the office's director of external affairs. "Providing the judiciary with all of the relevant

information regarding an offender's background is imperative for setting a bond that protects the public while at the same time maintains the individual's rights. We remain committed to ensuring public safety in Cook County and reviewing procedures to keep firearms out of the hands of those most likely to commit violent crimes."

Dart's request also has the backing of Cassandra Tanner Miller, Christopher Miller's estranged wife who also was violently assaulted during the September 2019 attack.

"I think it's 100% needed," she said. "Where else are you going to have that opportunity?"

Christopher Miller was arrested in August 2019 for cocaine possession in Stickney and appeared in bond court in Bridgeview the following morning. Tanner Miller went to the courthouse for the hearing in the hopes authorities would address his gun possession and keep him in jail until he relinquished them.

She listened incredulously as prosecutors made no mention of his FOID revocation and his public defender talked about how Miller was a patriot who had served his country honorably in the Illinois National Guard for a decade. Miller was released on a personal recognizance bond and walked out of Cook County Jail, where a defendant's revocation status is not part of the background check conducted prior to release.

"I was sad and disappointed. This person has done so much damage criminally on so many different levels, and they didn't care if he still had guns," she said. "It was just another reason why the justice system is failing."

The Aurora shooting had already prompted officials in DuPage County to examine gaps in the FOID revocation system.

The Family Violence Coordinating Council in DuPage County courts created a committee six months ago that includes police, prosecutors, domestic violence victim advocates, judges and court personnel to determine how courts could more actively seek information about FOID status and bring revokes into compliance.

As a matter of long-standing practice, judges in DuPage County issue an order to all felony defendants to surrender FOID cards and guns. In Miller's case, he bonded out at a police station, which meant he was not given any orders related to his FOID card.

Addressing such a gap in the system is part of the discussions happening in DuPage County now. Another idea under consideration would be giving defendants a deadline to comply with the orders.

"The Pratt shooting was a catalyst to having us think about what we are doing in this circuit to address these issues and can we do better," said DuPage County Judge Ann Celine Walsh, who chairs the council. "The courts are concerned about whether or not the orders are being followed through."

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CTA passengers keep warm under heat lamps at the Ashland station Wednesday. Chicago police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi said arrests for CTA crimes are up more than 50% since the beginning of the year, compared to last year.

## Around

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car had the problem, but said there was nothing to do but call 911.

"If I'm in a situation, I don't know what to do, and there has to be something," Potchatek said. "It can't just be 'hope for the best.'"

Potchatek echoed a common refrain from CTA passengers after years of rising crime on the system, particularly the "L." How do you stay safe?

Reports of serious crimes on the CTA rail system doubled from 2015 through 2018 even as ridership declined and incidents of serious crime rose only slightly citywide, according to a Tribune investigation last year. Serious crimes range from pickpocketing to robbery to sexual assault. The arrest rate for such crimes on the CTA fell during the same period, despite the presence of tens of thousands of security cameras on the system.

Crime on both CTA buses and trains saw a spike between Thanksgiving and Christmas last year, which led to increased patrols on the Red Line and attention from both Chicago Mayor Lori Lightfoot and interim police Superintendent Charlie Beck.

Since the beginning of the year, crime has been flat compared with the same period last year, while arrests are up more than 50%, said Chicago police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi.

However, some recent high-profile incidents, such as the stabbing of a subway musician on the Jackson Red Line platform and a man shot during a robbery on the Blue Line at the UIC-Halsted stop, have unnerved some CTA passengers. Potchatek, for example, said he approached management at American Airlines, where he works, about the possibility of the company

helping employees pay for Uber or Lyft rides.

Chicago police and the CTA are working together on a "very robust transit safety plan" that will be announced in the coming weeks, Guglielmi said in an email. It will include enhanced police and CTA security resources as well as additional technology.

Police sources said the department plans to add about 50 officers to trains and platforms beginning March 5 and lasting until May 27.

Meanwhile, CTA "L" passengers can stay safe by keeping a few things in mind, according to police, CTA officials and a retired mass transit officer. Here are some do's and don'ts.

### Do:

- Be aware of your surroundings and watch your valuables. Many robberies on CTA trains involve thieves snatching cell-phones. Steele recommends not having a phone out when you are getting in and out of the train or if you are sitting by a door, since it is easy for thieves to snatch phones and then dash off the train.

- Switch rail cars at the next stop if you feel uncomfortable with something happening on the train, or go to the platform and notify staff.

- Call 911 if there's an emergency. You may want to do this in another rail car if you're uncomfortable talking to police in front of someone engaging in criminal activity, Steele said. You also can alert police anonymously from the trains through the Chicago police tip website, [www.cpdtp.com](http://www.cpdtp.com). People who notice criminal activity should note the description of suspects and send that to police, he said.

- Alert the operator by pressing the red call button near the doors of a rail car. If you don't feel like you can safely say anything to the operator while an incident is happening, train operators will go to

### Transportation song quiz

- Our last song imagines a sickness that comes from staring for years at the painted markings on the highways. The song is "White Line Fever" by Merle Haggard. Jeff Feller, of Mundelein, was first with the right answer.

- No disrespect meant to the cowboy or the construction worker, but the best version of this song was done by the Muppets, dressed as Vikings. What's the song, and who originally performed it? The first person with the right answer gets a Tribune tote bag and glory.

that car at the next station, Steele said. You also can change cars, and contact the operator from there. The operator can contact the CTA's Control Center, which can summon police.

- Try to sit in the front car if you're traveling on the "L" during off hours, such as late at night, according to Bob Angone, a retired Chicago Police Department tactical lieutenant for mass transit. Even if a train operator can't do much personally to help you during an emergency, it's best to be in the operator's car, Angone said. He said violent criminals tend to like trains that are almost empty, while pickpockets like crowds.

### Don't:

- Don't carry a purse over your shoulder. Keep it under your coat, across your neck and in front of you.

- Don't keep valuables in a backpack, and don't keep your wallet in a back pocket. "Thieves are looking for that," Angone said. Keep a wallet in a front pocket, or in the inside pocket of a jacket.

- Don't be a hero if you see criminal behavior like an assault or misbehavior like someone playing a loud radio unless you are sure you can handle the situation, Angone said. If you're traveling from the Cermak/Chinatown station to the Roosevelt stop on the Red Line and try to fight a criminal, "you have a long way to go, and you could take a really good beating. A lot of times heroes get hurt as bad as the first victim." Steele noted that

1.5 million passengers travel each weekday on the CTA, about the population of Philadelphia. Given the numbers, crime is relatively rare, and it's still the most affordable and often the most convenient way to get around the city, he said.

Leaders of both the train operators and bus drivers unions say more resources are needed on the system to keep drivers and passengers safe. Kenneth Franklin, president of the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 308, said conductors or some sort of CTA "ambassadors" should be brought back to trains, in addition to train operators.

The CTA started phasing out conductors in the early 1990s in a cost-cutting move, leaving only operators to run the trains. Steele said conductors, who used to walk through the train, will not be coming back.

The union's Local 241, which represents bus drivers, wants strobe lights to be put on the tops of buses to alert police if there's a problem, said Local President Keith Hill. Hill also wants on-bus video monitors to show mug shots of people wanted for crimes on the system, so passengers can watch out for them.

Hill said he doesn't think the system's many security cameras do much to prevent crime, though police tout their helpfulness in making arrests after an incident has occurred. "There's no fear of the camera," Hill said.

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# \$10M settlement sought in 2012 police shooting



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Chicago police investigate the scene of a police-involved shooting in the 1500 block of East 77th Street. A man who was shot and paralyzed may receive a \$10 million settlement.

BY JOHN BYRNE

A young man who suffered paralysis when he was shot by a Chicago police officer during a South Side foot chase is in line for a \$10 million settlement from city taxpayers.

Aldermen on Tuesday are expected to consider the payment to Tarance Etheredge III to settle his federal lawsuit alleging a police officer had no reason to shoot him in the back in December 2012 in an alley in the Grand Crossing neighborhood. It's just the latest multimillion-dollar settlement to come before the council related to allega-

tions of police misconduct.

According to the suit, Etheredge, then 21, was walking to work when an unmarked car pulled up and one of the passengers inside told him to "come here." Etheredge didn't know the men were police officers and ran because he was afraid, the suit says.

After a foot chase, Etheredge stopped running when a squad car arrived on the scene, and he realized the men were police officers, according to the suit. Nonetheless, one of the officers shot him in the back, and he was paralyzed from the waist down, the suit states.

The officers on the scene handcuffed Etheredge before calling an ambulance for him, and "conspired with one another to justify the unjustifiable, reckless, and willful and wanton use of force" against him, according to the suit.

A gun that fell from Etheredge's pocket did not have his fingerprints on it, according to the suit.

The proposed settlement is on the Finance Committee agenda for Tuesday. If it passes, the full City Council would consider it Wednesday.

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Gov. J.B. Pritzker delivers his State of the State speech in Springfield on Jan. 29. Pritzker will present a plan to balance the state's chronically unstable budget to lawmakers Wednesday.

## Budget

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the state's child welfare agency for the second straight year as it continues to recover from the budget stalemate under Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner's administration and struggles to protect the children in its care.

The nearly \$147 million in additional DCFS funding Pritzker is proposing for the budget year beginning July 1 is aimed at boosting the chronically understaffed agency's workforce to reduce heavy caseloads for investigators and meet a projected increased demand for services.

A top aide to the governor hinted at the possibility of proposed increases for other social services programs as well.

"This new budget is really about rebuilding and reinvesting in our overall human services system, with a special focus on our child welfare work," Deputy Gov. Sol Flores said last week.

Pritzker's second budget address could mark a seminal moment in his tenure as he continues to push the case to voters for approving his signature initiative: an amendment to the state constitution that would swap the mandated flat-rate income tax for a graduated rate structure, with wealthier residents taxed at higher rates. The governor's office has estimated the rates approved by lawmakers last year would raise an additional \$3.6 billion in annual revenue.

The governor wouldn't say what cuts he'll propose in other areas in order to fund his priorities or whether he'll recommend an overall increase in state spending from the \$40 billion budget that was approved for the current year with bipartisan support.

Lawmakers last year approved a sweeping gambling expansion as well as a host of tax and fee increases that force Illinois residents to shell out more for gasoline, cigarettes, license plates and other items. But all of that revenue is dedicated to Pritzker's \$45 billion "Rebuild Illinois" infrastructure program. This year's operating budget will benefit from tax revenue from legalized recreational marijuana, also approved by the General Assembly last spring.

At a Friday news conference in Chicago, the governor touted \$225 million in spending reductions his administration is anticipating for the coming year, mostly from health care savings achieved through union contracts with state workers. While that amount would cover the proposed increase at DCFS, it represents less than 1% of the overall state budget.

At DCFS, he proposes spending \$146 billion, up 11% from the current budget and a 20% increase from when he took office.

"When you look at numbers like we've shown you, where there's a 20% budget increase, that doesn't happen in very many agencies, and it won't," Pritzker said. "It's a priority, and that's why you're seeing this budget number. But, yes, you do have to make adjustments to the budget in order to make your priorities."

Pritzker's plan to augment the DCFS budget would put \$21 million



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Matthew Montalvo, right, asks a question in a class for prospective investigators at Illinois' Department of Children and Family Services on Friday in Chicago. The governor is proposing \$147 million in additional DCFS funding in his budget plan.

toward cost-of-living raises for private agencies the state works with to provide the vast majority of the child welfare services in Illinois, with the aim of attracting and retaining skilled workers.

Pritzker's proposal also increases investments in technology and would raise the department's authorized staff head count to 3,056, adding more staff to take hotline calls with reports of child abuse and neglect, and adding workers in other areas to reduce the caseloads of investigators and other employees.

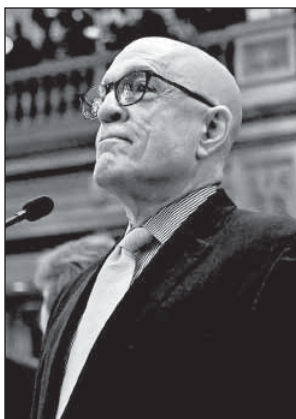
"Last year, we started the long road of improving the foundation of DCFS, and this year's budget and this year's plan of action is all about how we rebuild and set a foundation for a system that has not had all the support it's needed in the past few years," acting DCFS Director Marc Smith said. "I think that our opportunity is to keep moving forward and keep building."

The proposed boost for DCFS will be welcomed by many Democratic lawmakers, who've bemoaned the deterioration of social services during four years of budget battles with Rauner. Some GOP lawmakers also have supported increased funding for the agency.

How that will affect other aspects of state government, and how Pritzker plans to cover the state's perennial budget gap, remain open questions, however.

House Majority Leader Greg Harris, a Chicago Democrat, said he wants to see the state continue to increase funding in areas such as human services and elementary and secondary education, "but the question is: How are we going to pay for it — keeping up investments in these areas that we all want?"

"We're going to have a tough budget situation this year," Harris said last week. "There's going to be a big



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House Majority Leader Rep. Greg Harris, of Chicago.

gap to close, and I think we're all going to be listening very closely to how (Pritzker) will close that while we wait for the vote" on the graduated-rate income tax.

Harris said he will be watching closely for any new proposals Pritzker rolls out for tackling the state's massive pension debt.

While commending the governor and the General Assembly for balancing the current budget, Laurence Msall, president of nonpartisan budget watchdog the Civic Federation, said he continues hoping Pritzker and legislative leaders will overhaul the state's budgetary system and put forth long-term plans to pay down its backlog of unpaid bills and mounting pension debt.

"Illinois desperately needs to modernize," Msall said. That includes making government services more efficient and modifying the tax system to reflect the 21st century economy.

Along with several other organizations that monitor the state budget, the Civic Federation for years has called for expanding the sales tax to cover some services and taxing retirement income, something done in nearly every other state with an income tax. Pritzker so far has been dismissive of both ideas, even when fellow Democrats earlier this year floated the idea of an expanded sales tax to help offset local property taxes.

Pritzker sold his budget plan last year as a bridge to the graduated income tax, and the final spending plan approved by lawmakers relied on collecting sales taxes from more online sellers, a new tax on insurance companies to help pay for the state's Medicaid managed care program, and a measure decoupling the state income tax from a federal tax break for companies that return foreign profits to the U.S. A tax amnesty program also brought in more than \$237 million in back taxes, exceeding expectations by \$62 million.

In addition, a surprise windfall of tax revenue in April allowed the governor to back off one of the most controversial parts of his budget plan: lowering the state's required pension payment by pushing back the funding deadline by seven years.

Democratic Sen. Andy Manar, of Downstate Bunker Hill, who chairs one of two Senate appropriations committees, said the governor needs to paint a clear

picture of the difficulties the state will face in balancing the budget while increasing spending in key areas.

"Much like last year, I think what's important is that the governor put forward a blunt assessment of the state's finances and the

challenges that lie ahead," Manar said.

It would make sense for Pritzker to use the speech to outline how the graduated income tax could help alleviate some of those challenges, he said.

But Manar said the push for graduated tax shouldn't

preclude discussion of other tax or fee increases that may be necessary to stabilize the budget.

"Too oftentimes, budget balancing was exacted by extending the bill payment cycle, by using overly optimistic revenue estimates, by cutting deep into agencies like DCFS, and that has taken its toll on the state and its people," Manar said.

Senate Republican Leader Bill Brady said he's hopeful Pritzker has identified funding that will allow for property tax relief, and he said he thinks the state budget should include a "renewed focus and effort on job stimulus."

But he continued to argue against a move to a graduated-rate income tax.

"We believe he's having a very hard time getting people to trust this proposal," Brady said of Pritzker's graduated income tax plan. "I don't know that he can say enough that will convince voters that they can trust this proposal, not only in the short run but in the mid- to long run."

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## Amid Trump's influence, DOJ lawyers fret over Barr

AG's willingness to uphold law without bias is questioned

By KATIE BENNER, SHARON LAFRANIERE AND NICOLE HONG  
The New York Times

WASHINGTON — In an email a few days ago to the 270 lawyers he oversees, Nicola T. Hanna, the U.S. attorney in Los Angeles, offered a message of reassurance: I am proud of the work you do, he wrote.

Other U.S. attorneys in the Justice Department's 93 field offices relayed similar messages of encouragement after President Donald Trump's efforts to influence a politically fraught case provoked the kind of consternation the department has rarely seen since the Watergate era.

But the fact that the department's 10,000-odd lawyers needed reassurances seemed like cause for worry all by itself.

In more than three dozen interviews in recent days, lawyers across the federal government's legal establishment wondered aloud whether Trump was undermining the Justice Department for upholding the law without favor or political bias — and whether Attorney General William Barr was able or willing to protect it.

Trump elicited those fears by denouncing federal prosecutors who had recommended a prison sentence of up to nine years for his longtime friend and political adviser Roger Stone. Barr fanned them by scrapping the recommendation in favor of a far more lenient one, leading the prosecutors to quit the case in protest.



ANDREW CABALLERO-REYNOLDS/GETTY-AFP

Some at the Department of Justice question whether Attorney General William Barr is able to uphold the law without bias.

Barr then took to national television to complain that Trump's angry tweets were undermining him and his department's credibility — a sign to some current and former lawyers that the department's freedom from political influence is in imminent danger.

As many of the department lawyers and some recently departed colleagues see it, Barr has devoted much of his authority and stature to bolster the president since he took office a year ago.

While he has pledged

that the department will not pursue politically motivated investigations, Barr said this month that he had created an "intake process" for the president's personal lawyer Rudy Giuliani to forward supposed proof of misconduct in Ukraine. Giuliani has claimed to have evidence damaging to former Vice President Joe Biden and his son.

This month, Barr ordered reviews of several politically sensitive cases handled by career prosecutors in Washington, including that of the presi-

dent's former national security adviser Michael Flynn, which has become a flash point for pro-Trump activists.

Meanwhile, Barr's expansive view of presidential authority has helped Trump fight off congressional oversight. It was the Justice Department, for instance, that decided it was unnecessary to give Congress the whistleblower complaint that ultimately led to the president's impeachment.

Barr's critics say those and other moves have all

but invited increasingly aggressive demands from the White House. His supporters in the Justice Department counter that he has used his political capital to protect the department and national security interests. But they sound increasingly worried about whether he will be able to manage the expectations of an ever more volatile president.

Barr's effort to scale back those expectations, officials said, was born of necessity. He is said to have told the president privately that he will not open politically

inspired inquiries on Trump's behalf and that the president's public comments about specific criminal cases are damaging the department's work.

When the president's public outburst over the prosecutors' sentencing recommendation for Stone made it clear that Barr's message had not sunk in, Barr and a few trusted advisers elected to deliver it again in a way that has repeatedly proved effective in grabbing the president's attention: on television, this time in a nationally broadcast interview with ABC News.

By the end of the week, many at the Justice Department's headquarters were uncertain whether that interview would resolve what some called an increasingly untenable situation. Some steeled themselves for a stream of presidential invective or even Barr's departure in response.

In the legal trenches where the department's lawyers handle controversial cases daily, some expressed relief that Barr had defended the department and tried to set boundaries for a president seemingly intent on erasing the red line between political motivations and individual criminal cases that has prevailed since Watergate.

"Thank God," one lawyer said. "I was beginning to be really upset over the sentencing, but I really admire that he told Trump to shut up," said another. A third wrote in a memo: "Barr was EXACTLY right."

But others questioned Barr's sincerity, saying he was already too closely aligned with Trump's political priorities to accept his words at face value.



ALEX BRANDON/AP

President Donald Trump and first lady Melania Trump appeared at the Daytona 500 race on Sunday in Florida.

## Trump courts NASCAR fans at Daytona 500

By KEVIN FREKING  
Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — President Donald Trump gave an election-year embrace to NASCAR and its fans Sunday when he became the second president ever to attend the Daytona 500. He said the racers and their teams were competing "for pure American glory."

In remarks to the crowd, "Soon the cars will take to the track for the start, tires will screech, rubber will burn, fans will scream and

the Great American Race will begin."

Given the honor of commanding drivers to start their engines, Trump made a grand entrance before the start of the race. He gave thousands of fans a flyover of Air Force One and then rode onto the track in the presidential motorcade as the audience roared with delight. The motorcade took roughly a quarter lap before pulling aside in an infield staging area.

"For 500 heart pounding miles these fierce competi-

tors will chase the checkered flag and make their play for pure American glory," Trump said.

He said the Daytona 500 was "a legendary display of roaring engines, soaring spirits and the American skill, speed and power that we've been hearing about for so many years. The tens of thousands of patriots here today have come for the fast cars and the world-class motor sports. But NASCAR fans never forget that no matter who wins the race, what matters most is God,

family and country."

The race was postponed after two rain delays totaling more than three hours. The race is scheduled for 4 p.m. Monday.

Trump will embark later this week on a Western state swing that will take him to rallies planned in Phoenix, Las Vegas and Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The trip is another demonstration of Trump's willingness to campaign in states that lean Democratic, particularly Colorado.

## Fla. 'red flag' gun law used 3,500 times since Parkland

Yet analysis shows inconsistency in the use of the measure

By TERRY SPENCER  
Associated Press

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. — A 23-year-old man who posted on Facebook, "I don't know why I don't go on a killing spree." A West Palm Beach couple who shot up their home while high on cocaine. A 31-year-old Gulf Coast man who pointed a semi-automatic rifle at a motorcyclist.

All four Florida residents had their guns taken away by judges under a "red flag" law the state passed three weeks after authorities say a mentally disturbed man killed 17 people in a shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland in February 2018.

The law, supported by legislators of both parties, has been applied more than 3,500 times since, with the pace accelerating during the last half of 2019. Even so, an Associated Press analysis of the law showed its use is inconsistent, with some counties and cities using it rarely and others not at all.

Advocates of Florida's red flag measure say before

it existed, it was often difficult to remove firearms from those making threats or suffering severe mental breakdowns. Investigators did not act on reports that the Parkland shooter was threatening to carry out a school massacre. But even if they had, it is likely he would have been allowed to keep his guns because he had no felony convictions or involuntary, long-term mental commitments, they say.

Pinellas County Sheriff Bob Gualtieri, who leads a commission that investigated the massacre's causes, says the shooter would have easily qualified for a red flag order. Gualtieri says while it is impossible to say that would have prevented the shooting, the gunman wouldn't have been able to legally buy weapons or ammunition, making his preparation difficult.

"We have needed this law for decades," said Gualtieri, who started a unit in his department that handles only red flag cases.

But the law also has vocal critics: those who say it violates the U.S. and state constitutions, including the right to bear arms, and others who argue that laws already on the books in

Florida made it unnecessary. Still others say it discriminates against the poor: Because the hearing with a judge is not a criminal proceeding, low-income defendants aren't provided with a free lawyer.

Sixteen other states plus the District of Columbia have similar laws, 11 of which were enacted after the Feb. 14, 2018, shooting at Stoneman Douglas. President Donald Trump has at times supported a federal proposal, but has not strongly advocated it before Congress.

To get an order in Florida, police agencies must file a request with a civil court, citing serious mental illness or threats a person has made. If the judge agrees, the person must surrender their firearms to police. Within two weeks, a hearing is held during which the judge decides whether to take the person's weapons away for a year. Police agencies can apply for an extension if there is evidence a person remains a threat after a year. If not, the guns are returned.

Orlando attorney Kendra Parris, who is trying to get a case before the state Supreme Court to overturn the law, says it doesn't ad-



MIKE STOCKER/AP

Students hold their hands in the air as they are evacuated by police from Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., after a shooter opened fire on Feb. 14, 2018.

equately define some terms, such as what constitutes serious mental health issues. And in any case, she says, other Florida statutes, such as misdemeanor breach of the peace, already allow police to take firearms from the truly dangerous before they act. That statute could easily have been invoked against the Stoneman Douglas shooter, she said.

"Probably two dozen times this guy could have been charged for breach of the peace and had his firearms removed," Parris said.

The AP analysis shows that from March 2018, when the law was enacted, through December 2019,

there was a wide disparity in its per capita usage in Florida's 67 counties. Twenty issued at least one for every 5,500 residents during that time period, the statewide average. Three issued at least one for every 2,000 residents, including Pinellas County, which includes the Tampa Bay area, and has nearly 1 million people. Highlands County, near Lake Okeechobee, ranked No. 1, issuing one for every 850 residents.

On the other extreme, 12 counties issued one for every 30,000 residents or less.

Highlands County Sheriff Paul Blackman said he doesn't know why his

county is No. 1, but he noted that his deputies average two calls daily for mental health crises. The county has just over 100,000 residents and was the scene of a bank shooting last year that left five dead.

"If someone has made a threat to hurt themselves or others and is intent on using a firearm, we will try to get a risk protection order against them so we can take away those guns," Blackman said. But even the law isn't a guarantee: Two Highlands men who received orders still killed themselves, one with carbon monoxide and the other with an illegally obtained gun, he said.

# Amid shutdown, terror rises in Haiti

Gangs and crime are rampant with president weakened

BY MICHAEL WEISSENSTEIN  
Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Thousands of young Haitians spent 2019 on the streets, demanding President Jovenel Moise resign over his government's failure to prosecute years of unbridled corruption that siphoned billions in international aid into bank accounts overseas.

For now, Moise's opponents have failed.

Haiti's parliament shut down indefinitely in January because of the chaos, eliminating the check on presidential power that paralyzed Moise for years. Thursday marked the president's first month of ruling the country by decree.

But the reed-thin former banana farmer looks nothing like the strongmen of Haiti's past. With weak political support at home and an international community wary of democratic backsliding, Moise has issued no significant decrees and billions in development aid is blocked.

Three years into his five-year term, the president appears barely able to enforce his will beyond the gates of the National Palace downtown and his relatively modest rented home in the hills above Port-au-Prince. In the city below, gangs rule entire neighborhoods and a wave of kidnappings is terrifying ordinary Haitians.

"A few hundred feet from the National Palace, armed gangs control the streets," said Paul Denis, who served as justice minister under President Rene Preval. "But the president who leads us, what is he doing? What is he doing to impose order, to render these bandits harmless? Absolutely nothing."

The United States, United Nations and Organi-



A police officer directs motorcycles during a protest against the security situation on Wednesday in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. DIEU NALIO CHERY/AP

zation of American States are trying to midwife a deal between Moise and his opposition that would lead to declaration of a unity government and avert a return to chaos on an island that's seen two coups, U.S. intervention, a U.N. peacekeeping mission and a devastating earthquake in the 34 years since the end of a decadeslong dictatorship.

"The president of the republic has no power and the people demand everything from the president of the republic," Moise, 51, lamented this month. "The president is responsible for everything."

In the vacuum, insecurity is growing.

Two years after the departure of U.N. peacekeepers, young bandits with automatic weapons randomly halt cars on the main routes in and out of the capital. The economy appears to be shrinking. Electricity comes only a few

hours a day in most of the capital. Some police are protesting working conditions and demanding a union, which the government says would be illegal.

"The people have been thrown to their fate," said Edel Berger, a 29-year-old apprentice lawyer while walking to work. "We're all in danger. Every Haitian needs to buy a gun to protect themselves. It's the law of the jungle."

Along with Canadian and French ambassadors, diplomats from the U.S., U.N. and Organization of American States are trying to persuade as many political players as possible to agree on an agenda for talks and sit down to negotiate.

"The U.S. would really want to see forward movement here," Ambassador Michele Sison said. "Getting a political accord in place that would lead to a functioning government, to be able to move this country

forward and restart, we would hope, economic growth, bring in a functioning government that could serve the people."

Backed by the international community, Moise is demanding to stay in office until he can oversee the passage of a new constitution that strengthens the presidency and eliminate the ability of just a few opposition legislators to block virtually all laws and appointments.

Members of the moderate opposition say they are open to such a deal. The hard-line politicians who brought the country to a halt last fall demanding Moise's immediate resignation are also talking about joining negotiations.

"The opposition has never rejected dialogue as a means of resolving the crisis," said Andre Michel, a lawyer and hard-line opposition spokesman. "All of this should be on the table:

When should the president leave power? Should the president leave power in three weeks, this week, in two months?"

Michel said the opposition's non-negotiable demand was the release of about 150 opposition members jailed over the last year and the cancellation of arrest warrants for another 50 people. Sison, the U.S. ambassador, said the Trump administration's central demand was holding legislative elections as soon as technically possible.

Representatives of the president and the moderate opposition held three days of fruitless talks late last month at the mission of the papal envoy to Port-au-Prince.

Sidelined in the negotiations is the anti-corruption movement known as the Petro Challengers, which began on social media in 2018 and spread onto the

streets. The movement was sparked by reports from government investigations into the misdirection of hundreds of millions of dollars in revenues from PetroCaribe, a now-defunct Venezuelan program providing subsidized oil to Caribbean countries.

Several of the young, well-educated leaders of the movement said Moise had proven himself incapable of governing and should immediately hand power to a technocratic transition government that could oversee prosecutions for corruption and the reconstruction of public institutions.

"We've said that we don't want to continue with Jovenel Moise, that we want a transition that would move the Haitian people toward honest elections, and the international community has said, 'No, we're going to continue with Jovenel Moise,' and the meanwhile the situation is degenerating every day," said James Beltis, a 37-year-old sociologist and spokesman for one of the movement's main groupings.

Jean-Lylus Louis-Jean, 57, earns a little more than \$100 a month as a sanitation supervisor for the city of Port-au-Prince. One recent morning he stood in the shade of a cinder block wall in the Delmas 33 neighborhood waiting for a truck to come pick up a long pile of trash that had been dumped along the sidewalk.

He said he felt in danger every day in Port-au-Prince from the gangs of muggers and kidnapers that roam the city, and things were no better in his hometown of Las Cayes, a town on the southern coast where he once felt completely secure.

"I'm risking my life every day being in streets," he said. "Young men are killing each other for pocket change. The only thing I have keeping me safe is God watching over me."

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# Calif. to apologize for Japanese American internment

BY CUNEYD DIL  
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SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Les Ouchida was born an American just outside California's capital city, but his citizenship mattered little after Japan bombed Pearl Harbor and the United States declared war. Based solely on their Japanese ancestry, the 5-year-old and his family were taken from their home in 1942 and imprisoned in Arkansas.

They were among 120,000 Japanese Americans held at 10 internment camps during World War II, their only fault being "we had the wrong last names and wrong faces," said Ouchida, now 82 and living a short drive from where he grew up and was taken as a boy due to fear that Japanese Americans would side with Japan in the war.

On Thursday, California's Legislature is expected to approve a resolution offering an apology to Ouchida and other internment victims for the state's role in aiding the U.S. government's policy and condemning actions that helped fan anti-Japanese discrimination.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt's executive order

No. 9066 establishing the camps was signed on Feb. 19, 1942. Feb. 19 is now marked by Day of Remembrance.

Assemblyman Al Muratsuchi was born in Japan and is one of the roughly 430,000 people of Japanese descent living in California, the largest population of any state. The Democrat who represents Manhattan Beach and other beach communities near Los Angeles introduced the resolution.

"We like to talk a lot about how we lead the nation by example," he said. "Unfortunately, in this case, California led the racist anti-Japanese American movement."

A congressional commission in 1983 concluded that the detentions were a result of "racial prejudice, war hysteria and failure of political leadership." Five years later, the U.S. government formally apologized and paid \$20,000 in reparations to each victim.

The money didn't come close to replacing what was lost. Ouchida says his father owned a profitable delivery business with 20 trucks. He never fully recovered from losing his business and died early.



Les Ouchida holds a 1943 photo of himself and his siblings taken at an internment camp.

The California resolution doesn't come with any compensation. It targets the actions of the California Legislature at the time for supporting the internments. Two camps were located in the state — Manzanar on the eastern side of the Sierra Nevada in central California and Tule Lake near the Oregon state line, the largest of all the camps.

"I want the California Legislature to officially acknowledge and apologize while these camp survivors are still alive," Muratsuchi said.

He said anti-Japanese sentiment began in California as early as 1913, when the state passed the California Alien Land Law, targeting Japanese farmers who some in California's

massive agricultural industry perceived as a threat.

The internment of Ouchida, his older brother and parents began in Fresno, California. Three months later they were sent to Jerome, Arkansas, where they stayed for most of the war.

Given their ages at the time, many living victims such as Ouchida don't re-

member much of life in the camps. But he does recall straw-filled mattresses and little privacy.

Communal bathrooms had rows of toilets with no barriers between users. "They put a bag over their heads when they went to the bathroom" for privacy, said Ouchida, who teaches about the internments at the California Museum in Sacramento.

Before the last camp was closed in 1946, Ouchida's family was shipped to a facility in Arizona. When the family was freed, they took a bus back to California. When it reached a stop sign near their community outside Sacramento, "I still remember the ladies on the bus started crying," Ouchida said. "Because they were home."

The resolution, co-introduced by California Assembly Republican Leader Marie Waldron of Escondido, makes a passing reference to "recent national events" and says they serve as a reminder "to learn from the mistakes of the past."

Muratsuchi said the inspiration for that passage were migrant children held in U.S. government custody over the past year.



Americans board a Kalitta Air jet, chartered by the U.S. government, on Monday at Haneda Airport in Tokyo. The Americans had been aboard a quarantined cruise ship.

## US evacuates travelers from quarantined ship in Japan

BY AUSTIN RAMZY  
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The New York Times

American passengers on Sunday frantically prepared to evacuate a cruise ship that has been quarantined for more than 10 days in the Japanese port city of Yokohama as hundreds of people on board fell ill with the coronavirus.

As the Americans scrambled to pack their bags and prepare their own meals for a chartered flight to the United States, Japanese health officials said the number of confirmed coronavirus cases found on the ship, the Diamond Princess, had grown by 70, to 355.

"Can't get off here fast enough," Sarah Arana, 52, a medical social worker from Paso Robles, California, told reporters on Sunday.

The U.S. Embassy in Japan had recommended that American citizens stay aboard the ship during a 14-day quarantine period. But it suddenly changed course on Saturday, citing "a rapidly evolving situation" as conditions appeared to worsen.

American passengers said they were told to prepare to leave the ship at 9 p.m. local time. Their flight was scheduled to depart Haneda Airport in Tokyo at 3 a.m. Monday. Officials said they would be taken to one of two military

air bases in the United States.

But the process, taken deck by deck, went slowly. By close to 11 p.m., many were still waiting in their rooms.

Passengers on the charter were told there would be no overhead luggage space on the flight, so all carry-ons had to fit under the seats in front of them, and shipped luggage could not exceed 70 pounds. They would be flying on a converted 747 cargo plane, the officials said, which could be cold, so they were advised to shower and dress warmly for the flight. They were also advised to bring their own food.

Late in the afternoon, as buses lined up on the pier, American officials dressed in protective suits knocked on the cabin doors of American citizens to inform them that they needed to put their luggage out at 6 p.m. to prepare for the 9 p.m. transfer.

Rachel Torres, 24, who had been on her honeymoon with her husband, Tyler, also 24, said they were trying to clean their stateroom so as not to leave a mess.

"We didn't sleep much last night," said Rachel Torres. In preparation for the flight, she said, the couple were "drinking as much water as we can to hydrate for the flight since we will be wearing masks on the

plane."

Including the cases aboard the Diamond Princess, Japan has recorded the highest number of infections from the new coronavirus outside mainland China. Worldwide, more than 68,500 people have been infected, and at least 1,669 have died, almost all in mainland China.

When the ship was placed under quarantine, more than 3,700 passengers and crew were on board, including about 400 Americans.

The U.S. Embassy in Tokyo said those with coronavirus infections or symptoms would not be allowed to take the chartered flight.

Once in the United States, the passengers will be required to undergo a two-week quarantine at Travis Air Force Base in Fairfield, California, or Lackland Air Force Base near San Antonio.

Those who do not take the charter will not be allowed to travel to the United States until March 4, two weeks after they would have otherwise been allowed to leave the ship on Wednesday, the embassy said.

With at least 40 Americans from the ship having tested positive for the coronavirus during the quarantine period, some will be left behind in Japan when the charter flights depart.

## Bloomberg's stop-and-frisk stance faces fresh scrutiny

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Associated Press

NEW YORK — David Ourlicht was a college student when he became one of millions of New Yorkers swept up in the era of stop-and-frisk.

A police officer accosted Ourlicht, deeming suspicious a bulge in his jacket. Police patted him down, told him to stand against a wall, emptied his pockets, finding nothing illegal, and accused him of lying about his address, according to court testimony. The 2008 encounter ended with a disorderly conduct summons, which was later dismissed.

Ourlicht was rattled, but not surprised. Police encounters like that had become a cornerstone of policing under then-Mayor Mike Bloomberg and a fact of life for Ourlicht, who is of black and white heritage, and his friends growing up.

He later joined a lawsuit that helped curb stop-and-frisk and became a lawyer himself. But his experiences with police, which he says began with getting beaten and handcuffed at 15 while trying to go to his apartment, still cast a shadow over his life today.

"Every day I get into my car, every day I decide to step out of my house, it's a psyching up that I have to do to myself," Ourlicht said.

New York's stop-and-frisk history is getting renewed attention as Bloomberg campaigns for the Democratic presidential nomination. Bloomberg long defended the practice, even after a federal judge found that the stops discriminated against those who were black or Latino. He abruptly apologized in November shortly before announcing his White House bid and has sought to move past the issue.

That became difficult last week when a 2015 record-



Before apologizing late last year, former New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg long defended stop-and-frisk policing.

ing of Bloomberg resurfaced in which he said the way to bring down murder rates is to "put a lot of cops" in minority neighborhoods because that's where "all the crime is."

Bloomberg said the remarks "do not reflect my commitment to criminal justice reform and racial equity." He has since gotten endorsements from some members of the Congressional Black Caucus. And as he campaigned in the South last week, many black voters said they weren't offended by the comments and were more focused on finding a candidate who could beat President Donald Trump.

But the ex-mayor likely will face more questions as his campaign gains traction. Bloomberg is on the cusp of qualifying for Wednesday's presidential debate, where his rivals are sure to pillory him on stop-and-frisk to blunt his rise and appeal to African Americans, a critical voting bloc in the Democratic primary.

Stop-and-frisk is a term for a tactic police have long used: accosting, questioning and sometimes patting down people who officers think might be doing something illegal, but the suspicions didn't necessarily amount to probable cause for an arrest.

The New York Police Department began emphasizing the practice in the

mid-1990s, when Republican Rudy Giuliani was mayor. But stops soared under Bloomberg, who held office as a Republican and later an independent, rising from about 97,000 stops in 2002 to a high of about 685,000 in 2011. There were fewer than 13,500 stops last year, according to NYPD data.

Over 80% of the people stopped during the surge of stop-and-frisk were black or Latino.

Police and Bloomberg insisted that the stops helped drive crime down to record-low levels and that the tactic was legal.

Critics said stop-and-frisk amounted to racial discrimination with little effect on crime. About 10% of stops led to arrests or summonses, and only about 1% to weapons seizures.

In 2013, a federal judge declared that New York City's use of the stops had violated civil and constitutional rights. Bloomberg's administration appealed the ruling. His successor dropped the appeal and agreed to reforms and a court-appointed monitor.

Many young voters outside New York don't know much about Bloomberg's record as mayor. But for Brandon Kolawole, 24, of Chicago, mention of stop-and-frisk triggers familiarity.

"I've seen it, and I've dealt with it," said Kolawole, who is black.

## Voters

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allegiance.

One candidate who will not be tested in Nevada or South Carolina is Mike Bloomberg, the billionaire and former New York mayor. Bloomberg has spent heavily from his personal fortune in states with sizable minority populations that will vote in the March 3 primaries. The Super Tuesday contests are the first where his name will appear on the ballot.

It adds up to a muddled field that lacks clarity even after Iowa and New Hampshire had their turns. Moderates have splintered their

votes and created space for Sanders, a self-described democratic socialist, to take on the mantle of a front-runner without having reached 30% in either of the first two voting states.

Sanders fell short in 2016 to Hillary Clinton for the nomination in no small part because of his struggles to attract older nonwhite voters. For 2020, he has hired as a senior adviser one of the top Latino strategists in the party, Chuck Rocha. Sanders' lead surrogates include Nina Turner, a former Ohio state lawmaker and leading black progressive, and U.S. Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez of New York, the young progressive icon.

"I think we're going to do very well in the African American community," Sanders said in a brief interview. "I think we're going to do well among working people of all races."

In Nevada, Biden campaigned on Saturday in a high school gymnasium covered in signs that read: "Biden Trabajando por Nevada" (Biden Works for Nevada). "The reason why we are here: 99% of the African American vote hasn't spoken yet and 99% of the Latino vote hasn't spoken yet." He hammered away at Trump's immigration policies and rhetoric.

But Biden has embraced South Carolina especially, even skipping out on his

New Hampshire primary night party last Tuesday for a hastily arranged event in Columbia, the South Carolina capital.

Biden is banking on voters such as Jean Hopkins, an 88-year-old retired nurse, who came to hear him. "You'll lose some but you may gain more," she said of his losses in Iowa and New Hampshire. "And he's not going to stop. He needs our help."

Biden and Sanders lead in endorsements from members of South Carolina's Legislative Black Caucus. Biden also promotes a network of black religious leaders who back his candidacy. But he's facing a push from California billionaire Tom Steyer, who has spent

considerable sums on advertising in South Carolina.

"We are really serious about South Carolina. We are really serious about Nevada," Steyer said on CBS' "Face the Nation" on Sunday. He said those states "reflect the kind of diversity that is America and that is the Democratic Party. And I think whoever is going to be the candidate has got to be able to show that he or she can pull together that diverse big tent that is the Democratic Party."

In Nevada, Biden has the backing of the state's lone black congressman, Steven Horsford, and Dina Titus, who represents the diverse Las Vegas-based district.

But there's a wild card in

South Carolina.

U.S. Rep. Jim Clyburn, the highest-ranking black member of Congress, is close to Biden but hasn't said whether he will endorse at all. Clyburn is the rare political figure whose public blessing could matter to voters.

"I think that we're going to have a real spirited contest," Clyburn told CBS' "Face the Nation" on Sunday. He said Steyer was "doing an incredible job. Money makes a difference. Steyer has it. He's been spending it. And he's reaping the rewards." Clyburn added that Buttigieg is doing "very good" and Biden "is leading among African American voters in South Carolina by a wide margin."

## NEWS BRIEFING

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### Residents of Mississippi capital brace for additional flooding

FLOWOOD, Miss. — Residents of Jackson braced Sunday for the possibility of catastrophic flooding in and around the Mississippi capital as the Pearl River rose precipitously after days of torrential rain.

Gov. Tate Reeves said the Pearl would continue to rise throughout the day, and he warned that the state faces a "precarious situation that can turn at any moment."

Officials urged resi-

dents to pay attention to evacuation orders, check on road closures before traveling and stay out of floodwaters, warning that even seemingly placid waters could mask quickly moving currents and pollution. Law enforcement officials went door to door in affected areas, telling people to evacuate, Reeves said.

"We expect the river to continue to rise over the next 24 hours or so," Reeves said.

### GM planning to exit Australia, New Zealand and Thailand

DETROIT — General Motors says it's pulling out of Australia, New Zealand and Thailand as part of a strategy to exit markets that don't produce adequate returns on investments.

The company made the announcement late Sunday.

In a statement, GM said it will wind down sales, engineering and design operations for its historic Holden brand in Australia

and New Zealand in 2021.

It also plans to sell its Rayong factory in Thailand to China's Great Wall Motors. The Chevrolet brand will also be withdrawn from Thailand by the end of this year.

CEO Mary Barra says the company wants to focus on markets where it can drive strong returns.

Barra says GM will support its employees and customers in the transition.

### Assad's forces make advances, further securing Aleppo region

DAMASCUS, Syria — Syrian troops have made significant advances against the last rebel held enclaves in the country's northwest, state media said on Sunday, consolidating the government's hold over the key Aleppo province.

The Syrian government advance also appeared to put the provincial capital of Aleppo out of the firing range of opposition groups for the first time in

years, another sign of Syrian President Bashar Assad's growing control of the area.

State news agency SANA reported 30 villages and towns around the city in the western Aleppo countryside were captured on Sunday.

Rami Abdul-Rahman, the head of the Britain-based war monitor Syria Observatory for Human Rights, confirmed the report.



SILVIA IZQUIERDO/AP

**Canine Carnival:** A municipal police officer takes a selfie with Lucia Coutinho and her 12-year-old Maltese, Bebel, who came Sunday dressed in a mask and a Batman cape for the "Blocao" dog carnival parade along Copacabana beach in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

### Rockets hit near US Embassy in Baghdad; no casualties

BAGHDAD — At least four rockets hit near the sprawling U.S. Embassy in Baghdad and a Iraqi base hosting American troops inside the Green Zone early Sunday, but caused no casualties and only minor damage, U.S. and Iraqi officials said.

The attack came just before 3:30 a.m. local time, according to Col. Myles Caggins III, a spokesman for the U.S. military operation in Iraq. He only said the rockets hit the base hosting U.S. and other coalition forces.

However, three Iraqi security officials said two of

the rockets fell inside the U.S. Embassy compound, while another hit near the coalition base. The Iraqi officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to speak to the media.

The attack was the latest in a recent series of rocket and mortar strikes on Iraqi bases housing U.S. troops. On Thursday, a mortar shell exploded in the K1 Iraqi military air base in Kirkuk province in northern Iraq. No casualties were reported, Iraqi security officials said.

An Iranian missile attack on Iraq's Ain al-Asad air

base on Jan. 8 injured dozens of U.S. service members.

It was in retaliation for the U.S. drone strike in Baghdad that killed Iran's most powerful general, Qassem Soleimani, on Jan. 3.

The U.S. Embassy in Baghdad has also been a flashpoint amid wider U.S.-Iran tensions in the region, which have played out inside Iraq in recent weeks. Iraqi supporters of an Iran-backed militia stormed the embassy compound Dec. 31, smashing the main door and setting fire to the reception area.

### Teen accused in killings arrested for shoplifting

MIDLAND, Va. — A 17-year-old boy charged with fatally shooting his mother and 6-year-old brother in their Virginia home was apprehended after he tried to shoplift hair dye, clothes and a backpack from a North Carolina department store, police said Sunday.

Levi Norwood was arrested Saturday after employees at a Target in Durham, North Carolina, found him in the sporting goods section and called police, said Sgt. James Hartman, a spokesman for the Fauquier County Sheriff's Department in Virginia.

In the store's parking lot, investigators found a car Norwood stole in Virginia after killing his mother and brother and wounding his father on Friday evening at their home in Midland, Virginia, authorities said. Investigators didn't immediately find any guns in Norwood's possession.

### 24-hour national Black News Channel makes debut

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Former U.S. Rep. J.C. Watts was beaming like a proud parent as he talked about the launch of Black News Channel — a project he's worked on for years to create what's now the nation's only 24-hour news network aimed at African Americans.

He was sitting at the network's Tallahassee studio with Gary Wordlaw, head of news and programming, watching a countdown clock as the network prepared to go live.

The goal of the network is to reach black audiences with stories that give a broader perspective about their community than what other networks provide. That could include health issues unique to African Americans, or just simply making people aware of positive accomplishments African Americans are achieving, Watts said.

**Antarctic record temperatures:** Record high temperatures reportedly measured in Antarctica will take months to verify, the United Nations weather agency said Sunday.

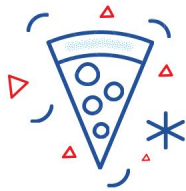
A spokesman for the World Meteorological Organization said the measurements made by researchers from Argentina and Brazil earlier this month have to undergo a formal process to ensure that they meet international standards.

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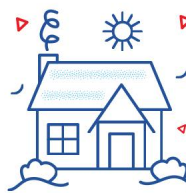
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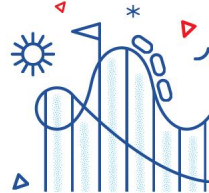
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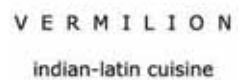
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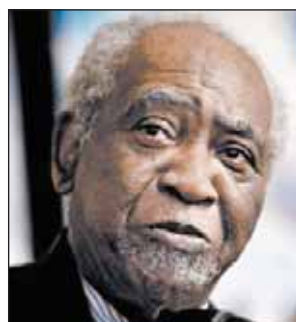
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## More choices for US House: Quigley, Ives, Davis, Krishnamoorthi, Foster, Bansal ..

This is the second and final installment of the Tribune Editorial Board's endorsements for contested U.S. House races in the March 17 Illinois primary election.

### 5th Congressional District

Rep. **Mike Quigley**, of Chicago, is one of Illinois' most effective voices in Washington. As a Democratic member of both the intelligence and appropriations committees, he's a watchdog on national security affairs and a driver of federal money to Chicago-area projects, including CTA modernization and the McCook Reservoir, part of the Deep Tunnel project to combat flooding. Quigley has secured grants to help states protect election systems from cyber-hacking and worked on O'Hare International Airport noise abatement. Having Quigley in Congress is good for the North Side and suburban district he serves. Quigley is endorsed over challenger Brian Burns, of Chicago.

On the Republican side, Tommy Hanson, of Chicago — who has run previously — disqualifies himself in our eyes by writing in his Tribune Editorial Board candidate questionnaire that "I believe in climate change, Santa Claus and the Easter Bunny." Also running is Kimball Ladien, of Chicago. No endorsement.

### 6th District Republicans

In 2018, **Jeanne Ives**, of Wheaton, nearly upended Gov. Bruce Rauner in the Republican gubernatorial primary by energizing the conservative base. Ives, a former Illinois House member, is a policy wonk who fought unbalanced budgets and unaccountable spending in Springfield. We saw things to like in Ives in her campaign for governor, as well as reason for pause: In challenging Rauner, Ives effectively critiqued his economic policy chops and made a persuasive case that she was a Republican legislator who could work with Democrats. In that primary race, some voters thought Ives' messaging on social issues was too harsh. But that hard edge has softened in this congressional campaign, so there's rea-

son to believe she learned a lesson that makes her a better candidate today. That's important because Ives would need to appeal to social moderates in the November general election against incumbent Democratic Rep. Sean Casten. Also running in the Republican primary is physician Gordon (Jay) Kinzler, of Glen Ellyn, whom we liked during a previous run for the Illinois House. But Ives is especially well-prepared to attempt the recapture of what was a Republican seat. She is endorsed.

### 7th District Democrats

Rep. **Danny Davis** has high visibility in his district and across Chicago. In Washington, he works on issues that matter to his West Side and west suburban constituents, including gun control and homelessness. Does Davis, who's served in Congress for more than 20 years, still have the interest and energy to serve? He says he does. "I haven't solved all the problems (in my district), but I'm sure not standing still," he told the Tribune recently. Challenger Anthony Clark, of Oak Park, a high school special education teacher and community activist, shows leadership promise; Democrats should be grooming him for the future. But the endorsement this year goes to Davis. Also running: Kina Collins and Kristine Schanbacher, both of Chicago. Craig Cameron is unopposed on the Republican side of the ballot.

### 8th District Democrats

Rep. **Raja Krishnamoorthi**, of Schaumburg, seeking his third term, has a smart, balanced approach to policy, with a focus on jobs and the environment. He and a Republican colleague co-authored legislation to provide dollars to upgrade vocational training and education programs in high schools and community colleges. President Donald Trump signed the bill. Krishnamoorthi is endorsed over challengers William Olson, of Schaumburg, and Inam Hussain, of Libertyville. No Republican is running.

### 11th Congressional District

If you know one fact about **Rep. Bill Foster**, of Naperville, it's probably that he's the only member of Congress with a doctorate in physics. Foster's right when he says more scientists are needed on Capitol Hill to deal with climate change, the rise of automation and its impact on jobs, the opioid crisis and the treatment of costly diseases such as Alzheimer's and diabetes. Foster is endorsed over Rachel Ventura, of Joliet.

In the Republican primary, **Krishna K. Bansal**, of Naperville, an entrepreneur and Naperville planning and zoning commissioner, is running against Rick Laib, of Joliet, a sergeant in the Will County sheriff's office. Bansal is endorsed.

### 12th District Democrats

Seeking to challenge Republican incumbent Rep. Mike Bost in this southern Illinois district are Democrats **Joel D. Funk**, of Mascoutah, and Raymond C. Lenzi, of Makanda. Funk, a former Army special operations aviator, says the United States should protect allies and support United Nations security resolutions but stop efforts at regime change or other muscular interventionism. "It is imperative that we stop pretending a country of 330 million people can rule a world of over 7.5 billion," Funk wrote in his Tribune Editorial Board candidate questionnaire. All of which accurately reflects his thoughtful take on the issues Congress engages. Funk is endorsed.

### 13th District Democrats

**Betsy Dirksen Londrigan**, of Springfield, who nearly upset Republican Rep. Rodney Davis in 2018, is pursuing a rematch. Londrigan's campaign is focused on health care access; she wants to stabilize the Affordable Care Act and expand access to Medicare, which she says would create competition and help bring down rising costs. Also running is Stefanie Smith, of Urbana. Londrigan is endorsed.

### 14th District Republicans

The west suburban 14th Congressional District was solidly Republican — until it wasn't. Four-term incumbent Rep. Randy Hultgren lost in 2018 to Democratic newcomer Lauren Underwood. Now seven Republicans want a shot at Rep. Underwood. Among them is state Sen. Jim Oberweis, of Sugar Grove, who has run for Illinois governor and U.S. Senate. Another challenger is Catalina Lauf, of Woodstock, a young conservative whom we think has political promise. Our endorsement in this race goes to state Sen. **Sue Rezin**, of Morris, a consistent advocate for financial stability in Illinois who also specializes in health care and energy issues. Also running: James T. "Jim" Marter, of Oswego, Ted Gradel, of Naperville, Jerry Evans, of Warrenville, and Anthony Catella, of St. Charles.

### 15th Congressional District

This Downstate seat will be open due to the announced retirement of Republican Rep. John Shimkus. It also could be a district lost to redistricting because of the Illinois Exodus of population; Illinois surely will lose one of its 18 U.S. House seats after the 2020 census. Four Republicans are on the primary ballot: **Mary Miller**, of Oakland, Darren E. Duncan, of Rossville, Kerry A. Wolff, of Altamont, and Chuck Ellington, of Camargo. Miller, who runs a farm with her husband, state Rep. Chris Miller, told a local newspaper she became interested in running after learning that some of her seven children wanted to leave Illinois. The first step in combating the Exodus is confronting it. Miller, who has support from some national Republican figures and the Illinois Farm Bureau, is endorsed.

There are four candidates on the Democrat side: Craig Morton, of Salem, **Kevin Gaither**, of Charleston, Erika C. Weaver, of Mattoon, and John W. Hursey Jr., of Collinsville. Gaither, who ran against Shimkus in 2018 and knows the district, is best-positioned to run in the general election. He supports trade and thinks creatively about agricultural development. Gaither is endorsed.

### WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

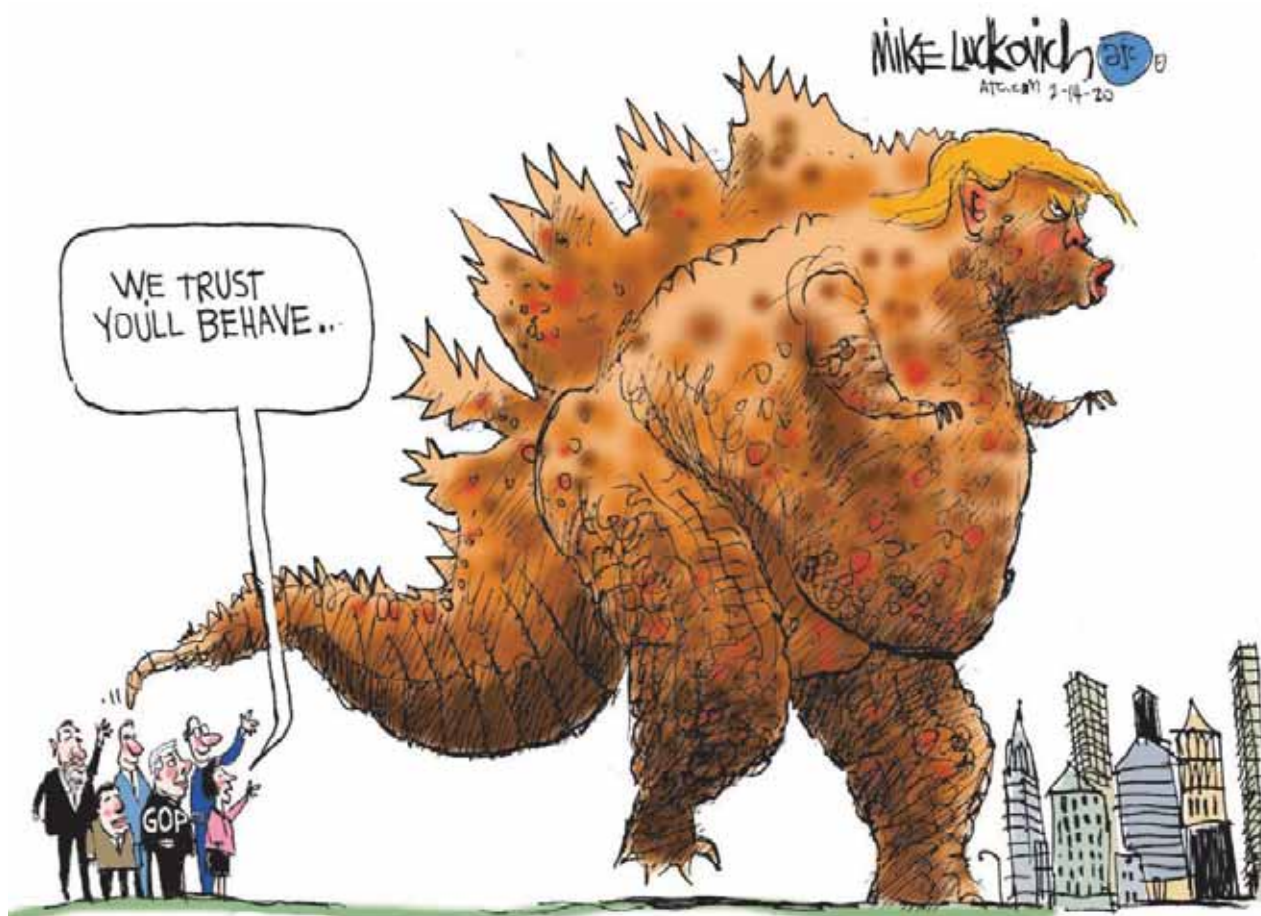
Public and private urban tree resources and programs are geared almost entirely to planting trees and almost not at all to maintaining trees. ... This is backward. Scientists are learning that large, old trees are the most valuable, especially in cities. They capture the most stormwater and take the most pressure off our overtaxed streams and rivers. They put on wood fastest and take the most carbon out of the air. They harbor the most wildlife. They can lower summer temperatures by 20 degrees or more. They raise property values. In a recent study, researchers found that Boston would get more benefit from keeping the trees it has alive than from planting new trees. ...

Just compare your emotional response when looking at a twiggy sapling to that when encountering a grizzled old giant, whose bark shows signs of battles fought and won against insects and weather, whose massive limbs branch in wild, unpredictable ways, whose very existence speaks to some of our most valued characteristics: resilience, regalness, care for other life. ...

Our public and private tree programs reflect little recognition of the value of big, old trees. Governments and nonprofits are practically handing homeowners and property owners money to plant trees. ... So aging trees are often neglected until it's too late.

As long as we abandon our old trees, we will be like hamsters on a wheel, planting furiously merely to keep pace with mounting losses. ... We could get so much more out of our trees if we just put a little more into them.

**Gabriel Popkin, The Washington Post**



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## PERSPECTIVE



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Children look through the border fence on Jan. 31 in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, as U.S. Border Patrol agents conduct a training exercise in New Mexico.

## Here's what happens to the asylum-seekers we turn away

BY ELORA MUKHERJEE

In June 1939, about 900 Jewish refugees sailed close to Florida on the St. Louis in hopes of finding protection in the United States. U.S. authorities refused to let the ship dock. Desperate passengers sent cables to President Franklin D. Roosevelt, who never responded.

A State Department telegram stated that the passengers must “await their turns on the waiting list and qualify for and obtain immigration visas before they may be admissible in the United States.” Nearly all the passengers had already been refused admission to Cuba. Canada rejected them too. They had no choice but to return to Europe, where 254 of the passengers were eventually killed in the Holocaust.

Eighty years later, a modern version of this tragedy takes place daily at our southern border. This time, most of these people are fleeing rape, assault and death from the northern triangle of Central America — Honduras, El Salvador and Guatemala — as well as political oppression in Cuba, Venezuela and elsewhere. They are fleeing to save their lives and their children's lives. They hope to find safety in the United States. When they get to America, U.S. authorities turn them around.

I spent a week recently in Juarez, Mexico, with four of my law students. We visited shelters across the city and its outskirts to provide pro bono legal services to some of the estimated

20,000 migrants there who are trying to apply for asylum in the U.S.

We met political dissidents from Cuba who had been jailed and beaten for refusing to join party meetings, mothers from Central America who had survived excruciating years of domestic violence and fled to save their children's lives, and fathers with the courage to resist the ever-increasing violence of gangs in their communities. Nearly all genuinely feared being harmed and killed in their home countries.

Why are they in Juarez? A slew of policy changes enacted over the last year by the Trump administration has made it nearly impossible for asylum-seekers to enter the United States through the southern border. Among them is the Migrant Protection Protocols program, which requires asylum-seekers who try to enter the United States through the southern border to remain in Mexico while their asylum cases are processed in U.S. immigration courts. Since last January, when the new protocols were put in place, more than 60,000 asylum-seekers have been stranded in Mexico.

The new rules make it nearly impossible for asylum-seekers to find lawyers who can represent them in immigration court. Hardly any lawyers are willing to cross into Juarez to represent asylum-seekers. Given the complexity of immigration law and language and cultural barriers, the process of seeking asylum when someone is in the United States is hard

enough. Requiring asylum-seekers to remain in Mexico makes navigating the process virtually impossible. Ninety-six percent of individuals stranded in Mexico do not have a lawyer to help them apply for asylum.

Of the 29,309 cases that had been completed under MPP as of December, just 187 people had been granted asylum — a reflection of the almost insurmountable barriers imposed by the new protocols. U.S. law requires asylum-seekers to be given “credible fear” interviews to allow them into the U.S. while they go through the asylum process; MPP has eliminated that step.

While asylum-seekers, including thousands of children and women, wait in Mexico, they have become targets for vicious crimes by local and transnational gangs and cartels. According to a recent report from Human Rights First, there have been at least 816 publicly reported cases of murder, rape, torture, kidnapping and other violent assaults, including 201 cases of children being kidnapped or nearly kidnapped. These numbers almost certainly understate the violence since many victims don't report crimes committed against them for fear of reprisal.

When U.S. officials rejected the St. Louis, the horrors that would befall the passengers were foreseeable. Congress and the State Department eventually apologized for refusing to let in the refugees on board — but it was 70 years too late.

One year after the inception of MPP, we clearly see the dangers befalling asylum-seekers forced to remain in Mexico. U.S. government officials know that these regions of the border are extremely dangerous. The State Department's travel advisories warn U.S. citizens not to travel to some of the same Mexican border towns where American authorities send asylum-seekers. These areas are designated as level 4 risks — the same danger assessment as for Afghanistan, Iraq and Syria.

The Trump policy is not only inhumane and dangerous, it is also illegal. Under U.S. immigration law, asylum-seekers are not to be turned away at the border when they have credible fears of persecution. As the union representing DHS asylum officers explained, “MPP abandons our tradition of providing a safe haven to the persecuted and violates our international and domestic legal obligations.”

We can't turn a blind eye to the daily tragedies inflicted by Migrant Protection Protocols. The Asylum Seeker Protection Act, which would prohibit the use of federal funds to carry out MPP, has been pending in Congress for months. It's time to uphold our nation's core commitment to protecting those seeking safety in this country.

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## Off the court, LeBron James serves as shining example in vital role of father

BY JASON L. CAMPBELL

“I am invisible, understand, simply because people refuse to see me.” The remarkable line from author Ralph Ellison's book “Invisible Man” may seem hard to apply to LeBron James, a 6-foot-8 African American man known for his unparalleled athleticism on the basketball court. But, for a father with unmatched enthusiasm for the success of his sons, society has struggled to view James as the loving dad that he is.

Nevertheless, slowly he is silencing the belief present in society for many years that black men do not play a role in raising their children.

James' enthusiasm at his son's basketball games has been seen as juvenile, outrageous and childlike to some who refuse to see the love, compassion and fortitude in his movements. I remember as a young athlete looking into the stands and seeing my father — a validation of my dedication and being. In a similar manner, I suspect James is teaching his sons one of the most important lessons my father

taught me: The world is full of opportunities for you to discover, and if you must, to create.

In 1972, a young black man, trunk packed and ticket in hand, boarded a bus headed to Philadelphia. For the first time in his 18 years of life, my father, Thomas Campbell, was leaving home in pursuit of a college degree — the only one of his siblings to do so. One of eight children, born into modest beginnings, my father persevered to college at a time when only 20% of black men had achieved more than a high school diploma. This was only the beginning, as he persevered to earn a law degree.

Forty-six years after my father embarked on his journey, I climbed six shallow steps to receive my medical degree. In that very moment, what I struggled to understand is what my father must have felt as I was declared “Dr. Campbell.” Growing up with a father who could neither read nor write, it must have been unimaginable for my father to believe he could cement a path for my sister and me to earn five degrees between the two of us.

But, in actuality, all of my father's actions have continuously encouraged my sister and me to pursue opportunities he never had. Thus, the magnificence of our achievement truly belongs to him. Similarly, James continues to inspire his sons to not only dream but also to believe in the realism of their dreams.

LeBron James and my father serve as shining examples of the many black fathers who have created a future for their sons to change the world — a far cry from society's vision for young black men. These fathers exemplify a view of the world where the finish line is not dictated by the starting line, but is full of boundless direction and achievement — and is not tied to skin color.

Once criticized for their invisibility, our black fathers are now visible, illuminating their brilliance for the world in a way they always have — for us.

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LeBron James, who then played for the Cleveland Cavaliers, celebrates with his sons LeBron Jr. and Bryce Maximus after Cleveland defeated the Atlanta Hawks during the Eastern Conference Finals on May 26, 2015, in Cleveland, Ohio.

## PERSPECTIVE



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Former U.S. Attorney General Elliot Richardson, left, and special prosecutor Archibald Cox are pictured in March 1974.

## The Saturday Night Massacre and the right side of history

BY BRUCE DRAVIS

Four principled prosecutors resigned from the Roger Stone case last week. They did so rather than be complicit in Donald Trump's attempt to soften the sentence for Stone, his underling who was convicted of crimes in a case arising from the Mueller investigation into Russia's 2016 election interference.

Even more than the past resignations on principle by others serving in the Trump administration, such as Defense Secretary James Mattis, these withdrawals, including one attorney who quit the Justice Department altogether, bring to mind the pivotal moment in Watergate, the "Saturday Night Massacre," which commenced when Attorney General Elliot Richardson resigned rather than obey President Richard Nixon's order to fire Watergate special prosecutor Archibald Cox.

Both Cox and Richardson were from what, in that era, was known as the Eastern Establishment, men from the upper class who attended Ivy League schools and disproportionately occupied leadership roles in American business and politics. Cox was my law professor after his Watergate days. Decades before, Cox had been Richardson's law professor.

Cox had short-cut steel gray hair, spoke precisely, and was the sort of man who could, and did, pull off wearing a bow tie. And he did not shy from telling stories about Watergate.

When Richardson became attorney

general, the Watergate investigation was already in full swing. In Cox's telling, he initially declined Richardson's request to be the Watergate prosecutor, from concern he would be removed if the facts of the case took him closer to the presidency than Nixon liked. The deciding point for Cox was that Richardson provided his personal promise that Cox would only be removed for misconduct.

When the 1973 Senate hearings revealed the existence of a White House system for taping conversations, Cox sought White House tape recordings for his investigation and got a federal court order for them. Nixon then ordered Richardson to fire Cox.

As Cox told the story: "Elliot said to me, 'The President has asked me to remove you.' And I said, 'You gave me your word that wouldn't happen.' And he said, 'Yes, but he is the president. Sooner or later he will have his way.' I could tell that Elliot wanted me to let him off the hook by offering to resign, but I wasn't going to do that. I looked at him and said, 'Well, Elliot, I guess you know what you need to do.'"

After Richardson resigned rather than fire Cox, the assistant attorney general also resigned. Cox ultimately was fired, but the resignations, on principle, of a Cabinet officer and his second in command changed the political and public perception of Nixon.

Cox didn't protest that his firing violated the terms of his recruitment. He didn't claim that he was being victimized or being treated unfairly — Twitter-whin-

ing didn't exist back then, and Cox didn't do things that way. Cox instead appealed to his old friend on a personal level, reminding Richardson to do the right thing, to live up to his promise despite the cost.

Richardson was a lifelong Republican. Cox was a lifetime Democrat. Beyond party loyalty, both men held a greater allegiance to the country, to the law, and to a high standard of personal honor.

Perhaps Cox's appeal would have had less strength if it had come from someone Richardson knew less well, or who didn't share a connection of social class and tradition. If Cox's appointment had been merely a transaction, rather than the continuation of a long-standing relationship between honorable men, perhaps Nixon's low behavior would have escaped being contrasted to Richardson's integrity.

In our time, Donald Trump's constant and flamboyant dishonesty stands in contrast to the quiet professionalism of the law enforcement and intelligence communities Trump has worked constantly to undermine and impugn. Again and again, Trump forces his supporters to choose between allegiance to him and allegiance to country, law and honor. Shamefully, elected Republicans other than Mitt Romney and Justin Amash have to date chosen the former.

Cox and Richardson demonstrated how to stand on the right side of history.

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### VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

#### Pick from within for next top cop

As a Chicago police sergeant, I was sent to Houston to study two programs. More important, I learned Houston is not Chicago, and the Houston Police Department is not the Chicago Police Department. Each city's location makes it unique, affecting how it delivers police services. Houston covers 669 square miles. Murder suspects and stolen cars frequently wind up in Mexico. Chicago and New York City have rapid transit systems, snow and months of cold weather. Houston and Los Angeles do not. New York is a primary terrorist target. The New York Police Department has 36,000 officers. Chicago does not.

My point is, there is no one-size-fits-all police department or police chief. It takes a lifetime of living in a city, serving decades on its police department, and paying close attention to what's going on, in order to fully understand how to manage that police department. If you worked for another police agency, the learning curve for a different department is just too great. Equally important, a chief must have studied police administration, criminology and criminal procedural law to give him or her the basic foundation for making decisions on reducing crimes such as gang shootings and murders.

If you never served on the CPD, you don't know how corrupt officers and gangs work together. You don't know there are multiple serial killers preying on women and gay men. Or that the CPD has a long history of reducing crime statistics in order to make the department look better — and how it's done.

So, if you have never lived and worked in a city, you are really out of your realm of expertise and cannot properly protect the public you swore to serve.

— Michael C. Flynn, retired Chicago police lieutenant, Chicago

#### Reality check after lovely concert

Recently I attended a performance by the Chicago Children's Choir at Symphony Hall as part of the Black History Month Concert Series. The first song was "Lift Every Voice and Sing." The performance by CPS youths from every neighborhood was devoted to the significance of speaking up and voting. It was stirring.

Upon returning home, I encountered another reality, one that was informed by a call from a union steward I know. A couple of people in my neighborhood had filed a police report alleging misconduct by our African American UPS driver. Our UPS driver, undoubtedly like thousands of service providers throughout the city, was doing the unappreciated work of delivering heavy packages while asking residents about their day, how they are doing in school, providing encouragement. This particular driver always asks about my neighbor, who is battling Stage 3 breast cancer, and her two young children. He has a child of his own. When the police followed up on this report, they became aware that it was unfounded. But it is difficult to erase the harm that is done when the distinction between concerned citizenry and racial profiling is allowed to blur.

— Margery Ginsberg, Chicago

## Dems, GOP have undergone a role reversal

BY JONAH GOLDBERG

For most of my life, the rule of thumb was that the GOP was the ideological party and the Democratic Party was the coalitional party.

This always was an overgeneralization. Democrats had an ideological perspective, and Republicans had coalitional interests. But from the New Deal to around the end of the Bush years, it was generally true. I used to think it had to do with the superiority of conservative ideas, but I'm coming around to the view that it has more to do with the way political power works.

There was obviously an ideological component to the New Deal and the Great Society. Stated plainly, the people at the helm of those projects believed in the power of the state or "big government" to steer the whole of the country in a positive direction.

But if you look at the members of the FDR coalition, you'll find a lot of diversity. There were intellectuals and populists, capitalists and socialists, racists and civil rights leaders, isolationists and interventionists, corrupt party bosses and the reformers who hated them, poor farmers, urban union leaders, Southern conservatives, blacks, whites, Jews and immigrants, all swirling about, often battling to win the majority's favor. That's what you get with majority parties — a diverse coalition of interests all trying to get their place at the trough.

As the saying goes in Washington, if you're not at the table, you're on the menu.

The GOP was a minority party for most of that time, and even when that started to change, it still usually thought like a minority party. By that, I mean minority parties emphasize ideological cohesion and partisan unity. Always at a disadvantage, they tend to understand that if they don't stick together, sharing each other's priorities and leveraging what strength

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they have, they'll get steamrolled by the majority.

It might seem paradoxical, but being in the minority makes arguments over principle more important. When you have little or nothing to trade, you argue about ideas. When you have stuff to trade — taxpayer money, jobs, seats on commissions and committees — ideological differences are easily papered over. Moreover, because majority parties in a democracy are by definition governing parties, there's less reason to get bogged down in debating questions about ideological nuances.

The least ideological politicians in American life have always been the heads of political machines, such as Boss Tweed of Tammany Hall or the mayors of cities like Chicago. In such places, high-minded complaints about principles are easily assuaged with a construction contract or a monopoly on hot dog concessions at the ballpark.

The GOP hasn't exactly figured out how to govern like a majority party, but under President Donald Trump, it's behaving a lot more like an urban political machine, doling out goodies to members of its coalition with little concern for a coherent philosophic rationale. The role of ideological principles has been decidedly downgraded, as religious and economic conservatives get the stuff they want

in terms of policies and jobs.

Meanwhile, the Democrats are behaving more and more like a minority party, putting ideological commitments ahead of coalitional interests. Bernie Sanders is the most obvious and important illustration of this. The de facto front-runner in the Democratic primaries, Sanders is like a left-wing Barry Goldwater — the ideological icon who spearheaded the conservative takeover of the GOP in 1964, in part by losing to Lyndon B. Johnson in a landslide.

Sanders is a pure ideologue who sees no reason to compromise his brand of socialism for the sake of coalitional interests. He wants no help from the rich if the rich expect anything in return. He insists that pro-lifers have no place in his party, and he doesn't seem to care if things like fracking bans will cost the country jobs and his party votes.

My theory isn't neat and tidy because politics are never neat and tidy. Sanders thinks he has the majority on his side. He doesn't.

More broadly, Democrats don't see themselves as a minority party — minority parties are often the last to realize they aren't as popular as they think they are. Also, the desire to defeat Trump has a tendency to crowd out ideological arguments. Which is why Bernie, like every other Democrat, leads with the promise that he is the best candidate to defeat Trump.

And that's a shame, because I'd love to see the billionaire-hating socialist and progressive billionaire capitalist Michael Bloomberg have an actual debate on their ideas. That debate may just have to wait until after Sanders fulfills his role as the woke Goldwater, truly making the Democrats a minority party by losing in 2020.

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#### Wealthy candidates' political run

We should not discourage millionaires or billionaires from running for public office. Many of that class have worked very hard to achieve their standing. They possess great organizational and people skills, traits that would serve them well in government. But, as with any other potential candidate, each should be evaluated on his or her own merits. Having wealth alone is not a disqualification nor a qualification.

— Sam Solomon, Deerfield

#### Many youths are politically aware

Elections are about the future, and no group of voters is more affected by the results of our elections than our young people.

I am a deputy voter registrar in Cook County and have registered our eligible youths at Chicago Public Schools high schools, in civics classes, at community colleges and local demonstrations. I can tell you that many of our young people are more politically aware and astute than many of our older citizens.

Letter writer Larry Craig's suggestion ("18-year-olds wise enough to vote?" Feb. 7) that we reverse the 26th Amendment, which lowered the voting age to 18, ignores the original reason for doing so, which was to match up voting rights with the minimum age for military service that remains at 18 today. It's another attempt by conservatives to suppress the voting rights of population blocs they fear.

— Gene Kocian, Wilmette

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# Arthritis Knee Pain Treatment Helps Many Avoid Surgery

**A huge decline in the need for knee replacement after scientists nailed a major secret and the non-surgical treatment success rates soared to levels never seen before - Doctor's Office Swarmed For FDA Approved Treatment Covered By Most Insurance And Medicare**

You can now eliminate your knee pain with a hot new pain cure.

Imagine... go shopping, walking, jogging, gardening, going to church, playing with your grandchildren, or going golfing without knee pain...

Do all of the things you used to enjoy and... get your life back free of knee pain.

Not only is it possible, thousands of Chicagoland Boomers and Seniors with knee pain have experienced the amazing relief this new non-surgical treatment option provides.

It's like taking 30 years of wear and tear off your knees - in less than 30 minutes!

"I didn't know how much LIFE and SLEEP I was missing because of my knee pain, until it went away with this wonderful treatment." — George R.

## You know how it is . . .

You stop enjoying your favorite activities because your knee is hurting. You try pain medicines, braces, or different over-the-counter arthritis supplements. But all of them leave you regretting spending the afternoon raking up leaves, tickling grandkids, or even just taking that short trip upstairs...

## So What Is Causing My Knee Pain And How Do I Stop It?

It's pretty simple, really. You see, when you're young, you have a thick, fluid protein inside your knee joints to lubricate them as you move.

This fluid also acts as a cushion and shock absorber inside your knee. It's called synovial fluid, and it works much like the oil in a car's engine to keep all the parts moving freely, without friction.

However, as you age, this fluid dries out, leaving your bones to painfully rub and grind against each other with every step. And unfortunately, there's no way for the joint to make more.

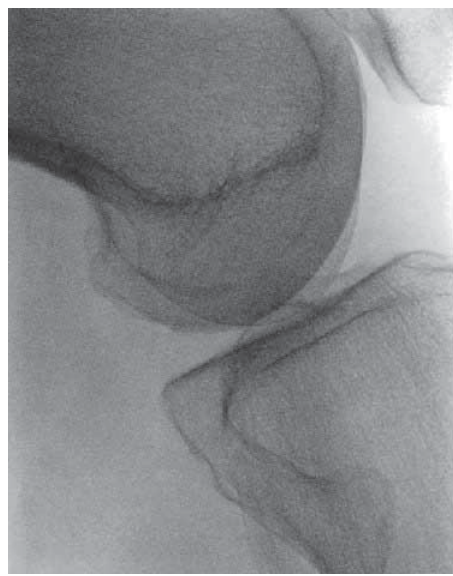
After years of trusted service in moving you everywhere you need to go, your knee starts to feel a subtle ache with certain activities like using stairs, kneeling down, or getting out of the car. With time, it becomes a constant ache. If left untreated, it can keep you awake at night, and hurt with every step.

## Why are many doctors with knee pain fleeing away from knee surgery to this treatment for themselves?

Research has proven that up to one-third of those who have knees replaced continue to experience chronic pain, while 2 in 5 are dissatisfied with the results.

The number of total knee replacement surgeries done in the US each year has more than doubled between 1991 and 2010. A recent study analyzed data of more than 4800 patients with Osteoarthritis showed "One-third of Total Knee replacement performed may be inappropriate."

**The good news is**, scientists have discovered an all natural, lubricating fluid that is identical to the fluid we have in our knees. It has been proven in numerous clinical studies to act as a natural lubricant in your joints.



It's FDA approved and is a perfect cushion and shock absorber for your joints. In fact, it's even been compared to letting your sore joints rest on the softest down pillow. It's almost as if your knee sighs with relief and relaxation.

Once it's **correctly** placed inside your knee, it can make them feel just like new again, **eliminate any rubbing and friction**, and make your joints glide smoothly.

## Sounds good but in general, I have been able to tough it out so far.

Here is why this is a mistake that you could regret for the many years to come, because while we have seen much better response with proactive people, this ache in your knees could be a sign of serious damage, and people who choose to simply "tough it out," will definitely see their knees deteriorate further over time. The one thing we know is: The damage will NEVER undo itself without some help.

You see, once the fluid in your knees is gone, you're out of luck. You're facing a lifelong fight against knee pain. And while some pills and topical gels might disguise the pain - the damage is still happening.

That's the real issue here. Just because the pain can be reduced with a few anti-inflammatory pills and an ice pack, **doesn't mean it's ok**. You need to do something about it now before your knee is completely destroyed.

With less activity, comes weight gain, depression, more aches and pains, until finally you realize you can no longer do all of those fun & exciting activities you enjoy.

Sure, you can put up with this ache in your knee, but the cost of doing nothing about it is HUGE. You are not doing yourself a favor by "toughing it out."

"Every day was hard. I couldn't enjoy my favorite activities anymore. But thankfully, now I'm back in full form. I am doing yard work for the first time in years!" — Phil M.

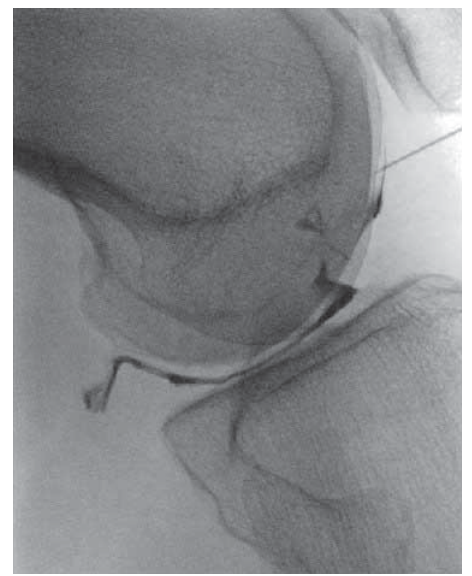
Seriously, you can get the knee pain relief you are looking for without wasting your precious time recovering or even spending a dime (more on that shortly).

## One thing you should know:

As long as you haven't had knee surgery, you will feel relief from this treatment. Patients should be aware that surgery is a "done deal." That's why you cannot have this treatment after surgery if you still hurt.

This special treatment is often called "Joint Oil" because it's like squirting oil on a rusty door hinge. It eliminates a lot of the rubbing, grinding, and pain.

The doctors at Joint Relief Institute use live digital imaging in addition to a unique double-confirmation technique that **GUARANTEES that 100% of the medicine is delivered with extreme precision into the troubled areas inside your joint every single time.**



## Is it true this natural treatment option could cost NOTHING?

Yes, more good news, besides the pain relief, is that because this nonsurgical program has already proven to help thousands of seniors, Medicare and other insurance plans will cover this wonderful treatment.

So there is very likely NO COST to you for this life-changing treatment.

## Here is what you need to do to claim your free screening:

If you or a loved one is suffering with knee pain, this could be the blessed relief you're looking for.

You are personally invited to a **FREE** knee pain screening from the Joint Relief Institute doctors to see if you are a good candidate for this all natural, highly-precise treatment.

Your screening will only take about 20-30 minutes of your time, as one of their doctors sits down with you and answers all the questions you have about your knees.

On the day of your treatment, you'll be able to come in on your own, and be done within 30 minutes or less. No pain. No problem driving yourself home.

Due to high demand, they can only offer a limited number of FREE screens every month.

So if you're interested,

**Call Now For Your FREE Screening (708) 963-0064.**

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## Why is the success rate for this treatment very high at Joint Relief Institute while many people getting the same treatment with no relief whatsoever?

Scientists recently discovered why many non-surgical treatments fail. They found out that 30% of the time, treatments miss the joint space!

Both the patients and their doctors think that the knee didn't respond. Turns out, in most cases, the medicine never got in the right space.

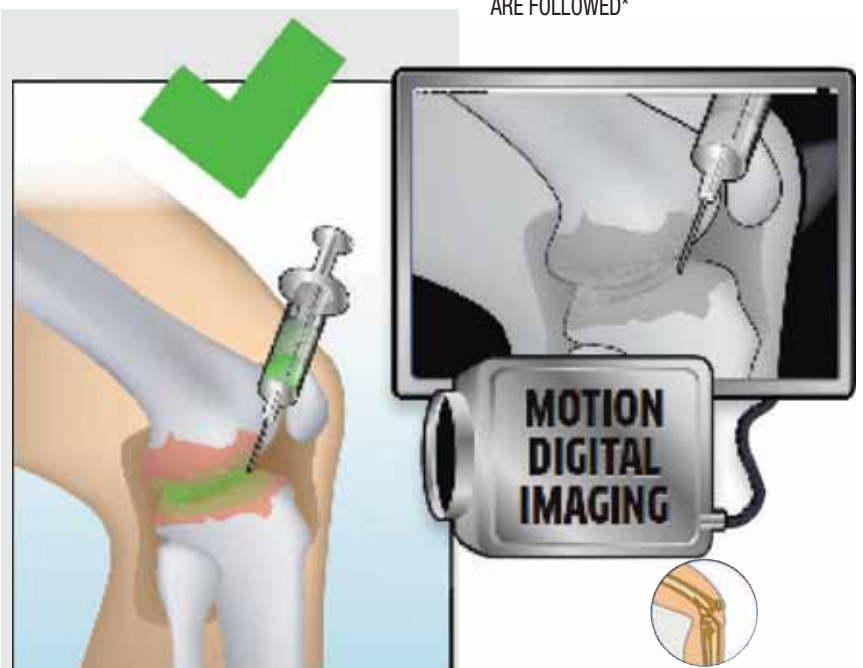
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**PLUS - the injection is virtually painless because the doctors at Joint Relief Institute use a two step numbing and imaging process to eliminate pain.**

Most of the injections done everywhere else are done blind with no digital confirmation, and very few are done with a single digital confirmation technique.

One patient even said this:

"When I received a similar treatment to this, and it didn't help me, the doctor scheduled me for surgery. Luckily, I decided to travel more than 400 miles to the Joint Relief Institute. I am pain-free now, and I never had to go under the knife."



JRI Doctors see live into the knee joint. Even you will be able to tell the medicine is flowing where it needs to be. No guess work, no poking around, the medicine cushions, lubricates and helps heal the damaged knee.

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Your Monday guide to managing money, work and the business of life



**JILL SCHLESINGER**  
Jill on Money

## Clearing up confusion about SECURE Act

After I wrote about the Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement (SECURE) Act, I received a slew of questions from readers. Below are some of the most common queries that I fielded about this complex act and what it means for your retirement planning.

**Frank from Chicago** wanted to clarification about how the new rules impact non-spouses who inherit IRAs. He provided this example: "Suppose my 68-year-old wife dies in 2020 and leaves an IRA account with \$100,000 to her 40-year-old son by a previous marriage. How would this money be distributed and, more importantly, be taxed?"

Under the old — and new — rules, when anyone inherits a traditional IRA or any other retirement that has not yet been taxed, there will be a tax liability when the money is withdrawn from the account. The tax rate is determined by the beneficiary's tax rate at the time of the withdrawal. So, in Frank's example, when the son withdraws money from his mother's IRA, it would add to his taxable income for that calendar year and then he would pay taxes at his tax rate.

The new rules add a twist to the scenario. Under the old rules, the son had the option of withdrawing the money over the course of his lifetime, thus stretching out the distributions and limiting the tax impact every year. Under the new rules, the son would be required to take his withdrawals out over the 10-year period after his mother's death.

**Another Frank** (this one from Virginia) asked about a 401(k) that he inherited from his brother, who passed away in 2019. His brother (64) had not yet begun making withdrawals from the account, but "the plan was to employ a 'stretch' strategy using IRS rules for lifetime withdrawals. Since my brother died in 2019, am I mandated to comply with the SECURE Act's new 10-year rule, or since he died in 2019, am I still permitted to use the 'stretch' option?"

The new rule reads that the effective date applies "to distributions with respect to employees who die after December 31, 2019," so in Frank's case, he can indeed stretch the distributions over the course of his life.

**Joanne from New York** asked about the specific exceptions to the new stretch IRA distribution rules. If you fall into one of these categories, the SECURE Act rules will not affect you:

- The surviving spouse of the employee
- A child of the employee who has not reached the age of majority
- A disabled person
- A chronically ill person
- A person who is not more than 10 years younger than the employee who died

Another aspect of the SECURE Act that caused uncertainty concerned the ability to withdraw up to \$10,000 tax free from 529 education savings accounts in order to pay off student loans.

**Margaret from Baltimore** wrote: "My grandson is a senior in college and his parents took out a student loan for just over \$10,000 for his semester that is starting right now. ... Can I use 529 money to pay off his loan, which is now being paid for by the parents?"

The answer is yes, you should be able to do this, but before you start the process, you should contact the 529-plan provider, which in your case is T. Rowe Price, to make sure that you have proper documentation.

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## SURGING AHEAD

### Best areas for startup firms to enjoy growth spurts

BY GUADALUPE GONZALEZ | Inc.

Once a recurring punch line in Johnny Carson's monologues, the agriculture and oil town of Bakersfield, California, may not be the most obvious example of a West Coast startup hub.

But the Central Valley city, population 400,000, has vaulted onto this year's Inc. Surge Cities list by outperforming several other major metropolitan areas in net job and business creation in the past year.

For the 2020 index, Inc. and innovation policy company Startup Genome analyzed data on seven essential indicators, such as early-stage funding and job creation, to determine the 50 best areas for startup growth. Austin came out on top, and Salt Lake City was second.

Bakersfield, which landed at No. 27, may surprise people, but not those who live there.

"Incredible things are happening here," says Irma Olguin Jr., co-founder and CEO of Bitwise Industries, a Fresno-based tech academy and software startup that's helped create about 1,000 jobs in the Bakersfield area. It's opening a Bakersfield location this year. "We're seeing validation from VCs and investment banks, and there is a momentum around local revitalization."

According to Anna Smith, co-founder of local real estate firm Sage Equities, this Bakersfield boom has been helped by entrepreneurial millennials who have returned home from more expensive cities. They're finding a growing tech community, bolstered by events like the 59-day hackathon led by non-profit 59DaysOfCode.

Latinx founders, whose ranks swelled by 36% from 2007 to 2012 in Bakersfield, have also been essential to the city's evolution.

Today, approximately three of every 10 companies in town are Latinx owned, and membership for Bakersfield's Hispanic Chamber of Commerce has ballooned from 200

businesses to 1,200 in less than a decade.

Rosibel Hurst's Bellissima Medical Aesthetics is one of 8,500 local Latinx-owned businesses. In 2014, the founder, who was born in Honduras, launched her beauty clinic, which offers procedures such as Botox injections and skin-tightening treatments, from a single room inside of a supportive doctor's office. Today, Bellissima is profitable, with roughly \$2 million in annual sales and 13 employees.

"I was able to grow this company because of the help I got from people here," she says. "Bakersfield is a giving city."

As the field of startups grows in Bakersfield, so do the resources to sustain it. In 2018, Bakersfield businessman John-Paul Lake co-founded the city's first angel investing firm, Kern Venture Group, and worked with the city's community college to create Launchpad, which helps local entrepreneurs grow their businesses.

Originally created in Fresno to assist refugee farmers, loan fund Access Plus Capital has doled out 22 microloans worth more than \$1.6 million to Bakersfield entrepreneurs since it began servicing the city in 2012.

"People are realizing that the Central Valley is changing," says Edward Palomar, manager of the fund's Bakersfield office, which opened in 2017. "They see the opportunity for growth here."

## Alternatives to pricey cities

The Inc. Surge Cities list has big-ticket towns, but also several places where you can find office space and talent without breaking the bank.

### Thinking Boston? Check out Madison, Wisconsin

Looking for a charming college town with world-class research institutions and early-stage funding? Shift your gaze from Boston to Madison, Wisconsin, where new VC firms take chances on companies like Alex Kubicek's weather startup, Understory. Kubicek launched in Madison, couldn't find funding and relocated to Boston in 2013. He's since moved back to Madison and secured \$22 million, including two \$7.5 million rounds led by local VC 4490 Ventures.

### Like Austin? Try Durham, North Carolina

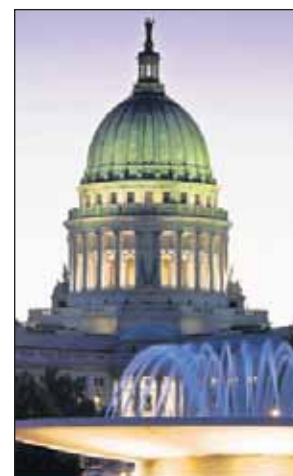
You want a smart, well-resourced city, and some good barbecue wouldn't hurt. North Carolina focuses on pork instead of Austin's beloved brisket, but if that's not your thing, maybe paying 40% less for office rent in Durham is. And while Austin has the University of Texas, Durham has three world-class universities within a 25-mile radius and nearly twice as many entrepreneurs per capita.

### Scouting Los Angeles? Consider Phoenix

If you dig endless sun and sprawling megapolises, why not move somewhere with low taxes and a cost of living that's 30% lower than L.A.'s? Arizona State University has earned Most Innovative School in the Nation from U.S. News & World Report for five years running, and the state has rolled back regulations to make it easier for startups to test their products in the Silicon Desert.

### Love San Francisco? Don't forget Denver

In your hunt for a progressive, high-tech hub, consider a place where the median price of a single-family home isn't \$1.4 million. In Denver, you can find a house for less than \$500,000 and a software engineer for \$90,000; about \$35,000 less than in the Bay Area. The city is so appealing that San Fran darlings like Slack and Facebook recently opened Denver outposts.

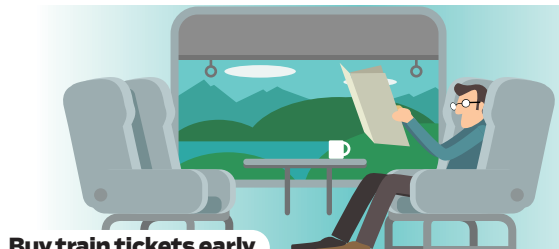


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## Not in a hurry? Consider train travel

Trains allow you to travel at a more leisurely pace, give you some extra room, have far fewer carbon emissions than planes and also can save you money. Here are some money-saving tips for train travel:

SOURCE: Kiplinger



### Buy train tickets early

Amtrak prices don't fluctuate wildly the way airfares do, so it usually makes sense to book as far in advance as you can. Amtrak has a light presence outside of the Northeast Corridor. In many areas of the United States, only one train a day rolls through, so it makes sense to nab that ticket right away.

### Look for senior discounts

Amtrak travelers 65 and over are eligible to receive a 10% discount on most rail fares on most Amtrak trains. On cross-border services operated jointly by Amtrak and VIA Rail Canada, a 10% senior discount is applicable to travelers ages 60 and over.

### Take a pass on buying a rail pass (most of the time)

People used to buy rail passes in Europe and roll on to their next country at will, but in many countries, passes no longer make sense because you can't necessarily just show up and ride.

Intercity high-speed trains often require a reservation, which costs extra, and these trains are often sold out at peak times. Compare the cost of a pass that covers your regions and number of days you want to take the train, as well as the cost of paid reservations where necessary, to point-to-point tickets.

There's also a three-day Swiss Travel Pass that starts at \$240 and offers unlimited travel on regular trains, buses and boats. You also get free admission to hundreds of museums and three mountain excursions.



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# How to take advantage of restricted spouse-only benefit

It's extra money while waiting to claim own Social Security



BY ELIOT RAPHAELSON  
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I want to remind those who were born before Jan. 2, 1954, and who have not yet filed for their own Social Security benefit, that they still have the option to file a restricted application for a spouse-only benefit.

It's an excellent opportunity to consider if one spouse is now receiving a Social Security benefit based on his or her work record. The point of a restricted application is to take advantage of the extra money of a spousal benefit while deferring filing for Social Security benefits on your own work record.

According to emails from readers, many who have reached their full retirement age have decided to wait until age 70 to apply for benefits.

There's an excellent reason for doing so. Those born between 1943 and 1954 reached their FRA at age 66. By waiting until age 70, their Social Security benefits increase 8% per year from their FRA until age 70. After age 70, benefits no longer increase.

There is a further advantage to waiting

until age 70 to file for benefits: After death, your surviving spouse would be entitled to a survivor benefit equal to 100% of your age 70 benefit. Your widow or widower could choose your age 70 benefit or his/her work benefit, whichever is higher.

If you were born before Jan. 2, 1954, you are eligible for a "spouse-only" restricted application under the following conditions:

■ You must have reached your FRA when you file.

■ You are eligible for a spousal benefit from your current or former spouse.

■ Your spouse, or former spouse, is receiving Social Security benefits based on his or her work record. (Exceptions: If you have been divorced for over two years, your ex-spouse does not need to apply. If your spouse requested suspended benefits prior to April 30, 2016, then you are eligible for the spouse-only option even if your spouse is not receiving Social Security benefits.)

■ You have not received a reduced retirement benefit or spousal benefit before.

■ Your own benefit at age 70 will be higher than your spousal payment.

■ You, your spouse or both may be working or retired after reaching your FRA.

There is no reason you shouldn't use this option if you meet all these conditions and you intend to wait until age 70 to file for your Social Security benefits. If you don't file, you are essentially giving up benefits you are entitled to under current

regulations.

If you do file for this option, you do not have to wait until 70 to file for your benefits. Once you elect this option and then file for benefits based on your work record either at 70 or before, you will no longer continue to receive the spousal payment.

Once you do file for your benefits, whether it is at 70 or before, your spouse is entitled to file for spousal benefits, based on your work record. She/he would be entitled to up to 50% of your FRA benefits. Naturally, this would make sense only if 50% of your FRA benefit exceeds the benefit he/she is receiving based on his/her work record.

Your spouse is only eligible for whichever amount is higher, his/her benefit based on her work record, or 50% of your FRA benefit.

Unfortunately, some Social Security Administration representatives are still not aware of this option. If you find yourself dealing with one, insist on speaking with a supervisor.

If you decide to use the spouse-only option, I recommend that you go to a local Social Security office and apply in person. Make it clear that you are applying for a spouse-only restricted application. Otherwise the Social Security representative might assume you are applying for benefits based on your work record.

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## Earnings test and benefits

What happens if you return to work after claiming Social Security?

BY LISA GERSTNER  
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**Q: What happens if I sign up for Social Security before full retirement age and then go back to work?**

A: If you work and collect Social Security before you reach full retirement age, the "earnings test" may decrease your benefit payout, depending on how much you earn.

If you won't reach full retirement age in 2020, you can earn up to \$18,240 without affecting benefits (the earnings limit adjusts each year based on the national average wage index). For amounts above that threshold, Social Security withholds \$1 in benefits for every \$2 you earn.

The year you turn your full retirement age, Social Security cuts you a break: The amount exempt from the earnings test is higher — in 2020, it's \$48,600 — and the test applies only to the months prior to the month of your birthday. Plus, benefits are trimmed by \$1 for each \$3 earned.

Rubbing a little salt into the wound, Social Security doesn't remove benefits from your checks proportionally. Say that in 2020, your monthly benefit is \$1,000, you won't reach full retirement age and you estimate that you'll earn \$23,240 for the year. In that case, \$5,000 of income is subject to the earnings test, and Social Security needs to withhold a total of \$2,500 for the year.

Because Social Security typically doesn't make partial monthly payments, you'll get no benefit check for three months, missing out on a total of \$3,000.

If your 2020 tax return shows that you correctly estimated your earnings, you'll get the \$500 back in 2021. If your 2020 tax return shows that you previously overestimated your earnings, you'll get back the difference. If you earned more than expected, you'll have to repay the amount due to Social Security.

Once you reach full retirement age, the earnings test vanishes. Note that income from investment earnings, retirement-account withdrawals and pensions does not fall under the earnings test, which applies only to earnings from a job or self-employment.

The earnings test may cause some pain while you're working, but benefits with-



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held aren't lost forever. Starting at your full retirement age, Social Security boosts your monthly check to make up for the missed benefits.

For example, if you started taking benefits at 62, your full retirement age is 66 and you lost 12 months' worth of benefits to the earnings test, Social Security will adjust your monthly payout as though you had started benefits three years early instead of four.

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TERRY SAVAGE  
*The Savage Truth*

## Be aware of the downside to bonds

The stock market has been getting all the attention in recent months, but the bond market has been getting a larger share of the investment dollars. The attraction is the higher yields and presumed safety of bonds.

But those lures may prove to be a costly illusion when the next financial crisis arrives.

The flow of funds into bonds has been dramatic. According to the latest Morningstar statistics, in 2019 taxable-bond mutual funds and exchange traded funds took in a record \$414 billion in new investment dollars while investors sold \$72 billion in stock market mutual funds and ETFs.

In fact, in the past 10 years investors have poured \$2.68 trillion into investments, with 74 percent of that going into bonds. While the stock market has made headlines, corporate and municipal borrowers (not to mention the U.S. government) have been easily able to capture the liquidity to borrow money at relatively low yields.

Meanwhile, the quality of the bonds being offered has diminished. That is, investors seeking yield are willing to buy bonds of lower-rated corporations, which must pay a slightly higher return.

Bonds sold in the public marketplace are subject to a rating system. Top-quality bonds are rated AAA and the ratings scale for investment grade bonds goes down to BBB.

Today, 50% of "investment grade" bonds are rated BBB — versus 35% in 2006. In fact, over the past 10 years, the BBB bond market has exploded from \$686 billion to \$2.5 trillion, an all-time high.

That means those "safe" bond funds are likely stuffed with lower quality investment-grade bonds as the fund managers search for a bit more yield to attract investors. But what happens when the economy slows or moves into recession?

According to Moody's, 10% of BBB-rated corporate bonds are downgraded to junk status in a recession. The holdings no longer meet the investment-grade criteria for the fund or pension and must be sold. And when that happens, bond prices will drop dramatically.

In this situation, investors can lose just as much money in bonds as they can in stocks, when selling drives prices and valuations down. And if you're using a bond fund to generate liquidity for retirement withdrawals, you could be forced to sell your bond fund shares at a loss.

The increase in bond investments can be seen as an intelligent reaction to rising stock prices. Investment advisers rebalance their clients' funds, taking some money out of stocks as prices rise and reinvesting in safer bonds and bond funds.

The real trick is looking inside those bond funds and choosing only those with a larger proportion of A-rated bonds or better. But even that doesn't guarantee against falling prices of bond funds.

Of course, the goal is to ride out any market decline. A recession is bad for most companies, and their stocks suffer. Bond prices fall too, more dramatically if there is any doubt that the company will not earn enough to pay the promised interest rates. Bonds do have a higher claim than stocks on a company's assets in case of a bankruptcy. But that's truly a worst-case scenario.

While everyone's watching the stock market for a signal, the bond market might prove the most painful investment vulnerability. And that's the Savage Truth.

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## Stay the course

Investors' timing improves a bit, report shows

BY RYAN ERMEY  
*Kiplinger*

There may be no more common mantra in the investing world than to "buy low, sell high." But study after study shows that investors tend to do the opposite — piling into stocks when the market is up and selling when it plummets.



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But a new report from investment research firm Morningstar indicates that investors may be improving. The study tracked average annualized returns for mutual funds and exchange-traded funds for 10-year periods that ended in 2014 through 2018. It then compared the results

with investor returns, which take into account when investors put money in and pulled money out.

U.S. investor returns trailed fund returns by an annualized 0.45 percentage point, on average — a marked improvement over the 0.57 percentage point gap the researchers found two years earlier.

Investors in allocation funds, which hold a mix of stocks and bonds, earned more than the funds themselves, indicating that the majority of investors put more money in the funds when prices were low than when prices were high.

Target-date funds, which fall into this group, are likely the main reason for the category's better performance. These funds, which invest in a mix of stocks and bonds that grows more conservative as investors near retirement, are predominantly held in workplace retirement plans, in which investors tend to hold for the long term and invest at regular intervals.

Investors showed the worst timing

when they invested in alternative funds — investments designed to provide returns that aren't correlated with stock or bond markets. Those funds didn't benefit from a general upward trend, surrendering an average 0.61% annualized return over the 10-year rolling periods. But investors fared much worse, losing 2.05%.

Investors continue to pile into low-cost, passively managed funds, which should help them over the long term, says Sam Stovall, chief strategist at investment research firm CFRA. But the fact that investors saw worse results investing in volatile funds indicates that the shrinking gap could expand when markets overall get choppy.

"There's an old saying: Don't confuse brains for a bull market," Stovall says.

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## SUCCESS

# Skin care that doesn't care whether you're female or male

Startup finds success with natural, non-gender-specific products

BY SOPHIE DOWNES | Inc.

When Emily Doyle and Oliver Sweatman moved from New York to Vermont in 2009, their plan was to start a new business and live a healthier lifestyle.

Doyle had worked in sales for hair-care and cosmetics brands, while Sweatman had sold a men's grooming company that he co-founded.

After realizing they were sharing many of the same products in their bathroom, the couple decided to create a skin-care line they could both use, made with natural ingredients.

"We thought, 'Why are all these products always marketed in such a gendered way?'" Doyle says. "It was really refreshing — and, for us, important — to let go of the beauty and grooming world and just talk about great, healthy products that work."

Founded in 2009 in Waterbury, Vermont, their company, Ursa Major, released a shaving cream the following year and has since added deodorant, moisturizers, facial serum, body wash and more than 10 other products — all packaged simply in soothing shades of blue and green, with scents like cedar and spearmint, jojoba and sandalwood and geranium and sage.

Ursa Major was among the first wave of personal-care brands making gender-neutral products, a growing segment in the cosmetics industry. Now, both startups

and more established companies are aiming to capitalize on the trend. Non Gender Specific, founded in 2018, bills itself as "the brand for all humans."

Last year, Bic released a line of gender-neutral razors on Amazon, Lululemon rolled out a collection of gender-neutral self-care products aimed at athletes, and

Unilever-owned Schmidt's Naturals announced a gender-neutral deodorant developed with Justin Bieber.

Following a rocky start, Ursa Major's path has been largely drama-free. Doyle and Sweatman first tried to make a moisturizer with SPF, but developing a product that both worked as a sunscreen and had the right consistency proved onerous. They changed suppliers and instead launched a shaving cream in late 2010. (The company now sells a face lotion with sunscreen.)

Since then, the business has been growing steadily, adding one or two new products each year and averaging around 50% growth in annual revenue since 2015; it expects \$10 million in 2020 revenue, according to Sweatman, the company's CEO (Doyle is president).

In October, Ursa Major raised \$4.8 million from the private-equity fund Fenwick Brands. With the new funding, the company brought its employee count to 18.

Self-described "skin-care nerds," Doyle and Sweatman are aiming their products at out-



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doorsy people who are willing to spend more for premium formulas, but would rather not think too much about their grooming routines. Sweatman describes Ursa Major's target customer as "proudly low-maintenance," with an active lifestyle.

Prices range from \$6.50 for a pack of five face wipes to \$54 for a vitamin C serum — more expensive than drugstore brands but less than those of high-end companies. The company's products are sold by outfitters like REI and Free People, in natural-foods stores and at smaller, upscale beauty retailers such as Credo and the Detox Market, whose customer base skews female.

Department stores are not an option because they tend to segregate products by gender, Sweatman says. Only about a third of the company's revenue comes from retail stores (both brick-and-mortar and online); the rest is split roughly evenly between Amazon and direct sales from Ursa Major's website.

Ursa Major is well-positioned to benefit from two concurrent trends: Consumers are rejecting gender stereotypes about who should use which products, and they're also seeking assurance

that their personal-care products are made ethically, with healthy and eco-friendly ingredients and without animal testing.

CB Insights' Industry Analyst Consensus estimates the size of the global natural and organic beauty market at \$22 billion.

While "clean," "natural" and "non-toxic" are marketing terms that don't have official definitions, they typically refer to products made without synthetic ingredients that are known or suspected to be harmful.

Ursa Major says it avoids ingredients that have potentially hazardous byproducts. The company also says its products exceed the standards set by Credo and Follain, two "clean beauty" retailers known for subjecting brands to rigorous ingredient evaluations.

Startups like Ursa Major could have an advantage over larger companies that try to tweak their products to respond to these trends, says Larissa Jensen, vice president and beauty industry adviser at market research firm NPD Group.

"It's very hard to move a big ship," she says. "Whether it's gender-neutral, sustainable, vegan, cruelty-free, natural, clean ... many of these newer independent

brands are coming into the market born that way."

One of the challenges facing Ursa Major is the addition of new competitors in its increasingly crowded market. The Ordinary, launched in 2016, offers an array of clinical-sounding skin treatments with a hipster apothecary vibe, while Non Gender Specific sells a gender-neutral fragrance in a "plantable" box containing wildflower seeds.

"Your barriers to entry have fallen away," Jensen says. "You can pretty much go into business by creating something in your kitchen and going out on Etsy and starting your own brand."

As gender-neutral branding and natural ingredients become the norm, startups will have to find new ways to stand out. For Ursa Major's founders, that means making their packaging more sustainable — the company recently started making all its eight-ounce bottles with 100% post-consumer recycled material — and doubling down on marketing their brand to their target customers.

"Clean, effective products are going to become table stakes," Sweatman says. "So it's sort of, 'What's next?'"

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# OBITUARIES

**RAYMOND MOEHLIN 1935-2020**

## Math teacher of all levels finished at Harper College

BY GRAYDON MEGAN

Raymond Moehrlein taught mathematics in levels from grade school to college, finishing his career at Harper College in Palatine, where he taught from the late 1960s until the mid-1990s.

"He was one of the backbones of the math department," said George Dorner, who was associate dean of technology, mathematics and physical sciences during some of the time Moehrlein taught at Harper. "He was active professionally in math in the state and very active in the department," Dorner said.

Moehrlein also spent some time as an assistant coach in the school's distance running program under Renee Zellner, head coach of both the men's and women's track and field teams.

Zellner said Moehrlein's math skills came in handy in his coaching, as he could quickly calculate times and distances to help his athletes set and meet goals.

"He was so easy to work with, and he had such a passion for coaching and for his athletes," Zellner said.

Moehrlein, 84, died of natural causes Feb. 6 at Amita Health St. Joseph Hospital in Elgin, according to his son Michael. He lived in Elgin for many years. Moehrlein was born and



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grew up in Chicago. He went to high school at what was then Luther Institute, later Luther North, in Chicago. He went on to Concordia University in River Forest, where he earned bachelor's and master's degrees in math, his son said. He later taught at the school for six years. His doctoral degree in math was from Illinois State University in Normal, his son said.

He joined the Harper faculty around 1969.

Moehrlein was active in the American Mathematical Association of Two-Year Colleges, including helping to organize its first conference in Chicago in 1975. The group's mission includes building communities of learners for all involved in mathematics education in the first two years of college. In 1989, Moehrlein was

one of five founders of the Planetary Studies Foundation, which aims to foster scientific literacy and to encourage interest in the sciences. The group now deals with meteorite research and recovery, polar exploration, and science education. Foundation volunteers have staffed the large telescopes of the Karl G. Henize Observatory at Harper College for its 10 years of operation, bringing a close-up view of the heavens to more than 20,000 visitors, according to the group's website.

"He always liked space," his son said. "I think anything to do with science and math was a real passion."

Moehrlein retired from Harper and from teaching in 1996, although he continued some coaching work for a couple of years beyond that.

He remained active though, taking up kayaking at the age of 70 and joining his sons in team distance events, variations on traditional triathlons where he would take the paddling (kayak) leg with others running and biking.

Moehrlein's wife, Cindy, died in 2011.

In addition to his son Michael, he is survived by another son, Greg; four grandchildren; and his companion, Louise "Lou" Dalfino. Services were held.

## Chicago Daily Tribune

ON FEBRUARY 17 ...

**In 1817** a street in Baltimore became the first to be lighted with gas from America's first gas company.

**In 1865** Columbia, S.C., burned as the Confederates evacuated and Union forces moved in. (It's not known which side set the blaze.)

**In 1897** the forerunner of the National PTA, the National Congress of Mothers, was founded in Washington.

**In 1944**, in World War II, U.S. forces attacked Japanese-held Eniwetok Atoll in the Marshall Islands.

**In 1947** the Voice of America began broadcasting to the Soviet Union.

**In 1964** the Supreme Court ruled congressional districts within each state had to be roughly equal in population.

**In 1965** the U.S. spacecraft Ranger Eight was launched from Cape Kennedy, Fla., and made a crash-landing on the moon three days later after sending back more than 7,000 pictures.

**In 1976** President Gerald Ford told a Washington news conference that former California Gov. Ronald Reagan was too conservative to be elected president. (Four years later, Ford would support Reagan's successful presidential campaign.)

**In 1983** Sen. Gary Hart, D-Colo., announced he would seek the 1984 Democratic presidential nomination.

**In 1985** the cost of mailing a first-class letter in the U.S.



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**In 1972** President Richard Nixon departed on his historic trip to China, where he met with Chinese communist party leader Mao Tse-Tung, left.

rose from 20 cents to 22 cents.

**In 1986** Johnson & Johnson, the maker of Tylenol, announced it no longer would sell over-the-counter medications in capsule form. The announcement came after a case of tampering that resulted in the cyanide-poisoning death of a woman in Yonkers, N.Y.

**In 1988** Lt. Col. William Higgins, a U.S. officer serving with a U.N. truce monitoring group, was kidnapped in southern Lebanon. (He was later slain by his captors.)

**In 1989** Iran's President Ali Khamenei said Salman Rushdie, author of "The Satanic Verses," could save himself from a death sentence pronounced by Ayatollah Khomeini if he were to apologize for his book, which the ayatollah denounced as blasphemous.

**In 1992** serial killer Jeffrey Dahmer was sentenced in Milwaukee to life in prison. (He was beaten to death in prison in November 1994.)

**In 1993** a ferry carrying up to 1,500 people sank off Haiti; only 285 people were known to have survived.

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Feb. 18 Mega Millions: \$45M	
Feb. 19 Powerball: \$50M	

WISCONSIN	
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SuperCash	05 17 22 23 28 29

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#### Agnoli, Elsa M.

Elsa Agnoli was born in Humacao, Puerto Rico, to Alfonso and Angela Zerbi. She was the youngest of three siblings, being survived by her brother Alfonso and her sister Vilma. She graduated from the University of Puerto Rico with a Bachelor in Science in Biology Magna Cum Laude in 1954 and completed her certification as a medical technologist in 1956. She met her future husband, Francis S. Agnoli, while working as a supervisor in the U.S. Army's Tropical Research Medical Laboratory in San Juan, PR. They were married in Rio Piedras, PR on August 12, 1961. She is survived by her three children - Francis (Marianne), Robert (Michelle) and Angela (Joseph); as well as her seven grandchildren - Francis, Erin (Patrick), Mary (Danny), Josh, Joey, Hannah and Margaret; and numerous nieces and nephews. Visitation Tuesday from 4:00 - 9:00 pm at **Blake-Lamb Funeral Home**, 5015 Lincoln Ave. in Lisle. Lying in State Wednesday from 10:00 am until the time of the Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 am, at Villa St. Benedict, 1920 Maple Ave. in Lisle. Interment private. (630) 964-9392. [Blake-LambFH.com](http://Blake-LambFH.com)  
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#### Bachanowski, Casimir 'Casey'

Casimir "Casey" Bachanowski, 85, of Hoffman Estates. Beloved husband of Harriet "Lois" nee Taylor; loving father of Deborah (Gene) Migut and John Bachanowski; cherished grandfather of Lucas Migut; brother of Jeanne Schoenrock; uncle of several nieces and nephews. Visitation at **Ahlgrim Funeral Home**, 567 S. Spring Rd., Elmhurst from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday, February 17, 2020. Services 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at the funeral home. Interment Mt. Emblem Cemetery. Funeral info 630-834-3515 or [www.ahlgrim.com](http://www.ahlgrim.com).



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#### Barach, Ada

Ada Barach nee Goldberg, Age 95. Beloved wife of the late Joe Barach. Adored mother of Penny Brown (Jeffrey Rappin) and Karen Shankman (Jim Fruehling). Proud grandmother of Beth Pfaff (Paul), Scott Brown (Jamie), Zachary Shankman, Jennifer Levy (Ed), Steve Rappin (Susan), Eric Rappin (Mary), Keith Fruehling (Amy), Chris Fruehling (Kim). Special Bubby, Bua and Adabada to Bennett, Emma, Maddie, Olivia, Posy, Hadley, Joseph, Taylor, Sydney, Sam, Abby, Kate, and Rob. Baby sister of Lawrence and Beverly. Best friend of Rochelle Magid and Susan (Jerry) Murphy. Warm, generous, caring, and feisty, she made friends everywhere she went. Service Tuesday, 2PM at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 8851 Skokie Blvd (at Niles Center Road), Skokie. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery in Skokie. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to The Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center, 9603 Woods Dr, Skokie, IL 60077. [www.ilholocaustmuseum.org](http://www.ilholocaustmuseum.org), or The New Israel Fund, 6 East 39th St, Suite 301, New York, NY 10016. [www.nif.org/donate](http://www.nif.org/donate). Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, [www.cjinfo.com](http://www.cjinfo.com)



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#### Bernauer, John A.

John A. Bernauer, 105, of Glenview, IL, born August 9, 1914. Beloved husband of the late Dorothy, nee Grady; loving father of John, Jr. and the late Nancy (Tom) Barfield; proud grandfather of David (Violette) Bernauer, Carol (Rick) Ellenburg, Tom (Lynda) Barfield and Debra (James) Dreyer; great grandfather to David, Jr. Bernauer, Emily Barfield, Ryan Barfield, and Kaelyn Barfield. A long-time Cubs fan, John was honored by the Cubs on his 100th birthday to throw out the "first pitch" on Wrigley Field, which was also celebrating its 100th birthday in 2014. He lived long enough to see his great dream - the Cubs win a World Series in 2016. A graduate of the Northwestern University Business School, he received his CPA certificate in 1938 and joined the accounting firm Ernst & Ernst, now known as Ernst & Young. He rose through the ranks and was made a partner in 1959. He specialized in the income tax area and was made partner in charge of the tax department for the Chicago office as well as the Northwest District. He summarized his experience with Ernst & Young saying, "I've always felt the firm was my life." His Catholic faith was most important to him. John was a very active member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Glenview for almost seventy years. He was an usher for sixty years, a Eucharistic Minister, a Lecturer, and an Adult Alter Server. The activity he enjoyed most was being a Minister of Care, bringing Communion prayers to those confined to their homes or in hospitals. Visitations, Wednesday February 19, 2020 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at **Donnellan Family Funeral Home**, 10045 Skokie Boulevard at Old Orchard Road, Skokie, IL, 60077. Funeral Mass Thursday, February 20, 2020 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 1775 Grove St., Glenview, IL, 60025. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the OLPH Needy Family Fund, 1775 Grove St., Glenview, IL 60025. Please make your donation payable to OLPH and note that is for the Needy Family Fund. Info: [www.donnellanfuneral.com](http://www.donnellanfuneral.com) or (847) 675-1990.



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#### Gaal, Marie T.

Gaal, Marie T., 92 years young a life-long resident of Chicago passed away peacefully on February 13, 2020. Loving wife to the late Louis; beloved mother of Karen (Ronald) Peterson, Louis CPD (LeeAnn) Gaal, Jr., Mary Lou (Ronald) Depke and Christean CPD (Kelly, CPD) Gaal. Visitation Tuesday, February 18, 2020 3pm to 9pm at **Blake-Lamb Funeral Home**, 4727 W. 103rd St., Oak Lawn, IL. Funeral Wednesday, February 19, 2020, prayers 9am from **Blake-Lamb Funeral** to St. Christina Catholic Church, 3342 W. 111th St., Chicago, IL, Mass 9:30am. Interment St. Mary Cemetery, Evergreen Park, IL. In lieu of flowers, donations to PAWS at [www.pawschicago.org](http://www.pawschicago.org) or call 773-475-4242. Info call 708-636-1193 or [www.blakelamboaklawn.com](http://www.blakelamboaklawn.com)  
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#### Gastineau, Sandra 'Sandy'

Sandra J. "Sandy" Gastineau died peacefully and gracefully at her home on February 16th, surrounded by friends and family. Born February 25, 1942 and raised in Chicago, IL, Sandy graduated from Maine East School in Park Ridge, IL before heading to the University of Illinois where she met her husband of 54 years, Bill. Together they raised two sons Geoff (Cary, IL), and Greg (Vail, CO). Sandy was the proud grandmother of Geoff's two sons, Max and Ben.

Sandy volunteered for many charitable organizations over the years, including the Mt. Prospect Junior Women's Club (where she met her soul sister), the PADS Emergency Shelter Program, and at Northwest Community Hospital where she knitted hundreds of hats, blankets and booties for newborns. Sandy was an avid gardener who loved to spend time tending to her many plants and flowers. She was also known to accompany local musicians on stage with her tambourine. The "Matriarch of Milburn" Sandy was truly in her element while hosting her many friends and neighbors on the "Fratio" at her home in Mt. Prospect. Her infectious smile and positive attitude will be remembered and cherished by all who knew her.

She is preceded in death by her husband Bill, and parents Deloris and Max Swiatowicz (Norridge, IL). Per her wishes, a Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, February 21st, 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Mt. Prospect Golf Club, 600 S. See-Gwun Avenue, Mt. Prospect, IL 60056.

Sandy asked that donations be made to Rainbow Hospice of Mt. Prospect, or your local tattoo parlor. Wink wink. Live your Dash!



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#### Mayer, Ruth Kimberly

Ruth Kimberly Mayer of Lombard joined the angels on February 14, 2020. Beloved wife of James Herrero. Loving mother of Andrew (Meredith) Herrero, Christine Carrington, Barbara (Ellen) Hawk, James Jr. (Deborah) Herrero, and Mitchell (Sharon) Herrero. Grandmother of 7. Sister of Kathryn Ingels, Mark Mayer, John Mayer, and the late Don and Andy Mayer.

Born July 21, 1959, Ruth lived in Chicago's Gage Park neighborhood until the family moved to Romeoville. Ruth found her way into the insurance industry and worked for a time at Prudential where she met Jim, the love of her life. They married in '86 and were in love for the rest of her life. Ruth was the matriarch of two families, hosting Christmas, Easter, and other gatherings to celebrate summer and fall. She loved taking the kids to kiddieland and State Farm trips, and so much more. She was the best Mom, Sister, Grandma, and Aunt anyone could ask for! She spent most of her career as a State Farm (CLU) agent, starting her own agency in '92 in Downers Grove, earning many awards and accolades. She was not just a great boss, but she was also a friend, so much so that she is godmother to some of her employees' children.

Ruth was endlessly generous, even as a young teen. Her family thought she was missing one day when she had walked to a local hospital and volunteered as a candy striper! That spirit continued all her life. Even with her very busy career and family, she made time to volunteer at Holy Trinity Church in Lombard. Ruth was loving, generous, fun, funny, accomplished, caring, kind, and spiritual. And she was The Boss. The way she made you feel and all she did for you, she did that for countless other people in every area of her life. She was a remarkable woman who was larger than life, and she will be missed forever. Services at Chapel Hill Gardens, 17W201 E Roosevelt Rd, Oakbrook Terrace, IL. Visitation: Tuesday Feb 18, 3-9 pm. Farewell Service: Wednesday Feb 19, 11 am  
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#### Murphy, Michael F.

Michael F. Murphy, 66, of Harvard, IL and formerly of Chicago. Beloved son of the late John B. Murphy M.D. and Dorothy Murphy. Dear brother of (the late) Jay Murphy, James (Patt), Patrick (Lynda) and Richard Murphy. Fond uncle of six. Mike was a graduate of Loyola Academy and Loyola University where he was a coach for the men's golf team for several years. Mike was an avid golfer, great cook, and all-around good guy. Donations in Mike's name may be made to Lambs Farm, 14245 Rockland Road, Libertyville, IL 60048. For more information, contact **Saunders & McFarlin Funeral Home**, at 815-943-5400.  
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#### Picur, Richard S.

Richard S. Picur; beloved husband of Joyce nee Placzek; loving father of Rachael Picur and Douglas (Christine) Lewis; cherished grandfather of Douglas, Jr.; fond brother of Ronald (Rebecca) Picur; also loving brother-in-law, uncle and friend of many. Visitation Wednesday, February 19, 2020 from 3:00 - 9:00 p.m. at **COLONIAL-WOJCIECHOWSKI FUNERAL HOME** 6250 N. Milwaukee Ave., Chicago. Funeral services Thursday, February 20, starting with prayers at 9:30 a.m. from the funeral home, proceeding to St. Tarcissus Church for 10:00 a.m. Mass. Interment will follow at St. Adalbert Cemetery, Niles. Info 773-774-0366 or [www.colonialfuneral.com](http://www.colonialfuneral.com)



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#### Rossini, Raymond A

Raymond A. Rossini, Age 90. Beloved husband of the late Mary nee Dahlberg. Loving father of Suzanne (Frank) Paprocki, Jennifer (late Steven) Gosun, Renee (Jay) Baglieri. Cherished grandfather of Frank (Nicole), Dianna, Suzanne (Carl) Erickson, David, Adam, Michael (Allison) and Katie. Devoted great grandfather of many. Dear brother of the late Olga (late Dante) Capocci and the late Ademo Rossini. Fond uncle of Darlyne (Frank) DiChristofano and Christina (Tony) Lucchese. Visitation Tuesday Feb. 18 from 9:00 a.m. until time of funeral service 11:30 a.m. at **Cumberland Chapels**, 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge. Entombment Christ the King Mausoleum, Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to Rainbow Hospice Ark, 1550 Bishop Ct., Mt. Prospect, IL 60056. Funeral Info: 708-456-8300 or [www.cumberlandchapels.com](http://www.cumberlandchapels.com).



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### Rubin, Jeannette

Jeannette Rubin nee Cohn. Loving wife of the late Leonard Rubin, Devoted mother of Esther Rubin, Arthur (Marcy) Rubin and Sarah (Jordan) Berlin, Proud grandmother of Joseph, Zachary, Mandy, Yonah, Talia, and Lazar, Dear sister of the late Meyer (the late Sarell) Cohn, Lester (Dorothy) Cohn and Ruth Hanig. Services Monday, 11:15AM, at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 8851 Skokie Blvd (at Niles Center Road). Interment Waldheim. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in her name to Easy K Foundation, 275 Indies way #706, Naples, Florida 34110 [www.easykranch.org](http://www.easykranch.org). Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, [www.cjfinfo.com](http://www.cjfinfo.com)



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### Salrin, Lynn M.

Lynn M. Salrin, 62 of Huntley formerly of Carpentersville, was born on April 8, 1957 and passed away on February 15, 2020. Lynn was the loving mother of Kelly (Salmon Chun) Salrin and Holly (Eric) Gavlick; cherished grandmother of Greyson and Ryder; dear sister of Rachel (Michael) Czipo; and aunt of Jacob and Josh Czipo. Lynn served as a Seaman E-3 in the U.S. Navy between 1981 and 1984. She will be remembered for her love of movies, Sci Fi, haunted houses and traveling. Visitation will be held on Friday, February 21, from 4:00pm until the time of her service at 7:00pm at **Davenport Family Funeral Home and Crematory**, 419 E. Terra Cotta Ave. (Rte. 176), Crystal Lake, IL. For information, please call the funeral home at 815-459-3411 or visit [www.davenportfamily.com](http://www.davenportfamily.com) where friends may leave an online condolence message for the family.



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### Shapiro, Nathan 'Nate'

Nathan Shapiro "Nate", Age 89, passed away on February 14, 2020. Beloved husband of Frances, nee Rudd for 30 years; loving father of Robert (Lesley) Strauss, Janis Hererra, Fran (Michael) Grafman, Howard (Annette) Shapiro, Ira (Ellen) Shapiro and Jeffrey Shapiro; cherished grandpa of Vicki Politzer, Joel (Amber) Grafman, Deborah Grafman, Mark (Jessica) Shapiro, Daniel Shapiro, Victoria Shapiro, Carrie (Elliott) Robbin, Joseph Shapiro, Jorie Shapiro, Marcus Shapiro and the late Bradley Politzer; dear great grandpa of 7. Chapel service, Monday 2:30 PM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home** 1700 W. Rand Road Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. Memorial Contributions may be made to the charity of your choice. For information or to leave condolences: 847-255-3520 or [www.shalom2.com](http://www.shalom2.com)



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### Troscinski, Edwin S.

Edwin S. Troscinski, age 91, Air Force Veteran, graduate of Gage Park High School Class of 1946, lettering in baseball, member of National Athletic Scholarship Society. Graduate of University of Illinois Class of 1951, with a BS in Chemical Engineering. Member of PHI ETA SIGMA Honor Society. 30-year employee of Naico Chemical Co., holding 11 different patents. Member of American Institute of Chemical Engineers and National Association of Corrosion Engineers. Beloved husband of the late Albina A., nee Laczynski; Loving father of Mark (Kendra), David (Marianne), Debra (John) Park, Christopher (Diane), Linda (Rick) Dinkel, Bruce (Monica Sklaney-Troscinski) and Brian (Elizabeth). Dear grandfather of Erin (Brent) Lightfoot, Jeffrey Dinkel, Jennifer (Jakob) Wagner, Phillip Troscinski, Sarah (Dave) Woods, Emily Park, Elyse Troscinski, Steven (Emily) Troscinski, Nathan Troscinski, J.W. Park, Christine (Jordan) Richert, Rachel Troscinski, Kyle Troscinski, Emma Troscinski, Dylan Sklaney and Zackery Troscinski. Great-grandfather of J.D. Lightfoot, Blaze Troscinski, Annabelle Wagner, Lucia Troscinski and Joanna Richert. Fond brother of Evelyn (the Late Matthew) Sass. Also loved by many nieces, nephews, and friends. Funeral 9:15 a.m. Wednesday from **Modell Funeral Home**, 7710 S. Cass Ave., Darien to Our Lady of Peace Church. Mass 10:00 a.m. Entombment Resurrection Cemetery Mausoleum. Visitation Tuesday 3-9 p.m. For funeral info: (630) 852-3595 or [www.modelldarien.com](http://www.modelldarien.com)



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### Welsh, Reverend William P.

Reverend William P. Welsh, age 85. Ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Chicago, December 18, 1960, Fr. Welsh served in many parishes, including St. Francis Xavier, Wilmette; St. Sabina, Chicago; St. Benedict, Irving Park Rd., Chicago; St. Emily, Mt. Prospect; St. Theresa, Palatine; Infant Jesus of Prague, Flossmoor; and St. Lambert, Skokie, until his June, 2004, retirement. After retirement, he served as chaplain for the Carmelite Sisters in Des Plaines. Beloved son of the late William P. and Sylvia; loving brother of Mary Jo (the late Dr. Lee) Simon, Michael (Christine) Welsh, and the late Sylvia Jean Welsh; dear uncle of John, Stephen and the late Daniel Simon, Laurie Jean and Mary Sarah Welsh; cherished great-uncle of James Simon and Kaylee (John) McCombs. Visitation, Tuesday, February 18, from 3 to 8 p.m., and Wednesday, February 19, from 10 a.m. until time of Funeral Mass, 11 a.m., at St. Lambert Catholic Church, 8148 Karlov Av., Skokie. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK, 73123; The Discalced Carmelite Monastery, 1101 N. River Rd., Des Plaines, IL, 60016; or a charity of your choice. For funeral information: 847.673.6111 or [www.habenfuneral.com](http://www.habenfuneral.com) to sign guestbook.



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**LEGAL NOTICES**

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION  
 HANNAH MILLER, Individually And As Representative of a Class of Similarly Situated Persons, Plaintiff,  
 vs. 1237 FULLERTON LLC & THE SCION GROUP LLC, Defendants.  
 Case No. 18 CH 06545  
 Calendar 4

**NOTICE OF CLASS ACTION AND PROPOSED SETTLEMENT**

**YOU WILL BENEFIT FROM READING THIS NOTICE**  
 TO: "Those persons who have not executed releases of claims with respect to their rental agreements with either Defendant for an apartment located at 1237 W. Fullerton, Chicago, Illinois 60614, on or after March 15, 2017, through May 22, 2018, and who have claims pursuant to Section 5-12-170 and/or Section 5-12-080 of the Chicago Residential Landlord and Tenant Ordinance ("RLTO"), against Defendants, including without limitation because those persons did not receive an official and complete version of either the RLTO Summary and/or RLTO "Separate Summary" regarding security deposits when their rental agreements were initially offered or renewed for a dwelling unit located at the subject building and/or did not receive an address with zip code where their security deposit was being held." (the "Settlement Class").  
 IF YOU WISH TO RECEIVE A PORTION OF THE CLASS SETTLEMENT YOU MUST RETURN A CLAIM FORM BY MAIL OR EMAIL POSTMARKED ON OR BEFORE MAY 11, 2020.  
 If you do not wish to be part of the Settlement, you may submit a written request for exclusion pursuant to the instructions below.

**WHAT THIS CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT IS ABOUT**  
 On May 22, 2018, Plaintiff filed a Class action complaint in the Circuit Court of Cook County, Chicago, Illinois. Plaintiff's Class action complaint alleged that Defendants violated the Chicago Residential Landlord and Tenant Ordinance ("RLTO") by failing to attach to leases and renewals the RLTO Summary and Separate Summary containing the security deposit interest rates pursuant to RLTO Section 5-12-170 and by failing to provide an address with zip code where their security deposit was being held pursuant to RLTO Section 5-12-080(a)(3).

The Plaintiff and Defendants have reached a proposed Settlement of the lawsuit. The Court has preliminarily approved the Settlement, has appointed Aaron Krolik Law Office, P.A., and Mark Silverman Law Office, Ltd. as counsel for the Class ("Class Counsel"), and has approved this Notice and the Claim Form. This Notice explains the nature of the lawsuit and the terms of the Settlement, and informs you of your legal rights and obligations.  
**THE FAIRNESS HEARING**  
 YOU ARE NOT OBLIGATED TO ATTEND THIS HEARING BUT MAY DO SO IF YOU PLAN TO OBJECT TO THE SETTLEMENT.  
 A hearing will be held by the Court to consider the fairness of the proposed Settlement and to decide whether to issue a final approval of the Settlement. At the hearing, the Court will be available to hear any objections and arguments concerning the fairness of the proposed Settlement, including the amount of the attorneys' fee awarded. The hearing will take place before the Honorable Judge Alison C. Conlon on June 19, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. in Room 2408 of the Richard J. Daley Center, Chicago, IL 60602.  
**THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT**

- Summary of the Benefits to YOU Under the Settlement:**
- \$100.00** per rental agreement or renewal will be paid to each person who was initially offered a rental agreement and/or renewal at 1237 West / Ion apartment building located at 1237 Fullerton Ave, Chicago, IL 60614 between March 15, 2017 and May 22, 2018, inclusive. The payment is in the form of a check mailed to the last known address of that person (i.e. you), as updated by that person in response to the Class Notice, or, as found in the records of Defendants. Each rental agreement or renewal shall be the source of a total recovery of \$100.00, such that multiple individuals under the same rental agreement or renewal shall be treated as one Class Member, and entitled jointly to one total payment of \$100.00 to be divided equally between all of the Claimants who submit claims and who have claims under the same rental agreement or renewal.
  - The Claim Form is required** for Class Members to file a claim and the Class Notice that advises them that they should update their address to Class Counsel and Defense Counsel. Class Members must file a claim within the notice period, or, submit a written exclusion or objection to both counsel within that same period of time.
  - WHAT TO DO IF YOU WISH TO RECEIVE MONEY FROM THE SETTLEMENT:** If you wish to obtain the benefits of the Settlement, and you are a Class Member, then you must submit a completed Claim Form, by U.S. mail or email, to third-party administrator (TPA) Miller v. 1237 Fullerton Settlement Administrator, c/o KCC Class Action Services, P.O. Box 43501, Providence, RI 02940-3501 no later than May 11, 2020.
- If you submit the Claim Form by email, it must be received no later than May 11, 2020. The email for KCC is admin@1237FullertonSettlement.com.
- If a Class Member submits a timely signed Claim Form, then Defendants shall, after 30 days after entry of an order granting final approval, mail a check in the amount of \$100.00 per rental agreement or renewal to each Class Member's address on his/her Claim Form.
  - Checks shall all indicate on their face that they shall be void after 90 days. After checks become void, the funds included in any such checks shall be deemed "unclaimed" funds.
  - Any funds that would have been payable to any Class Members who neither submit a timely Claim Form nor an exclusion shall also be deemed "unclaimed" funds.
  - Recovery to Plaintiff: Subject to Court approval, Plaintiff shall receive \$2,500.00 and a mutual release of all and all claims against her for rent. This agreement reflects both the sums that Plaintiff claimed as a member of the Class as well as an incentive award in connection with Plaintiff's services as a representative of the Class during the pendency of this litigation.
  - Attorney's Fees and Costs:** Class Counsel Aaron Krolik Law Office P.A. and Mark Silverman Law Office, Ltd. have requested that the Court award reasonable attorneys' fees and costs payable by Defendants in the amount of \$42,500.00 subject to the Court's approval, and the costs of administering the Settlement Agreement to be reimbursed or paid by the Defendants. This request is based on the litigation costs incurred and the amount of hours worked by Class Counsel at their normal hourly rate.
  - Unless you exclude yourself from the Settlement, you will be part of the Class and bound by the Settlement.** Regardless of whether you submit a Claim Form, if you stay in the Class you will release the Defendants for all claims that you may have had, as of the date of Final Approval of this Settlement, which is anticipated to be June 19, 2020, arising out of your relationship with Defendants (except for claims of bodily injury).
  - REPRESENTATION BY CLASS COUNSEL - OR YOUR OWN ATTORNEY:** As a member of the Class, your interests will be represented by the attorneys for Plaintiff without any additional charge to you. If you wish to participate on your own or through your attorney, an appearance must be filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Chancery Division, by May 11, 2020. If you participate through your own attorney, it will be at your expense.
  - WHAT TO DO IF YOU OBJECT TO THE SETTLEMENT:** If you object to the Settlement and do not wish to exclude yourself from the class action, you must submit your objection in writing to the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Chancery Division, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602. The objection must be mailed to the Clerk of the Circuit Court postmarked on or before May 11, 2020. Your objection must include the name of the case number. On the date that you mail your objections to the Clerk of the Court, you must also mail copies of that objection to Class Counsel and Defense Counsel, as follows:  
 Class Counsel:  
 Mark Silverman Law Office, Ltd.  
 225 W. Washington St.  
 Suite 2200  
 Chicago, IL 60606  
 Aaron Krolik Law Office, P.A.  
 225 W. Washington St.  
 Suite 2200  
 Chicago, IL 60606  
 Defense Counsel:  
 Chirag H. Patel and Jamey Hiller  
 GORDON REES SCULLY MANSUKHANI LLP  
 One North Franklin, Suite 800  
 Chicago, IL 60606
- Your written objections must include detailed reasons explaining why you contend that the Settlement should not be approved. It is not sufficient to simply state that you object.  
 Provided that you have submitted a written objection, you may also appear at the fairness hearing.

- WHAT TO DO IF YOU WISH TO BE EXCLUDED FROM THE SETTLEMENT:** You have the right to exclude yourself from both the Class and the Settlement by submitting a written request for exclusion to the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Class Counsel and Defendant at addresses shown above in section 11 postmarked on or before May 11, 2020. Your request for exclusion must state your name, address, former unit number, and the name and number of the case.
- WHAT IF THE SETTLEMENT IS NOT APPROVED?** If the Settlement is not approved, the case will proceed as if no Settlement had been reached. There can be no assurance that, if the Settlement is not approved, the Class will recover more than is provided in the Settlement or, indeed, anything at all.
- ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** The description of the case in this Notice is general and does not cover all of the issues and proceedings thus far. In order to see the complete file, including a copy of the Settlement Agreement, you may visit the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County, Chancery Division, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 West Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602, Room 802, where you may inspect and/or copy the court file for this case at your own expense.  
 For a claim form, go to <http://www.depositlaw.com/2018-ch-06545> or email admin@1237FullertonSettlement.com.  
**PLEASE DO NOT CALL THE JUDGE'S CHAMBERS.**

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**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 Janira Jones Jasiah Jones  
 MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Janell Jones (Mother)  
 JUVENILE NO.: 19JA00722 19JA01346

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Janell Jones (Mother), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on July 10, 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 02/26/2020, at 1:30 PM IN CALENDAR 17 COURTROOM K, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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

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

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

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
 December 19, 2019 6606687

**LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION**

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

IN THE INTEREST OF Tony Simmons  
 A MINOR  
 NO. 2020JD00034

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

Notice is given you, Tony Simmons, Sr. (Father), respondents, and to ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN, that on January 5, 2020, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXX, STATE'S ATTORNEY OF COOK COUNTY through her assistant State's Attorney in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Terrence Sharkey in the 1100 South Hamilton, Chicago, Illinois on 02/20/2020 at 9:00 AM IN CALENDAR 63 COURTROOM 13 .  
 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 16, 2020

ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY:  
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 THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS  
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Anthony Davis of Team LeBron is fouled by Kyle Lowry of Team Giannis in the fourth quarter of the NBA All-Star Game on Sunday. Davis made one of two free throws to win the game.

**NBA ALL-STAR GAME** TEAM LEBRON 157, TEAM GIANNIS 155

## It's a hometown hit

Chicagoan Davis makes clutch FT to give Team LeBron the win in All-Star Game

BY DEANTAE PRINCE

The NBA entered the 69th All-Star Game hoping to change the tone of its annual showcase by creating a new scoring system and adding a charitable component to stoke the competitive fire of the league's 24 best players.

Year No. 1 of the All-Star experiment was a hit with players and fans Sunday night at the United Center. The first All-Star Game in Chicago since 1988

ended with Team LeBron hitting the target score of 157 for a 157-155 victory over Team Giannis on Chicagoan Anthony Davis' free throw.

Kawhi Leonard had 30 points and seven rebounds to become the first player to win the renamed NBA All-Star Game Kobe Bryant MVP Award.

As a condition of the new format, Team LeBron also raised \$400,000 for Chicago Scholars, while Team Giannis' effort re-

sulted in a \$100,000 donation to After School Matters.

While the game didn't feature a singular offensive performance, it had anticipation and excitement that previous years have lacked.

The first two quarters had the same feel we've come to expect, with a general nonchalance bordering on boredom. That changed in the third quarter and disappeared completely in the fourth, when strategy and foul calls entered the fray.

Team Giannis introduced strategy in the final moments of the third quarter as it trailed 40-39 and elected to foul Russell West-

brook, who made 1 of 2 free throws. Rudy Gobert fielded an alley-oop on the next play and flushed it to make the score 41-41. Westbrook missed a fadeaway, and the quarter ended in a tie, carrying that quarter's charity money over to the fourth.

Then the clock went off and the competitiveness came out. Actual defense was played, bodies hit the floor, shot selection was exercised and coaches used challenges.

With Team LeBron leading 154-153, Team Giannis successfully challenged a goaltending call on Giannis Antetokounmpo's block

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of a LeBron James layup attempt, and James Harden was called for an offensive foul that erased a 3-pointer that would have ended the game. Finally, James finished a dunk to give his team a 156-153 lead.

**WHITE SOX**

### 'Warrior' Robert says he's up to the challenge

Center fielder ready to develop his game

BY LAMOND POPE

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Luis Robert has a tattoo on the left side of his neck.

"It means 'warrior' in Chinese," Robert said through an interpreter Sunday. "As a Cuban, when you leave the island, you know that you are going to face a lot of challenges, tougher challenges. I consider myself a warrior."

Robert, 22, is ready to unleash that mentality in the majors.

The top prospect in the organization is in line to be the

opening-day center fielder after he and the Sox came to terms on a six-year, \$50 million contract this offseason.

"The only thing that the contract changed was the certainty that I'm going to start the year in the majors," Robert said. "But besides that, I still know that I have to work hard, I need to improve, I need to develop my game. And that's my goal during spring training."

Robert's plan this spring is to "work all around on my game."

"There's room to improve in every aspect," he said. "Hopefully I can stay healthy and my legs are going to stay healthy. That's

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Luis Robert knows he has to produce after the Sox gave him a six-year, \$50 million contract.

**CUBS**

### Baez: We weren't totally ready to play last season

SS promises he's going to be better prepared

BY MARK GONZALES

MESA, Ariz. — Javier Baez has emerged as one of the most dominant forces in the National League during the last three seasons, and the dazzling shortstop is adamant about helping set a tone to prevent more lapses like the ones that led to the Cubs' disappointing 2019 season and Joe Maddon's departure.

Baez admitted Sunday he was part of a group that took advantage of individual pregame work that led to sluggish starts and uncharacteristic errors that were

common in the 2019 season.

And after the Cubs missed the playoffs for the first time since 2014, Baez has completely bought into President Theo Epstein's mission for the players to work together before each game.

"I'd get to the (stadium) and instead of going outside and hitting batting practice, I would do everything inside, which is not the same," Baez said. "Once I'd go out to the field before the game, I felt I wasn't ready. I felt like I was getting loose during the first four innings, and I should be ready and excited to get out there before the first pitch."

"I promise you guys, this year

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PHIL ROSENTHAL

## Adamle's candor hits home

You can't help but be moved by NBC Sports Chicago's "The Adamles: Mind Over Matter."

It's a gut punch to see the devastating effects of brain trauma on former Bears and Northwestern running back Mike Adamle and what he and wife Kim are doing to slow the advance of his dementia.

"Mike is so humble, incredibly humble and brave," Kim says. "It takes a big man to accept losing the traits that define us as strong, competent people."

Kim helps Mike sort his many daily pills. Mike gets experimental ketamine treatments and does dance therapy and exercises intended to preserve his cognitive skills as much as possible.

"It's when he's at his worst that I see the best," Kim says.

The half-hour is more powerful, however, if you know how vibrant Mike was before his national and local broadcasting career was cut short by the presumed effects of chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE), a neurodegenerative disease that cannot be fully confirmed until after death.

But "Mind Over Matter," set to debut at 7 p.m. Monday, assumes you already know how Mike was before the erosion of his memories and capabilities.

There are no clips from his time on CBS-2, ABC-7 and NBC-5 or programs such as "WWE Raw" and "American Gladiators."

And despite the Adamles giving the NBC Sports Chicago video crew access for more than a year, the finished product gives little sense the crew was around anything close to that long.

With all of that time spent up close, "Mind Over Matter" should feel more intimate. Yet there is more talking than showing.

The documentary never gets closer to their everyday lives than showing Kim make Mike a breakfast of eggs and hot cereal with organic blueberries and cinnamon in a bid to help Mike's damaged brain. We see him work on a crossword puzzle, play with the dog his family adopted last spring and take a dance lesson.

The concerns of daughters Alex and Svetlana are touched upon, but viewers see them only in family photos. They're never heard from.

There's a good deal of discussion about



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Mike and Kim Adamle's struggles with his dementia is the focus of "Mind Over Matter."

how Mike is bearing up under this challenge before him — more from Kim than from Mike — but viewers never really get a sense of how he changed over the time the documentary was filmed.

Mike talks about how his dance lessons are helping him: "Instead of being depressed and afraid to go out or anything like that, it forces you to engage with somebody and to look them in the eye, which is kind of hard to do when you're feeling like you're an idiot and not feeling good about yourself."

But dance studio personnel get almost as much time to talk about what they feel clientele get from the interaction.

One might be tempted to write this off to Mike being unable to adequately express himself. But at an event NBC Sports Chicago staged in November to promote a national special on athletes dealing with a

variety of mental health issues, he was remarkably open about the price he was paying for having played six NFL seasons and how he has coped.

To know that is to be frustrated with what's lingering just beneath the surface of "Mind Over Matter."

Despite that, the efforts of NBC Sports Chicago's Sarah Lauch, Ryan McGuffey and Matt Buckman do pay off occasionally, largely thanks to the Adamles' candor and desire to share their story as they have in previous media appearances.

"You don't think about being Mr. Superman," Adamle says in the documentary. "You don't even know that part of you exists anymore. But you just wake up or get up because if you just gut it out, you're going to be OK."

How can you not feel something after hearing that?

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### Blackhawks-Blues game to feature all-female crew

To mark International Women's Day on March 8, NBCSN's telecast of the Blackhawks-Blues game that night at the United Center will be the first U.S. NHL telecast with an all-female announcing, anchoring and producing team.

Kate Scott will handle play-by-play with U.S. Olympic gold medalists A.J. Mleczko and Kendall Coyne Schofield handling analysis. Kathryn Tappen and three-time Canadian Olympic gold medalist Jen Botterill will anchor studio segments in Stamford, Conn.

Kaitlin Urka and Rene Hatlelid will produce the cable channel's coverage. — Phil Rosenthal

## Cubs

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it's going to be like that."

The Cubs committed 117 errors in 2019, second-most in the league. And Epstein is out to change his team's preparation.

Maddon's method of letting players take optional batting practice — often indoors — initially was welcomed by players who preferred to preserve their energy for games.

New manager David Ross plans to conduct live batting practice with umpires and without a cage to increase the intensity.

"We had a lot of optional things, not mandatory," Baez said. "And everybody kind of sat back on that — including me. I wasn't really going out there and preparing (before) the game. I was getting ready during the game, which is not good."

"This year, before the games, we've got to be out there as a team — stretch as a team and be together as a team so we can play together."

Baez said there are enough leaders to police teammates.

"You can lose the game in the first inning," Baez said. "When you're not ready and the other team scores by something simple, I feel like it's because of that."

"We weren't ready. We weren't ready to throw the first pitch because nobody was loose. We're going to make sure everybody



ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Javier Baez, awaiting his turn in the batting cage, plans to be better prepared this season.

is outside, everybody is doing their routine and getting ready for the game."

Ross is pleased Baez is taking that approach.

"The fact that he's saying it publicly, and holding himself accountable to you guys

and the fans, is a strong message that I'm really happy that he's sending," Ross said.

Baez, who has yet to take live batting practice, said his left hand feels fine after missing the final four weeks of the 2019 season with a hairline fracture. He still

managed to hit 29 home runs and 85 RBIs last season.

"We haven't been where we want to be," Baez said. "We've been up and down, more down than up. We've got to keep that level in between. We've got to fight, compete and beat those (teams) that are getting better."

He remains hopeful about his future with the Cubs, who control his rights as an arbitration-eligible player through 2021.

"If (an extension) happens, I'll be grateful," said Baez, who will earn \$10 million this season. "I want to be here my whole career. If not, I've got to be focused on baseball. I've got to see the business side."

Baez said negotiations, based on chats with his agency, have been "up and down."

"It's business," he said. "It's very tough. I'll let them work it out. If it works, great. If not, we've got another year."

Baez prefers the Cubs keep their core, including Kris Bryant, who has been the center of trade speculation with two years to go before free agency.

"Everyone is close to the same age," Baez said. "It's the business side, and obviously not every year we're going to have the same players."

Baez has all but given up on winning an NL Gold Glove Award, but he seems even more motivated for this season.

"I can't wait," he said. "I don't like talking much, but I let my talents show up."

"I want to be one of the top three players out there. I'm working for that. Hopefully at the end of the season, you can see it."

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## CUBS

## 3 TAKEAWAYS

# Darvish: It's 'weird' Astros can keep title

BY MARK GONZALES

MESA, Ariz. — Here are three takeaways from Cubs spring training Sunday.

## 1. Yu Darvish says the Astros getting to keep the 2017 World Series title gives him 'a weird feeling'

Four weeks after expressing amusement regarding the Astros sign-stealing scandal, Cubs pitcher Yu Darvish was more forthcoming in wondering why the punishment wasn't stiffer.

Darvish, who pitched for the Dodgers in the 2017 World Series, lasted only 1 2/3 innings in both of his starts against the Astros and was tagged for four runs on six hits in Game 3 at Minute Maid Park in Houston.

"I'm not angry," Darvish said Sunday, "but it's a weird feeling. Like the Olympics. When (athletes) cheat, you can't have the gold medal. But you can still have a World Series title? It makes me feel weird. That's it."

He wasn't finished. Darvish took exception to Astros shortstop Carlos Correa accusing Dodgers star Cody Bellinger of "not knowing the facts" when Bellinger said the Astros "stole" the World Series title from the Dodgers.

"But one more thing," Darvish said. "So they cheat. I think for right now, (they) shouldn't talk like that. Understand?"

Darvish was most upset about pitchers affected by the sign-stealing tactics who might have lost their jobs as a result.

"(The Astros) have to do something," Darvish said. "Show (more) apologies. I don't feel anything from those guys."

## 2. David Ross was happy with the first round of live batting practice with umpires.

Willson Contreras hit the first pitch of his second round of batting practice off the fence as selected Cubs hit with an umpire behind the catcher and no protective cage.

"It felt a little more realistic there, even though you've got the computers on the field with some of the feedback we're getting digitally," Cubs manager David Ross said. "I like the way it looks. I'm sure the hitter gets some feedback, trying to learn the strike zone if they just want to track (pitches). Catchers get feedback, and definitely pitchers."

Ross said first-base and catching coach Craig Driver suggested using umpires to call balls and strikes during bullpen sessions to provide feedback to catchers. But Ross initially hesitated because some pitchers were working on specific pitches.

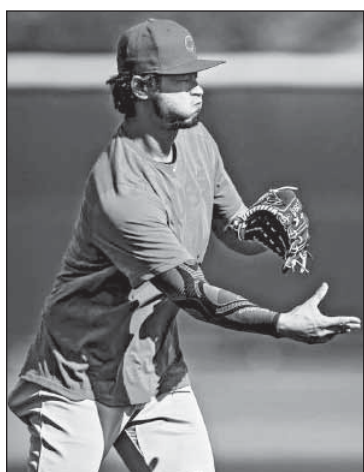
"Being a catcher, I love that idea (of using umpires)," Ross said. "But I try to take everyone in consideration: the veteran who is throwing a bullpen, just trying to get his work in and build his arm up, (and) the young guy who may be nervous and get negative feedback the first ball he throws (with) the president, the general manager and manager watching."

## 3. Javier Baez pays tribute to Pedro Strop.

Shortstop Javier Baez moved to the locker previously occupied by reliever Pedro Strop, who served as a big brother to Baez before signing with the Reds this month.

"He's one of the guys who taught me a lot of things mentally," said Baez, who once credited Strop for motivating him during a victory in Kansas City in 2018. "He's a guy that you want to have right next to you. He's a leader, even knowing he's from the bullpen."

"He was part of the leadership with the team and with other Latinos. It's going to be hard not having him next to me."



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Yu Darvish lasted less than two innings in both World Series starts for the Dodgers versus the Astros.

## WHITE SOX



ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

White Sox slugger Jose Abreu and shortstop Tim Anderson, left, work in the batting cages Sunday.

# Profit warning

## Negotiating — 'I don't care about the money' — isn't one of Abreu's top skills



PAUL SULLIVAN  
In the Wake of the News

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Memo to all future major-league free agents:

Don't use the Jose Abreu strategy to negotiate your next contract.

The veteran White Sox first baseman is a great hitter, a better teammate and a solid citizen, the kind of player you'd want to build a franchise around.

But when it comes to the age-old game of playing one team off another to get the largest payday possible, Abreu has it all backward. If there's a Mendoza Line for bargaining, he was well below it.

He went into his contract season in 2019 saying he would stay with the Sox, and even in July he said, "If I was the owner, I'd sign myself."

So Abreu didn't have much leverage when he hit the market in November, and he signed a three-year, \$50 million deal to stay on the South Side after receiving a qualifying offer.

Sitting on a bench at Camelback Ranch on a sunny Friday, Abreu admitted he didn't care to seek offers elsewhere to force the Sox to pony up.

"My agent and I were focused on the White Sox," Abreu said through an interpreter. "That was our focus throughout the whole process. As I told you guys before, my mom taught me to be grateful, and I'm very grateful and thankful to be with the White Sox."

"Yes, we had conversations with a team — with the White Sox."

But free agency is all about the money, right?

"I don't care about the money," he replied in English.

Reverting to his native Spanish, Abreu elaborated on his feelings.

"It's not all about the money," he said. "I mean, my family is good in Chicago. They love Chicago. They are really grateful and good and happy with the White Sox organization, just the way that the organization has treated them. And the fans, all the support ..."

"We feel comfortable in Chicago. For us, it didn't make sense to look around to other places."

Abreu, 33, relied on the Sox to pay him what they felt he was worth, and that's what they did. An average annual value of almost \$17 million certainly is enough to live on, and he probably wasn't going to get a long-term deal at his age. The qualifying offer also reduced his potential market.

Still, Abreu finished second in the majors last year with 123 RBIs, second to Anthony Rendon's 126 with the Nationals. Rendon, 29, signed a seven-year, \$245 million contract with the Angels, almost five times the size of Abreu's deal.

Money aside, it's all blue skies and open highways for Abreu. The additions of Yasmani Grandal and Edwin Encarnacion should alleviate some of the pressure in the middle of the lineup as well as provide added protection. Those two free agents, along with Abreu, Yoan Moncada and Eloy Jimenez, give the Sox five hitters capable of hitting 30 or more home runs. If rookie Luis Robert lives up to his hype, it could be six.

The franchise record of 242 home runs, set in 2004, could be in serious jeopardy. At the very least this lineup looks like the reincarnation of the "South Side Hit Men" of 1977, a team that hit for the fences and made no apologies. That kind of

power potential, plus an improved rotation with Dallas Keuchel and the return of Michael Kopech, has created a South Side buzz even a polar vortex couldn't kill.

"Look, Sox fans have certainly paid their dues over the last three years," general manager Rick Hahn said, neglecting to count the dues-paying years from the Robin Ventura era. "We forced them to pay their dues and take their wounds over that first period of the rebuild. I certainly would never tell any fan not to be excited or how to consume White Sox baseball. If (Sox fans) want to be fired up about what's coming, that's awesome."

"The only thing I would caution or suggest is let's keep in mind this is a multiyear thing, it's a long-term thing."

Nice try, Rick. You can't unbuzz this buzz.

No matter what his true value is, Abreu is exactly where he wants to be, and Sox fans can be grateful for that. Not many players would endure the kind of losing Abreu has over his six seasons with the Sox and desperately want to stay.

He never has been on a team that finished with a winning record or even sniffed the playoffs. He was a willing mentor to Moncada and Jimenez during the rebuild and never seemed to lose his smile through all of those tough times.

Now he hopes his patience is rewarded with a team that should contend for a wild-card spot, if not the American League Central title.

"It's that time for us to start winning games and start to be relevant," Abreu said. "The team that the front office put together, we're going to be able to do it. We have to be united. We need to be strong in good times and bad times if we want to be successful this season."

"With the guys that we have right now, that's something that's doable. That's our goal. I think expectations are high because we all know that this is the time for us to win."

## 3 TAKEAWAYS

# Prospect Stiever learning all he can

BY LAMOND POPE

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Here are three takeaways from White Sox spring training Sunday.

## 1. Jonathan Stiever is picking up valuable lessons.

One of Jonathan Stiever's most valuable lessons last season came in one of his toughest outings.

The Sox pitching prospect lasted just three innings in an Aug. 10 game for Class A Winston-Salem against Fayetteville. He threw 79 pitches.

"My pitch count got super high," Stiever said Sunday. "I didn't throw my changeup a whole lot. My fastball and curveball weren't what they usually are."

"The next outing (Aug. 16 against Potomac), I kind of had the same stuff, but I was able to use my other pitches a little bit in more effective situations and I ended up going six innings without my best stuff. That was a good learning point for me, how to approach a game if you don't have your best stuff."

The lessons continue for Stiever this spring as a non-roster invitee to Sox camp.

"(I'm) trying to learn a lot from big-league camp from the guys that have been here before," Stiever said. "To see how their habits are, what they do on the mound, how they approach certain hitters. Try to learn as much as you can, take in whatever you're able to and try to put that into your actual work."

The right-handed Stiever, a fifth-round pick in 2018 out of Indiana, is the No. 6 prospect in the organization, according to MLB.com. He went 10-10 with a 3.48 ERA in 26 starts between Class A Kannapolis and Winston-Salem in 2019 and had 154 strikeouts and 27 walks in 145 innings.

"I've always been more of a control pitcher," Stiever said. "I added a little bit of (velocity) last year, (but) you never want to sacrifice the command, especially as a starter. Guys at the higher level are going to be able to hit any velocity, so you have to be able to focus on commanding all of your pitches to each side of the plate."

"When I'm going good, I'm commanding my fastball to start and I'm able to throw my off-speed off of that."

He worked on fastball command, along with his changeup and slider, during a bullpen session Saturday.

"I'm feeling pretty good off the mound," Stiever said. "Ready to face hitters now. It was good to get your work in off the mound in front of coaches. Get a feeling outside. Being from (Cedarburg) Wisconsin, it's tough to get outside. So it's good to get back in the elements."

## 2. Luis Robert knew he was ready for the majors after his first month in Triple A.

Luis Robert took batting practice, chased down a few fly balls in center field and did some sliding drills as part of his workout Sunday. He's preparing for his first season in the big leagues.

Robert is coming off a monster season at three levels in the minors and likely will be the opening-day center fielder.

When did Robert feel like he was ready for the majors?

"I gained a lot of experience in Cuba, and I felt very comfortable," Robert said through an interpreter. "Last year, after the first month in Triple A, that was the moment when I felt like, 'OK, I'm ready for the majors.'"

Robert joined Charlotte in July and hit .351 with six home runs and 15 RBIs in 18 games that month. Overall, he hit .297 with 16 home runs and 39 RBIs in 47 games with the Knights.

## 3. The Sox have the potential to be a team on the move.

Yoan Moncada mentioned stealing more bases as one of his goals for the upcoming season.

Manager Rick Renteria said it's possible the team will have multiple threats on the basepaths.

"We would like to take advantage of (their) talents," Renteria said. "You have Luis (Robert), Timmy (Anderson), Moncada, Leury (Garcia). You have guys that can run, so we've got to make sure that we (get) consistent output in terms of getting your stolen base and not making outs."

The Sox were 10th in the AL with 63 stolen bases in 2019. Anderson led the team with 17. Robert stole 36 bases in the minors.

# White Sox

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going to be the key for me."

Robert was healthy, and a major threat, in 2019 while playing at Class A Winston-Salem, Double-A Birmingham and Triple-A Charlotte. In 122 games, he hit .328 with 32 home runs, 92 RBIs and 36 stolen bases.

"(He is) a competitor," Sox manager Rick Renteria said. "Driven. When I spoke to him once we extended him, I reached out to congratulate him and he texted me back, 'It's time to go to work.'"

"He knows this is just the first step and he understands there are a lot of people expecting so many different things. It's our job to make sure he understands: Just go out there and play the game. You are not the only one here. There will be a lot of guys here who have to do their particular job, and hopefully as you move along, you are

able to balance it out."

Renteria said Robert "seems quiet" but described him as "happy-go-lucky and funny" with his teammates.

"As he gets more and more comfortable, you get more and more comfortable in your own skin," Renteria said. "You are always trying to prove you belong here. It takes a little time to settle down. It won't be any different for him than any of the other guys."

Robert said his success last year "reinforced all the things that I know I can do on the field."

"My mind is strong and in the right place," he said. "One of the things that I'm going to learn is that I'm going to need to make adjustments as quickly as possible because in the major leagues, I won't have too much time to waste."

Renteria praised Robert's ability to adjust at the plate.

"I remember him getting punched out with a breaking ball in the dirt, and the next time he spit on it and ended up

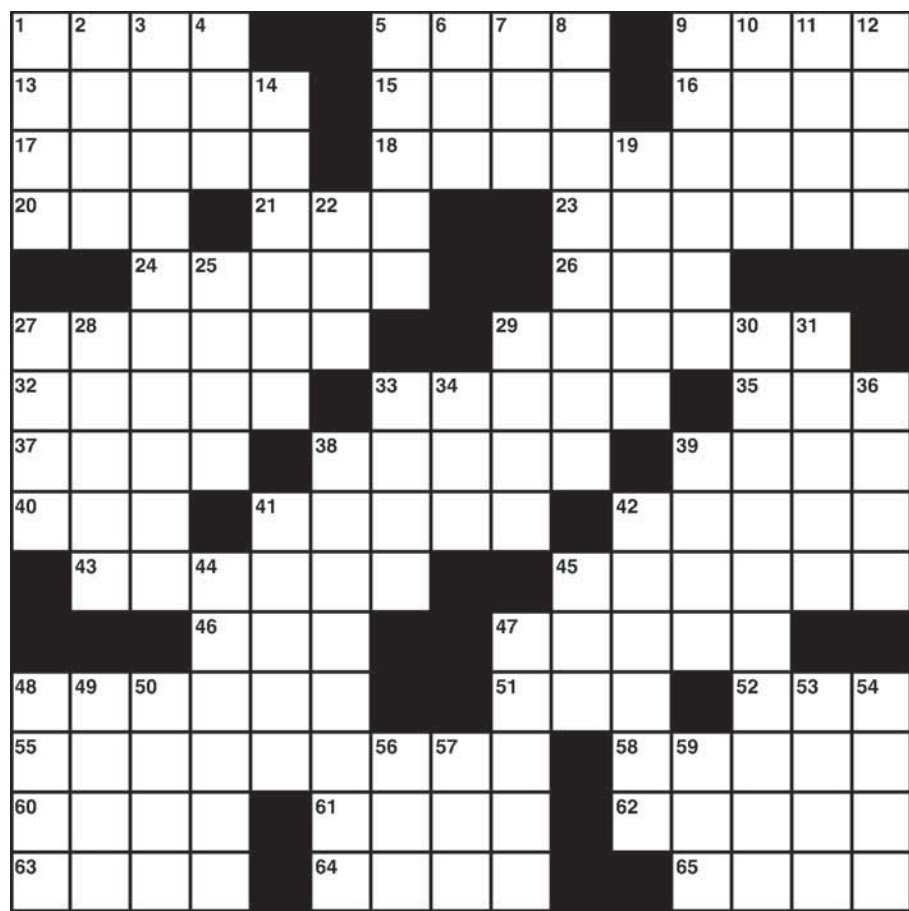
getting something that was up and hit it out of the ballpark," Renteria said. "Those are good telltales of a guy's ability to make adjustments. You go from making adjustments through numbers of games, to game to game, to at-bat to at-bat, and then pitch to pitch."

"It's a process of honing down where you are, and we've got to give him an opportunity to just be himself and experience what he's going to experience. There's nothing like it to make you better and to either humble you or propel you. You have to deal with all those emotions along the journey."

Robert is ready for his big-league journey to begin. He said he doesn't feel any added pressure from being ranked the No. 3 prospect in all of baseball, according to MLB Pipeline.

"Since I signed with the team (in 2017), I know the expectations have been high, but it hasn't affected me at all," Robert said. "This year won't be any different. I just need to do my work."

# Crossword



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### ACROSS

- 1 One-dish meal
- 5 Antlered animals
- 9 Use an ax
- 13 Vetoed
- 15 \_\_\_ day; 2/29/20
- 16 Sharpen with a whetstone
- 17 Up in arms
- 18 Lack of knowledge
- 20 Margaret's nickname
- 21 Permit
- 23 \_\_\_ Bell; Disney fairy
- 24 Waterbirds
- 26 Cabin wall piece
- 27 Aromas
- 29 Abhor
- 32 Boldness
- 33 Elegance
- 35 Expert
- 37 "Queen for \_\_\_" of old TV
- 38 Unites
- 39 Snatch
- 40 Stand \_\_\_; resist change
- 41 Do math problems
- 42 Go down smoothly
- 43 Continue resounding
- 45 VP Dick \_\_\_
- 46 Galloped

### DOWN

- 1 Tiny cut
- 2 Grow weary
- 3 Overstate
- 4 Rainy
- 5 Cream of the crop
- 6 Piece of chicken
- 7 Neighbor of Okla.
- 8 Perfectly clean
- 9 Coins
- 10 Toot the horn
- 11 "You only live \_\_\_"
- 12 Look through a keyhole
- 14 Remove text
- 19 Street uprisings
- 22 Suffix for host or heir

### Solutions



- 25 Resentment of another's joy
- 27 Clothing fastener
- 28 Fragrant wood
- 29 Ålborg resident
- 30 Planting period
- 31 Exchange
- 33 Boulder's state: abbr.
- 34 Actress Ullmann
- 36 Follow orders
- 38 Lyndon & Lady Bird
- 39 Secluded valley
- 41 Neckwear
- 42 Dangerous critters
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- 45 Actor Gulager
- 47 \_\_\_ up; become joyful again
- 48 Irritates
- 49 Profound
- 50 Hook, \_\_\_ and sinker
- 53 Eerie sky sights
- 54 Outscore
- 56 Go bad
- 57 Gary Dourdan TV series
- 59 Capture

# BLACKHAWKS

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## Hawks' Canadian trip ends with 1-4-0 record

Associated Press

WINNIPEG, Manitoba — Nathan Beaulieu's first goal of the season early in the third period sent the Jets to a 3-2 victory Sunday night as the Blackhawks finished a 1-4-0 trip through western Canada.

Playing in his 27th game of an injury-riddled season, Beaulieu fired a one-timer from the point that hit a Hawks player and got by goalie Corey Crawford to give the Jets a 3-2 lead. Beaulieu also had an assist.

Mason Appleton had a goal and an assist, and Jack Roslovic also scored for the Jets, who were coming off two straight losses. Dmitry Kulikov added a pair of assists.

Connor Hellebuyck made 31 saves for the Jets (30-25-5), who were playing the fifth game of a six-game homestand (3-2-0).

Patrick Kane had a goal and an assist, and Ryan Carpenter also scored for the Hawks, who were coming off an 8-4 win in Calgary on Saturday night that snapped a five-game losing streak.

Crawford stopped 35 shots for the Hawks (26-25-8), who led 1-0 after the first period.

Carpenter scored his third goal of the season after Kane sent a sharp-angled backhand pass to the front of the net and

Carpenter redirected the puck past Hellebuyck at 15:44.

Jets forward Andrew Copp went in alone on Crawford about a minute later, but his shot missed the net.

The Jets outshot the Hawks 14-10 in the first period.

Appleton tied it when he tipped in Beaulieu's point shot at 6:38 of the second.

The Jets appeared to go ahead at 9:05 on a goal by Kyle Connor, but it was reviewed and waved off because the puck went in off his arm.

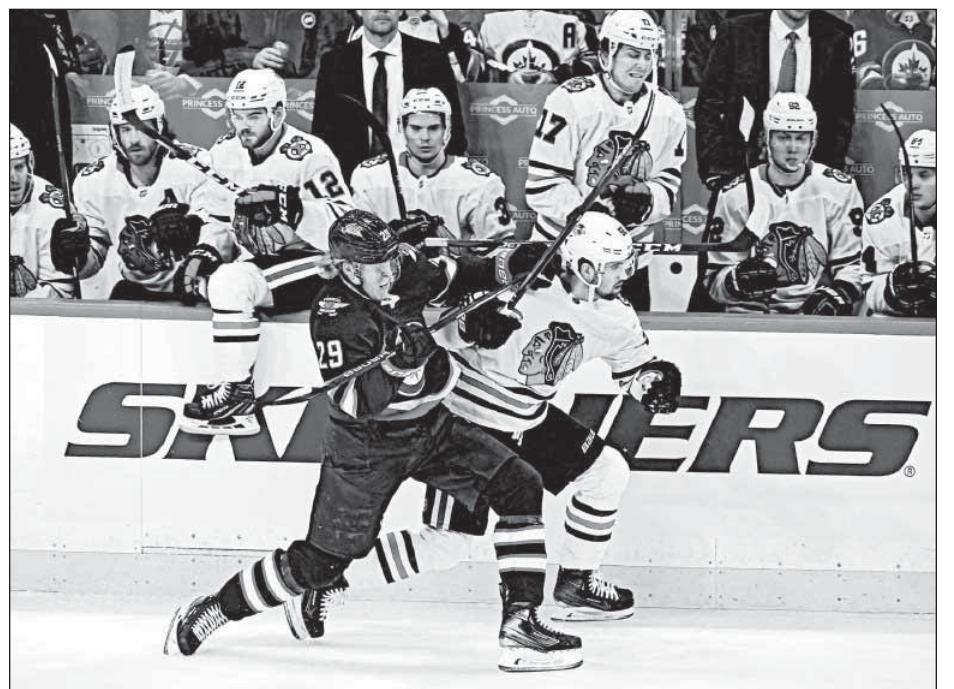
Roslovic gave the Jets a 2-1 lead at 15:37 when he tipped Kulikov's point shot, and the Hawks tied it when Kane scored his 27th goal of the season with 53 seconds left in the period.

Beaulieu, who missed time this season with three injuries, took a pass from Patrick Laine and fired the puck past Crawford at 1:36 of the third. The defenseman made a gesture of throwing a monkey off his back after his goal.

The Hawks tried to beat Hellebuyck in the final minutes with an extra man, but the Jets blocked shots and got their sticks on pucks to stymie those efforts.

No penalties were called in the game.

The Hawks finally return home Wednesday to face the Rangers at the United Center.



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Patrick Laine (29) of the Jets checks the Blackhawks' Erik Gustafsson on Sunday night.



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## SPORTS



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## DAYTONA 500

## Traffic and weather

Monday finish in forecast after 'Great American Race' postponed because of rain

By JENNA FRYER  
Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — The Daytona 500 has been postponed by rain for the first time since 2012, dampening NASCAR's season opener that started with a ballyhooed visit from President Donald Trump.

The race was postponed after two lengthy delays totaling more than three hours. The race will now begin Monday at 4 p.m. Eastern time and be broadcast live on Fox.

It's the second time in 62 years that "The Great American Race" will finish on a Monday.

The first delay of the day came moments after the presidential motorcade completed a ceremonial parade lap around the 2 1/2-mile track. Trump's armored limousine nicknamed "The Beast" exited Daytona International Speedway, and the sky opened for a brief shower that forced drivers back to pit road.

The start already had been pushed back 13 minutes to accommodate Trump's trip. Ricky Stenhouse Jr. eventually led the field to the green flag and was out front for the first 20 laps before heavier rain soaked a racing surface that takes hours to dry.

NASCAR called drivers back to their cars around 6:40 p.m. Eastern time, hoping to get more laps in before more showers hit again. Some drivers showed, but the heaviest rain of the day forced a postponement.

It no doubt choked some of the excitement out of an event that had been a raucous celebration for hours, some of it prompted by Trump's dramatic entrance. Thousands cheered as Air Force One performed a flyover and landed at Daytona



DAVID ROSENBLUM/GETTY

A weather radar in the press box, top, tells the story at the Daytona 500 on Sunday. Joey Logano's team, above, puts away the No. 22 car after the race was postponed.

International Airport a few hundred yards behind the track. Trump's motorcade arrived a few minutes later, eliciting another loud ovation. Both entrances were broadcast on giant video boards around the superspeedway.

At least a dozen drivers were escorted from the pre-race meeting to a private introduction with Trump.

"I got to meet the president! How cool is that?" driver Aric Almirola said.

Trump served as the grand marshal for the Daytona 500 and gave the command for drivers to start their engines. Trump, with first lady Melania Trump by his side, addressed the crowd and called the opener "a legendary display of roaring engines, soaring spirits and the American skill, speed and power that we've been hearing about for so many years."

"For 500 heart-pounding miles, these fierce competitors will chase the checkered flag, fight for the Harley J. Earl trophy and

make their play for pure American glory," Trump said. "That's what it is: pure, American glory."

Trump and his wife then got in the limousine and turned a lap. They avoided the high-banked turns at Daytona and stayed on the apron through the corners.

The president's visit was widely welcomed by NASCAR fans. Trump 2020 flags flooded the infield, and some fans wore them as capes in the garage area.

His presence also created huge lines at entrances, with many fans complaining while waiting hours to get through security.

Former NASCAR chairman and CEO Brian France, who was replaced following his August 2018 arrest on DUI charges, was on Air Force One with the president and first lady. They traveled from West Palm Beach.

Among those who met them at the airport: current NASCAR chairman Jim France and fellow top executives Lesa France Kennedy and Ben Kennedy.



CHRIS TROTMAN/GETTY

Adam Scott survived a difficult final round at the Genesis Invitational.

## GOLF

## It's official: Scott ends drought

Wins PGA Tour event for first time since '16 at Riviera

By DOUG FERGUSON  
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Adam Scott contemplated the safe shot to get him out of his mess on the 15th hole at Riviera, knowing it would probably cost him his two-shot lead but not yet the tournament.

On a Sunday filled with big blunders and untimely mistakes, Scott changed his mind.

"I thought, 'Well, you can maybe win the tournament if you hit a great flop shot here.' So I thought I might as well go for it," Scott said after his two-shot victory in the Genesis Invitational, this one that counts in the record book.

The flop shot to 5 feet allowed him to escape with bogey. Two holes later, he ran in a 10-foot birdie putt for a two-shot cushion and carried that to a 1-under 70 and a win that felt overdue.

Scott won the Australian PGA two months ago and hadn't played since then. Still, it had been nearly four years since his last PGA Tour victory. That changed at Riviera, his favorite course, on a final day so tough nobody shot better than 68.

Scott made clutch putts for birdie, par and bogey. But it was that decision — and the shot — that stood out.

"I had a little bit of that kind of mindset, not just today but the whole week, of 'what have I got to lose?' Give myself a good chance to get back in the winner's circle on the PGA Tour," he said.

The victory comes 15 years after Scott won a playoff at Riviera that didn't count as official because rain shortened the tournament to 36 holes. He earned every bit of this victory, his 14th on the PGA Tour and 29th worldwide.

So tense was Sunday that nearly a dozen players had a chance to win. Five players had a share of the lead at some point.

The list included Rory McIlroy, who never recovered from a triple bogey; Harold Varner III, who chucked his 3-wood off the 10th tee so badly that the shot traveled 129 yards and led to a double bogey; and Matt Kuchar, who went 15 holes with three bogeys and no birdies to fall behind.

"Honestly, I didn't expect it to be as difficult as it was, but everyone was finding it tough out there," McIlroy said after a 73 that left him in a tie for fifth but still No. 1 in the world. "Adam held on well at the end."

Tiger Woods had his problems, too, but he was never in contention.

Woods played a five-hole stretch in 5-over par late in his round and shot 77 to finish last among the 68 players who made the cut. It was the first time Woods has finished last alone since the Memorial in 2015.

"Good news, I hit every ball forward, not backwards, a couple sideways," Woods said.

The final round became wide open after the fifth hole when Scott and McIlroy hit shots that bounced over the green and across a series of swales. McIlroy tried to bump a shot into the hill and it came up short and rolled back. He flopped the next one about 20 feet away and three-putted for triple bogey. On the par-3 sixth, he hit it on the wrong side of the bunker in the middle of the green and dropped another shot.

Scott tried a flop behind the fifth green that came up short. He went to his long putter, barely got it up the hill and onto the green and made double bogey. The difference was the next hole. He made an 18-foot birdie putt from above the hole.

"It's not time to get flustered and try something new on the sixth hole of the final round," Scott said.

He finished at 11-under 273 and moved to No. 7 in the world, his first time in the top 10 in nearly three years.

Scott won by two shots over Sung Kang, who started eagle-double bogey and shot 69; Scott Brown, who played bogey-free on the back nine and birdied the 18th for a 68; and Kuchar, who had a 72.

Hideki Matsuyama made the cut on the number and finished three shots behind in a tie for fifth with McIlroy, Bryson DeChambeau, Max Homa and Joel Dahmen.

"I'm stoked with this," Scott said. "It's a big step, whatever point in my career I'm at. I haven't won for three years. This feels very special."

## Retirement plan involves fewer risks for Dale Jr.

By MARK LONG  
Associated Press

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Dale Earnhardt Jr. spent decades taking risks on the track and in the air.

He's trying to minimize both these days. Earnhardt said Sunday before the Daytona 500 that he's changed his approach to flying following a harrowing crash landing near Bristol Motor Speedway last August. Earnhardt, his wife Amy, daughter Isla, dog and two pilots escaped the fiery jet in east Tennessee.

Earnhardt was physically unscathed, but emotionally scarred.

"It's really tough on me getting back in the plane and it will never be the same now that you know the real realities and dangers," he said during a wide-ranging,

24-minute interview. "It will never, ever be the same again."

Earnhardt has tried to learn everything he can short of becoming a pilot. He did a deep dive into his jet's capabilities, specifically regarding how long it needs runways to be for takeoffs and landings. And he's checking detailed weather reports days before stepping on the plane.

Earnhardt retired from full-time racing following the 2017 season and is now working as a NASCAR analyst for NBC Sports. He got back in the car at Richmond for the Xfinity Series in 2018 and drove at Darlington last year. He's scheduled to race at Homestead-Miami Speedway next month.

He said he misses racing and "it's getting worse."

"I thought as I got out of the car, and the further I got from my full-time career, the

less that would bother me," he said. "But it actually is getting worse for some reason. I really look forward to getting some seat time and smelling the smells and hearing the noises and just enjoying being in the car."

But he has no plans to expand beyond one race a year for his JR Motorsports team, an annual ride that eases his angst and pleases his sponsors.

"It's a healthy thing to miss it, to want to do it," he said. "I think it helps me in the booth to have that energy as a fan. I think one's plenty, probably one's more than I should be doing."

Earnhardt was at Daytona in an official capacity for the third consecutive year for the Daytona 500. He was the grand marshal in 2018, the pace truck driver in 2019 and the honorary starter Sunday.

# SCOREBOARD

## NBA

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
Toronto	40	15	.727	—
Sacramento	38	13	.744	1½
Philadelphia	34	21	.618	6
Brooklyn	25	28	.472	14
New York	17	38	.309	23

SOUTHEAST	W	L	PCT	GB
Miami	35	19	.648	—
Orlando	24	31	.436	11½
Washington	20	33	.377	14½
Charlotte	18	36	.333	17
Atlanta	15	41	.268	21

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB
Milwaukee	46	8	.852	—
Indiana	32	23	.582	14½
Chicago	19	36	.345	27½
Detroit	19	38	.333	28½
Cleveland	14	40	.259	32

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

SOUTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Houston	34	20	.630	—
Dallas	33	22	.600	1½
Memphis	28	26	.519	6
San Antonio	23	31	.426	11
New Orleans	23	32	.418	11½

NORTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Denver	38	17	.691	—
Utah	36	18	.667	1½
Oklahoma City	33	22	.600	5
Portland	25	31	.446	13½
Minnesota	16	37	.302	21

PACIFIC	W	L	PCT	GB
L.A. Lakers	41	12	.774	—
L.A. Clippers	37	18	.673	5
Phoenix	22	33	.400	20
Sacramento	21	36	.389	20½
Golden State	12	43	.218	30

**ALL-STAR WEEKEND; Chicago Sunday's All-Star Game**  
 Team LeBron 157, Team Giannis 155  
**THURSDAY'S GAMES**  
 Milwaukee at Detroit, 6 p.m.  
 Miami at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.  
 Charlotte at Chicago, 7 p.m.  
 Brooklyn at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.  
 Memphis at Sacramento, 9 p.m.  
 Houston at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.

### LEBRON 157, GIANNIS 155

**TEAM LEBRON:** James 9-20 3-4 23, Leonard 11-18 0-0 30, Davis 9-16 1-2 20, Doncic 3-6 0-0 8, Harden 3-9 2-4 11, Simmons 8-9 1-2 17, Sabonis 0-1 2-4 2, Tatum 3-8 0-0 6, Jokic 2-4 0-5, Booker 3-8 0-0 6, Paul 8-13 0-0 23, Westbrook 2-10 2-4 6. Totals 61-122 11-20 157.  
**TEAM GIANNIS:** Antetokounmpo 12-22 0-2 25, Siakam 7-10 1-2 15, Embiid 8-13 6-8 22, Walker 9-18 0-2 23, Young 4-10 0-0 10, Adebayo 4-5 0-0 8, Butler 2-2 0-0 4, Ingram 1-4 0-0 2, Middleton 2-7 0-0 5, Mitchell 10-11 1-3 21, Lowry 4-12 4-4 13, Gobert 3-10 0-0 7. Totals 66-124 12-19 155.  
**Team LeBron** 53 30 41 33-157  
**Team Giannis** 41 51 41 22-155

**3-pointers**—Team LeBron 24-70 (Leonard 8-14, Paul 7-11, Harden 3-9, Doncic 2-5, James 2-10, Jokic 1-3, Davis 1-6, Booker 4-0, Tatum 0-4, Westbrook 0-4), Team Giannis 11-40 (Walker 5-11, Young 2-6, Mitchell 1-3, Antetokounmpo 1-4, Lowry 1-4, Middleton 1-5, Embiid 0-2, Siakam 0-2, Ingram 0-3). **Rebounds**—LeBron 49 (Davis 9), Giannis 61 (Antetokounmpo, Gobert 11). **Asts**—LeBron 39 (Harden, James, Paul 6), Giannis 38 (Young 10). **Fouls**—LeBron 17, Giannis 18. **A**—17,808. **MVP:** Kawhi Leonard, LAC

## NHL

### EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	37	11	12	86	199	146
Tampa Bay	39	15	5	83	211	156
Toronto	31	21	8	70	211	199
Florida	30	22	6	66	201	198
Buffalo	27	24	6	62	171	183
Montreal	27	26	8	62	184	188
Ottawa	20	28	11	51	156	200
Detroit	14	43	4	32	123	229

METRO.	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	37	16	5	79	206	177
Pittsburgh	36	15	6	78	191	152
N.Y. Islanders	33	18	6	72	166	157
Columbus	30	18	12	72	155	150
Philadelphia	32	20	7	71	193	177
Carolina	33	21	4	70	189	163
N.Y. Rangers	30	24	4	64	189	181
New Jersey	22	26	14	54	162	204

### WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	32	17	10	74	187	172
Dallas	34	19	6	74	161	151
Colorado	33	18	6	72	203	160
Nashville	29	22	7	65	189	187
Winnipeg	30	25	5	65	179	181
Minnesota	27	24	7	61	176	187
Chicago	26	25	8	60	176	188

PACIFIC	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Edmonton	32	21	6	70	190	183
Vancouver	32	22	5	69	191	180
Vegas	30	22	8	68	189	183
Calgary	30	24	6	66	174	186
Arizona	29	24	8	66	170	166
San Jose	26	28	4	56	152	189
Anaheim	24	27	7	55	151	180
Los Angeles	21	33	5	47	145	187

2 pts for win, 1 pt for shootout/OT loss

### SUNDAY'S RESULTS

Pittsburgh 5, Detroit 1  
 Boston 3, N.Y. Rangers 1  
 Edmonton 4, Carolina 3 (OT)  
 Anaheim 5, Vancouver 1  
 Nashville 2, St. Louis 1  
 Ottawa 4, Dallas 3, OT  
 New Jersey 4, Columbus 3 (SO)  
 Buffalo 5, Toronto 2  
 Winnipeg 3, Chicago 2  
**MONDAY'S GAMES**  
 Anaheim at Calgary, 3 p.m.  
 Florida at San Jose, 3 p.m.  
 N.Y. Islanders at Arizona, 3 p.m.  
 Washington at Vegas, 5 p.m.  
 Tampa Bay at Colorado, 8 p.m.

### JETS 3, BLACKHAWKS 2

Chicago	1	1	0	— 2
Winnipeg	0	2	1	— 3

**FIRST PERIOD:**  
 1, Chicago, Carpenter 3 (Kane, Maatta), 15:44.

**SECOND PERIOD:**  
 2, Winnipeg, Appleton 4 (Beaulieu, Harkins), 6:38. 3, Winnipeg, Roslovic 12 (Appleton, Kulikov), 15:37. 4, Chicago, Kane 27 (Toews, Kubalik), 19:07.

**THIRD PERIOD:**  
 5, Winnipeg, Beaulieu 1 (Laine, Kulikov), 1:36.

**SHOTS ON GOAL:** Chicago 10-14-9—33. Winnipeg 14-15-9—38.

**POWER PLAYS:** Chi 0 of 0; Wpg 0 of 0.

**GOALIES:** Chicago, Crawford 10-16-3 (38 shots—35 saves). Winnipeg, Hellebuyck 25-18-5 (33-31). A: 15,325 (15,321). T: 2:18.

**Referees:** Marc Joannette, Graham Skillerter.  
**Linesmen:** Ryan Galloway, Tony Sericolo.

## TENNIS

### ATP NEW YORK OPEN

**Final at NYBC Live; New York City; indoors—hard**  
 #8 Kyle Edmund d. Andreas Seppi, 7-5, 6-1.

### ATP ARGENTINA OPEN

**Final at Buenos Aires Lawn Tennis Club; Buenos Aires; outdoors—Red clay**  
 #8 Casper Ruud d. Pedro Sousa, 6-1, 6-4.

### ATP ABN AMRO WORLDS

**Final at Ahoy Rotterdam; Rotterdam, Netherlands; indoors—hard**  
 #3 Gael Monfils d. Felix Auger-Aliassime, 6-2, 6-4.

### WTA ST. PETERSBURG OPEN

**Final at Sport Club Dinamo; St. Petersburg, Russia; indoors—hard**  
 #2 Kiki Bertens d. #8 Elena Rybakina, 6-1, 6-3.

### WTA THAILAND OPEN

**Final at True Arena Hua Hin; Hua Hin, Thailand; outdoors—hard**  
 #5 Magda Linette d. Leonie Kung, 6-3, 6-2.

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

### HOW MEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED

**1. Baylor** (23-1) did not play. Next: at Oklahoma, Tuesday.  
**2. Gonzaga** (26-1) did not play. Next: vs. San Francisco, Thursday.  
**3. Kansas** (22-3) did not play. Next: vs. Iowa State, Monday.  
**4. San Diego State** (26-0) beat Boise State 72-55. Next: vs. UNLV, Saturday.  
**5. Louisville** (21-5) did not play. Next: vs. Syracuse, Wednesday.  
**6. Dayton** (23-2) did not play. Next: at VCU, Tuesday.  
**7. Duke** (22-3) did not play. Next: at N.C. State, Wednesday.  
**8. Florida State** (21-4) did not play. Next: vs. Pittsburgh, Tuesday.  
**9. Maryland** (21-4) did not play. Next: vs. Northwestern, Tuesday.  
**10. Seton Hall** (18-7) did not play. Next: vs. No. 19 Butler, Wednesday.  
**11. Auburn** (22-3) did not play. Next: at Georgia, Wednesday.  
**12. Kentucky** (20-5) did not play. Next: at No. 25 LSU, Tuesday.  
**13. Penn State** (20-5) did not play. Next: vs. No. 22 Illinois, Tuesday.  
**14. West Virginia** (18-7) did not play. Next: vs. Oklahoma State, Tuesday.  
**15. Villanova** (19-6) beat Temple 76-56. Next: at DePaul, Wednesday.  
**16. Colorado** (20-6) did not play. Next: vs. Southern Cal, Thursday.  
**17. Oregon** (20-6) beat Utah 80-62. Next: at Arizona State, Thursday.  
**18. Marquette** (17-7) did not play. Next: vs. No. 23 Creighton, Tuesday.  
**19. Butler** (19-7) did not play. Next: at No. 10 Seton Hall, Wednesday.  
**20. Houston** (20-6) did not play. Next: vs. Tulsa, Wednesday.  
**21. Iowa** (18-8) beat Minnesota 58-55. Next: vs. Ohio State, Thursday.  
**22. Illinois** (16-9) did not play. Next: at No. 13 Penn State, Tuesday.  
**23. Creighton** (20-6) did not play. Next: at No. 18 Marquette, Tuesday.  
**24. Texas Tech** (16-9) did not play. Next: vs. Kansas State, Wednesday.  
**25. LSU** (18-7) did not play. Next: vs. No. 12 Kentucky, Tuesday.

### SUNDAY'S SCORES

**EAST**  
 Albany (NY) 66, Maine 60  
 Boston College 71, NC St. 68  
 Duquesne 59, Fordham 54  
 Iona 78, Marist 70  
 Loyola (Md.) 84, Colgate 80  
 Niagara 77, Monmouth (NJ) 72  
 Rider 79, Quinnipiac 63  
 Siena 65, Manhattan 52  
 St. Peter's 61, Fairfield 44  
 UConn 64, Memphis 61  
**SOUTH**  
 Cincinnati 70, E. Carolina 67, OT  
 Ill.-Chicago 73, N. Kentucky 43  
**MIDWEST**  
 Drake 85, Evansville 80  
 Michigan 89, Indiana 65  
 Missouri St. 71, Indiana St. 58  
 Nebraska-Omaha 85, Denver 62  
 S. Dakota St. 75, Fort Wayne 64  
 Wichita St. 82, Tulane 57  
 Wright St. 106, IUPUI 66  
**FAR WEST**  
 Arizona St. 80, California 75  
 UC Irvine 70, Hawaii 63

### HOW WOMEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED

**1. South Carolina** (24-1) did not play. Next: vs. Vanderbilt, Monday.  
**2. Baylor** (23-1) did not play. Next: at Texas Tech, Tuesday.  
**3. Oregon** (24-2) beat USC 93-67. Next: at California, Friday.  
**4. NC State** (22-3) lost to Georgia Tech 65-61. Next: at Miami, Thursday.  
**5. UConn** (21-3) beat South Florida 67-47. Next: vs. Tulane, Wednesday.  
**6. Mississippi State** (22-4) lost to No. 18 Kentucky 73-52. Next: at Auburn, Thu.  
**7. UCLA** (21-3) did not play. Next: vs. No. 11 Oregon State, Monday.  
**8. Stanford** (23-3) beat Colorado 69-66. Next: vs. No. 11 Oregon State, Friday.  
**9. Louisville** (23-3) beat Notre Dame 82-49. Next: at Georgia Tech, Thursday.  
**10. Maryland** (22-4) beat Penn State 106-69. Next: at Wisconsin, Wed.  
**11. Oregon State** (19-6) did not play. Next: at No. 7 UCLA, Monday.  
**12. Arizona** (21-4) beat Washington State 72-57. Next: at Utah, Friday.  
**13. DePaul** (24-3) beat Xavier 97-65. Next: at Georgetown, Friday.  
**14. Florida State** (20-5) lost to Duke 66-64. Next: vs. Wake Forest, Thursday.  
**15. Gonzaga** (25-2) did not play. Next: at Loyola Marymount, Thursday.  
**16. Texas A&M** (20-5) beat No. 25 Tennessee 73-71. Next: at Georgia, Thu.  
**17. Iowa** (21-5) beat Wisconsin 97-71. Next: vs. Penn State, Saturday.  
**18. Kentucky** (19-5) beat No. 6 Miss. St. 73-62. Next: at Mississippi, Thu.  
**19. Northwestern** (22-3) beat Nebraska 60-56. Next: vs. Rutgers, Wednesday.  
**20. Indiana** (20-7) lost to Ohio State 80-76. Next: at Minnesota, Saturday.  
**21. South Dakota** (24-2) did not play. Next: vs. North Dakota State, Thu.  
**22. Arizona State** (18-8) beat Washington 72-68. Next: at Colorado, Friday.  
**23. Arkansas** (20-5) beat Mississippi 108-64. Next: vs. No. 25 Tennessee, Thu.  
**24. Missouri State** (21-3) did not play. Next: vs. Evansville, Friday.  
**25. Tennessee** (17-8) lost to No. 16 Texas A&M 73-71. Next: at No. 23 Arkansas, Thursday.

### SUNDAY'S SCORES

**EAST**  
 Boston College 93, N. Carolina 75  
 Drexel 52, Delaware 32  
 Marist 78, Siena 55  
 Providence 54, St. John's 53  
 Rhode Island 69, St. Bonaventure 67  
 Rutgers 62, Michigan 41  
 Syracuse 71, Pittsburgh 53  
 Towson 83, Coll. of Charleston 72  
 Villanova 48, Georgetown 40  
**SOUTH**  
 Arkansas 108, Mississippi 64  
 Auburn 65, LSU 60  
 Davidson 79, Duquesne 76  
 Duke 66, Florida St. 64  
 Fordham 64, Richmond 47  
 Georgia 76, Alabama 75, OT  
 Georgia Tech 65, NC St. 61  
 James Madison 76, UNC-Wilmington 52  
 Miami 63, Clemson 48  
 Northeastern 69, Elon 45  
 Texas A&M 73, Tennessee 71  
 Virginia Tech 73, Wake Forest 62  
 Wichita St. 69, Tulane 68  
 William & Mary 71, Hofstra 42  
**MIDWEST**  
 Bradley 71, Loyola of Chicago 50  
 Creighton 78, Seton Hall 66  
 DePaul 97, Xavier 65  
 Florida 75, Missouri 67  
 Green Bay 76, Oakland 51  
 Iowa 97, Wisconsin 71  
 Marquette 76, Butler 54  
 Milwaukee 76, Detroit 51  
 Ohio St. 80, Indiana 76  
 Purdue 70, Illinois 58  
 Saint Louis 71, UMass 56  
 Valparaiso 78, Illinois St. 70  
**SOUTHWEST**  
 Kansas St. 87, Oklahoma 85, OT  
 TCU 82, Iowa St. 72  
**WEST**  
 Arizona St. 72, Washington 68  
 California 88, Utah 74

### ODDS

COLLEGE BASKETBALL	MONDAY
Xavier	1½ at St. John's
at Notre Dame	5 N. Carolina
at Kansas	5 Iowa St.
at Portland State	10½ Idaho

NHL	MONDAY
at San Jose	off Florida
at Arizona	-128 NY Islanders
at Calgary	off Anaheim
at Vegas	-135 Washington
Tampa Bay	-108 at Colorado

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## GOLF

### PGA: THE GENESIS INVITATIONAL

**4th of 4 rounds; Riviera CC; Los Angeles; 7,322 yds; par 71**

<b>273 (-11)</b>	<b>\$1,674,000</b>
Adam Scott (500)	72-64-67-70
<b>275 (-9)</b>	<b>\$703,700</b>
Scott Brown (208)	71-68-68-68
Sung Kang (208)	69-67-70-69
Matt Kuchar (208)	64-69-70-72
<b>276 (-8)</b>	<b>\$318,990</b>
Joel Dahmen (93)	68-71-66-71
Bryson DeChambeau (93)	68-70-69-69
Max Homa (93)	72-69-65-70
Hideki Matsuyama (93)	71-72-64-69
Rory McIlroy (93)	68-67-68-73
<b>277 (-7)</b>	<b>\$234,825</b>
Talor Gooch (70)	70-72-64-71
Dustin Johnson (70)	72-66-67-72
Chez Reavie (70)	69-68-71-69
<b>278 (-6)</b>	<b>\$176,700</b>
James Hahn (56)	68-70-70-70
Kyung-Hoon Lee (56)	67-73-69-69
Vaughn Taylor (56)	69-67-74-68
Harold Varner III (56)	67-68-69-74
<b>279 (-5)</b>	<b>\$127,875</b>
Rafa Cabrera Bello (46)	68-69-72-70
Patrick Cantlay (46)	68-72-71-68
Wyndham Clark (46)	67-68-72-72
Russell Henley (46)	67-69-68-75
Scottie Jerry (46)	70-69-70-70
Jon Rahm (46)	70-68-69-72
<b>280 (-4)</b>	<b>\$89,745</b>
Sam Burns (37)	73-68-69-70
Xander Schauffele (37)	72-70-69-69
Brian Stuard (37)	72-68-69-71
<b>281 (-3)</b>	<b>\$70,680</b>
Adam Hadwin (32)	71-71-69-70
Collin Morikawa (32)	73-67-68-73
Sebastian Munoz (32)	69-69-70-73
Carlos Ortiz (32)	68-70-71-72
<b>282 (-2)</b>	<b>\$55,734</b>
J.T. Poston (24)	69-72-70-71
Matthew Fitzpatrick (24)	71-70-68-73
Luke List (24)	71-68-68-75
Ryan Moore (24)	71-71-69-71
Scottie Rodgers (24)	70-72-71-70
Scottie Scheffler (24)	64-69-67-72
Cameron Tringale (24)	<b>\$41,385</b>
<b>283 (-1)</b>	<b>\$32,085</b>
Paul Casey (17)	69-69-70-75
Sergio Garcia (17)	70-70-71-72
Lanto Griffin (17)	71-70-69-73
Si Woo Kim (17)	69-69-72-73
Andrew Landry (17)	68-72-70-73
Denny McCarthy (17)	69-72-70-72
<b>284 (E)</b>	<b>\$32,085</b>
Abraham Ancer (12)	76-67-70-71
Brooks Koepka (12)	69-73-68-74
Martin Laird (12)	71-71-70-72
Marc Leishman (12)	70-72-68-74
<b>285 (+1)</b>	<b>\$25,482</b>
Brian Harman (9)	70-69-74-72
Pat Perez (9)</	

## NBA ALL-STAR WEEKEND

### Celebrities turn up all around town

BY TRACY SWARTZ

Celebrities and athletes appeared all around town during NBA All-Star Weekend in Chicago, at both league-sanctioned events and other celebrations. Here's a look at where the stars were dining and partying.

#### Saturday's sightings

Retired NBA star Dwyane Wade's spades game at the City Hall event space in the West Loop drew several big names, including his wife, actress Gabrielle Union; Super Bowl MVP Patrick Mahomes; Jazz guard Donovan Mitchell; Celtics center Tacko Fall; popular Fortnite streamer Tyler "Ninja" Blevins; Rockets guard Russell Westbrook; Queen Latifah; actor/performer Common; actress Tiffany Haddish; NBA-star-turned-broadcaster Reggie Miller; and Sky players Stefanie Dolson, Cheyenne Parker and Diamond DeShields.

NBA superstar LeBron James, meanwhile, shut down Swift & Sons steakhouse in Fulton Market for his Klutch Sports Group dinner. 76ers guard Ben Simmons and entertainment reporter Terrence J were among those in attendance.

Hip-hop couple Cardi B and Offset were spotted at Bounce Sporting Club with Migos rapper Quavo and Haddish. People magazine reported Offset flew in Valentine's Day dinner from one of Cardi's favorite New York restaurants. Offset is hosting a party Sunday at Ocean Gentlemen's Club in suburban Bedford Park.

Shaquille O'Neal — using the stage name Diesel — kicked off his Dance Studio set by encouraging the crowd to put up their hands for his former teammate Kobe Bryant, who died last month in a helicopter crash.

Someone also handed him a beaded necklace that featured a replica of Bryant's No. 24 Lakers jersey. "New Girl" cast member Lamorne Morris was in attendance.

Before his set at Joy District Chicago, DJ Khaled showed off his dance moves at Sunda New Asian restaurant and met fans at the Snipes shoe store in Evergreen Park.

#### Friday's sightings

Michael Jordan celebrated his upcoming 57th birthday at Cinespace Chicago Film Studios' Little Village complex. Attendees didn't know the location of Friday's party until Thursday, and security was very tight.

The singer Miguel performed. Russell Westbrook, Trail Blazers forward Carmelo Anthony, Celtics guard Kemba Walker, Lakers forward Anthony Davis, rapper Vic Mensa and "Family Matters" star Jaleel White were among the 250 to 300 people in attendance.

Michael Jordan's Steak House catered the event, and Moët & Chandon provided a champagne display and vending machine. There was a large Kobe Bryant jersey made of flowers to honor the late NBA legend and a large Jordan sneaker floral display.

This was the first event at Cinespace's Little Village location — at 31st Street and Kedzie Avenue — which used to be a steel plant. The AMC network show "61st Street" moves into that space in March.

"Grocery Store Joe" Amabile, fresh off his split from "Bachelor in Paradise" castmate Kendall Long; Kelley Flanagan, who was sent home by pilot Peter Weber on Monday's episode of "The Bachelor"; and Dustin Kendrick, who competed on Hannah Brown's season of "The Bachelorette" last year, took in DJ Khaled's set at Tao Chicago. "Bachelor in Paradise" alumnus Chris Bukowski (who ate at Bandit in the West Loop earlier in the evening) and "Bachelor" alumna Katrina Badowski were spotted there too.

Also at Tao on Friday: Carmelo Anthony (who dined at RPM Seafood); Ben Simmons (who visited Tao the night before); Anthony Davis; Donovan Mitchell (who dined at Gibsons Bar & Steakhouse); former NBA star Allen Iverson; former Bear Devin Hester; and rappers Rick Ross, Tory Lanez, Pusha T, Nas and 2 Chainz.

Former President Barack Obama dined with a small group at RPM Steak and chatted with Clippers guard Patrick Beverley, a Chicago native. Also at RPM Steak: Quavo, with his rapper girlfriend Saweetie; country music singer Kane Brown; Bears linebacker Khalil Mack; Clippers forward Paul George; and Marcus Jordan, the youngest son of Michael Jordan.



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NBA legend Shaquille "Diesel" O'Neal performs at Dance Studio on Saturday.



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Aaron Gordon of the Magic soars over 7-foot-5 Tacko Fall in Saturday's Slam Dunk contest.

# It's time for a makeover

## How to fix Slam Dunk after the Magic's Gordon was robbed — again



PHIL THOMPSON  
On the NBA

The Slam Dunk contest needs an intervention.

An executive order, a papal bull, an injunction. Whatever it takes.

Derrick Jones Jr. of the Heat prevailed Saturday night at the United Center because he flawlessly executed a

between-the-legs jam, but it certainly wasn't his flashiest dunk by any stretch, and it warranted at least the two 9s (out of a possible 10) he received from a five-judge panel.

Aaron Gordon lost because he grazed the head of 7-foot-5 Celtics G-Leagueur Tacko Fall while leaping over him on the final dunk, saddling him with three 9s and a one-point loss.

But it shouldn't have come to that sixth attempt.

Gordon pulled off the dunk of the night on his fourth attempt, running baseline and catching a lob one-handed in midair and spinning for a turnaround jam.

Many Gordon backers say the Magic forward was robbed in 2016 during his showdown with then-Timberwolves guard Zach LaVine.

Gordon's 2020 dunk was at least as entertaining as his best 2016 dunk, and perhaps in subtle ways more difficult. The dunk from four years ago required superhuman strength and body control. Saturday's maneuver required pinpoint hand-eye coordination, body control and a flourish of power.

The NBA has no qualms about tweaking other contests — as it did this year with the 3-Point Contest — particularly if there's a branding opportunity in it, such as the Mountain Dew 3-point money ball.

So why not appoint someone to intercede when common sense says the dunk contest is won and done?

In this case, Saturday's judges — Dwyane Wade, Common, Candace Parker, Chadwick Boseman and Scottie Pippen — backed themselves into a corner by handing out perfect 50 scores like participation trophies.

Mind you, when Jones went under his left leg for a forceful left-handed slam, it looked like a winner.

But has anyone in dunk contest history snatched a pass one-handed, spun midair — keeping control of the ball — and windmilled it into the hoop with such vengeance?

Really, though. Asking for a friend. Cameras flashed. Gordon strutted



Aaron Gordon reacts after he was defeated by the Heat's Derrick Jones Jr.

around the court. Players and fans alike rose from their seats. It wasn't just the best dunk of the night, it was one of the best in dunk contest history.

How do you not call it a night after that?

As a journalist colleague remarked as we looked at footage of Gordon's and LaVine's dunks from 2016: "LaVine's dunk is a 50, but Aaron Gordon's dunk is a different kind of 50."

And such was the case in 2020 with Gordon's fourth dunk. Everything after that would seem anticlimactic and indeed was.

"We're here to do four dunks," Gordon said after the contest. "So out of four dunks, it should be the best out of four dunks. I did four straight 50s — five straight 50s. That's over. It's a wrap. Let's go home. Four 50s in a row in an NBA dunk contest, it's over."

"But I don't know. Who's running the show?"

Good question. Who is running the show?

The three-time participant has the most perfect 50s in dunk contest history, the most in a single night (five), and he doesn't have the hardware to show for it.

Therefore, All-Star Saturday Night needs an arbiter, a sixth judge in the basketball court of appeals, an enforcer whose sole role is to intercede when common sense — as evidenced by the roars in the United Center — dictates that the contest is won and to call it when it needs to be called.

Can you envision Michael Jordan literally descending from the rafters to issue his holy decree?

Certainly Wade, a Heat legend, would have been recused from his position. Not to impugn his integrity, but his 9 for Gordon's final attempt, assisted by Fall, helped seal the win for Jones, his Miami brethren, and it's at least suspicious.

"I don't even know who gave me the 9s. I'm going to find them," joked Gordon, who vowed he has competed in his last dunk contest. "Trust me, I'm going to find them tonight."

## LaVine 'wanted to put on a show'

Bulls star mad that he didn't deliver in 3-Point Contest

BY JAMAL COLLIER

Zach LaVine started with a flurry. He knocked down all five balls in his first rack from the left baseline during the first round of the 3-Point Contest on Saturday night, and fans at the United Center rose to their feet in anticipation.

It was all part of his plan. The other seven contestants entered with better reputations as shooters, but LaVine has demonstrated this season he is capable of getting hot from beyond the arc. After his 5-for-5 start, his mind immediately started thinking of a 30-point round.

LaVine could not continue the momentum, however, going cold in the middle three racks before finishing strong by making all five balls in his final rack from the right baseline. He finished with 23 points and was eliminated, placing fourth behind Devin Booker (27), Buddy Hield (27) and Davis Bertans (26).

Hield hit his last shot in the final round to win the contest, edging Booker 27-26. Bertans finished third with 22 points.

"I'm mad because you guys know I wanted to go out there and put a show on," LaVine said. "I got off to a hot start and missed the money balls. I ended hot as well, but it just wasn't enough."

Even though he missed out on his goal of being named to Sunday's All-Star Game, LaVine wanted to represent the Bulls during All-Star Weekend in Chicago in some way.

He resisted clamoring from fans and decided against competing in another dunk contest, instead wanting to become the first player to win both the Slam Dunk and 3-Point contests in his career. Even after losing in the first round Saturday, LaVine did not regret that decision, reiterating that he is past the dunk contest and feels like he has nothing else to prove.

The 3-Point Contest was a new challenge, however, and one he embraced.

He spent a portion of the previous few nights in the gym, shooting as many as 300 times, he estimated, preparing with the help of his girlfriend and a few friends in town for the weekend. The Bulls ordered a few custom racks to help LaVine prepare for the event.

"This is a great event," LaVine said. "You get hype because dudes get on a roll and you get the crowd behind you. I get the pleasure of being the hometown guy. I get the crowd from the get-go, but it's a little bit different. There's more competitors on the floor. You're doing more things. But it's the bright lights. You've got to put a show on."

LaVine said he would be open to participating in the contest again.

Aside from competing in a different event, LaVine's All-Star experience felt much different compared with his previous two.

Between events he was able to sleep in his bed at night, which helped him relax. With the game in his hometown, he had to act as a host for other players, offering restaurant recommendations — Giordano's and Pequod's are his favorites for deep-dish pizza — and the best spots in town.

LaVine is the face of the current Bulls and wanted to represent the hometown team.

"I appreciate Chicago, I love (the fans)," LaVine said. "They know how I feel about the city. I wanted to bring that trophy home."



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Zach LaVine participates in the 3-Point Contest at All-Star Saturday Night.

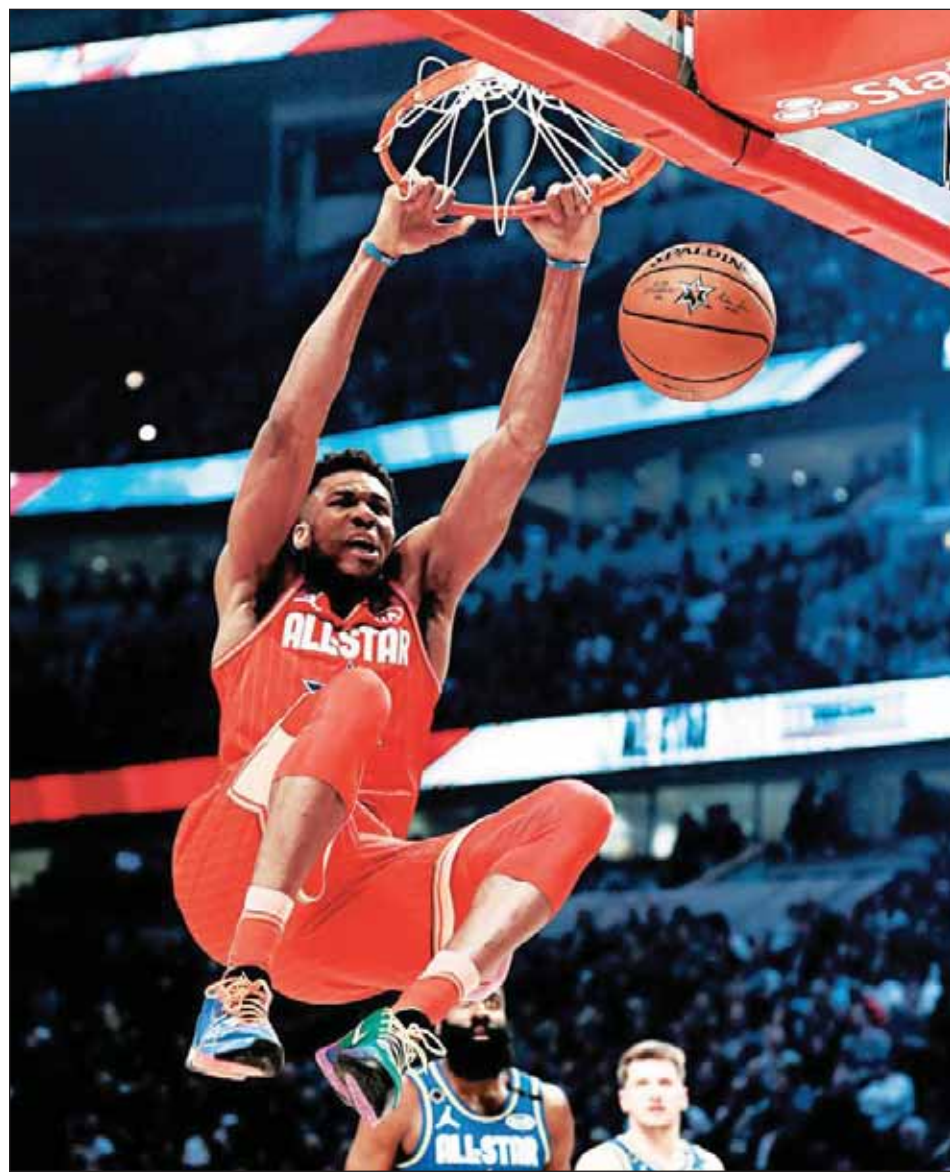
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# A Star-spangled night

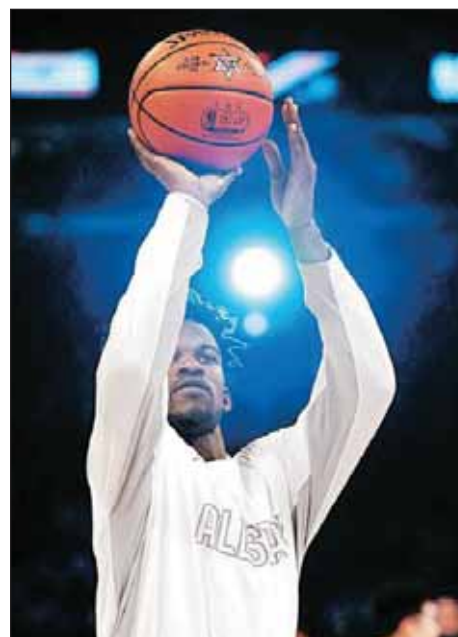


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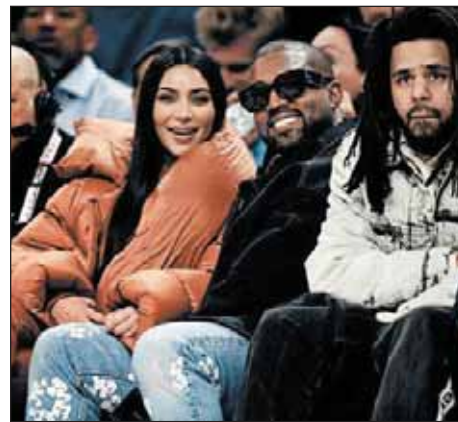
Anthony Davis of Team LeBron controls the tipoff for the NBA All-Star Game at the United Center on Sunday. A native Chicagoan, Davis plays on the Lakers with LeBron James.



Giannis Antetokounmpo of Team Giannis slams one through in the NBA All-Star Game.



Ex-Bull Jimmy Butler of Team Giannis warms up. Butler now plays for the Heat.



Kim Kardashian West and Kanye West watch the first quarter Sunday night.

## Chance puts on a spirited halftime show

BY TRACY SWARTZ

Chicago native Chance the Rapper gave a spirited performance of his hits and a soulful tribute to NBA legend Kobe Bryant during halftime of Sunday's All-Star Game at the United Center.

The 13-minute set featured appearances by DJ Khaled, Migos rapper Quavo and Lil Wayne plus fireworks and a marching band — but the highlight was Chance's performance of "I Was a Rock" as footage of Bryant played in the background.

Chance, born Chancelor Bennett and raised on the South Side, started the show with "No Problem" featuring Lil Wayne. DJ Khaled and Quavo joined him for their hit "I'm the One." Chance also performed "Hot Shower."

The Grammy winner put his own spin on Kanye West's "Ultralight Beam" but did not bring him on stage, even though West was sitting courtside with his wife, Kim Kardashian West. West held his Sunday Service earlier in the day at Credit Union 1 Arena.

The halftime show culminated a busy weekend for Chance, who captained the losing team in Friday's All-Star Celebrity Game and made a cameo in Saturday's dunk contest. Up next for him is hosting the Nickelodeon Kids' Choice Awards on March 22. Chance is also taking the reins as host of a revival of the prank series "Punk'd" for Quibi.

## Bryants, former commissioner Stern honored before the ASG

BY JAMAL COLLIER

The basketball community still is reeling from the deaths last month of two iconic figures, former NBA Commissioner David Stern and Lakers legend Kobe Bryant, so Sunday's All-Star Game was an opportunity for the league to celebrate and honor their legacies.

The lights in the United Center were dimmed with shades of purple and gold as Magic Johnson began the pregame ceremony by asking the crowd to stand and hold hands during an eight-second moment of silence.

"We all are hurting," Johnson said. "This is a tough time for the whole NBA family."

Bryant's death in a helicopter crash Jan. 26 that also took the lives of his 13-year-old daughter Gianna and seven others changed the tenor of All-Star Weekend. Every member of Team Giannis wore No. 24 for Kobe Bryant while all Team LeBron players wore No. 2 for Gianna. Team LeBron closed its pregame huddle by chanting, "Mamba."

Johnson also noted the influence of

Stern, whom he credited for saving his life by allowing him to play in the 1992 All-Star Game after Johnson's HIV-positive diagnosis months earlier.

He then gave a nod to Stern's role in expanding the NBA's international reach, the benefits of which could be seen on the court Sunday with eight of the 24 All-Stars from outside the United States.

Johnson noted not only Bryant's performance on the court — the 81-point game, scoring 60 points in his final game — but also the passion in which he attacked everything in his life, in and out of basketball. Bryant's death is still fresh, and even after weeks of tributes, a surreal feeling enveloped the building.

The NBA renamed the All-Star Game Most Valuable Player award after Bryant and altered the game format so the teams aimed to reach a target score in the fourth quarter that added 24 points to the higher total through three quarters. Fans received a special Bryant edition of Sports Illustrated as they arrived.

Jennifer Hudson delivered a powerful



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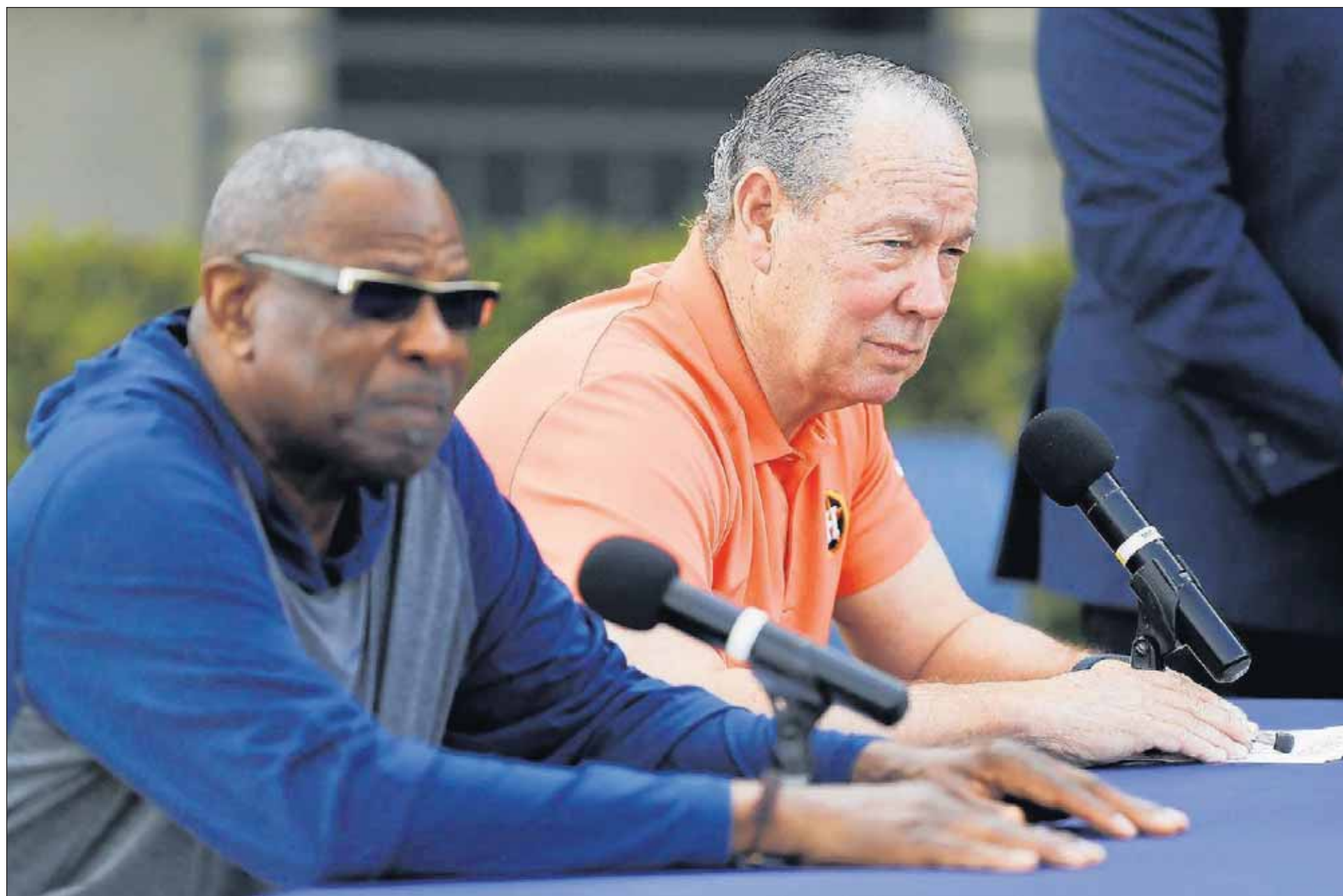
Jennifer Hudson sings a tribute to Kobe Bryant and his daughter Gianna.

performance, and Common followed with a rap dedicated to Bryant.

Several times throughout the night and all weekend, chants of "Ko-be! Ko-be!" reverberated throughout the building.

"How ironic is it that Kobe has worked out with a lot of these guys or given them great advice," Johnson said. "He was always there for all of us in one way or another."

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Manager Dusty Baker and owner Jim Crane of the Houston Astros answer questions from the media during a Feb. 13 news conference in West Palm Beach, Florida.

## Astros sorry it won't end

Story of team's sign-stealing escapades will follow it around for quite a while

BY MARK BRADLEY  
The Atlanta Journal-Constitution

**T**he Astros Apology Offensive launched Thursday.

As you'd expect from a campaign a month in the formation, it came across as less than heartfelt. We might even call it canned, but we'd beat a joke to within an inch of its life.

Here was team owner Jim Crane: "Our opinion is that this (his team's sign stealing) didn't impact the game."

Shortly thereafter, Crane said: "I didn't say it didn't impact the game."

Alex Bregman and Jose Altuve, who had declined to express remorse, decided that, after further review, they were remorseful after all.

"I have learned from this," Bregman said, the lesson presumably being not to cheat — or, if you do, not to get caught.

Major League Baseball announced its sanctions against the Astros on Jan. 13. Many of us media types were tracking developments — general manager and manager banned for a year; wait, now they're fired! — on the bus to the Superdome for the LSU-Clemson championship game. Did MLB seek to soften the story by revealing its findings on a heavy news day? Bang on a trash can once for yes, twice for no.

A month later, we know that those findings were woefully incomplete, thereby rendering this the story that cannot be buried. Jared Diamond, aptly named, of The Wall Street Journal has uncovered so much dirt that it's clear MLB's investigation was as thorough as you'd expect from a sport that took a decade to grasp that some of its players might have taken more than a One-A-Day vitamin to stay in shape.

MLB's report sought to pass off the sign stealing as "player-driven." Diamond found internal documents showing that the Astros had an algorithm for their thievery — there's an algorithm for everything — that bore the name "Codebreaker," the plan itself being dubbed "Dark Arts."

Many emails discussing this were directed to then-GM Jeff Luhnow, whose principal defense seems to be that he never reads emails longer than one page. (Good business practice!)

Even with the Astros lining up to say they're sorry — notice that it's the Astros' pitchers who seem the sorriest; there was no trash can for them — we're left to wonder how much more there was to this. We're also left to wonder what, if anything, MLB should do, and we say that with the full knowledge that MLB, guaranteed, will make a mess of whatever it tries.

So here goes:

**Should the Astros** be stripped of the 2017 World Series title? They cheated — a lot — in the year they won it all. So yes, they should lose the sport's ultimate prize.

But if you're thinking, "Just declare the Dodgers the 2017 champ," what about the Yankees, who lost the American League Championship Series in seven games? What about all the teams that were beaten in July and August, not just October? Not that the NCAA gets much right, but when it vacates something, it doesn't proclaim a replacement titlist.



JEFF ROBERSON/AP

Members of the Houston Astros gather Thursday in West Palm Beach, Florida, for a spring training practice.

There's no official hoops national champ for 2013 — not Louisville, which saw its banner removed, but not finals loser Michigan either.

**Should MLB go back** and penalize the players? As Diamond reported, MLB's probe entailed a blanket grant of immunity to those who came clean. Is it legal/ethical to revoke such a thing? The answer's no, and the almighty Players Association would go nuts if MLB even tried.

Anyway, how would that work? Carlos Beltran and Brian McCann have retired. Marwin Gonzalez plays for the Twins.

**Should everyone hate** the Astros forever? A runner on second base is allowed to peek at the catcher's fingers to see if he can discern what pitch is coming. MLB did, however, issue a directive that electronic sign stealing is verboten. (This after the Red Sox, who are surely facing sanctions of their own, were found using an Apple watch in the dugout in 2017.)

Is this merely a question of degree? Or, given the apparent organizational swoop of the malfeasance, is this something anyone with a conscience should have known was beyond the pale?

**Should we hate** some Astros more than others? As noted by Diamond, Beltran was identified in an internal email as "the godfather of the whole program." This week The Athletic reported that Brian McCann, beloved as a Brave, asked Beltran to knock it off. Does that make McCann the good Astro? Maybe, but Astros fan Tony Adams — this also reported by Diamond — spent 50 hours reviewing footage of the 2017 season and listening for trash-can bangs.

Adams has a website: SignStealingScandal.com. On it we learn that McCann heard 45 bangs in 507 pitches. That's a higher percentage (8.9) than for Altuve (2.8), but much lower than for Marwin Gonzalez (18.9), Beltran (18.1), Bregman (16.6), Carlos Correa (16.3) or George Springer (14.9).

**How many** of the Astros' gains — they won 311 games over the past three seasons — were ill-gotten? Asked this week if the Astros would have won the 2017 World Series without cheating, Gonzalez told USA Today: "That's hard to measure. You're never going to know." Headed into last year's World Series, which they lost, this seemed one of the greatest teams ever. It's doubtful you'll hear anyone saying that out loud anytime soon.

**Can we ever** calculate the collateral damage? In a word, no. On Aug. 4, 2017, the Astros beat the Blue Jays 16-7. With two outs in the fourth, Mike Bolsinger was summoned to pitch. He faced nine batters.

The first eight reached base. Gonzalez homered. Beltran doubled. McCann walked. According to Adams' data, that game featured the most trash-can bangs — 54. Bolsinger hasn't pitched in the majors since. Last week he filed suit against the Astros. He seeks unspecified damages but asks they forfeit \$31 million in postseason shares and that the money go to charity. His grounds: "unfair business practices."

**The Astros** can apologize until the cows come home, and maybe some will even mean it, but this story isn't going away. What about the alleged buzzers? What about Beltran's case as a Hall of Famer? How long ago did the cheating stop, assuming it ever did? This story gets worse with every week, every day.

The steroids era came down to individual players making choices. What the Astros did was a systemic effort — not just something the players cooked up, as MLB would have us believe — to subvert the rules and skew the sport. Well, they've skewed it.

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*“For me now, that’s what I’m trying to do — really understand the game. If I had understood the game more, I would still be there, a hundred percent. I’m in better shape than I have been, even when I played. I know if I had all of this it would be a different story. But it can be a different story for somebody else.”*



LYNNE SLADKY/AP

His major-league career spiraled downward in a flash, but former Philadelphia Phillies prospect Domonic Brown has reinvented himself as a private hitting instructor.

## A different story for Brown

BY MIKE SIELSKI  
The Philadelphia Inquirer

Former Phillies phenom and flame-out has found himself in a new chapter

EAST NORRITON, Pa. — In one corner of Athletes Academy, a sports-training facility in East Norriton, Domonic Brown was back in a batting cage.

Yes, that Domonic Brown.

His head and eyes flitted back and forth from Max Hitman — a high school senior, a St. Joseph’s University recruit and Brown’s star pupil — to a computer screen above the cage to a HitTrax program showing the data of Hitman’s every swing off a batting tee: his bat speed, the ball’s exit velocity and the distance it would have traveled.

One of Hitman’s cuts produced a piercing sound, like pipe on pipe, and what would have been a 194-foot line drive to left-center field.

“Not bad,” Brown said.

In another corner of the facility, 2-year-old Domonic Brown Jr. kept shooting a little basketball through a little basketball hoop. He couldn’t miss. His dad was supposed to be like that too.

This is Brown’s new career, new beginning, now that he is 32: here in suburban Philadelphia, years after his flaming fall from nascent greatness to disappointment with the Phillies, as a private hitting instructor.

He had been a ballyhooed prospect, billed as the bridge from Jimmy Rollins, Chase Utley, and Ryan Howard to the next era of Phillies excellence, 6-foot-6 with that liquid, left-handed swing, and he’d had that incredible period in 2013 that made everyone believe stardom was inevitable for him: 12 home runs in May, 11 in a 15-game stretch, 27 for the season and a spot on the National League All-Star team.

He was never so good again. He hit .235 with 10 home runs in 2014, then .228 with five home runs in 2015, injuries and a stint at Triple A limiting him to 63 games. The Phillies released him.

He ricocheted around pro ball: the Blue Jays and Rockies systems, the Pacific Coast League, four teams in Mexico, one in the Dominican Republic, launching 49 home runs and slugging .485 over the last two years at those lower levels. He rediscovered his swing, just too late.

He moved back to the region last year with his wife, Stephanie, and their three children. Looking for a place to hit during the winter, he found Athletes Academy, started offering tips to teenagers once his own sessions in the cage were finished and decided after a while that he enjoyed teaching enough to retire from playing altogether. The facility’s owner, Cherifa Howarth, was impressed enough to hire Brown.

Every day, he spends hours in the cage, with the kids he coaches and the HitTrax and a black day planner into which he scribbles any thought about hitting that strikes him. He spoke at length recently about everything that led him there. His comments have been edited for clarity.

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“I didn’t understand hitting when I was in the majors, and that’s what made me want to teach. I started seeing I had more love for the game because of the downfalls, because of the struggles. Even last year, I was at a field in Laredo, Texas, where you couldn’t hit a ball out to right field, so I had to turn my swing toward center field and



STEVEN M. FALK/TNS

The Philadelphia Phillies’ Domonic Brown high-fives third-base coach John Mizerock after hitting a three-run homer against the New York Mets in August 2015.

left field. All of a sudden, I hit 20 out of my 26 home runs last year to the middle or opposite field, and I’m like, ‘If I did that in the big leagues, I’d still be a Phillie.’ But (it’s) life lessons. I love teaching more than I do playing because of the failures.

“The Phillies made me feel like a big-leaguer. That was great. I pretty much hit .295, .300 every year in the minors. Hit .279 in Reading in 2009, and I was ticked. A lot of people don’t know that. That’s how hungry I was for success. But I just needed a little more push.

“For example, 2012 spring training, I’m out early with Juan Samuel, working on some stuff in left field. Still dark out. Dallas Green comes out, walks right past me, says, ‘Thought they said you couldn’t catch any fly balls.’ I’m like, ‘All right. Let’s go. Show you what I can do.’ A lot of that stuff is what drove me in ’13.

“Why did things go so well in that

month? Wally Joyner. He was a great teacher for me as the Phillies batting coach that season, a big role model in my life to this day. He made me believe, and that’s all that I needed at that time. Be consistent every day. Stay with the drills that worked for me: tee work, front flips, side flips.

“Now I go back to that month: what was clicking, why was it clicking, what angle were you getting to the point of contact. I was using the whole plate and changing the whole field around. Jimmy Rollins showed me his toe-tap, and that helped me out a ton. I was on the fringes then, and I knew it, and it fired me up.

“After the season, Dallas sent me a letter saying congratulations on everything. Looking back on it, Larry Bowa would get me to those stages too. Charlie Manuel did. But a lot of people couldn’t get that out of me consistently. I blame myself. I needed to be pushed in certain areas.

“Pitchers didn’t catch on to me until the end of that year. Now 2014 comes around, and I know they’re going to come back out here, on the outside of the plate, and I couldn’t make the adjustment. It took me years to get that back.

“Getting sat down was tough. In ’15, I was beat up physically, and I was beat up mentally too. I knew from how I was performing that I should have been at Triple A. I knew I wasn’t that kind of player, but it was extremely tough knowing I wasn’t getting the results I normally get.

“At 4 years old, I started doing a back handspring; by 7 or 8, I was flipping in the end zone with full pads. By middle school, I was kind of a myth in my area where I grew up. I was throwing the ball super hard, I was running a 4.4 40 in high school, I was 6-foot-5, 6-6 (and) playing three sports. The pressure’s always been there.

“It was just part of the program for me, honestly. That’s how I looked at it. I put more pressure on myself than anybody else just because I knew I was always that guy. The scouts knew I had what it took. My agent, Scott Boras, knew I had what it took. I knew I had what it took, but I got to the point where I just couldn’t figure it out.

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“When I got the phone call that I was going to be put on waivers, I was at my house in South Jersey. Scott Proefrock, the Phillies assistant general manager, told me. I put the phone down and was like, ‘No way? I knew everybody — the grounds crew, everybody at Citizens Bank Park. I also knew I was supposed to be here for 10 years-plus, so I felt like I let the city down.’

“I didn’t understand I was a spoiled brat when it came to the Phillies. I didn’t realize it in a baseball form because I’d never really been spoiled before. My parents always had decent jobs. Living was always OK, but my parents were tough on me.

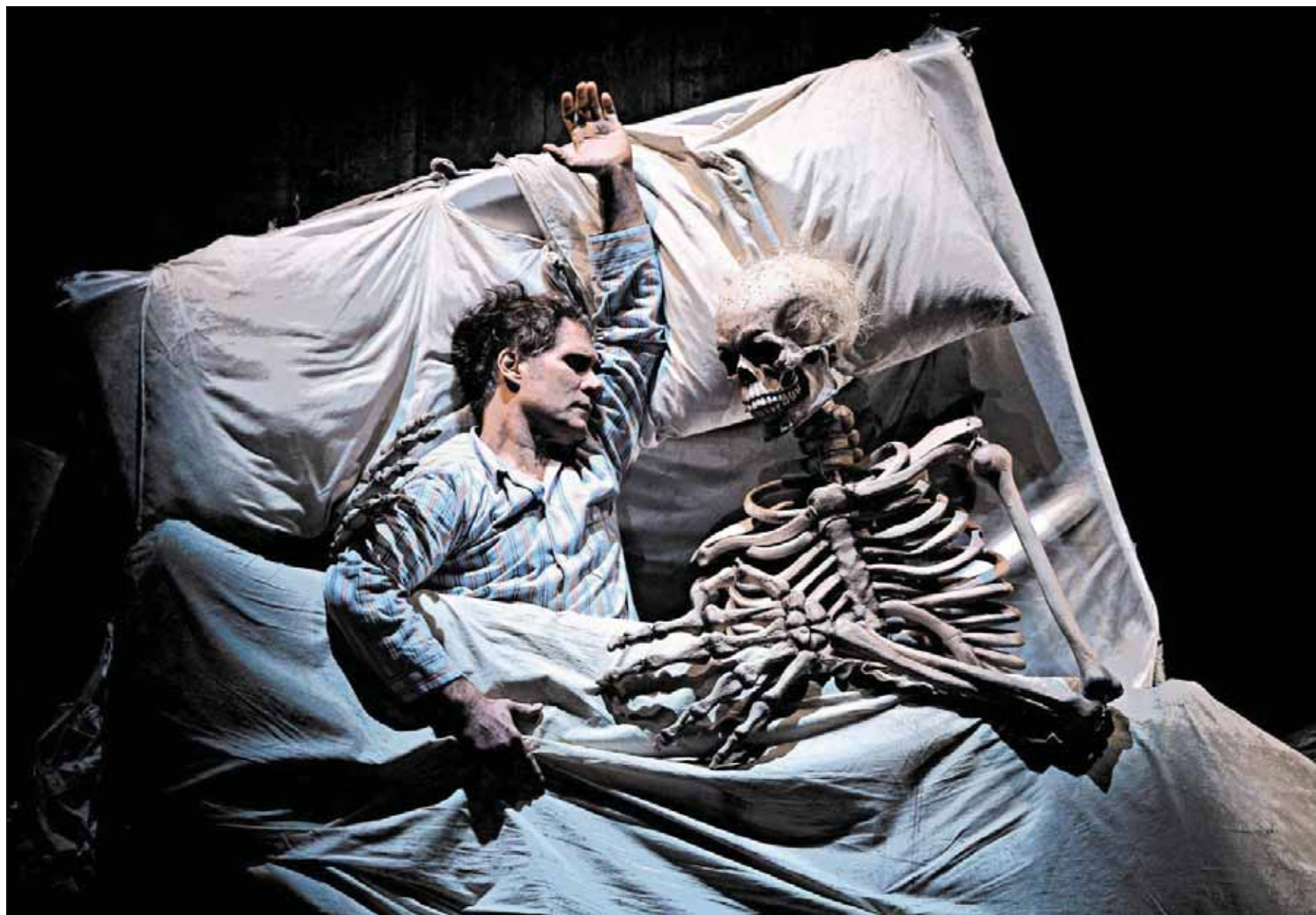
“But with the Phillies, I could do no wrong. I’m happy it was that way, but I couldn’t really handle that part. Going through Mexico, going through some tough times, got me right.

“People bring up my career pretty much every time I start working with them. It’s not, ‘What happened?’ Most of the time, it’s like, ‘Hey, I watched you.’ See, that makes me feel good also. I didn’t realize that I still had a huge following here. I didn’t realize people still ask about me.

“Every time we go to the city, somebody’s stopping us, talking to us about the Phillies and all that stuff. If I knew that four years ago, I never would have left. But at the same time, I wouldn’t have gotten any better either. I still would have been a spoiled kid when it came to baseball.

“Now I’m at the point where I don’t want any of my guys going to college, going to the next level, and they can’t tell a hitting coach how to position a baseball. They should know their contact point. They should know what angles work for them inside. They should know how to backspin a ball to right-center, not only in batting practice but at 7 o’clock.

“For me now, that’s what I’m trying to do — really understand the game. If I had understood the game more, I would still be there, a hundred percent. I’m in better shape than I have been, even when I played. I know if I had all of this it would be a different story, but it can be a different story for somebody else.”



TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS

Tenor Brandon Jovanovich plays Gherman during a dress rehearsal of Tchaikovsky's "The Queen of Spades" at Lyric Opera in Chicago.

**IN PERFORMANCE** 'The Queen of Spades' ★★★

# An opera that appeals more to the ear than to the eye

By **HOWARD REICH**

"Eugene Onegin" stands as Tchaikovsky's most celebrated opera, but the score to "The Queen of Spades" deserves at least equal attention.

If its narrative, loosely based on Pushkin's short story, stretches credulity even by operatic standards, the music makes up for it. But perhaps it's best simply to disregard the bizarre plot twists and supernatural elements, regarding the work more as a portrait of one man's descent into madness rather than as a coherent or persuasive tale.

The production that opened Saturday night at Lyric Opera did few favors for an already convoluted story, at least visually speaking. But it was so well sung, with

sumptuous accompaniment from the Lyric Opera Orchestra — all under the baton of Lyric music director Andrew Davis — that this "Queen" ultimately appealed far more to the ear than to the eye, to the heart than to the intellect.

At the start of the opera, Gherman has fallen hopelessly in love with a woman whose name he doesn't know. Thus he stalks her across the stage at the start of this peculiar production, which originated at Welsh National Opera in 2000. Of course, it doesn't take long before Gherman, sung by tenor Brandon Jovanovich, is pouring out his heart to Lisa, played by soprano Sondra Radvanovsky (who starred in the Donizetti compen-

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Soprano Sondra Radvanovsky as Lisa in "The Queen of Spades."

**RECORDINGS**

## A nearly flawless debut from Beach Bunny

By **KEVIN WILLIAMS**

It was September 2018 at Riot Fest, just after noon and kids were running. Not rushing, not walking fast, but *running* across Douglas Park to get to Rebel Stage, the one farthest from the fest entrance.

They were running for Beach Bunny, a then baby band that since has played Riot Fest, Lollapalooza and is on this year's Coachella lineup. It has a new album, "Honeymoon," that will be on a great many "best of" lists by year's end because of what it is: a bracing, blissful power pop gem with a sound as open as leader Lili Trifilio's heart.

It's easy to brush her work off as emo Taylor Swift. But Trifilio writes songs that encapsulate the difficulties of being a normal young woman. Being stood up, left at prom, broken hearts, body image, dudes and the nonsense they make women go through. She sings those songs in a way that makes her devoted following feel she's one of them, because she is. Trifilio isn't some leggy, distant goddess, flanked by



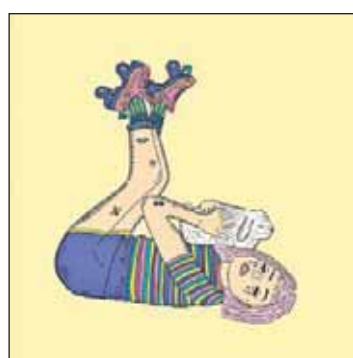
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Matt Henkels, from left, Jon Alvarado, Lili Trifilio and Anthony Vaccaro are the members of Chicago band Beach Bunny.

dancers. She's a pop star now, with a grin, a guitar almost as big as she is and a genuine sense of "Whoa, that this is happening is nuts." And she's presenting personal, empathetic songs that are as catchy as they are genuine. "Honeymoon" might be the band's first full-length, but it's really a continuation of everything that's come before, a continuing story being lived by Beach Bunny fans.

"Promises" is the opener, stark and so wide open it almost cracks, Trifilio's clear bell of a

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### 'Honeymoon'

Beach Bunny  
 ★★★ (out of four)

## Farewell to readers — and music that sparked so many amazing things



**GREG KOT**  
 Tribune music critic

As a Tribune music critic for the last 30 years, I've attended more than 2,000 concerts where pretty much anything could happen, and often has.

While scrawling in my notepad, I've been hit by a sod missile thrown by a Guns 'N Roses fan, punched in the eye by a guy jostling for a better view of Alice in Chains, hit by a gin bottle when the Offspring incited fans to throw garbage at the stage, been caught in no-man's land when rival gangs started taunting each other at a hip-hop concert, and had three vertebrae damaged by a 250-pound drunk ramming into a crowd at an outdoor festival.

My job also had a downside. Dealing with the machinations of the music industry was in many ways counter to the critic's job of deciphering the language of music in recordings and in concert. Yet it was un-



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Paul McCartney is one of the artists made uncomfortable under questioning by Greg Kot.

avoidable, and was always an essential part of my beat. I grew to respect many people who worked in the "industry" I covered, but as a journalist I never thought of myself as a part of that industry. Too often the bureaucracy impeded the music: the onerous contracts that denied countless artists their fair share of royalties (or sometimes no royalties at all), the pay-to-play business model of commercial radio conglomerates, the

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Elton John appears at the Golden Globes Jan. 5.

### Sick Elton John has to cut show short

An emotional Elton John had to cut short a performance in New Zealand on Sunday after he lost his voice due to walking pneumonia and had to be assisted off stage.

John reached out to his fans on Instagram on Sunday, apologizing for ending his show at Auckland's Mount Smart Stadium early.

"I want to thank everyone who attended tonight's gig in Auckland. I was diagnosed with walking pneumonia earlier today, but I was determined to give you the best show humanly possible," he wrote. "I played and sang my heart out, until my voice could sing no more. I'm disappointed, deeply upset and sorry. I gave it all I had. Thank-you so much for your extraordinary support and all the love you showed me during tonight's performance. I am eternally grateful. Love, Elton xx"

The New Zealand Herald reported that John, 72, told his fans earlier that he had walking pneumonia and his voice was shot but that he didn't want to miss the show.

The concert was part of John's Farewell Yellow Brick Road tour. The tour lists additional performances at Auckland's Mount Smart Stadium on Tuesday and Thursday; there's no word on whether those shows will go on as scheduled.

— Associated Press

**Feb. 17 birthdays:** Actor Hal Holbrook is 95. Comedian Dame Edna (Barry Humphries) is 86. Actress Rene Russo is 66. Actor Lou Diamond Phillips is 58. Singer-guitarist Billie Joe Armstrong is 48. Actor Joseph Gordon-Levitt is 39. Singer-songwriter Ed Sheeran is 29. Actress Sasha Pieterse is 24.

### Box office

1. "Sonic the Hedgehog," \$57 million
2. "Harley Quinn: Birds of Prey," \$17.1 million
3. "Fantasy Island," \$12.4 million
4. "The Photograph," \$12.3 million
5. "Bad Boys for Life," \$11.3 million
6. "1917," \$8.1 million
7. "Jumanji: The Next Level," \$5.7 million
8. "Parasite," \$5.5 million
9. "Dolittle," \$5.1 million
10. "Downhill," \$4.7 million

SOURCE: Associated Press  
Estimated sales,  
Friday-Sunday



TOLGA AKMEN/GETTY-AFP 2018

### His "heart is broken":

The boyfriend of Caroline Flack, above, the British TV host for the controversial reality show "Love Island," said Sunday that his "heart is broken" at her death as criticism swelled at her treatment by some British media. Flack, 40, was found dead Saturday at her London home after taking her own life, according to a family lawyer. Flack hosted "Love Island" from its launch in 2015 before stepping down last year after being charged with assaulting boyfriend Lewis Burton, 27. Flack denied the charge and was to stand trial next month. Over the past few months, Flack had been the focus of several negative articles and was trolled across social media. Beside a picture of them together, Burton said on Instagram that he was in "so much pain." He added: "Nothing will bring you back but I will try make you proud everyday."



## ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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### Coach Grammy should take charge

**Dear Amy:** We are a group of grandmas who see our grandkids for hours or sometimes a few days at a time. Our question is how we should handle punishments given by the parents when our grandchildren are with us.

When the parents of my grandkids ask how things went, I always say "Fine," but other grandmas give a detailed account of everything that went on.

This discussion started when I was given instructions to deny my 5-year-old grandson treats while he was with me because he had defaced something at his house (I was not there).

During their visit, his older brother constantly reminded me that the punishment for his brother was to be followed while they were at my house.

I was left with the feeling that I could not spend the time with my grandsons as I wished.

I know that in order to have a presence in my grandchildren's lives, I need to follow the parents' instruction. However, I don't like how the punished child's sibling was policing the situation.

We all agree that any problem of significance should be shared, but how about the little things that come up?

— Loving Grandmother

### Dear Grandmother:

Generally, grandparents should make their best efforts to adhere to discipline guidelines laid down by the parents.

That having been said, when the children are with you, you are (in effect) "in loco parentis" — in place of the parent. This means that you should use your

own best judgment, without directly or deliberately undermining the parents.

I diagnose this not as a discipline issue with the parents of a 5-year-old, but as a tattle issue with an older sibling.

You should very gently remind this older brother, "OK, Mr. Tattle McTattle-much, when you guys are with me, I'm in charge of treats and punishments. And because we are a team, if one of us doesn't get treats, then none of us get treats."

"So, until your parents say so, we're not going to have our daily ice cream scoop. But we'll have other sorts of good things. Have you ever eaten fruit kabobs off of a skewer and dipped in yogurt? It's really good. But the deal is that you don't get to remind me about your brother's punishment. Because we're a team here ... and I'm the coach."

Then you look your little dudes straight in the eyes and ask, "Who is the coach? I can't hear you ..." etc., until they both get the message that Coach Grammy is in charge.

**Dear Amy:** I am an employer seeking to hire a new employee. I have been disappointed when applicants confirm an interview and are then no-shows.

Sometimes they respond that they were in a car accident, a child is in the hospital or an accident on the highway prevented them from arriving. Then they ask to re-schedule. Other times, they don't show up, and there is no communication at all.

I do not know why they don't email/call to say that they are not going to make

their appointment.

I do not understand the behavior.

Do they just need to apply for jobs to satisfy receiving unemployment benefits?

— Frustrated Employer

**Dear Frustrated:** Yes, people receiving unemployment benefits are often expected to show evidence that they are searching for work.

And sometimes, people get hung up in traffic or have children whose needs overtake their day.

The unemployment rate is very low right now. And the experience of job searching has changed. Applicants often apply to multiple jobs at once and then — if they are lucky enough to score an in-person interview — have to juggle these commitments.

Applicants should demonstrate professional behavior as well as common courtesy, calling if they are delayed or hope to re-schedule.

**Dear Amy:** I loved your answer to "Desperate," the med student who wanted to settle in a small town, while her longtime boyfriend craved city life.

I'd like to add my city, Tulsa, to the list of cities you mentioned that offer a great combination of small-town and metropolitan life.

— Proud Tulsan

**Dear Proud:** I have spent a lot of time in Tulsa. I agree with you.

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**Chicago Forward** brings together key voices and thought leaders to explore the future of our city. Please join us on Monday, February 24 for the first of our three events focused on Chicago Forward: Young Lives in the Balance.

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- > **Lori Lightfoot**, Mayor of Chicago
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- > **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

# Sorry Billie, Bond deserves so much better

BY KEVIN WILLIAMS

Oh, dear. All we can hope is that the next James Bond movie, "No Time To Die," has more life than the theme track by Billie Eilish, released Thursday.

Full props for confidence by the Grammy-dominating pop star, who rules the world before she's old enough to drink to her global dominion. Eyebrows were raised when she was picked to do the song, not only because of the legacy of "Bond" themes, but because ... well ... it's usually best if you can sing. Eilish can obviously sing by definition, but she can't really *sing*. "Bond" themes have customarily demanded this big, swoony sort of exploit for a super agent whose normal day is car chases and explosions.

Eilish has done an Eilish song, which probably isn't surprising. "No Time To Die" is a quavering, drab thing that doesn't have tension, or life, or drama, or pretty much anything interesting, right down to the utterly ordinary arrangement better suited for a wine commercial. A theme is supposed to be more than incidental music that burbles innocently in the background. There is the swell of percussion and string drama near the end, but it's a false start because the artist singing the tune isn't capable of rising to the occasion. Eilish's vocal range moves from whisper to coo, veering from that only for an instant, just at the end, which makes it clear why she sticks to that range. Look, who's going to say no to that kind of assignment, right? You get a global single without having to do much except, in the case of Eilish, mutter into a microphone.

What came to mind was

the Madonna track, "Live to Tell," from the movie "At Close Range." Eilish's effort is in that school. But this is James Bond. He deserves so much better. Here's a Top 10 "Bond" theme song ranking:

## 10. "The World Is Not Enough," Garbage

Respect. Garbage could have made just another Garbage song, like Duran Duran, or an apologetic bit of dross like the late, great Chris Cornell. Instead they paid attention to the heritage of "Bond" themes, and made something almost great, complete with a creepy-as-hell video. This one is all about mood, and as Shirley Manson croons, "The world is not enough / But it's a perfect place to start," strings sawing away, percussion pounding, you feel it.

## 9. "Another Way to Die," Jack White and Alicia Keys

Right? Right? A preservationist and a pop music construct taking a crack at "Bond," and making the list. But this is a great song, even if it doesn't pay a whole lot of attention to the movie wrapped around it. Brass fanfares and non-stop bombast make this one work, and check out the tasty, scuzzy White guitar solo. Like "License to Kill," an awful movie sabotages a rockin' good theme.

## 8. "Thunderball," Tom Jones

The male version of Shirley Bassey (don't laugh ... think about it) is in the list with a cheesy, excessive effort that shamelessly draws from every successful "Bond" theme that came before this 1965 work that has its tongue firmly planted in cheek. "Any woman he wants, he gets,"



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Billie Eilish dominated this year's Grammys, but her James Bond theme song is a drab thing that lacks tension or drama.

is a lusty bellow from a pop star for whom that line was pretty much art imitating life.

## 7. "License to Kill," Gladys Knight

A great singer is a requirement for a "Bond" theme. Sorry, most pop stars. Listen to how a drab song explodes into life as Knight's vocals build, ululations riding the bombast. "Hey, baby ..." Swoon. This movie was deeply awful, by the by, which is why the presence of this tune will be a surprise for many. But give it a listen. Sure, it's a Gladys Knight song wrapped around a "Bond" theme, but it works.

## 6. "Live and Let Die," Paul McCartney and Wings

Lots of rockers have tried their hands at Bond, but precious few of them have met the standard. A band essaying this stuff has to come in huge, and stay there. McCartney's epic song is all power chords and bombast, glitter bombs and dynamic swings, and



LIONEL CIRONEAU/AP

Singer Shirley Bassey, shown here at a 2006 gala, recorded the classic Bond theme "Goldfinger" in 1964.

we aren't even at the meat of it yet. The way it harkens back to classic Bond themes is brilliant.

## 5. "GoldenEye," Tina Turner

James Bond needs some funk, and Turner delivers. If you were to ask for a contemporary vocalist capable of bringing the style and drama of Bassey to a tune, it would be Turn-

er. Use of strings is exquisite, with a repeating four-note motif to die for. But this is all about Turner, sliding smoothly through TinaLand. Growling, crooning, reaching for the stars. She brings the style.

## 4. "Skyfall," Adele

This goosebump-inducing piece of majesty is, like so many "Bond" themes, a power ballad. Adele is a massive pop star, but one who doesn't have the ego to just make an Adele song. The lyrics have the cheese, but that voice, those strings, the way the brass stomps in like a '70s movie track. Oh, yeah.

## 3. "Nobody Does It Better," Carly Simon

A great voice is a requirement for a "Bond" theme, and Simon's pipes are underrated. Marvin Hamlisch's effort starts out sounding like a generic Tin Pan Alley ditty, tinkly piano at the fore. What makes it work is the effortless, inevitable build, great lyrics and Simon's flawless delivery. By the time everything is

screaming and steaming and Simon is repeating, "Baby, you're the best," you believe.

## 2. "Goldfinger," Shirley Bassey

This 1964 song stomps onto the terra with aggression, style and verve. It's like an explosion, and Bassey emerges from the flames, clad in evening gown. From the first "Gooooold, finGAH" you're in. "Golden words he will pour in your ear." Indeed.

## 1. "James Bond Theme," Monty Norman

It's safe to say when Norman got the commission back in 1962 to knock out a ditty for the spy flick, he didn't suspect that he was going to create one of the most singular, perfect pieces of film score in the history of cinema. Drama, style, elegance. That it's an instrumental even fits because really, who can sing this thing?

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# Film's supernaturality is just reality for Senegalese

BY GREGORY ELLWOOD  
Los Angeles Times

The supernatural elements in Mati Diop's "Atlantics" are undeniable and part of its hypnotic appeal. A young Senegalese woman, Ada, is haunted by her lover, Souleiman, who, along with a boatload of other young men, is lost at sea. The spirits of these young men begin possessing local residents as they seek revenge against a greedy construction mogul who leaves them no choice but to flee Senegal in hopes of a better life.

In stark reality, the Oscar-shortlisted international feature is based on a very dark period in the nation's history.

"Between 2000 and 2010-11 is the period where a lot of people left and where 40,000 people drowned at sea, which is a huge number of people," says Diop, 37. "And in 2012, there was a very important rupture, like an insurrection."

That movement, known as Y'en a Marre, occurred just six months after the historic Arab Spring and saw the youth of Senegal stage massive protests to help oust a corrupt president, Abdoulaye Wade.

"It was very surprising to see all of a sudden this very dark chapter end, to see the fire come back as a very big, vital force," Diop says. "People would go in the street and (celebrate that) they got rid of the ex-president. I was thinking a lot about the lost youth (that preceded them) at that time."

Diop says "Atlantics," which won the Grand Prix at the 2019 Cannes Film Festival, was her attempt to capture a different dimension in the way the Senegalese people approach the world around them. Those creative choices were confirmed



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Mame Bineta Sane plays a teen whose love for an itinerant worker leads to supernatural results in "Atlantics."

## No MPAA rating

Running time: 1:47

Playing: Streaming on Netflix. In Wolof, French and English, with English subtitles.

when she screened the film in the capital of Dakar before its release in Senegal last summer.

"The audience there was not in front of a supernatural film. They were in front of their reality," Diop says. "Even though I'm very into Victorian ghosts and I love these kinds of ghost stories, when it comes to fantasy in Senegal, I really try to (come at) it as a different way of approaching reality."

The niece of respected Senegalese filmmaker Djibril Diop Mambéty, the Parisian-born Diop spent a good deal of her childhood visiting the African nation. Circumstances then found her not making that trip for more than a decade, but she eventually began to reconfigure her family's background through cinema and that, along with the political upheaval, sparked inspiration.

"At this time in Senegal, a very fundamental (change) was going on. A lot of young people were escaping the country for Europe," Diop says. "The country I was going back

to, to re-explore my own self, was being left by so many people of my age. And I think this collision is a bit of the starting point of everything, because it's like a confrontation with the country of my origins, but in a situation where most people of my age were leaving."

She became passionate about wanting to share the stories of the youth who lost their lives attempting to immigrate to Europe. And just as important, the stories of the women they left behind and how they dealt with the absence of men.

That brings us back to Ada and the remarkable first-time actress who played her, Mame Bineta Sane.

Sane had never acted before and, according to Diop, didn't really attend school either.

In the months since, Sane and other cast members have traveled to the south of France, New York and Los Angeles, among other locales, to promote the film.

Diop says Sane's breakthrough role has led to some offers for other work, but she's suggested Sane complete her education first.

"I encourage her to become the most independent woman she can be," Diop says.

# Debut

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voice set to chiming guitar. It's the standard tune, austere opening that raises the curtain on the band, guitar building as drummer Jon Alvarado kicks things into vibrant life: "Promises and problems were all left inside / Buried away at the back of my bed." The sound is polished but not slick, which is a neat trick, the feeling of being polished-yet-indie, and one that finds the band at a complex moment. A group has to grow along with its fan base, but not so much that connection gets lost. "Part of me / Still wants you / Part of me / Wants to fall asleep."

It's glib and dismissive to label Beach Bunny with stuff like "sad girl rock" or "surf pop." This is a band that asks hard questions, but from a very personal perspective that also crosses genders. *Everybody* wants to be loved, worries about love, has feelings that keep them up at night. Dudes are screaming the lyrics too because every "he" could as well be a "she." The relationship anxiety of the past in "Painkiller" finds a progression in the new "Cuffing Season." "Hesitant, to commit / I don't want to waste my time / That's not love." More fear, more anxiety, a process that happens in about three perfect minutes, ending with a confident, declamatory-but-defensive "sometimes I like being on my own." These songs work because they're human.

At Lollapalooza 2019, former Tribune music critic Greg Kot was at the Beach Bunny set and found himself next to a rep from Mom + Pop Records, there for the same reason: to hear this quartet of local heroes that had everyone hopping, singing every word to every song. "Prom Queen" held them rapt, "Painkiller" threw the place up for grabs. A baby band coming to life in the city in which it grew up

"'Honeymoon' ... will be on a great many 'best of' lists by year's end because of what it is: a bracing, blissful power pop gem."

means fans are proprietary. They don't want something they know spoiled by the industry, and when that first big full-length comes out, they watch it like hawks, alert for anything amiss.

They won't find it on "Honeymoon," an album that feels like a live set as the band bounces briskly from mood to mood. "Cuffing Season" is one of the best pop songs to come out of Chicago in a while, a bouncy, flawless treat. "April" slows the tempo, gives time to think; "Rearview" is a slow-building rave that starts with Trifilio and her guitar. "Was I ever good enough for you / There's always someone I'm trying to live up to." Hooks, choruses, songs that don't go on for a second longer than they should, because knowing how to end a song is as important as how to start one. Beach Bunny isn't a band come lately. It has a host of singles and EPs, delicate sonic emanations that trace the progress of excellence at the group's Bandcamp page. The self-released efforts, awash in reverb, sound like what they are, finished sketches of a budding artist.

"Honeymoon" is more polished, the reverb is more faint, replaced by a modern production that still places Trifilio's voice where it belongs, front and center. She's the star of the show, the reason her devoted followers come.

In a recent show at Thalia Hall, she asked the crowd to separate into two halves. Normally these

requests take time, coercion, repeated requests. Trifilio had to ask once and fans made like that cinematic Red Sea. Her stage presence was more assured, the band tighter, the simple beats of Alvarado replaced by fills and rolls to give the songs impetus, growth heard to compelling effect on "Honeymoon."

Even the slower songs bounce, buoyed by the optimistic tones of Trifilio, even when she's chronicling open-hearted longing, worry and anxiousness. Song after song, hook after hook, choruses that you can hear festival crowds scream. "Part of me / Still hates you / How could you love someone and leave?"

Albums like this kinda irritate a critic, because stuff this good gnaws at you. I have been living with this album since November, picking at it, looking for flaws, being a professional grouch. I got nothing. "Colorblind" kicks all the furniture over, all fury and unapologetic apology; "Racetrack" is weirdly Bjorkian, slow and austere, a lament that skirts so close to being cheesy but instead achieves beauty. Things even end perfectly with "Cloud 9" and the universal joy that comes with love. "But when he loves me / I feel like I'm floating," set to tom-tom and handclaps. It's an ode to joy, with music that makes you want to run around the room. (The snails in the video seem weird, except for fans of the band who know the group's Audiobird Live session by heart.)

We tend to be suspicious of great debuts, want to say that time and the next record will tell whether Beach Bunny has what it takes. Doesn't matter. In a temporal genre such as pop music, where everything is of the moment, this is Beach Bunny's moment, and it's irresistible.

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# Lyric

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dium “The Three Queens” at Lyric last December).

Yet Gherman, a tortured soul from the outset, soon divides his passion between his quest for Lisa and his desire to learn her grandmother’s magical secret for winning at cards. These obsessions lead to three melodramatic deaths — with the help of a rather loquacious ghost — in an opera that begins bleakly and heads south from there.

All this hysteria would be quite difficult to take were it not for Tchaikovsky’s music, the arias offering one exquisitely arching melody after another, the orchestral passages as profound as the best of any Tchaikovsky symphony. The sheer craft of the composer’s writing sweeps you along, even as the leading characters’ neuroses wear you down.

Jovanovich was in superb form as Gherman, nowhere more than when appearing in Lisa’s bedroom and seducing her with declarations of love and acres of self-pity. The intensity of Jovanovich’s singing and the plushness of his instrument transcended the purple sentiments of the libretto (by Modest Tchaikovsky, the composer’s brother).

Jovanovich’s Gherman was answered in kind by Radvanovsky’s Lisa, who somehow conveyed tremendous tonal bloom via colors steeped in darkness and sorrow. Her top voice, meanwhile, thrillingly captured the ardors involved.

Prince Yeletsky completed the romantic triangle, his love aria to Lisa at the start of the second act another instance of Tchaikovsky’s high melodic craft. Baritone Lucas Meachem hardly could have brought more warmth of tone or feeling to this music.

Add to this bass-baritone Samuel Youn’s regal bearing as Gherman’s



TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE PHOTOS

Performers are seen during a dress rehearsal of Tchaikovsky’s “The Queen of Spades” at Lyric Opera.



Puppeteers are part of the production, which visually lurched in a different direction with practically every scene.

frenemy Count Tomsy and mezzo-soprano Jane Henschel’s touching Lyric debut as Lisa’s grandmother, the Countess, and you had five supple, well-matched voices. They

proved it in the first act’s magnificent quintet.

Visually, however, this production lurched in a different direction with practically every scene. Some were utterly stark,

the singers performing in front of an abstract canvas or simply a black curtain, as if in recital.

Other scenes were crammed with furniture and props, Gherman at one

point crawling on the roof of a building, then peering through a window that reduced him to the role of Peeping Tom. And then there was the singing skeleton who embraced him in

bed. Don’t ask.

Whether this production — originally directed by Richard Jones and revived by director Benjamin Davis — was intended to get the laughs it received is open to debate.

At some points, however, the best way to savor what Tchaikovsky created was simply to close your eyes and listen, for the music-making hardly could have sounded better. This included the Lyric Opera Chorus and Chicago Children’s Choir (prepared by Michael Black and Josephine Lee, respectively), these plush voices a balm in a sea of angst.

“The Queen of Spades” plays through March 1 at Lyric Opera, 20 N. Wacker Drive; ticket prices vary; 312-827-5600 or [www.lyricopera.org](http://www.lyricopera.org).

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# Kot

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dominance of the concert industry by a handful of corporations (and eventually one corporation: Live Nation) that spiked ticket prices and service fees, the narrow pipeline clogged with middle men who reduced the flow of music between artists and fans to a trickle. My job often required me to be a business reporter as much as an arts critic, because the business often shaped and sometimes distorted the music that we were being sold.

When a digital-music underground began to emerge in the late ’90s and early 2000s, most prominently with rogue platforms such as Napster, the hope was that the playing field would be leveled, that artists would be able to go direct-to-fan in delivering their music, and improve their odds of getting heard and possibly even getting paid. It certainly terrified the music industry, which met the new digital era with its usual blunt-force incomprehension and sought at first to ignore this new threat to its monopoly and then to sue it into oblivion. I once received a call in the late ’90s from a major-label executive who had been reading my reporting on the new digital reality. “What’s an MP3?” he asked. “And how do you find one?”

Their demise seemed inevitable. But has anything really changed? In the place of the major-label hegemony, a new corporate hierarchy — Spotify, Amazon, Google — has emerged that has reduced the value of recorded music to micro-pennies per play. Artists, as always, remain the last to get paid, and now they’re getting a smaller-than-ever slice of the revenue pie for their life’s work.

Yet the music itself somehow remains vital. Artists are making more music available to more people than ever in human history. Critics’ relevance has always been dicey,



CHRIS SWEDA/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Janelle Monae, one of Greg Kot’s top performers, sings during a 2018 show at the Chicago Theatre.

depending on whom you ask. But from this biased perspective, a smart, endlessly curious critic can continue to play a vital role in the digital world by fishing out the good stuff in an ever-expanding ocean of creativity.

I always viewed my writing as a conversation-starter about music that matters, or should matter. And my run at the Tribune might be over, but the conversation will continue. Here are a few parting memories:

**The start:** In my pre-critic days at the Trib, Eleventh Dream Day was a regular at the now-defunct Batteries Not Included, and because of that band, so was I. After one show I introduced myself to the quartet and asked if I could write about them for the Tribune, and I nailed one of my first bylines. Eleventh Dream Day continues to make inspiring music to this day.

**Ice-breakers for potentially daunting interviews with a few late-greats:** Address James Brown as “Mr. Brown”; have Lou Reed try to fix your malfunctioning tape recorder; ask John Lee Hooker about baseball.

**Underappreciated:** Paul K and the Weathermen,



PUNIT PARANJPE/GETTY

U2 singer Bono was one of the many artists who spilled to Kot over his long tenure as Chicago Tribune music critic.

Green, Green Velvet, Local H, Shrimp Boat, All Natural, the Molemen.

**Interview question that evoked the most uncomfortable responses (as posed to Paul McCartney, David Crosby, Mick Jagger, Bono, the Eagles’ Glenn Frey and countless others):** Some variation of “You’re charging hundreds of dollars per ticket on this tour, which a lot of your fans can’t afford. Is that something that concerns you?” The answer from most, condensed and paraphrased, after much equivocating: “Not really.”

**Best interviews:** Public Enemy’s Chuck D; the late,

great Chicago house “godfather” Frankie Knuckles; Prince; Iggy Pop; Eddie Vedder; Sinead O’Connor; Patti Smith; Kurt Cobain; Tom Petty; Lupe Fiasco; John Prine; David Bowie; Mavis Staples; Keith Richards.

**Most memorable interview location:** After he’d been banished from his major-label deal for his no-punches-pulled protest rap circa 1994, Ice-T invited me to his home in the Hollywood Hills, above the crime-ridden streets of South Central Los Angeles, where he grew up. “I thought I left there,” he said, “but now I realize I never really can.”

**Best interview anecdote:** John Lee Hooker once told me that Van Morrison used to call him late at night asking for dating advice.

**Most ominous start to an interview:** “There’s a dark cloud over us, Greg.” — Bono in 2005.

**Funniest message from the office while I was out of town:** “There’s a man named ‘Bongo’ that keeps calling for you. He seems upset about something.”

**Shortest interview:** Johnny Lydon hung up after 30 seconds and two questions, both involving a nostalgia tour his band Public Image Ltd. was doing with former Clash guitarist Mick Jones in Big Audio Dynamite.

**Most memorable show:** First-place tie between Neil Young and Crazy Horse playing through a storm and an electrical outage at the H.O.R.D.E. festival in 1997, Jeff Buckley solo at Uncommon Ground with two-dozen people in attendance on a snowed-in night in 1994.

**Best then-unknown opening act:** The Strokes opening for Guided By Voices at the Empty Bottle

in 2001, before their debut album was released.

**Best live performers:** Iggy Pop, Prince, Janelle Monae, the Mekons, P.J. Harvey, Nick Cave, Mary J. Blige. Then there’s David Yow, who deserves a category all to himself.

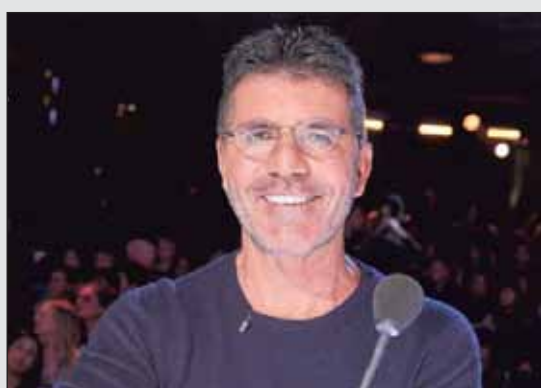
**Most insane stage stunt:** Yow once poured lighter fluid on his jeans and set himself afire in an early Jesus Lizard show at the Cubby Bear. He survived unscathed. He later explained: “You don’t get burned if your jeans are tight enough.”

**My crankiest lead (from 1999, after covering a festival in Tinley Park):** “Memo to the Offspring’s Dexter Holland: You are an idiot. Why? Let me count the ways. You urged 30,000 people to reach under their chairs and throw garbage at you. Gutsy move, since you exited the stage two minutes later. Meanwhile, cups, bottles, beer, tin containers, even garbage cans rained down for a quarter hour on concertgoers, including grade-school kids and people in wheelchairs, and delayed the concert considerably. While stage crews cleaned up after your little prank, you were nowhere to be found. ... I’ve never witnessed any alleged rock star say anything more stupid from a concert stage, and that’s quite an accomplishment. Congratulations.”

**Thanks:** To the readers, even those who threw sod or punches, or merely wished me ill will for writing harshly about their favorite bands — I’ll even cherish those multiple “don’t let the door hit you on the way out” goodbyes I’ve gotten in the last few weeks. We’re bound in the understanding that music not only matters, it’s worth discussing, arguing about and even fighting for, preferably not with fists but with words.

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# WATCH THIS: MONDAY



Simon Cowell

**"America's Got Talent"** (7 p.m., NBC): The post-season "Champions" phase of competition once again has given "America's Got Talent" fans a chance to witness fresh acts from various international franchises of this show, but in "The Champions Results Finale" tonight, the ultimate Champion is crowned in front of judges Simon Cowell, Heidi Klum, Alesha Dixon and Howie Mandel. Terry Crews ("Brooklyn Nine-Nine") is the host.

**"All American"** (7 p.m., CW): Aware that he needs to impress more recruiters, Spencer (Daniel Ezra) is eager to get back to football, but that means convincing Billy and Grace (Taye Diggs, Karimah Westbrook) that he's not recklessly pushing himself in the new episode "The Art of Peer Pressure." Leila (Greta Oniogou) is thrilled about the music she and Coop (Bre-Z) are making, but Coop can't help being distracted by troubling events in the streets.

**"Bob Hearts Abishola"** (7:30 p.m., CBS): Dottie, Auntie Olu and Uncle Tunde (Christine Ebersole, Shola Adewusi, Barry Shabaka Henley) have no choice but to set aside past differences and find a way to reconcile when they're forced to have dinner together in the new episode "Where's Your Other Wives, Tunde?" On a somewhat similar note, Bob and Abishola (Billy Gardell, Folake Olowofoyeku) have significantly different takes on how their own relationship is progressing.

**"Below Deck Sailing Yacht"** (8 p.m., 11 p.m., 2 a.m., Bravo): In the new episode "Rosé-Fueled Regrets," Jenna wades through a pile of regrets and steels herself for some awkward crew interactions to come after a wild, wine-heavy night. Elsewhere, Adam struggles to live up to the particular meatless and dairy-averse requirements of some high-maintenance vegan guests on the Parsifal.

**"Hallmark Channel's Tails of Joy"** (9 p.m., Hallmark): This heartwarming new documentary chronicles the rescue of 60 dogs and cats, starting with their transport from a rural area in central California to other animal facilities. In these temporary refuges, previously abandoned or abused dogs and cats start to flourish, and manifest their best personalities.

**"Manifest"** (9:01 p.m., NBC): The passengers of Flight 828 finally are coming to understand the meaning of their increasingly terrifying "callings," causing a sharp spike in tensions among the group in the new episode "Emergency Exit." Ben (Josh Dallas) confronts Adrian (Jared Grimes) over his fear that he will lose his daughter to the Church of the Believers.

### TALK SHOWS

- "Conan"** (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actor/comic Lil Rel Howery.\*
- "The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon"** (10:34 p.m., NBC): Jimmy Fallon brings A-list guests, signature comedy bits and chart-topping music to late night.\*
- "The Late Show With Stephen Colbert"** (10:35 p.m., CBS): The comic interviews guests and introduces musical performances.\*
- "Jimmy Kimmel Live!"** (10:35 p.m., ABC): Celebrity guests and comedy skits.\*

\* Subject to change

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	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
BROADCAST	<b>CBS</b> 2	The Neighborhood (N)	Bob Hearts Abishola (N)	All Rise: "My Fair Lock-down." (N) ©	Bull: "Flesh and Blood." (N) ©	News (N) ♦		
	<b>NBC</b> 5	America's Got Talent: "The Champions Results Finale." (N) ©			(9:01) Manifest: "Emergency Exit." (N) ©	NBC 5 News (N) ♦		
	<b>ABC</b> 7	The Bachelor (N) ©			The Good Doctor: "Un-said." (N) ©	News at 10pm (N) ♦		
	<b>WGN</b> 9	black-ish ©	black-ish ©	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N) ©	WGN News at Ten (N) ♦	
	<b>Antenna</b> 9.2	It's a Living	3's Comp.	Family Ties	Growing	Designing Murphy	Carson ♦	
	<b>Court</b> 9.3	♦ Closing Arguments (N)		Closing Arguments with Vinnie Politan © ♦				
	<b>PBS</b> 11	Chicago Tonight (N)		Antiques Roadshow (N) © (Part 1 of 3)		No Passport Required: "Boston." (N) ©	Independent Lens (N) ♦	
	<b>CW</b> 26.1	All American (N) ©		Black Lightning ©		Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©
	<b>The U</b> 26.2	Dr. Phil ©		Tamron Hall (N) ©		Steve Wilkos Show (N)	Cops ©	
	<b>MeTV</b> 26.3	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	Green Acres	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett
<b>H&amp;I</b> 26.4	Star Trek ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9	Star Trek ♦		
<b>Bounce</b> 26.5	Jumper (PG-13,'08) ♦ Hayden Christensen. ©				Hands of Stone (R,'16) ♦ ♦ ♦			
<b>FOX</b> 32	9-1-1: Lone Star: "Friends Like These." (N) ©		(8:01) Prodigal Son: "Death's Door." (N) ©		Fox 32 News at Nine (N)	Modern Family ©		
<b>Ion</b> 38	Chicago P.D.: "This City."		Chicago P.D. ©		Chicago P.D.: "Sacrifice."	Chicago ♦		
<b>TeleM</b> 44	♦ Exatlón EE. UU. (N)		La Doña (N) ©		Operación Pacífico (N) ©	Chicago (N)		
<b>MNT</b> 50	Chicago P.D. ©		Law & Order: SVU		Law & Order: SVU	Chicago ♦		
<b>UniMas</b> 60	Enamorándonos				Noticiero (N)	Sin miedo a la verdad		
<b>WJYS</b> 62	J. Savelle	K. Hagin	Joyce Meyer	Robison	Blakeman	Wonderen	Paid Prog.	
<b>Univ</b> 66	Ringo (N)		Amor eterno		Rubí (N)	Noticias (N)		
CABLE	<b>AE</b>	Live Rescue: Rewind (N)		Live Rescue: "Live Rescue -- 02.17.20." (N) ©		Live PD		
	<b>AMC</b>	♦ (4:30) The Godfather (R,'72) ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦		The Godfather, Part II (R,'74) ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ Al Pacino. © ♦				
	<b>ANIM</b>	Naked and Afraid XL		Naked and Afraid XL				
	<b>BBCA</b>	Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek: Deep Space 9	Trek: DS9 ♦	
	<b>BET</b>	♦ (5) Harlem Nights ('89) ♦ ♦		Kidnap (R,'17) ♦ ♦ Halle Berry, Sage Correa. ©			Martin ©	
	<b>BIGTEN</b>	♦ Wm. Basketball (N)		B1G Show	B1G Show	B1G Show	B1G Show	Wrestling ♦
	<b>BRAVO</b>	Below Deck (N) ©		Below Deck (N)		Spy Games (N) ©	Watch (N) ♦	
	<b>CNN</b>	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		CNN Tonight (N)	Tonight (N) ♦	
	<b>COM</b>	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	
	<b>DISC</b>	Street Outlaws (N) ©					Outlaws ♦	
	<b>DISN</b>	Zombies 2 (NR,'20) Meg Donnelly. ©		Gabby		Raven	Bunk'd ©	Gabby ♦
	<b>E!</b>	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Frasers (N)
	<b>ESPN</b>	♦ College Basketball (N)		College Basketball: Iowa State at Kansas. (N) (Live)			SportCtr (N)	
	<b>ESPN2</b>	♦ Films (N)	♦ Undef. (N)	Women's College Basketball: Beavers at Bruins (N)			Basketball	
	<b>FNC</b>	Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©		The Ingraham Angle (N)	Fox News	
	<b>FOOD</b>	Girl Scout Cookie (N)		Kids Baking (N)		Chopped Sweets (N) ©	Chopped ♦	
	<b>FREE</b>	Twilight: Extended Edition (NR,'08) ♦ ♦ ♦ Kristen Stewart, Robert Pattinson. ©					700 Club ♦	
	<b>FX</b>	Transformers: The Last Knight (PG-13,'17) ♦ ♦ Mark Wahlberg, Anthony Hopkins. ©						
	<b>HALL</b>	2020 American Rescue Dog Show: "Part 2." (N) ©				Hallmark-Tails of Joy (N)	Golden Girls	
	<b>HGTV</b>	Home Town (N) ©		Home Town (N) ©		Home Town ©	Home ♦	
	<b>HIST</b>	Washington: "Rebel Commander." (N) ©				(9:03) Washington © ♦		
	<b>HLN</b>	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	
	<b>IFC</b>	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	Two Men	
	<b>LIFE</b>	Pretty Woman (R,'90) ♦ ♦ ♦ Richard Gere, Julia Roberts. ©					Ugly Truth ♦	
	<b>MSNBC</b>	All In With (N)		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)	11th Hour (N)	
	<b>MTV</b>	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.	Ridic. (N)	Ridiculous.	Ridiculous.
	<b>NATGEO</b>	Brain Games: Bonus (N)		Brain Games (N) ©		Brain Games: Bonus	Brain ♦	
	<b>NBCSCH</b>	Adamles (N)		Winter Dew Tour (N)		NHL Hockey: Panthers at Sharks ♦		
	<b>NICK</b>	Henry	Henry	All That ©		Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ♦
	<b>OVATION</b>	♦ (6) Panic Room (R,'02) ♦ ♦ ♦		Primal Fear (R,'96) ♦ ♦ ♦ Richard Gere. © ♦				
<b>OWN</b>	Dateline on OWN ©		The Real Story w/Salinas		Deadline: Crime	Dateline ♦		
<b>OXY</b>	Killer Siblings: "Brileys."		Killer Siblings ©		Killer Siblings: "Vues."	Snapped ♦		
<b>PARMT</b>	♦ (5:30) John Wick (R) ♦ ♦ ♦ John Wick: Chapter 2 (R,'17) ♦ ♦ ♦ Keanu Reeves, Common. © ♦							
<b>SYFY</b>	The Magnificent Seven (PG-13,'16) ♦ ♦ Denzel Washington, Chris Pratt. ©					Futura ♦		
<b>TBS</b>	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Conan ©	
<b>TCM</b>	Gigi (G,'58) ♦ ♦ ♦ ♦ Leslie Caron. ©				(9:15) One Hour With You ('32) ♦ ♦ ♦			
<b>TLC</b>	90 Day Fiancé (Season Finale) (N) (8:02) 90 Day Fiancé (N)				90 Day Fiancé: "Tell All Part 1." ♦			
<b>TLN</b>	Supernatural	IMPACT	Faith Chi	Faithwire	Robison	Billy Graham	Humanity ♦	
<b>TNT</b>	♦ Star Wars	Star Wars: The Last Jedi (PG-13,'17) ♦ ♦ ♦			Mark Hamill. ©		Star Wars ♦	
<b>TOON</b>	Home Movie	Burgers	Burgers	Rick, Morty	Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	Family Guy	
<b>TRAV</b>	Expedition Unknown ©		Expedition Unknown ©		Beyond the Unknown (N)	Unknown ♦		
<b>TVL</b>	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	King	
<b>USA</b>	WWE Monday Night RAW (N) (Live) ©						The Sinner	
<b>VH1</b>	Love & Hip Hop (N) ©		Love & Hip Hop Miami (N)		Love & Hip Hop ©	Hip Hop ♦		
<b>WE</b>	Criminal Minds ©		(7:56) Criminal Minds		(8:54) Criminal Minds	Criminal ♦		
<b>WGN America</b>	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	
PREMIUM	<b>HBO</b>	♦ Rise of Planet of Apes		The New Pope (N) ©		McMillon\$ (N) ©	Pope ♦	
	<b>HBO2</b>	The New Pope ©		The Others (PG-13,'01) ♦ ♦ ♦ ©		(9:45) Widows (R) ♦ ♦ ♦		
	<b>MAX</b>	Strike Back ©		Sky Captain-World		(9:40) Armageddon ♦ ♦ ♦		
	<b>SHO</b>	Homeland ©		Kidding ©		Kidding ©	Homeland ©	
	<b>STARZ</b>	(7:05) Wrong Man ©		(7:59) The Vow (PG-13,'12) ♦ ♦ Rachel McAdams. ©			Outlander ♦	
<b>STZNC</b>	♦ (5:50) Lethal Weapon 4		The River Wild (PG-13,'94) ♦ ♦ ♦ Meryl Streep.			Lion/Lam ♦		

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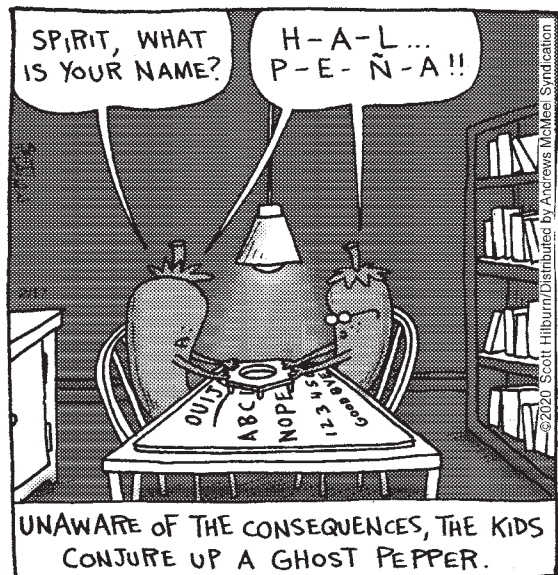


**Today's birthday** (Feb. 17): Benefit through social participation this year. Provide stable foundations and detailed planning to convert dreams to reality. Winter visions, gestation and development point your team toward new summer directions for greater strength, endurance and vitality.

- Aries** (March 21-April 19): Today is a 9. Avoid misunderstandings, with Sagittarius Mercury retrograde. Revise and refine the message. Delays or breakdowns could affect mechanical equipment. Make repairs immediately. Re-establish old bonds.
- Taurus** (April 20-May 20): 8. Practice makes perfect with team activities over three weeks, with Mercury retrograde. Nurture old friends and connections.
- Gemini** (May 21-June 20): 8. Review professional data closely, with Mercury retrograde for three weeks. Misunderstandings could cause delays. Guard against communication breakdowns. Backup hard drives and archives.
- Cancer** (June 21-July 22): 7. Make educational plans and itineraries over three weeks for later travels, with Mercury retrograde. Communicate carefully. Keep confidences and secrets.
- Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Secure what you've gained. Double-check financial data, with Mercury retrograde for three weeks. Pay bills. Review statements and account activity for errors.
- Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 8. Develop shared goals. Resolve misunderstandings with a partner, with Mercury retrograde for three weeks. Support each other through breakdowns.
- Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 7. Keep equipment repaired. Delays, misunderstandings or mistakes could frustrate your work and health, with Mercury retrograde.
- Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 8. Passions could seem distant. Romantic overtures could backfire, with Mercury retrograde. Clarify misunderstandings right away for three weeks.
- Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 7. Clean, sort and organize at home, with Mercury retrograde. Review papers, photos and possessions. Repair appliances and backup files.
- Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 7. Take extra care with communications, now that Mercury is retrograde. Clarify misunderstandings as soon as possible. Launch creative projects after three weeks. Plan and prepare.
- Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Monitor cash flow closely. Allow extra time for travel, transport, invoices and collections, with Mercury retrograde for three weeks. Double-check numbers. Review financial records and budgets.
- Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): 9. Upgrade your brand over three weeks. Consider the consequences of your communications, with Mercury retrograde in your sign.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

### The Argyle Sweater



### Bliss



### Bridge

Here are the answers to the weekly quiz:

**Q.1**—Neither vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A102 ♥ 2 ♦ KJ976 ♣ A Q62

South	West	North	East
1♦	Pass	1♥	Pass
2♣	Pass	2NT	Pass
?			

What call would you make?

**A.1**—Partner has at least 10 points and may have as much as a bad 12. It would be too timid to pass. Bid 3NT.

**Q.2**—North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ J ♥ A Q1086 ♦ A K102 ♣ K76

With the opponents passing, you open 1H and partner raises to 2H. What call would you make?

**A.2**—Don't bother to ask. You know you want to be there. Bid 4H.

**Q.3**—East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A Q63 ♥ Void ♦ Q765432 ♣ Q7

North	East	South	West
1♣	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♥	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	?	

What call would you make?

**A.3**—The bad suit makes it close between 2D and 3D. We like 3D.

**Q.4**—Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ Q1063 ♥ K92 ♦ 764 ♣ AK2

Partner opens 1H and right-hand opponent passes. What call would you make?

**A.4**—In order to bid 1S holding heart support, your hand must be good enough to jump in hearts at your next turn. This hand is easily good enough. Bid 1S.

— Bob Jones  
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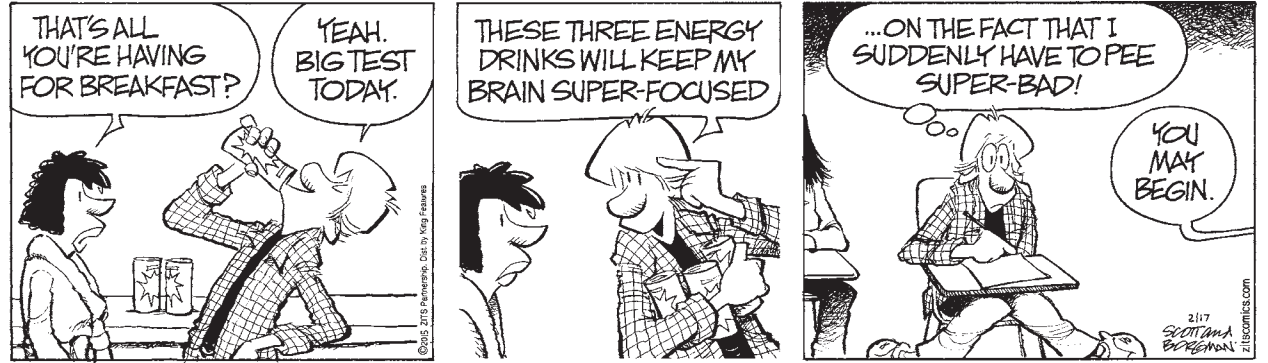
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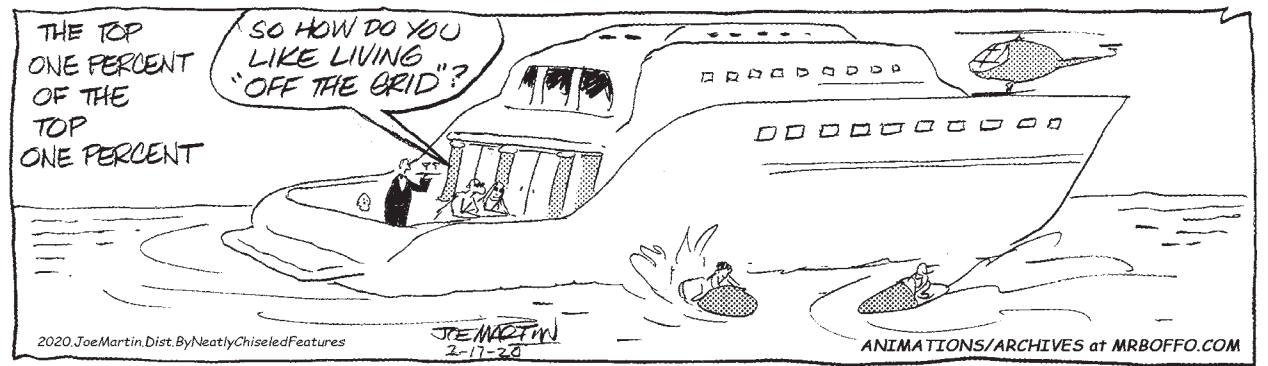
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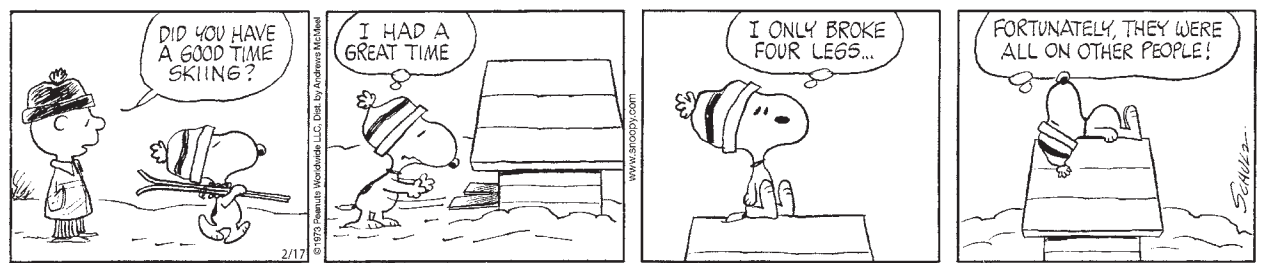
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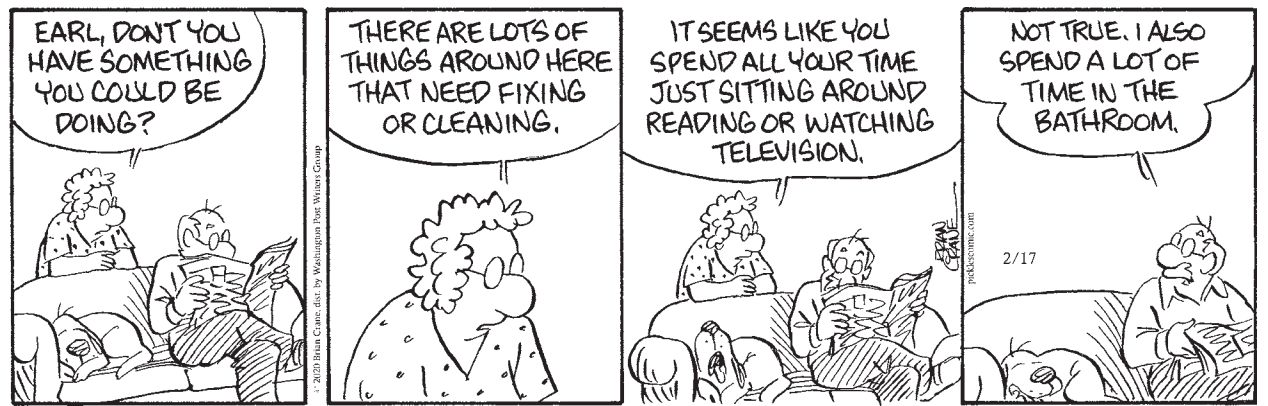
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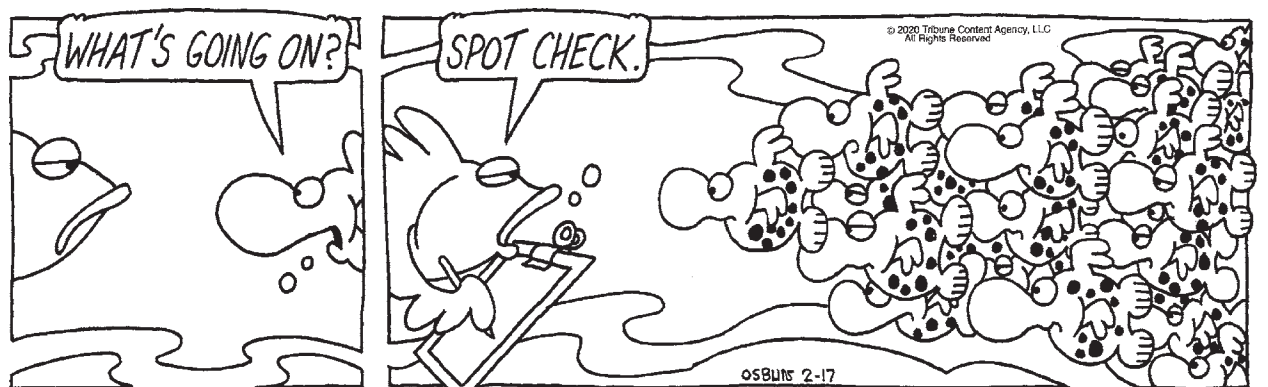
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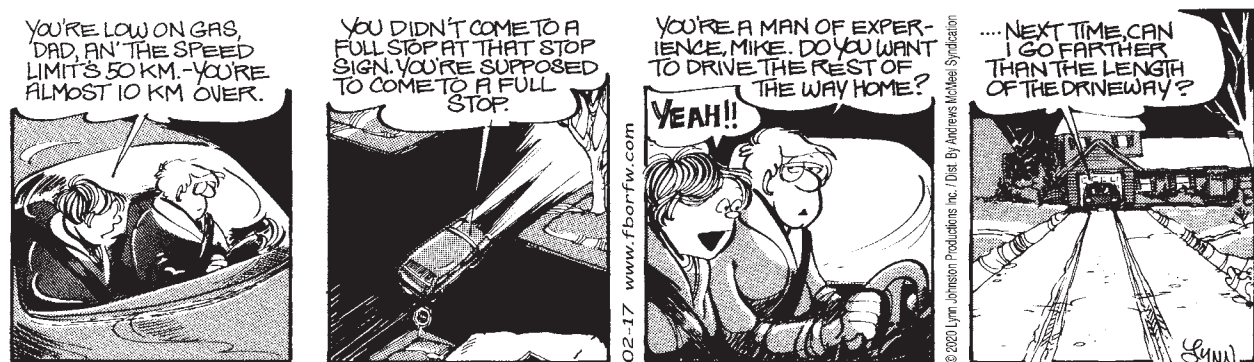


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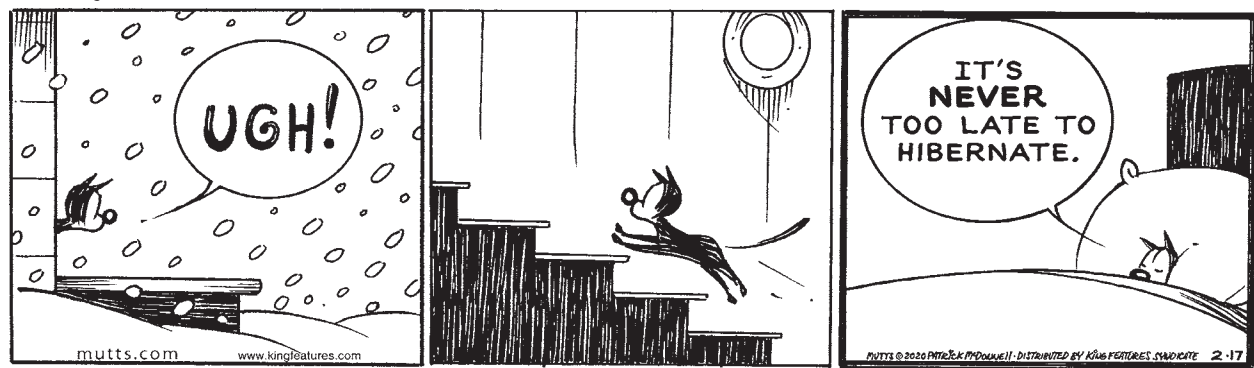
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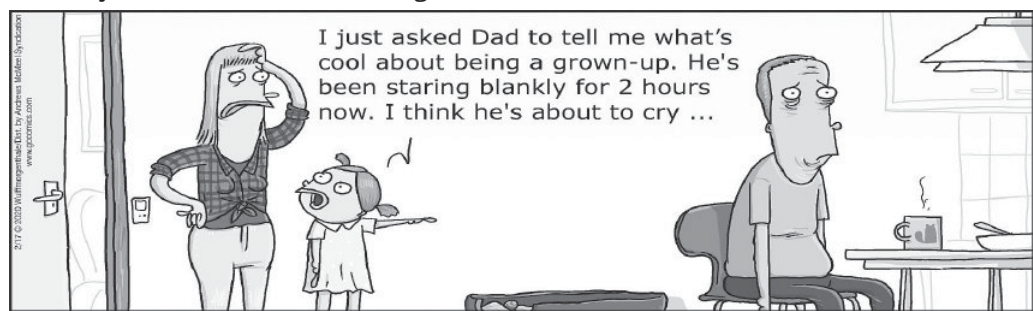
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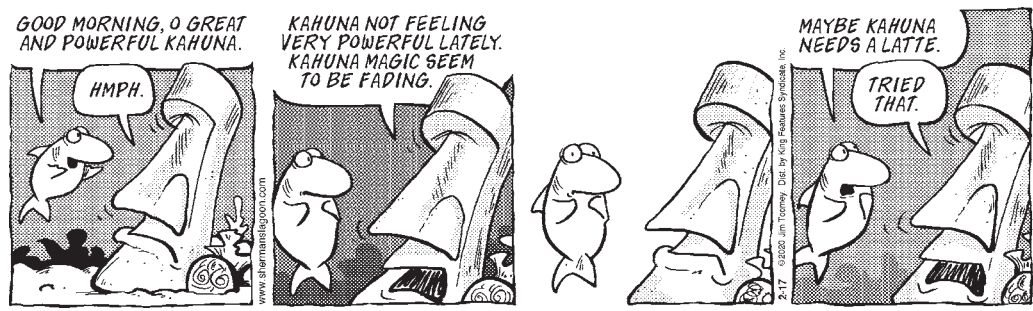
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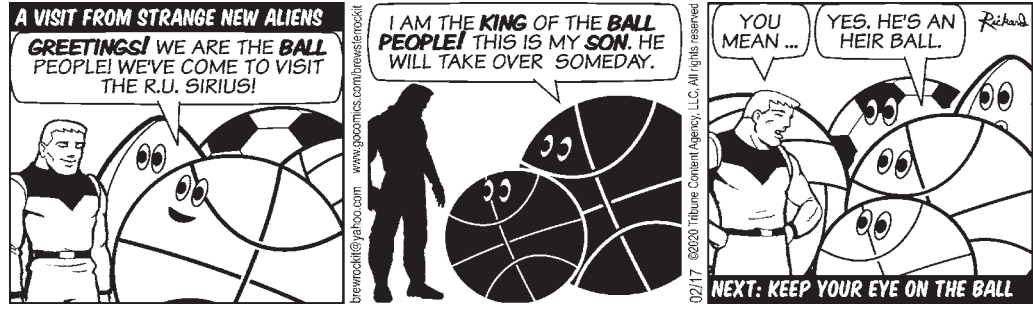
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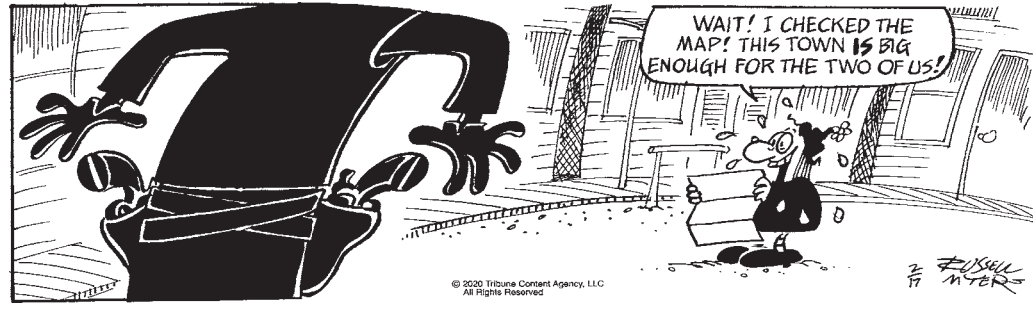
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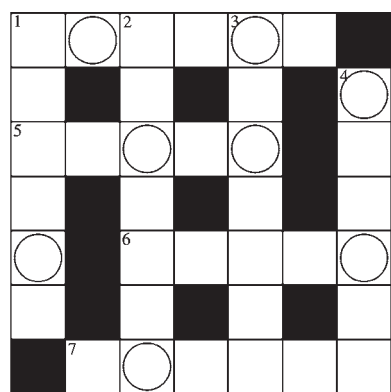
**Trivia Bits**

Which of these is NOT a tree nut?

- A) Brazil nut
- B) Peanut
- C) Pecan
- D) Pistachio

Saturday's answer: Snowboarding made its Olympic debut at the 1998 winter games in Nagano, Japan.

**Jumble Crossword**



**ACROSS**  
 1. Ruler  
 5. Beeper  
 6. Shore  
 7. Tired

**DOWN**  
 1. Drain, funnel  
 2. Like Spock  
 3. Land  
 4. Food closet

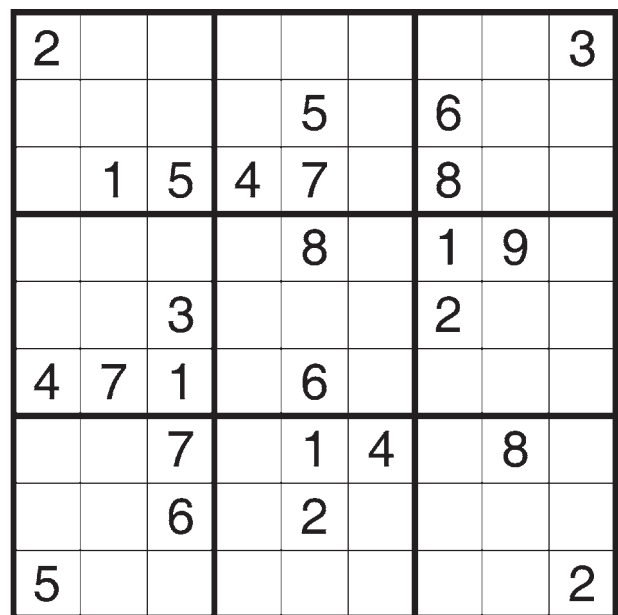
How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

CLUE: \_\_\_\_\_ has had the same defined borders since 1139.

BONUS: ○○○○○○○○○○○

**Sudoku** 1 2 3 4

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4	3	5	1	6	7	9	2	8
9	2	1	4	8	3	6	5	7
7	8	6	2	9	5	1	4	3
6	9	3	5	4	8	7	1	2
8	7	2	3	1	9	4	6	5
5	1	4	6	7	2	8	3	9
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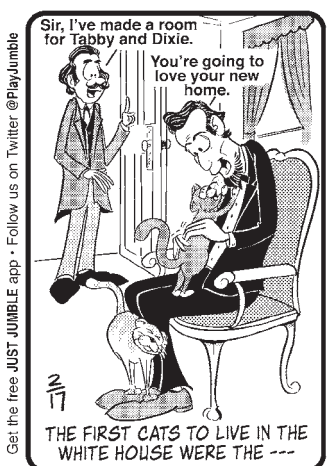
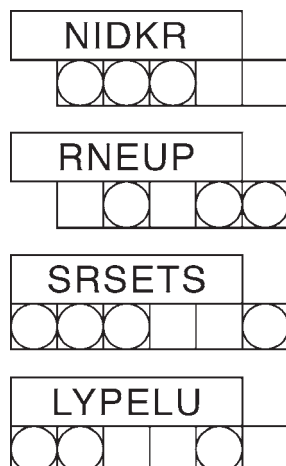
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

**Saturday's solutions**

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**Jumble**

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.



Answer here



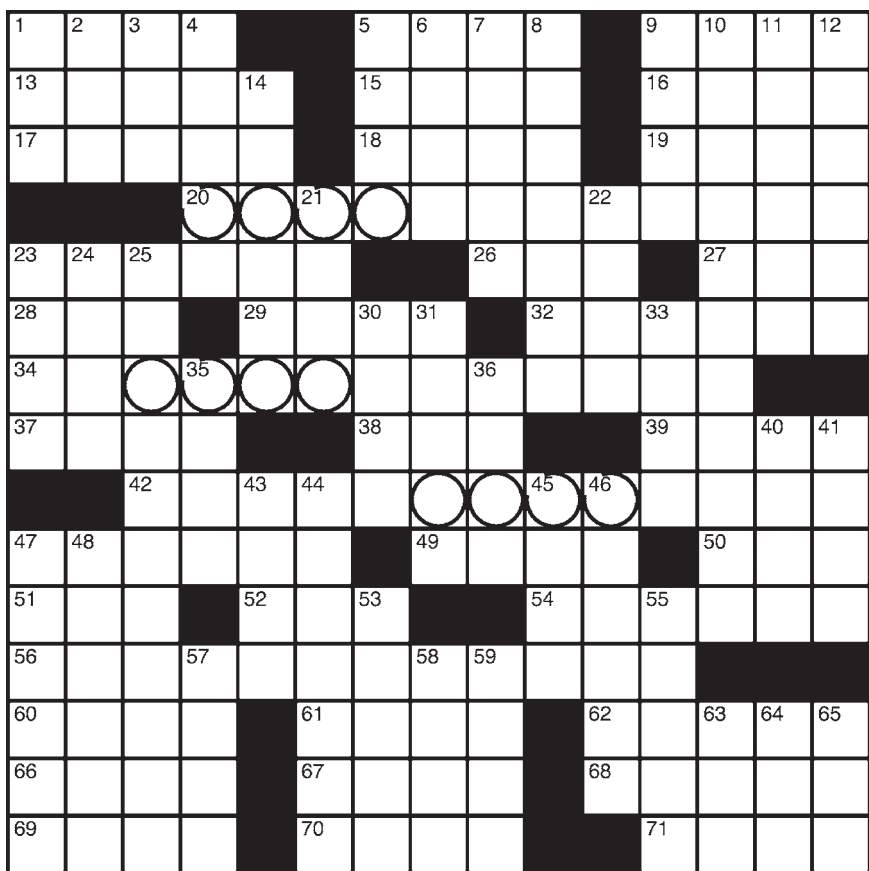
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Jumbles: SAUTE THICK PILLAR HOPLA  
 Answer: They ordered starters before the meal, but the kids were more interested in — THEIR APPS

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**Crossword**

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- Across**  
 1 Weed whackers  
 5 Annoy  
 9 Macbeth, by birth  
 13 Saintly glows  
 15 Impressionist  
 16 Lola's nightclub, in song  
 17 Like an old joke  
 18 Wind that's worth a warning  
 19 Idi of Uganda  
 20 Deer hunter's dinner, perhaps  
 23 Holy Ohio city?  
 26 Bridal bio word  
 27 Sault \_\_\_ Marie  
 28 "I think" to a texter  
 29 Child-like race in "The Time Machine"  
 32 Learn thoroughly  
 34 Cutting in half, in math class
- Down**  
 37 Seine summers  
 38 Lincoln or Ford  
 39 Love, in Spain
- Across**  
 42 Nearby  
 47 Fidel who overthrew Batista  
 49 Aussie birds that don't fly  
 50 San Francisco's \_\_\_ Valley  
 51 Diplomatic VIP  
 52 NBA tiebreakers  
 54 Sports team swaps  
 56 Attributed speaker of the circled words  
 60 Medical suffix  
 61 Sentry's "Stop!"  
 62 Swiss peak in an Eastwood film title  
 66 Eye part  
 67 Oil cartel letters  
 68 Iced tea wedge  
 69 Icelandic poetic work  
 70 PC repair person  
 71 Avec's opposite
- Down**  
 21 \_\_\_ me tangere: "Don't touch me"  
 22 Place to park it  
 23 Ocean motion  
 24 Skip over  
 25 Age-old romantic adage  
 30 A single time  
 31 "\_\_\_ it my best"  
 33 Graceful pond swimmer  
 35 "That \_\_\_ fair!"  
 36 Fedora feature  
 40 Great Plains tribe  
 41 Deli breads  
 43 Pants, briefly  
 44 Someone who's good, and obviously knows it  
 45 Skips, as class  
 46 Tel Aviv's land  
 47 Sweet-talk  
 48 Got a smile out of  
 53 Suffix with land or sea  
 55 Spring zodiac sign  
 57 "Insecure" Emmy nominee \_\_\_ Rae  
 58 Knighted actor Guinness  
 59 Draw with acid  
 63 ABC show for early risers, briefly  
 64 Long, long time  
 65 ICU workers

**Saturday's solution**



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