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A new touch-screen voting machine operates at an early voting site in Chicago.

## Machines square off with paper in booth

Officials tout ballot marking devices, but some doubt security

BY ELYSSA CHERNEY

When Rudy Altermatt dropped by an early voting location in Chicago, he encountered technology he hadn't seen before: a touch-screen device that allowed him to make his selections for the presidential primary with a tap of the finger.

The machine printed a receipt that included a QR code — a type of bar code that contains a digital summary of Altermatt's ballot — and a written list of the candidates he chose, including the races he left blank.

After he reviewed the paper slip, he fed it into a scanner to store the results.

"I thought it was a little bit more user-friendly," said Altermatt, 29, who lives in the Gold Coast neighborhood. "I felt more comfortable with it, and I felt like it was easier to use and more pragmatic."

As election authorities in Chicago and Cook County unveil the new touch screens ahead of the March 17 primary election, polling locations are becoming more high-tech than ever before. The costly equipment was rolled out to combat the risk of election interference and to make voting more accessible for those who have difficulty filling out a ballot by hand.

Polling locations in Lake, McHenry and DuPage counties also use voting machines, known as ballot marking devices, but those are made by different vendors.

While some applaud the changes, they have prompted one citizens group that focuses on election integrity to boycott early voting, saying that resi-

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**CORONAVIRUS IMPACT**

# Wall St. ends worst week since '08 crisis

Fed suggests possible rate cut amid economic fears over virus



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Traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange amid a plunge of stocks Friday. The Dow fell 3,583 points, or 12.4%, this week.

## Officials in Illinois detail 2 new test labs, low risk level

BY SOPHIE SHERRY

State and local officials are gearing up for the possibility of more coronavirus cases in Illinois, even while saying the risk of infection in the state remains low.

The state is taking precautionary measures to ensure public safety, including expanding testing across Illinois, Gov. J.B. Pritzker announced Friday.

"We're ready to put the full weight of the state behind a full-fledged response when needed," Pritzker said in a news conference at the Thompson Center.

Next week, the state expects to open two new state coronavirus testing laboratories in Springfield and Carbondale, in addition to the current state lab in Cook County. Illinois was the first state able to conduct in-state testing, allowing doctors to receive results within 24 hours. In a news briefing Friday, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention announced



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Mayor Lori Lightfoot and Gov. J.B. Pritzker, along with other public health officials, announce new precautionary measures on Friday.

plans to have every state and local health department able to test for coronavirus by the end of next week.

Dr. Nancy Messonnier, director of immunization and respiratory diseases at the CDC, acknowledged flaws with some of testing kits sent to some health departments earlier this month, which delayed results. Only a few states, including Illinois, initially were able to

properly test for the virus.

"As I've said before, this has not gone as smoothly as we would have liked," Messonnier said.

In addition, select hospitals will begin taking samples from patients who display flu-like symptoms but do not have the flu and sending those samples to one of the three labs.

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BY ALEX VEIGA AND DAMIAN J. TROISE  
 Associated Press

Stocks sank again Friday after another wild day on Wall Street, extending a rout that handed the market its worst week since October 2008 at the height of the financial crisis.

The market clawed back much of its intraday losses in the last 15 minutes of trading as some buyers emerged, keeping the indexes from another steep plunge.

The Dow Jones Industrial Average swung back from an early slide of more than 1,000 points to close around 350 points lower. The S&P 500 fell 0.8%, while the Nasdaq reversed an early decline to finish flat.

The market's losses moderated somewhat after the Federal Reserve released a statement saying it stood ready to help the economy if needed. Investors increasingly expect the Fed to cut rates at its next policy meeting in mid-March.

Global financial markets have been rattled by the outbreak that has been shutting down

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# Board challenges claim of standardize test cheating

CPS watchdog calls it 'naive' to rule out possibility

BY HANNAH LEONE

The Chicago Public Schools' watchdog who released a report this week highlighting numerous "irregularities" in standardized test results has further clarified that his office "has not sustained any individual cheating cases" — but he also said it would be "naive" to rule out that cheating or gaming

occurred.

As one of his last acts in office, CPS Inspector General Nicholas Schuler presented to the Board of Education on Wednesday his office's study focusing on the spring 2018 MAP test given to third through eighth graders. The report found "a concerning level of unusually long test durations" — in some cases, students were



Schuler



Sotelo

allowed to finish the untimed tests over several hours or days, with multiple pauses — and those

interviewed by Schuler's office reported improper testing procedures ranging from "attempts to game the system to coaching to outright cheating."

But in a sometimes tense exchange, board members questioned his analysis and challenged the use of the word "cheating" in the report.

Board member Lucino Sotelo had said it was irresponsible of Schuler to use the word and asked

for data to be mapped out showing the clusters of students who took a long time to complete a test or took excessive breaks.

"You're taking away the credit of all the hard work of all the teachers ... and then the students that actually deliver upon that," Sotelo said. "Is there an assertion happening here that you're questioning the growth in black and

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# Cops shoot man who allegedly jumped cars at Red Line stop

By ROSEMARY SOBOL, JEREMY GORNER AND JAVONTE ANDERSON

Chicago police shot a man at the CTA's Grand Red Line station Friday afternoon, authorities said.

The man was taken to Northwestern Memorial Hospital, where he remains in critical but “stable” condition following surgery, police Deputy Superintendent Barbara West told reporters at a news conference Friday night.

The shooting happened shortly after 4 p.m. in the subway as officers were calling a 10-1, code for officer in need of assistance.

“The whole train stop is gonna be a crime scene,” an officer radioed from the scene after the shooting.

West said two officers assigned to the mass transit unit tried to stop a man who they saw “jumping from train [car] to train [car],” which is a violation of a city ordinance.

The officers pursued the man from the train and onto the platform, where a struggle ensued when the officers tried to place the man in custody, causing both officers to deploy their tasers on the man.

“At some point” during the brawl, one of the officers discharged their gun, striking the man twice, West said.

Both officers will be restricted from field duties and will be placed on administrative duties pending the outcome of an investigation, West said.

“We are conducting concurrent criminal and



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Emergency medical workers take a person to an ambulance outside the Red Line CTA station at State Street and Grand Avenue after a shooting on Friday.

administrative investigations into this incident,” West said.

West said she had been in contact with the interim police superintendent, Charlie Beck, and said they were both “extremely concerned” and had “significant questions” about the incident.

West also told reporters police were “aware” of a video circulating on social media of the alleged shooting.

She added, however, that there was additional video from passengers on the train. Police declined to answer when asked if a weapon was confiscated from the man shot.

A woman, who asked not

to be identified, said she saw paramedics bring a person on a stretcher up on the Red Line elevator at the corner of Grand Avenue and State Street.

Police quickly set up a perimeter with yellow tape blocking the intersection of Grand and State, tying up downtown traffic. Police also blocked off the 500 block of North State Street. Passersby walked by a throng of reporters and TV cameras as several helicopters buzzed overhead.

CTA trains were not stopping at the Grand Avenue stop.

The Civilian Office of Police Accountability will be investigating the shooting, as is routine.

The shooting comes the same day Chicago police unveiled plans to beef up patrols because of a spike in crime on the CTA's rail system. The department announced it will add 50 more officers to the unit that patrols the “L,” bringing the total to 250. And, in a first for the department, each transit unit officer will be equipped with tracking devices to better monitor and adjust how they're deployed.

The department is also opening a Strategic Decision Support Center in the downtown police district, which for the first time will give police a central location to monitor the system's 32,000 cameras in real time.

# Former track coach charged with sexual assault of student decade ago

Man served as volunteer in '09 at North Shore Country Day School

By KAREN ANN CULLOTTA

A Minnesota man was charged this week with the sexual assault of a North Shore Country Day School student when he was her track coach a decade ago.

Seyamack Afzali, 35, who was 24 years old at time of the alleged incident, was charged in Cook County Thursday with criminal sexual assault in connection with the allegations from 2009 involving a 16-year-old student at the Winnetka private school, according to court records.

An investigation by the Chicago Police Department found that in April 2009, Afzali and the girl went to the girl's home in Chicago where the alleged incident is said to have happened, according to court records.

On the same day, Facebook records reveal that Afzali sent the girl a message containing explicit language, followed by weeks of the pair carrying on, “a flirtatious conversation, constantly telling one another that they loved each other and exchanging numerous other messages that



Afzali

might be typical of a high school relationship, however the defendant was 24 years old at the time,” according to prosecutors.

The Facebook records also reveal that during the girl's junior and senior years in high school, while she was attending a school in another state, “the defendant and victim regularly discussed logistics for when the defendant would come to visit her, specifically which hotels the defendant should stay in, noting when other parents might be in town staying at hotels for parent teacher conferences,” according to prosecutors.

As Afzali and the teen's relationship continued, they allegedly spent time together with the girl's high school friends, with one witness who spent time with them recalling seeing Afzali and the girl “frequently kissing” and took photos of the two, according to prosecutors.

According to prosecutors, when the girl turned 18 years old, “the defendant broke up with the victim.”

Chicago police began their investigation in June 2019, after the former student began undergoing therapy, which prompted her to report the allegations to Chicago police.

An arrest warrant was issued for Afzali in January, and he was arrested at his home in Minnesota last week.

A Cook County judge set bond at \$30,000 for Afzali, who remained in custody Friday, according to court records.

The criminal charges against Afzali arrive after an amended civil complaint, which was filed in the Cook County Circuit Court last month by a former student under the name “Jane Doe,” named Afzali and North Shore Country Day, alleging that school officials “willfully and wantonly failed to properly supervise the activities, coaching, physical training and physical education of its students, including, but not limited to, minor plaintiff Jane Doe, while in the presence of (the) defendant.”

North Shore Country Day head of school Thomas Flemma declined to

comment on the incident, citing pending litigation.

The civil lawsuit is seeking a judgment in excess of \$50,000 from both the school and Afzali, who allegedly, “committed sexual misconduct” by enticing the former student into a relationship with her when she was unable to provide consent.

Earlier this month, officials at North Shore Country Day said they had investigated the former student's report on social media that she was sexually and emotionally abused by a volunteer coach at the school a decade ago.

The school's internal investigation revealed two other alleged inappropriate incidents involving students at the school, the most recent of which involves allegations about a former teaching assistant at North Shore Country Day, who was charged with misdemeanor disorderly conduct in August for allegedly engaging in inappropriate social media and text message conversations with a 17-year-old girl from another suburban high school, according to Wilmette police.

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# Physicist helps introduce science to toddlers

Author of Baby University book series to appear at DuPage Children's Museum

By TAYLOR HARTZ

Can you teach babies science?

Physicist and mathematician Chris Ferrie, author of the Baby University book series, says yes, and he will explain how to introduce scientific principles to your toddlers when he speaks March 8 at the DuPage Children's Museum in Naperville.

Ferrie is a bestselling science author for children whose books include “Rocket Science for Babies,” “Quantum Physics for Babies,” “General Relativity for Babies” and “Newtonian Physics for Babies.”

Each explores scientific topics with humor and brightly colored illustrations meant to entertain

using his books helps show that babies are capable of learning about science and that teaching them at a young age will help develop their sense for the subject.

“I think this ties in well with my philosophy that everyone, including children, deserve to know the wonderful world around us that is not revealed by our sense alone,” said Ferrie, a senior lecturer at the University of Technology Sydney and Centre for Quantum Software and Information.

“Understanding this is the basis of the successful story of modern society and is necessary for anyone who wants to make a difference,” he said.

“Science gives us a sixth sense of the world which we can either just enjoy the beauty of or use to our advantage.”

Ferrie's program will give

children a chance to explore that sixth sense, Stull said.

“Children are natural born scientists. Every day they are learning new skills, asking more questions and figuring out their world,” said Stull, adding that expanding a young child's vocabulary and ideas can only widen their potential.

“Children are so capable of understanding big ideas and big words,” she said. “The broader the vocabulary a child has, the higher the potential they will think more deeply, express themselves more clearly and learn new things more quickly.”

Ferrie's program begins at noon. There is no charge to attend beyond the museum's regular admission fee of \$13.

Taylor Hartz is a freelance reporter for the Naperville Sun.

# Chicago Tribune CHICAGOLAND

## AJ Freund's mom to be sentenced April 30

Dad waives jury trial in Crystal Lake death

BY AMANDA MARRAZZO

A sentencing date of April 30 was set Thursday for a mother who pleaded guilty to murdering her 5-year-old child in their Crystal Lake home last year.

JoAnn Cunningham, 36, pleaded guilty in December to first-degree murder in the death of AJ Freund. Authorities said the child was fatally beaten in April, and his body was found later in a shallow grave in

Woodstock. She faces up to 60 years in prison.

Also on Thursday, the child's father, Andrew Freund, 61, waived a jury trial and opted to have his case heard by a judge. He is charged with murder and other crimes related to his son's death. No trial date has been set.

Authorities says Freund made a false 911 call reporting his son missing, which led to a nearly weeklong search for the child. The

boy was found dead April 24.

Cunningham has a status hearing set for March 19. Freund, sporting a full beard on Thursday in court, has a status hearing on April 24, a year to the date when his son's body was found.

The family's dilapidated home on Dole Avenue in Crystal Lake is slated to be demolished. Work was scheduled to begin Friday but has been postponed.

Amanda Marrazzo is a freelance reporter.



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JoAnn Cunningham leaves the courtroom Thursday after a status hearing in Woodstock.



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Amtrak police Officer LaRoyce Tankson, center, arrives with his attorney William Fahy, right, at the Leighton Criminal Court Building in Chicago on Friday. Tankson was charged with murder for allegedly shooting a fleeing unarmed suspect.

## Amtrak officer found not guilty of murder

Cop acquitted in '17 shooting of unarmed man at Union Station

BY MEGAN CREPEAU

A Cook County judge on Friday acquitted an Amtrak police officer of first-degree murder in the fatal on-duty shooting of an unarmed man, saying the officer reasonably believed he was acting in self-defense when he fired his weapon.

LaRoyce Tankson hugged his attorneys and blinked away tears as Judge Dennis Porter announced his decision. His supporters in the packed gallery sighed in relief.

"The evidence is overwhelming that (he believed) the danger actually existed," Porter said. "The thought that Officer Tankson was some type of cowboy out to put another notch on his gun is not borne out by the record in any way, shape or form, in my opinion."

Tankson, now 34, and his partner were on duty near Union Station in February 2017 when they stopped Chad Robertson and two of his friends for loitering and

smoking marijuana, Porter noted from the bench.

The three moved along at the officers' direction, but did not mention they had left luggage unattended inside the station, Porter said.

When one of Robertson's companions went back to look after the bags, it aroused the officers' suspicion. They tracked down the trio outside the station and asked them to get on the wall for a pat-down.

"Robertson was arguing that he did not wish to be patted down, and (said), 'Why are you bothering them?'" Porter said.

Tankson told him it was a search for weapons, at which point Robertson took off running.

As he fled, he turned slightly toward Tankson and reached into his left pocket — an act that Tankson interpreted as Robertson reaching for a gun.

Tankson yelled "gun" and fired his weapon, Porter recounted.

Robertson apparently was reaching to retrieve two

bags of marijuana from his pocket and toss them to the ground. No weapons were found on him.

But the act of turning slightly and reaching in his pocket, coupled with Robertson's earlier resistance to the pat-down, was enough to give Tankson a reasonable belief that Robertson was armed and about to shoot, Porter said.

"I consider this to be a very unfortunate situation, a great tragedy, and if I had the power to put everything back for the parties the way it was the week prior to February the 8th of 2017, I would do it in a heartbeat," Porter said.

Tankson was placed on desk duty after the shooting. He has been free while awaiting trial after paying the required 10% of his \$250,000 bond — an amount Robertson's family in 2017 blasted as far too lenient. Prosecutors had sought to have him held without bail, which is far more common for murder defendants.

Robertson's family has filed a wrongful death suit in federal court, alleging Tankson was negligent and "his use of force was extreme." That suit was put on hold while Tankson's criminal case was pending.

Tankson was the second cop charged with first-degree murder within the first few months of Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx's tenure.

The first, ex-Chicago police Officer Lowell Houser, stood trial last year in an off-duty slaying on the Northwest Side.

Houser also made self-defense the cornerstone of his argument, while prosecutors alleged the shooting was unjustified. He was convicted of second-degree murder.

Judge William Gamboney found that Houser thought his actions were justified, but that he had no objective reason to fear for his life. The former cop was sentenced to 10 years in prison.

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## Berrios' charge against board of ethics dismissed

Ex-Cook County assessor, groups to pay \$168K in fines

BY GREGORY PRATT

Former Cook County Assessor Joe Berrios and his political committees must pay \$168,000 in fines after a judge dismissed his complaints challenging the ethics board's findings and ability to sanction him.

The Cook County Ethics Board previously fined Berrios, the Committee to Elect Joseph Berrios Cook County Assessor and his 31st Ward Democratic Organization \$41,000 in January 2018 and \$127,000 more that May for accepting campaign contributions in excess of legal limits.

At the center of the ethics board's rulings was a 2016 county ordinance stating that donors who seek "official action" with the county may contribute no more than \$750 in nonelection years.

Attorneys for Berrios sought to overturn the fines, arguing that the county limits are unconstitutional and that higher limits set by state law should apply, among other objections, but the court disagreed in a ruling on Wednesday.

Former federal prosecutor Juliet Sorensen, the chair of the Cook County Ethics Board, hailed the court's decision.

"The opinion not only affirms the constitutionality of the ethics ordinance and the ability of the Board of Ethics to enforce the ordinance, but also its critical importance to the people of Cook County," Sorensen said in a statement.

Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx also praised the decision.

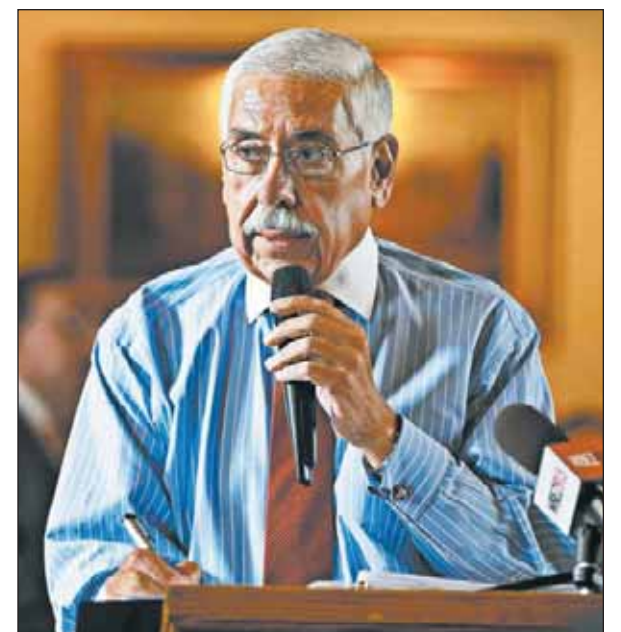
"My office worked tirelessly to defend the actions of the Cook County Board of Ethics and demand accountability from Mr. Berrios," Foxx said in a statement.

In a brief interview, Berrios said he hadn't heard about the ruling and declined comment.

At one time, Berrios was one of the most powerful political figures in Illinois, but he lost his reelection race in 2018 to Fritz Kaegi, a wealthy asset manager. He also was the Cook County Democratic Party chairman.

Berrios had been under fire for inaccurate assessments that favor the wealthy over the poor since the Tribune published "The Tax Divide," an investigation launched in June 2017 in collaboration with ProPublica Illinois. During his eight years in office, Berrios also was criticized for hiring relatives and friends to the public payroll.

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The Cook County Ethics Board fined Joe Berrios, the Committee to Elect Joseph Berrios Cook County Assessor and his 31st Ward Democratic Organization for accepting campaign contributions in excess of legal limits.

## Lightfoot opposed to eliminating Columbus Day as city-level holiday

BY GREGORY PRATT

Mayor Lori Lightfoot won't support the elimination of Columbus Day at the city level despite Chicago Public Schools replacing the controversial holiday with Indigenous Peoples Day, she said Friday.

"I have no plans to support any changes in

elimination of Columbus Day," Lightfoot said. "For a number of years CPS essentially celebrated both, Columbus Day and Indigenous Peoples Day. I thought that that made sense."

Following similar moves in other school districts and cities, the Chicago Board of Education voted Wednesday to drop Columbus'

name from the October school holiday in favor of an observance of Indigenous Peoples Day. The announcement took several aldermen and Italian Americans by surprise, though the move has also been praised.

Northwest Side Ald. Nick Spasato, 38th, predicted backlash from the Italian American community,

whose members have been among the most critical of the movement to stop celebrating Christopher Columbus. Spasato said removing Columbus from the holiday is erasing history and misguided. "It's time for war," he said after CPS made its announcement.

Sidestepping the issue could allow her to avoid a

messy battle with Spasato and other aldermen who are her allies.

As mayor, Lightfoot appoints the school board members. Shortly after taking office, she overhauled the board by appointing all new members and installing President Miguel del Valle.

On Friday, Lightfoot acknowledged that Native

Americans are a marginalized group and said she wants to do more for them, but didn't offer specifics.

"Certainly there's a lot more we can do to elevate the history of indigenous people in the past but also in the present," Lightfoot said.

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# Cheating

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brown neighborhoods and questioning the validity of the growth that you've seen there?"

Schuler took issue with that assertion, saying, "We did data, and we reported schools based on the data."

He also noted that it was his final week in office. "Our analysis is complete. You can make that chart if you'd like. ... You can ask the next IG."

According to Schuler's report on the MAP testing, clusters of students at 20 CPS schools saw such large test score increases that the chance of a random sample of CPS students achieving the same result was calculated at less than 1 in 1 billion.

CPS officials have countered that there's no correlation between test length and growth, and pointed out Schuler made no specific finding of cheating. Schuler has called the board's response a "battle about semantics."

"The OIG does not have, and perhaps no office has, the resources to do a deep individual dive into a significant number of unusual 2018 tests," Schuler said. Accordingly, he said, his office took the approach that improving administration procedures and test security was the better solution "from a cost-benefit standpoint."

"Gaming-slash-cheating ... is in the mix as a possible explanation for some of this," Schuler insisted Wednesday. "That's a very qualified statement. It's not reckless in any way. We're trying to be fair, but at the end of the day this is what you get with an independent office, and we're going to say what we think we need to say."

CPS officials have said they will implement the inspector general's recommendations for administering and monitoring the tests, including penalties for cheating.

One thing all parties agreed on is that the MAP test is high stakes for CPS students, teachers and principals, because it factors

into, among other things, selective enrollment decisions and school ratings.

Schuler previously said the circumstances leading to his departure raised questions about the continuing independence of that office.

Schuler had been the subject of internal complaints dating back at least to last April, according to records released Thursday to the Tribune.

An April 29 letter to former Board of Education President Frank Clark, purporting to be from OIG employees, told of a "toxic" workplace and claimed Schuler made employees cry and threw "temper tantrums."

"This letter is anonymous because we are afraid that the IG will take some sort of action against us if he learns that we are writing to you," it states. "... He is verbally abusive to employees and yells at people so loud that the entire office can hear him ... he makes inappropriate comments about employees to other employees."

In early February, after

announcing his impending departure, Schuler admitted he'd been a "demanding and frequently impatient boss."

"My tough management style led to complaints by employees, some of which I think were justified," he said at the time. But he called reported complaints about his behavior "exaggerated" and said claims of discrimination on the basis of race or gender were "baseless."

Schuler said Mayor Lori Lightfoot asked for his resignation, something the mayor's office declined to address. While the search for Schuler's replacement goes on, Deputy Inspector General Philip Wagenknecht will act in an interim capacity, Schuler said.

"He has my highest vote of confidence," Schuler said Friday afternoon. "He has done tireless and dedicated service for five years here."

Wednesday, board members pressed Schuler on what students might have been doing during the irregularly long test breaks noted in his report. Schuler said

test-takers could have been trying to study during the break.

"You mean they could be learning?" said Vice President Sendhil Revuluri.

"... Or cheating," Schuler said.

Schuler's report highlighted the fact that students could have been intentionally pausing the test to generate a new question.

Revuluri noted that students wouldn't know what question would come up next, so they wouldn't be able to try to find the answer during a pause.

"God forbid — it's not cheating," Revuluri said. "You don't know what question you're gonna get. You're gonna get it from a pool of thousands of items."

Schuler, however, said, "You could see what you don't know, you could try to study, and then —"

Revuluri cut him off: "And you may never see it again 'cause you've got 50 questions."

The two continued to talk over each other, arguing about probabilities versus possibilities.

"When you say 'I'm concerned,' that connotes a certain thing, right?" Revuluri eventually said. "And I'm asking you for concrete examples, and all I can get from you is, 'Maybe the student goes and learns something and then they continue with the test.' Oh no."

The testing report was among what Chicago Principals and Administrators Association President Troy LaRaviere called "questionable findings" by Schuler.

Noting that Schuler was "forced to resign," LaRaviere said, "It is time for CPS to stop treating his findings as if they have any merit at all."

LaRaviere called for an independent review by a federal or state agency of every finding Schuler's office has ever made.

When he was done talking, LaRaviere returned to his seat in the row behind Schuler, who turned to face LaRaviere and said, "You've got to be kidding me. You've got to be kidding me."

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# Ballot

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dents should wait to vote on primary Election Day when paper ballots will be supplied.

Most early voting sites don't offer paper ballots and require voters to use the electronic devices.

The group, called Clean Count Cook County, raised concerns that the QR codes, which voters can't review for themselves, are susceptible to tampering. Citing similar cybersecurity considerations, the state official overseeing elections in Colorado decided in September to ban the use of such codes on that state's ballots.

But election officials in the Chicago area dismissed the concerns, saying there is no evidence that bar codes are getting hacked. Jim Allen, a spokesman for the Chicago Board of Elections, said the touch screens used by the city have been certified through a series of state and federal tests to ensure accuracy. In addition, he said, the scanned paper receipts capture an image of the ballot, which can be used to verify results in the event of a recount.

"This has been tested four different ways. This isn't some sort of app that was created three weeks ago like Iowa," Allen said, referencing widespread problems counting ballots in the state that held the first-in-the-nation presidential caucuses.

Election security has become a top priority in municipalities across Illinois since Russian hackers gained access to the state's voter registration database in June 2016.

While the hackers were able to view personal information for about 76,000 Illinois voters — including names, addresses and partial Social Security numbers — there's no evidence of voting results being manipulated.

Early voting continues through March 16. Starting Monday, an additional 52 early voting sites in the city and 50 in suburban Cook County will open. Here's what else you need to know about the early voting period and the ballot marking devices.

## Why aren't paper ballots used for early voting?

On primary day, each precinct has ballots that are specific to that precinct and to each political party. Those ballots contain local, state and federal races based on geographic boundaries.

But during early voting, when far fewer polling sites are in use, voters can cast ballots at any active polling place, so officials must have all the ballot variations on hand.

The machines enable officials to properly store and easily generate all the ballots, Allen said. They also allow voters to access ballots in six languages, he said.

"We can't have a library of 1,100 ballot styles on the shelves, unsecured, at night, after we close and know which voters are going to come from which neighborhoods (during early voting). ... It's physically impossible," Allen said.

Voters who want to beat the rush of primary day and still use a paper ballot can vote by mail as long as they register for the process in advance.

For Chicago residents, the deadline to register for vote by mail is March 12. Check your local election authority for more information.

## Are the voting machines secure?

McHenry County Clerk Joseph Tirio said a number of safeguards are in place to ensure ballot marking devices produce accurate results.

In addition to running numerous random tests on the machines, the scanning devices have uniquely coded seals that can't be easily infiltrated. The machines in McHenry use bar codes, not QR codes. When asked about whether bar codes could be altered prior to being scanned, Tirio said there's no evidence of that happening.

In many ways, he added, the machines are preferable because they eliminate the human error that can result from counting ballots manually.

"The machines and the bar codes are far more accurate," he said. "I understand the distrust ... but I don't believe it's well-founded given the equipment and process that we have today."

## Who makes the election equipment?

The touch screens in Cook County and Chicago were obtained from Dominion Voting Systems, a private vendor, at significant expense.

The Cook County Board approved a 10-year, \$31 million contract for the new machines with Dominion in 2018, according to James Scalzitti, a spokesman for the Cook County clerk's office. For Chicago, the city paid \$22 million for a 10-year agreement with Dominion that includes ballot scanners, touch screens, booths, related equipment and software upgrades, according to Allen.

Elections officials in Lake and McHenry counties use a different vendor, Election Systems & Software, and DuPage uses a different type of ballot marking device.

Lake has been using its equipment since 2016, said Todd Govain, a chief deputy at the clerk's office.

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Panic in the stock market over the spreading coronavirus continued Friday.

# Markets

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industrial centers, emptying shops and crimping travel all over the world. More companies are warning investors that their finances will take a hit because of disruptions to supply chains and sales. Governments are taking increasingly drastic measures as they scramble to contain the virus.

More employers told their workers to stay home, and officials locked down neighborhoods and closed schools. The efforts to halt the spread of the illness threatened jobs, paychecks and profits.

"This is a case where in economic terms the cure is almost worse than the disease," said Jacob Kirkegaard, senior fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics. "When you quarantine cities you lose economic activity that you're not going to get back."

The rout has knocked every major index into what market watchers call a "correction," or a fall of 10% or more from a peak. The last time that occurred was in late 2018, as a tariff war with China was esca-

lating.

The list of countries touched by the illness climbed to nearly 60 Friday as Azerbaijan, Belarus, Iceland, Lithuania, Mexico, the Netherlands, New Zealand and Nigeria reported their first cases. More than 83,000 people worldwide have contracted the illness, with deaths topping 2,800.

The head of the World Health Organization announced the risk of the virus spreading worldwide was "very high," citing the "continued increase in the number of cases and the number of affected countries."

Economists have forecast global growth will slip to 2.4% this year, the slowest since the Great Recession in 2009, and down from earlier expectations closer to 3%.

But if coronavirus, known officially as COVID-19, becomes a global pandemic, economists expect the impact could be much worse, with the U.S. and other global economies falling into recession.

"All this says to us is that there are still a lot of worries in the market," said Gene Goldman, chief investment officer at Cetera Financial Group. "We need the Fed to come out and say, basically, 'Guys, we got your

back.'"

Traders have been growing more certain that the Federal Reserve will be forced to cut interest rates to protect the economy, and soon. Goldman said the Fed's current lack of action amounts to a tightening of rates compared with other nations and their actions to offset the impact of the coronavirus.

The damage from a week of almost relentless selling was eye-popping: The Dow fell 3,583 points, or 12.4%. Microsoft and Apple, the two most valuable companies in the S&P 500, lost a combined \$300 billion. In a sign of the severity of the concern about the possible economic blow, the price of oil sank 16%.

The latest losses have wiped out the S&P 500's gains going back to October. The benchmark index is still up 6.1% over the past 12 months, not including dividends.

Uncertainty turned into fear as the virus started jumping to places outside of the epicenter and dashed hopes for containment.

"Fear is a stronger emotion than hope," said Ann Miletti, head of active equity at Wells Fargo Asset Management. "This is what we're seeing today and this week."

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# Test

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The state Health Department launched a statewide hotline, 1-800-889-3931 and hotline email, dph.sick@illinois.gov, where residents can ask questions or report a suspected case.

The CDC warned Tuesday that the virus will likely begin to spread in the U.S. and Americans should prepare accordingly.

But Mayor Lori Lightfoot said Friday that Chicagoans have no real cause for alarm.

"I want to stress to residents that the chances of contracting the virus continue to remain low," Lightfoot said. "Our residents should continue and enjoy the city, its neighborhoods, and its amenities as they normally do. Fear can not guide us in this moment."

More than 100 staff members from the Health

Department are involved in the city's coronavirus response, according to Director Allison Arwady.

City health staff have been at O'Hare International Airport every day, distributing thermometers and collecting information as a complement to the CDC's federal screening.

Arwady said the city Health Department also is monitoring hundreds of recently returned travelers and arranging testing if they display symptoms. The department also is monitoring hospital bed availability and updating health care partners.

"Here in Chicago and here in Illinois, our public health systems are strong, we are at a point where we are focusing all of our resources on every individual case," Arwady said.

So far, there have been two confirmed cases of the coronavirus in Illinois. A Chicago woman gave the disease to her husband, marking the first instance

of the respiratory coronavirus spreading from one person to another in the United States. While there is no vaccine, Dr. Ngozi Ezike, Illinois Department of Public Health director, said the two patients responded well to inpatient hospital care.

As of Friday, there were at least 62 confirmed cases of coronavirus in the U.S. Of those, 47 people were brought back to the country by the U.S. State Department. As of Friday, there were 76 patients under investigation in Illinois, with 70 testing negative.

Public health officials urge residents to take the same precautions as they would during flu season; covering mouths when coughing, washing hands and staying home if sick.

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## NATION & WORLD

### States to get coronavirus test kits

White House urges public calm in face of strategy criticism

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WASHINGTON — Federal health officials said Friday they're scrambling to get coronavirus testing up and running in every state, as President Donald Trump's chief economic adviser urged Americans not to overreact to plunging financial markets.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said two more Americans tested positive for the virus out of the group of quarantined passengers from the Diamond Princess cruise ship, bringing the national total to 62.

And the World Health Organization upgraded the risk level from the virus to "very high" as it continued to spread around the globe.

Two days after the White House abruptly shifted gears from Trump's initial assurances of minimal U.S. fallout to an all-out mobilization under Vice President Mike Pence, the administration's messaging still wasn't completely seamless.

The president's team responded to the biggest one-week Wall Street sell-off in more than a decade with a deflection strategy, playing down the threat and eagerly parceling out responsibility to Democrats, the media and the entrenched government bureaucracy.

Trump tweeted that "The Do Nothing Democrats" had wasted time on impeachment and "anything else they could do to



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Acting chief of staff Mick Mulvaney said Friday that the White House is getting short shrift for its anti-virus efforts.

make the Republican Party look bad" while defending his own response to the virus outbreak, which many across the aisle have deemed sluggish and scattershot.

Some of his closest allies amplified that message and accused White House foes of hyping the threat posed by the virus, which has killed more than 2,800 people — most of them in China, where it originated.

"The flu kills people," said acting White House chief of staff Mick Mulvaney, speaking at the Conservative Political Action Conference, an annual gathering for conservative activists. "This is not Ebola. It's

not SARS, it's not MERS. It's not a death sentence, it's not the same as the Ebola crisis."

Mulvaney went on to accuse the news media of giving short shrift to administration efforts to combat the virus — namely, barring entry by most foreign nationals who had recently visited China — in favor of focusing on negative stories about Trump.

The travel restrictions were widely covered in the news media.

Trump administration political appointees and nonpartisan career government scientists both agree that the current risk to Americans is low, although

that could quickly change. But some political officials are continuing to offer assurances that concerns will blow over soon, while the scientists are emphasizing preparations for circumstances as yet unknown.

"I acknowledge that this could change. I acknowledge the situation could deteriorate. I acknowledge the risks," White House economic adviser Larry Kudlow told reporters Friday. "But, given what we know looks to me like the market has gone too far." As he spoke, financial markets continued their steep drop.

On Capitol Hill, lawmakers of both parties are working on a spending bill to be

unveiled early next week and expected to be two to three times more than the \$2.5 billion the White House had requested for anti-virus efforts.

For the CDC's disease detectives, the priority now is setting up a nationwide testing infrastructure after a shaky start. Dr. Nancy Messonnier, the CDC's chief of respiratory diseases, told reporters the goal is to have every state capable of testing for the virus by the end of next week.

A three-step test kit from the CDC is being replaced with a two-step process that Messonnier said should work better.

"Our goal is to have every

state and local health department doing its own testing by the end of next week," said Messonnier. That's a considered a critical step because it would push the front lines of surveillance closer to local communities where new cases might present themselves.

Officials have confirmed the second case of the virus in the U.S. believed to have been transmitted to a person who didn't travel internationally or come in close contact with anyone who had it. Both women live in Northern California.

Although the president himself is famously skeptical of science, the White House is now trying to surround itself with top-flight scientific expertise. On Friday, officials announced the White House and the National Academy of Sciences have established a committee of experts on infectious diseases to help on the coronavirus threat.

Next week, Congress is expected to expedite a bipartisan spending bill for the anti-virus campaign that could total between \$6 billion and \$8 billion.

Democrats are insisting the bill must comprise new spending, while the White House wants to divert some of the money from existing programs. Lawmakers from Maine are trying to block administration efforts to tap a program that helps low-income people pay home heating bills.

As other countries hard hit by coronavirus cancel public activities and shutter schools, Health and Human Services Secretary Alex Azar said such measures could be part of the containment toolkit here, if needed.

### US, Taliban on doorstep of signing peace accord

Deal may spur end to Afghan war that began after 9/11

By MATTHEW LEE  
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — America's longest war may finally be nearing an end.

The United States and the Islamists it toppled from power in Afghanistan are poised to sign a peace deal Saturday after a conflict that outlasted two U.S. commanders in chief and is now led by a third eager to fulfill a campaign promise to extricate America from "endless wars."

More than 18 years since President George W. Bush ordered bombing in response to the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, the agreement will set the stage for the withdrawal of U.S. troops, some of whom were not yet born when the World Trade Center collapsed on that crisp, sunny morning that changed how Americans see the world.

Saturday's ceremony also signals the potential end of a tremendous investment of blood and treasure. The U.S. spent more than \$750 billion, and on all sides the war cost tens of thousands of

lives lost, permanently scarred and indelibly interrupted. Yet it's also a conflict that is frequently ignored by U.S. politicians and the American public.

In the Qatari capital of Doha, America's top diplomat will stand with leaders of the Taliban, Afghanistan's former rulers who harbored Osama bin Laden and his al-Qaida network as they plotted and then celebrated the hijackings of four airliners that were crashed into lower Manhattan, the Pentagon and a field in western Pennsylvania, killing almost 3,000 people.

It will likely be an uncomfortable appearance for Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, who privately told a conference of U.S. ambassadors at the State Department this week that he was going only because President Donald Trump had insisted on his participation, according to two people present.

A statement from Trump on Friday said Pompeo will "witness" the signing of the agreement, leaving unclear if he will personally sign it on behalf of the United States, or if he will shake hands with Taliban representatives.

U.S. troops are to be withdrawn to 8,600 from about 13,000 in the weeks following Saturday's signing. Further drawdowns are to depend on the Taliban meeting certain counterterrorism conditions, compliance that will be assessed by the United States.

But officials say soldiers will be coming home.

Trump, as he seeks reelection this year, is looking to make good on his campaign promise to bring troops home from the Middle East. Still, he has approached the Taliban agreement cautiously, steering clear of the crowing surrounding other major foreign policy actions, such as his talks with North Korea.

Last September, on short notice, he called off what was to be a signing ceremony with the Taliban at Camp David after a series of new Taliban attacks. But he has since been supportive of the talks led by his special envoy, Zalmay Khalilzad.

In a statement released by the White House, Trump said Friday that if the Taliban and Afghan governments live up to the commitments in the agreement, "we will have a powerful path forward to end the war in Afghanistan and bring



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Secretary of State Mike Pompeo will "witness" the signing of the U.S.-Taliban agreement.

our troops home."

"These commitments represent an important step to a lasting peace in a new Afghanistan, free from al-Qaida, ISIS and any other terrorist group that would seek to bring us harm," Trump said.

Under the agreement, the Taliban promise not to let extremists use the country as a staging ground for attacking the U.S. or its allies.

But U.S. officials are loath to trust the Taliban to fulfill their obligations.

Pompeo did not mention the Afghan agreement as he touted Trump administration foreign policy achievements in a speech to a

conservative group Friday. He has expressed doubts about the prospects. Yet, he will give his imprimatur to the agreement, which he also has said represents "a historic opportunity for peace."

If the agreement is successful, Afghanistan, the "graveyard of empires" that has repeatedly repelled foreign invaders from imperial Britain and Russia to the Soviet Union, will have once again successfully turned away a world power from its landlocked borders.

But prospects for Afghanistan's future are uncertain.

The agreement sets the stage for peace talks involv-

ing Afghani factions, which are likely to be complicated. Under the agreement, 5,000 Taliban are to be released from Afghan-run jails, but it's not known if the Afghan government will do that. There are also questions about whether Taliban fighters loyal to various warlords will be willing to disarm.

It's not clear what will become of gains made in women's rights since the toppling of the Taliban, which had repressed women and girls under a strict brand of Shariah law.

Women's rights in Afghanistan had been a top concern of the Bush and the Obama administrations.

### Wisconsin court overturns ruling ordering purge of voter rolls

By SCOTT BAUER  
Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — A Wisconsin appeals court Friday overturned a ruling that ordered the removal of up to 209,000 people from the state's voter rolls, handing Democrats a victory in a case they said was intended to make it more difficult for their voters to cast ballots in November.

The conservative group that brought the case said it would appeal to the state Supreme Court.

The appeals court last month put the ruling, and the purge, on hold while it considered the case. The 4th District Court of Appeals ruling overturned the decision of an Ozaukee County judge who had initially ruled in favor of a conservative law firm that was seeking the purge.

The appeals court also vacated an order from the same judge that found the state Elections Commission in contempt for not moving forward with the purge.

The appeals court sent

**"A win not only for the Wisconsinites ... but also for our democracy."**

— Wisconsin Attorney General Josh Kaul

the case back to the lower court and ordered that it be dismissed.

The case has received a lot of attention because Wisconsin is among a group of swing states being targeted by Democrats and President Donald Trump this year. Trump won Wisconsin in 2016 by fewer

than 23,000 votes, putting even more of a focus on every voter in the state.

The voter purge lawsuit argued that the state Elections Commission broke the law when it did not remove voters from the rolls who did not respond within 30 days to a mailing in October indicating they may have

moved. The commission wanted to wait until after the November 2020 presidential election before removing anyone because of inaccuracies found while previously attempting to identify voters who may have moved.

The appeals court said in its unanimous decision that the law in question does not refer to the Elections Commission or give any duties to it related to deactivating voters. The commission had argued that the power to do that rests with local election

clerks, and the appeals court agreed.

Attorney General Josh Kaul called the decision "a win not only for the Wisconsinites who were nearly purged from the voter rolls, but also for our democracy."

The Wisconsin Institute for Law and Liberty, which brought the case on behalf of three voters, said it would appeal to the Wisconsin Supreme Court.

"Wisconsin deserves clean elections in 2020," said Rick Esenberg, the group's president.

## NEWS BRIEFING

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### Trump picks Rep. Ratcliffe to be top intelligence official again

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump on Friday picked Rep. John Ratcliffe again to be the nation's top intelligence official, overseeing the the 17 U.S. spy agencies that the president has repeatedly scorned.

The president earlier nominated the three-term Republican congressman from Texas to be the new director of national intelligence. But in early August, Trump abruptly withdrew his name amid growing

questions about Ratcliffe's qualifications for the job. Democrats and Republicans criticized him for having little experience in the field of intelligence.

"John is an outstanding man of great talent!" Trump said in a tweet.

If confirmed by the Senate, Ratcliffe would replace Richard Grenell, a Trump loyalist who is serving as acting national intelligence director while keeping his title as U.S. ambassador to Germany.

### House approves bill to ban the sale of flavored e-cigarettes

WASHINGTON — Moving to stem a vaping epidemic among young people, the House approved a bill Friday to ban the sale of flavored e-cigarettes and other flavored tobacco products.

The bill would place new restrictions on the marketing of e-cigarettes and ban flavors in tobacco products, including menthol cigarettes. It also would place a new excise tax on nicotine.

The House approved the bill, 213-195, sending it to the Senate, where approval is considered unlikely. The White House said in a statement that the Trump's administration opposes the bill.

Supporters, mostly Democrats, said the legislation provides a comprehensive strategy to reverse a teen vaping epidemic that officials fear is hooking a generation of young people on nicotine.

### Prosecutors: Hawaii man led meth ring while councilman

HONOLULU — U.S. prosecutors intended to ask a judge Friday to deny bail for an elected Hawaii councilman accused of running a drug-trafficking organization, supplying guns, conspiring with a gang leader, requesting sexual favors as payment for drugs and assaulting a law enforcement officer.

Arthur Brun led a major drug-trafficking conspiracy involving 11 other defendants since at least

June 2019, while serving as an elected member of the Kauai County Council, authorities said.

Prosecutors said in court filings that Brun obtained meth from a leader of the United Samoan Organization gang and had the drugs mailed to Hawaii from California.

Prosecutors cited phone wiretaps and testimony by a defendant hoping for leniency at sentencing in a federal case.



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Migrants walk toward the Turkey-Greece border Friday after arriving on a train from Istanbul after the Turkish government said it will no longer bar passage to Europe.

### Turkey, Russia talk tensions in Syria as migrants push west

REYHANLI, Turkey — The presidents of Turkey and Russia spoke by phone Friday to try to defuse tensions that rose significantly in Syria after 33 Turkish troops were killed in an airstrike blamed on the Syrian government, and a new wave of refugees and migrants headed for the Greek land and sea border after Turkey said it would no longer hold them back.

The attack Thursday marked the deadliest day for the Turkish military since Ankara first entered the Syrian conflict in 2016 and also was the most serious escalation between

Turkish and Russian-backed Syrian forces, raising the prospect of an all-out war with millions of Syrian civilians trapped in the middle.

It was not clear whether Syrian or Russian jets carried out the strike, but Turkey blamed Syria's government and Russia denied responsibility.

NATO envoys held emergency talks at the request of Turkey, a NATO member. Turkey's 28 allies also expressed their condolences over the deaths and urged deescalation, but no additional NATO support was offered.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan, whose country already hosts more than 3.5 million Syrian refugees, has long threatened to "open the gates" for millions to flee to Europe unless more international support was provided.

The crisis stems from a Syrian government offensive that began Dec. 1 with Russian military support to retake Idlib province in northwestern Syria, the last opposition-held stronghold. Turkey, the main backer of the Syrian opposition, has lost 54 soldiers in February, including the latest fatalities.

### Utah bill would end felony status for polygamy

SALT LAKE CITY — Polygamy wouldn't be a felony crime in Utah for the first time in 85 years under a bill that passed the Legislature on Friday and appears to be supported by the governor.

Lawmakers voted overwhelmingly for the proposal that supporters said will

allow the 30,000 or so people living in the state's polygamous communities to come out of the shadows and report abuses such as underage marriage by other polygamists without fear of prosecution.

Republican Gov. Gary Herbert has indicated he will likely sign the proposal

that makes polygamy between consenting adults an infraction, like a traffic offense, that carries no possible jail time.

Some former members of polygamous groups who oppose the measure have said that essentially decriminalizing the practice could embolden abusers.

### Diocese in Buffalo seeks bankruptcy protection

BUFFALO, N.Y. — The embattled Roman Catholic Diocese of Buffalo filed for bankruptcy protection Friday, taking another major step in its effort to recover from a clergy misconduct scandal that's been the basis for hundreds of lawsuits, Vatican intervention and the resignation of its bishop.

With its filing in U.S. Bankruptcy Court, the western New York diocese became the second in the state to file for Chapter 11 reorganization, and one of more than 20 dioceses to seek bankruptcy protection nationwide.

The Buffalo diocese has faced particular turmoil in recent months, culminating in the Dec. 4 resignation of Bishop Richard Malone amid criticism that he withheld the names of dozens of credibly accused priests and mishandled reports of misconduct against others.

**In Hong Kong:** Outspoken Hong Kong publisher Jimmy Lai and two prominent opposition politicians were charged Friday with illegal assembly over a pro-democracy march last year as the territory's Beijing-backed government appeared to move to settle scores over months of protests calling for reforms.

Lai was picked up from his home by police officers early Friday, while former pro-democracy legislator Yeung Sum and former legislator and vice chairman of the Labour Party, Lee Cheuk-yan, were also arrested.

The three left the police station after being charged and are to appear in court on May 5.

They could face up to five years in prison along with fines.



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# Chicago Tribune BUSINESS

## United extends China flight cancellations

Airline reducing service to Asian destinations as outbreak of virus grows

BY ROBERT CHANNICK

United Airlines announced Friday it won't restart flights between the U.S. and China until May and is paring back its schedule to other parts of Asia as the coronavirus epidemic spreads.

The Chicago-based airline said it is reducing service to Tokyo, Osaka, Singapore and Seoul, offering fewer flights and smaller planes, beginning next month.

"It is a fast-moving situation," United spokeswoman Leslie Scott said. "We are in daily contact with the CDC and other global health organizations as we continue to evaluate our schedule."

While United halted flights to China in early February, this is the first time it has reduced capacity to other Asian destinations as a result of the growing epidemic, Scott said.

The airline has seen a 75% drop in demand for its Asian routes, outside of China, in the wake of the coronavirus outbreak,

according a filing Monday with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Before the suspension of service, United had about 12 flights each day between the U.S. and China, including flights connecting Chicago to Beijing and Shanghai at O'Hare International Airport.

The additional reduction in service will cancel the O'Hare to Tokyo Narita route from March 8 to March 27. United is scheduled to resume flights between Chicago and Tokyo on March 28, when it will switch to Tokyo Haneda Airport, which is closer to the city. The change is unrelated to the virus, Scott said.

American Airlines does not have direct service between Chicago and China, but earlier this month extended its suspension of all flights to China out of its Dallas and Los Angeles hubs through April 24. This week, Fort Worth, Texas-based American also added flight waivers to Italy and South Korea because of the coronavirus outbreak, allowing passengers to make travel changes without fees.

Atlanta-based Delta Air Lines previously suspended all flights to



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Passengers wearing masks arrive at Narita International Airport on Jan. 24 outside Tokyo, Japan. United is reducing service to the city.

China through April 30, and this week reduced service to South Korea. Delta has issued travel waivers for China, South Korea and all flights to and from Italy, including Bologna, Milan, Rome,

Venice and Turin in response to increased coronavirus cases there.

United also issued flight waivers for China and Hong Kong, and this week added South Korea and

northern Italy to the list of no-fee travel changes.

The virus, now dubbed COVID-19, has disrupted travel since reports of the new respiratory illness first surfaced in Wuhan, China, in late December. China remains the epicenter of the disease, with nearly 79,000 confirmed cases and more than 2,700 deaths as of Thursday, according to the World Health Organization.

But the virus has since spread to about 50 countries, with confirmed cases on the rise in South Korea, Italy and Iran, among other countries, according to health organizations.

There have been 61 confirmed cases in the U.S., according to the CDC, including two in the Chicago area. A woman who returned from a visit to Wuhan, China, in January gave the virus to her husband in the first known case of person-to-person coronavirus transmission in the U.S., according to the CDC. The couple has since been released from a hospital in northwest suburban Hoffman Estates.

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A man walks past Papyrus on LaSalle Street in January. Paper Source said Friday it is reopening 30 closed stores, including this Loop location.

## Paper Source planning to fold 30 closed Papyrus stores into brand

BY ABDEL JIMENEZ

Paper Source is buying 30 stores closed by bankrupt greeting card and gift retailer Papyrus, including one in the city's Loop.

Chicago-based Paper Source, a maker of stationery, greeting cards and craft supplies, bought the Papyrus store leases through Delaware bankruptcy court for \$575,000 and plans to open those locations under the Paper Source name, starting next month.

The deal will enable the company to open in new areas and expand in cities like New York City, where it's buying nine Papyrus stores. Paper Source will

create about 300 jobs across its stores and distribution center as a result of the acquisition.

Winnie Park, CEO of Paper Source, said the former Papyrus store at 10 S. LaSalle St. will open March 15. Paper Source does not carry Papyrus products, she said.

"We've never closed any stores in our 37-year history. It's something to be super proud of in retail history," Park said. "... We carry products that have been hand-crafted and made here in Chicago. It really ties us to our birth place."

The Chicago store will sell Paper Source-branded cards, in addition to cards from other suppliers. Paper Source stores

typically have arts and crafts workshops, but Park said the LaSalle location will not offer those due to the limited space.

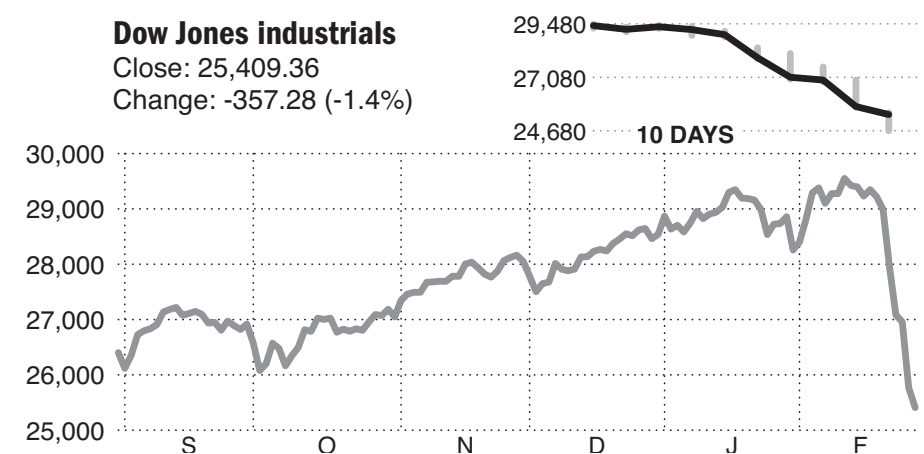
Including the Papyrus stores, Paper Source has 165 stores nationwide. Bahrain-based Investcorp Bank BCS owns Paper Source, which it bought in 2013.

Last month, Schurman Fine Papers, which owns Papyrus, filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, closing 254 stores, including six in Illinois. American Greetings owns the Papyrus brand and supplies the cards to retailers.

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### MARKET ROUNDUP

**Dow** High: 25,494.24 Low: 24,681.01 Previous: 25,766.64



| Nasdaq             | S&P 500            | Russell 2000       |
|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| +.89 (+.01%)       | -24.54 (-.82%)     | -21.44 (-1.43%)    |
| Close: 8,567.37    | Close: 2,954.22    | Close: 1,476.43    |
| High: 8,591.82     | High: 2,959.72     | High: 1,496.83     |
| Low: 8,264.16      | Low: 2,855.84      | Low: 1,448.21      |
| Previous: 8,566.48 | Previous: 2,978.76 | Previous: 1,497.87 |

| 10-yr T-note | Gold futures         | Yen                 | Euro                | Crude Oil        |
|--------------|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| -18 to 1.12% | -75.90 to \$1,564.10 | -2.10 to 107.85/\$1 | -.0034 to .9068/\$1 | -2.33 to \$44.76 |

### Major market growth and decline

| 5-day % change |        |        | 30-day % change |       |       | 1-year % change |        |       |
|----------------|--------|--------|-----------------|-------|-------|-----------------|--------|-------|
| DOW            | NASD   | S&P    | DOW             | NASD  | S&P   | DOW             | NASD   | S&P   |
| -12.36         | -10.54 | -11.49 | -10.07          | -6.38 | -8.41 | -2.37           | +12.80 | +5.37 |

| FUTURES                    |                                    |        |        |        |        |        |        |
|----------------------------|------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| COMMODITY                  | AMOUNT-PRICE                       | MO.    | OPEN   | HIGH   | LOW    | SETTLE | CHG.   |
| WHEAT (CBOT)               | 5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel | Mar 20 | 531    | 531.25 | 515.50 | 529    | -.25   |
|                            |                                    | May 20 | 525.50 | 526.50 | 512.50 | 525    | -2.50  |
| CORN (CBOT)                | 5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel | Mar 20 | 364.50 | 367.25 | 362.75 | 366.50 | +2     |
|                            |                                    | May 20 | 368    | 369.75 | 365.75 | 368.25 | +2.25  |
| SOYBEANS (CBOT)            | 5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel | Mar 20 | 886.25 | 887.25 | 874.50 | 883.50 | -2.75  |
|                            |                                    | May 20 | 894.75 | 895.50 | 879.75 | 892.75 | -2.25  |
| SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)         | 60,000 lbs- cents per lb           | Mar 20 | 28.68  | 28.83  | 28.02  | 28.31  | -.52   |
|                            |                                    | May 20 | 29.05  | 29.21  | 28.35  | 28.68  | -.51   |
| SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)        | 100 tons- dollars per ton          | Mar 20 | 298.10 | 300.40 | 294.50 | 298.60 | +1.70  |
|                            |                                    | May 20 | 304.70 | 307.40 | 300.80 | 305.60 | +2.00  |
| LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)   | 1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.       | Apr 20 | 46.49  | 47.03  | 43.85  | 44.76  | -2.33  |
|                            |                                    | May 20 | 46.68  | 47.20  | 44.07  | 44.94  | -2.35  |
| NATURAL GAS (NYMX)         | 10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu     | Apr 20 | 1.748  | 1.750  | 1.642  | 1.684  | -.068  |
|                            |                                    | May 20 | 1.795  | 1.796  | 1.694  | 1.732  | -.068  |
| NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX) | 42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon | Mar 20 | 1.3954 | 1.4009 | 1.3562 | 1.3905 | -.0201 |
|                            |                                    | Apr 20 | 1.4973 | 1.5034 | 1.4559 | 1.4828 | -.0378 |

Source: The Associated Press

### LOCAL STOCKS

Stocks listed may change due to daily fluctuations in market capitalization. Exchange key: N=NYSE, O=NASDAQ

| STOCK               | XCHG. | CLOSE  | CHG.   | STOCK                 | XCHG. | CLOSE  | CHG.  | STOCK                 | XCHG. | CLOSE  | CHG.  |
|---------------------|-------|--------|--------|-----------------------|-------|--------|-------|-----------------------|-------|--------|-------|
| Abbott Labs         | N     | 77.03  | -2.16  | Envestnet Inc         | N     | 75.48  | -3.0  | McDonalds Corp        | N     | 194.17 | -5.58 |
| AbbVie Inc          | N     | 85.71  | +2.9   | Equity Commonwlth     | N     | 31.46  | -3.6  | Middleby Corp         | O     | 111.81 | -1.75 |
| Allstate Corp       | N     | 105.25 | -4.13  | Equity Lifestyle Prop | N     | 68.33  | -1.85 | Mondelez Intl         | O     | 52.80  | -1.66 |
| Aptargroup Inc      | N     | 101.07 | -1.33  | Equity Residential    | N     | 75.10  | -3.36 | Morningstar Inc       | O     | 146.90 | +7.16 |
| Arch Dan Mid        | N     | 37.65  | +0.3   | Exelon Corp           | O     | 43.11  | -2.03 | Motorola Solutions    | N     | 165.68 | -3.3  |
| Baxter Intl         | N     | 83.47  | -.80   | First Indl RT         | N     | 38.50  | -1.47 | Navistar Intl         | N     | 36.31  | +5.0  |
| Boeing Co           | N     | 275.11 | -12.65 | Fortune Brds Hm&Sec   | N     | 61.75  | -5.5  | NiSource Inc          | N     | 27.02  | -.28  |
| Brunswick Corp      | N     | 53.20  | -1.08  | Gallagher AJ          | N     | 97.49  | -1.59 | Nthn Trust Cp         | O     | 87.76  | +0.8  |
| CBOE Global Markets | N     | 114.00 | -6.87  | Grainger WW           | N     | 277.54 | -2.25 | Old Republic          | N     | 19.72  | -.80  |
| CDK Global Inc      | O     | 46.02  | +5.0   | GrubHub Inc           | N     | 48.11  | +1.93 | Packaging Corp Am     | N     | 90.62  | -1.30 |
| CDW Corp            | O     | 114.22 | -1.86  | Hill-Rom Hldgs        | N     | 96.05  | -3.17 | Paylocity Hldg        | O     | 129.52 | -.04  |
| CF Industries       | N     | 36.86  | +7.3   | IAA Inc               | N     | 42.72  | -.99  | RLI Corp              | N     | 80.38  | -3.60 |
| CME Group           | O     | 198.82 | -11.57 | IDEX Corp             | N     | 148.00 | -4.15 | Stericycle Inc        | O     | 57.43  | -4.00 |
| CNA Financial       | N     | 41.58  | -1.19  | ITW                   | N     | 167.78 | -2.35 | TransUnion            | N     | 88.92  | -1.18 |
| Cabot Microelect    | O     | 139.28 | +6.0   | Ingredion Inc         | N     | 83.30  | -1.29 | US Foods Holding      | N     | 33.64  | -.60  |
| Caterpillar Inc     | N     | 124.24 | +9.7   | Jones Lang LaSalle    | N     | 147.77 | +2.79 | Ultra Salon Cosmetics | O     | 257.09 | -8.29 |
| ConAgra Brands Inc  | N     | 26.69  | +3.2   | Kemper Corp           | N     | 68.84  | -1.72 | United Airlines Hldg  | O     | 61.59  | -3.35 |
| Deere Co            | N     | 156.48 | -3.51  | Kraft Heinz Co        | O     | 24.77  | -.20  | Valent Inc            | N     | 53.77  | -1.24 |
| Discover Fin Svcs   | N     | 65.58  | -.60   | LKQ Corporation       | O     | 29.58  | -1.4  | Walgreen Boots Alli   | O     | 45.76  | -.48  |
| Dover Corp          | N     | 102.74 | -2.50  | Littelfuse Inc        | O     | 159.68 | -1.84 | Zebra Tech            | O     | 210.97 | -2.96 |

### MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

| STOCK               | CLOSE  | CHG.  |
|---------------------|--------|-------|
| Chesapck Engy       | .28    | +0.1  |
| Bank of America     | 28.50  | -.63  |
| Gen Electric        | 10.88  | +4.9  |
| AT&T Inc            | 35.22  | -.51  |
| Ford Motor          | 6.96   | -.01  |
| Wells Fargo & Co    | 40.85  | -1.62 |
| Freeport McMoran    | 9.96   | +1.6  |
| Pfizer Inc          | 33.42  | -.68  |
| Exxon Mobil Corp    | 51.44  | +1.62 |
| Vale SA             | 9.82   | -.10  |
| Nokia Corp          | 3.87   | -.09  |
| Uber Technologies   | 33.87  | +1.42 |
| Itau Unibanco Hldg  | 7.07   | +1.2  |
| Annaly Capital Mgmt | 8.86   | -.35  |
| Petrobras           | 12.10  | +0.2  |
| Citigroup           | 63.46  | -.99  |
| JPMorgan Chase      | 116.11 | -5.26 |
| Verizon Comm        | 54.16  | -.90  |
| Sthwstn Energy      | 1.42   | +1.2  |
| Sprint Corp         | 9.19   | -.11  |
| Ambev S.A.          | 3.21   | -.04  |
| CocaCola Co         | 53.49  | -1.44 |
| Snap Inc A          | 14.17  | -.49  |
| Barrick Gold        | 19.04  | -.74  |

### LARGEST COMPANIES

| STOCK              | CLOSE   | CHG.   |
|--------------------|---------|--------|
| AT&T Inc           | 35.22   | -.51   |
| Alibaba Group Hldg | 208.00  | +2.97  |
| Alphabet Inc C     | 1339.33 | +21.24 |
| Alphabet Inc A     | 1339.25 | +24.30 |
| Amazon.com Inc     | 1883.75 | -.55   |
| Apple Inc          | 273.36  | -.16   |
| Bank of America    | 28.50   | -.63   |
| Berkshire Hath B   | 206.34  | -1.32  |
| Facebook Inc       | 192.47  | +7.73  |
| HSBC Holdings prA  | 25.65   | -.46   |
| JPMorgan Chase     | 116.11  | -5.26  |
| Johnson & Johnson  | 134.48  | -.64   |
| MasterCard Inc     | 290.25  | +4.43  |
| Microsoft Corp     | 162.01  | +3.83  |
| Procter & Gamble   | 113.23  | -.27   |
| Taiwan Semicon     | 53.84   | +5.5   |
| Unitedhealth Group | 254.96  | +1.04  |
| Visa Inc           | 181.76  | +1.75  |
| WalMart Strs       | 107.68  | -2.72  |

### LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

| FUND                          | NAV    | CHG   | 1-YR %RTN |
|-------------------------------|--------|-------|-----------|
| American Funds AMCPA m        | 31.47  | -.05  | +7.0      |
| American Funds AMRCNBalA m    | 27.37  | -.07  | +7.8      |
| American Funds CptWldGrncA m  | 47.70  | -.32  | +4.2      |
| American Funds FdIntncBlDrA m | 59.35  | -.55  | +3.7      |
| American Funds FdmtlInvSA m   | 57.07  | -.29  | +6.2      |
| American Funds GrfAmrcA m     | 48.89  | +0.1  | +9.7      |
| American Funds IncAmrcA m     | 21.71  | -.23  | +4.3      |
| American Funds InvAmrcA m     | 36.06  | -.22  | +4.7      |
| American Funds NwPrspctvA m   | 44.29  | -.15  | +9.1      |
| American Funds WAMtInvSA m    | 43.39  | -.50  | +3.4      |
| Dodge & Cox Inc               | 14.38  | +0.14 | +10.3     |
| Dodge & Cox IntlStk           | 38.05  | -.31  | -.32      |
| Dodge & Cox Stk               | 170.82 | -2.08 | -.4       |
| Doubleline TRRetBdl x         | 10.92  | +0.03 | +6.6      |
| Fidelity 500IntlPrm           | 102.76 | -.83  | +8.2      |
| Fidelity Contrafund           | 13.08  | -.01  | +1.4      |
| Fidelity InvMGrdBd            | 11.92  | +0.06 | +1.9      |
| Fidelity THMktDxnsPrm         | 83.06  | -.73  | +6.8      |
| Fidelity USBdlDxnsPrm         | 12.32  | +0.08 | +1.7      |
| Franklin Templeton IncA1 m    | 2.21   | -.02  | +2.1      |
| Metropolitan West TRRetBdl    | 11.22  | ...   | +10.9     |
| PIMCO IncI2                   | 11.97  | -.04  | +6.3      |
| PIMCO IncIstl                 | 11.97  | -.04  | +6.4      |
| PIMCO TtRetIns                | 10.70  | +0.06 | +1.1      |
| Schwab SP500dX                | 45.31  | -.37  | +8.2      |
| T. Rowe Price BCGr            | 119.62 | +2.9  | +9.4      |
| T. Rowe Price GrStk           | 70.68  | +1.2  | +10.9     |
| Vanguard 500dXAdmrl           | 273.47 | -2.22 | +8.2      |
| Vanguard BalDxAdmrl           | 37.89  | -.10  | +9.1      |
| Vanguard DivGrInv             | 28.08  | -.42  | +9.0      |
| Vanguard EqncAdmrl            | 70.58  | -1.30 | +1.1      |
| Vanguard GrldAdmrl            | 90.47  | -.07  | +16.8     |
| Vanguard HCAmrl               | 81.62  | -.84  | +4.7      |
| Vanguard InTrTEAdmrl          | 14.80  | ...   | +8.3      |
| Vanguard InsldXns             | 266.22 | -2.16 | +8.2      |
| Vanguard InsldXnsPlus         | 266.24 | -2.16 | +8.2      |
| Vanguard InsTSMInPls          | 63.00  | -.55  | +6.8      |
| Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl          | 97.43  | +4.9  | +10.2     |
| Vanguard PmCpAdmrl            | 200.85 | -2.53 | +3.5      |
| Vanguard STInvMGrdAdmrl       | 131.09 | -.63  | +3.6      |
| Vanguard SmCpAdmrl            | 10.86  | +0.02 | +6.2      |
| Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv       | 71.02  | -.94  | +2.8      |
| Vanguard TrgtRtr2             |        |       |           |

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## EDITORIALS

## VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

## Helping children stay connected

The Chicago Tribune hosted a great panel discussion on Monday evening as part of its editorial board's "Chicago Forward: Young lives in the balance" series. The conversation centered on our need to find ways to connect with "opportunity youth" ages 16 to 24 who are neither working nor in school. These are youth who lack hope for their future. Youth who are disconnected from school and community. Youth whom we need to reach for a whole host of reasons, not least of which is the cost: A Columbia University study suggests that each disconnected young person costs society \$900,000 over his or her lifetime.

The panelists, including Mayor Lori Lightfoot, Sandra Abrevaya of Thrive Chicago and Tom Gilardi of Mercy Home for Boys and Girls, agree that these youth are best reached through authentic, stable and trusting relationships. Disconnected youth need more than short-term counseling. They need long-term relationships with people who care deeply about them and their well-being. As Mayor Lightfoot summed it up, "We're not talking about a short-term investment. We're all in this together."

Missing from this conversation was the reality that children become disconnected from school and community much earlier than adolescence. There are too many kindergartners whose parents or caregivers are disconnected from the larger community. These are parents and caregivers who, often because of untreated trauma, lack hope for themselves and their children and who do not trust the schools and often do not respond to calls from teachers or principals about their children's behavior, attendance or academic needs.

As a result, far too many early elementary students are not getting the support they need to address their chronic absences, challenging behavior and/or lacking academic skills. Without intervention and support, these disconnected 6-year-olds grow up to be disconnected adolescents and opportunity youth.

Chicago needs to pay serious attention to reaching the children of disconnected families as early as possible. We need to build trust and build bridges among schools, institutions and families long before children reach adolescence. With early identification and intervention, we can help these children develop the relationships, skills and goals necessary to reach their full potential. We can do this by investing in organizations that provide authentic, long-term, trusting relationships with young children and caregivers. It is these programs that will allow hope to flourish.

— Taal Hasak-Lowy, executive director, Friends of the Children, Chicago

## Don't destroy murals; use them

Like elsewhere in the country, murals painted on school walls during a bygone era are today facing social criticism by the students themselves. Alas, our school board chieftains who began as educators have lost their teaching instincts. They seem to be reacting more like bureaucrats or politicians and less like educators. The latest evidence: knee-jerk reactions over what to do with school murals from when white supremacy reigned and nonwhites were depicted as subservient to them. First impulse: Eradicate these murals to placate members of today's diverse student bodies who understandably protest seeing themselves in an inferior light in the murals.

The alternative: See it as a *teaching opportunity*. Leave the murals intact, but add signage (a plaque?) clearly stating truthfully that "These murals painted around (insert date) are evidence of how artists at the time depicted white centrality and dominance, ostensibly demeaning the true constructive role all inhabitants played in our nation's development."

Thus they would be a marker of how far our society has progressed, and remind viewers that our democracy is a work in progress striving to fulfill the promise of our founding documents that "all are created equal."

It would own up to historic white self-aggrandizement at the expense of the dignity of others, which is at the core of the protests, and help explain the persistence of racialized thinking exemplified by the artwork. The plaque could also refer viewers to the school librarians for a list of texts telling a more balanced version of events. (The libraries possess such books, don't they?) The murals then would become a confession of guilt, the first step in reconciliation, as was carried out in the Union of South Africa when apartheid was ended. The murals would then be evidence of the progress made so far to fulfill the promise of democracy: "Justice for all."

If the murals are eradicated, that continuing "teaching moment" is lost forever. History cannot be erased or silenced, but like facing Turkey's genocide against the Armenians or the Holocaust in Europe, it can be stared down, hopefully never to be repeated.

— Ted Z. Manuel, Chicago

## Integrity involves difficult choices

I don't know if Leonard Pitts Jr. ever met Woody Hayes, the legendary Ohio State University football coach, but Pitts' fine commentary on Feb. 24 ("Living in President Trump's post-integrity America") reminded me of a speech I heard Hayes deliver more than 40 years ago at the Palmer House in Chicago.

During his presentation, Hayes recalled the stirring 1975 World Series, then noted that baseball was in peril after the Black Sox scandal, before he moved to the main point of his address, a recruiting scandal at another school and rumors that he had reported that school.

"Did I turn in the school that cheated in our league?" Hayes asked, as the audience hushed. "You're damn right I did. And I'll do it again." And then he concluded: "Without integrity, you have nothing."

— Bill Kurtz, South Milwaukee, Wisconsin

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## CLEAN WATER AND FLOOD CONTROL



Cameron "Cam" Davis



Kimberly Neely Dubuclet



Eira Corral Sepulveda

## Davis, Neely Dubuclet and Sepulveda for MWRD

Easy: Vote for Democratic candidates placed 5, 6 and 7 on ballot

Feel free to ignore this editorial if you don't drink, bathe in or otherwise use water from Chicago-area taps. If you do, though, rely on clean H<sub>2</sub>O, a public service announcement: You have a stake in the election of commissioners for the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District — a stand-alone government whose boundaries roughly mimic those of Cook County.

This is an agency of critical importance in a metropolis built atop once-swampy lowlands. Among the MWRD's concerns: Flooding basements. Clean tap water. Deep Tunnel reservoirs. Sewage treatment and disinfection. Recovery of usable resources from that sewage. Increasingly vexatious deluges of rain, perhaps one by-product of a warming atmosphere. Stormwater and sewer overflows into Lake Michigan. Asian carp.

Whew. In fact, almost every environmental issue involving water quality, drainage and commerce lands in the laps of the MWRD commissioners.

In November, voters will elect three commissioners to six-year terms on the MWRD's nine-member board.

Only Democrats have a contested race in the March 17 primary: Three of the 10 Democrats on the ballot will advance to the general election.

In recent years, the agency's board has taken a gradually greener approach to conservation and land use issues. Our goal in drafting endorsements is to accelerate that trend.

And we're going to make it easy for voters to do the same: Vote for the candidates placed fifth, sixth and seventh on the ballot and you've matched our selections here:

■ Our strongest recommendation goes to **Cameron "Cam" Davis**, who in 2018 won a two-year term and richly deserves a full term. Davis was President Barack Obama's point person on Great Lakes restoration and also headed the Chicago-based Alliance for the Great Lakes. He worked as a litigation attorney for the National Wildlife Federation, wrote federal legislation to protect the lakes and co-chaired the Obama administration's Asian carp coordinating committee. He's spent his career, including time at the U.S. Environ-

mental Protection Agency, working for the public's right to clean water.

■ **Kimberly Neely Dubuclet**, formerly the Chicago Park District's director of legislative and community affairs, also won a two-year seat in 2018 and now seeks a six-year term. She's well-qualified but could be more forceful on environmental issues. Her experience and her talents merit a full term.

■ We also think first-time challenger **Eira Corral Sepulveda** could be a strong voice and vote on environmental issues — provided she would avoid the Democratic crony politics that sometimes intimidates newcomers to the board. As the longtime village clerk of Hanover Park, where the MWRD has one of its seven wastewater treatment facilities, Sepulveda is well-suited to improve relations between the agency and the suburbs it serves.

Too many among us ignore elections for MWRD seats. Don't be one of those voters. Unless, of course, you have no use for clean water or dry basements or Lake Michigan.

## WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Former New York mayor and multibillionaire Democratic presidential candidate Michael Bloomberg, four years ago at Oxford, England, dismissed farming, ancient and modern. He lectured that agriculture was little more than the rote labor of dropping seeds into the ground and watching corn sprout — easy, mindless, automatic: "I could teach anybody, even people in this room, no offense intended, to be a farmer."

He contrasted such supposedly unintelligent labor of the past (and present) with the "skill set" of the current "information economy" that requires "how to think and analyze." In this new economy, he said, "you have to have a lot more gray matter."

Gray matter?

For all his later denials and efforts to contextualize

those remarks, Bloomberg seems to see both ancient and modern agriculture, and farmers, as either unskilled or not very smart, as if the genetically inferior gravitate to muscular labor far from the "skill sets" of those like Mike Bloomberg. He certainly has no idea about either the sophistication of ancient agriculture or the high-tech savvy of contemporary farmers — much less just how difficult it is, and always was, to produce food, much less that history is so often the story of mass famine rather than bounty and plenty. ...

(Bloomberg may sense) that while the world could do without Bloomberg News, it could not survive without skilled farmers. So he is a bit edgy when he thinks about the physical world of muscle that allows him to be Mike Bloomberg, multibillionaire Socratic dunce.

**Victor Davis Hanson, National Review**



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Violinist Pekka Kuusisto performs as conductor Hannu Lintu leads the Chicago Symphony Orchestra on Thursday at Symphony Center in Chicago.

IN PERFORMANCE

# A gripping violin presentation

BY HOWARD REICH

Carl Nielsen, the singular Danish composer, doesn't get nearly the attention he deserves in America's concert life.

But his music certainly received utmost seriousness and respect Thursday night in Orchestra Hall, nowhere more than in Pekka Kuusisto's charismatic performance of Nielsen's Violin Concerto with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.

The Finnish violinist made a compelling case for this rarely performed work, which like Nielsen's symphonies embraces certain Western European musical traditions while reimagining them via idiosyncrasies of harmony, structure and melodic profile. As a result, you're never sure in which direction this music

will turn, only that it will dig nearly as deeply into its emotional core as music of Brahms, a profound influence.

Violinist Kuusisto, who was extraordinarily fluent in a jazz version of Vivaldi's "The Four Seasons" at Ravinia in 2003, was making his CSO subscription concert debut. He dispatched the Nielsen concerto's opening solo with rhapsodic flair and drama, in effect announcing his belief in it as a work of significant stature. By the time he and the orchestra had headed into the sinew of the first movement, we heard a composer rigorously developing themes while sustaining characteristically perfervid lyricism.

Kuusisto did not approach this music conventionally. There was grit in his tone and sharpness in his attacks, both underscoring the

first movement's profundities. The violinist brought considerable sweep to long lines, showed complete technical command and illuminated the overall architecture.

In the second movement, Kuusisto's stirring high-register timbre and dialogues with the CSO cellos pointed to the depth of both the composition and the performance. One had to marvel at the lilt and grace that Kuusisto and conductor Hannu Lintu brought to the finale. Lintu, making his CSO debut, deserved plaudits for consistently maintaining a delicate sonic balance between soloist and a formidable orchestral accompaniment. (Kuusisto proved an adept whistler in an encore: his arrangement of a traditional Danish bridal tune.)

The program, billed as "A

Nordic Celebration," also ventured into more frequently performed repertoire, opening with Sibelius' "Finlandia." Lintu, chief conductor of the Finnish Radio Symphony Orchestra, delivered the piece as something of a national anthem via rousing rhythm and full-blooded tone, the poetry of the CSO winds answered by luminous statements from its brass.

Nielsen's "Helios" Overture tells its story in tone color, above all, as it depicts the Greek god of the sun streaking his chariot across the sky. Conductor Lintu built slowly but inexorably from the stillness of the opening pages to the brilliance ahead, the CSO brass reaffirming its well-known authority. Lintu rightly invited the horns to rise first for applause, richly deserved.

The evening closed with Sibe-

lius' Symphony No. 5, conductor Lintu emphasizing grandeur followed by orchestral virtuosity in the first movement; dark colors from the winds and genteel pizzicato from the strings in the second; and warm swells of orchestral sonority in that indelible closing theme.

All of which reminded listeners of the enduring value of Nordic repertoire, especially Nielsen. The more we hear of his work, the better.

*The program will be repeated at 8 p.m. Saturday in Orchestra Hall at Symphony Center, 220 S. Michigan Ave.; ticket prices vary; 312-294-3000 or www.cso.org.*

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## Bukowski named 'Bachelor' for Chicago stop of touring stage show

BY TRACY SWARTZ

Just when you thought Chris Bukowski had run out of "Bachelor"-related shows to join, the suburban Bartlett native has been named "The Bachelor" for the first of two "The Bachelor Live on Stage" performances at the Cadillac Palace Theatre on March 14.

This will be Bukowski's seventh notable "Bachelor" franchise appearance — a record for those keeping score. He is not. "Well, here's the thing. I don't consider it a full-on 'Bachelor' experience because it's not televised," he told the Tribune by phone. "It's theater."

Bukowski will meet 10 local women at the 3 p.m. show, while "The Bachelorette" Season 13 contestant Kenneth "Diggy" Moreland will be "The Bachelor" for the 8 p.m. performance. Tickets start at \$25 at [broadwayinchicago.com](http://broadwayinchicago.com).

The live, two-hour show, which has been on tour since mid-February, is a reimagining of the popular ABC network competition. Season 14 "Bachelorette" Becca Kuftrin and Season 20 "Bachelor" Ben Higgins host. There are on-stage "dates," rose ceremonies and some version of the fantasy suites — with probably a lot less steam than what's shown on TV.

"As far as what I've seen from the other (performances, the fantasy suite) is basically just a private conversation behind a screen where you can kind of see silhouettes of people, so it's short and sweet," Bukowski said.

The 33-year-old already has a lengthy "Bachelor" resume. He was on the most recent season of "Bachelor in Paradise," where he was briefly engaged to California medical sales representative Katie Morton. It was his third time on that show. He also appeared twice on "The Bachelorette" and once on "Bachelor Pad." He retired from reality TV in 2015, but now he's finally "The Bachelor" — well, sort of.

"I hate to compare myself to Michael Jordan, but I'm going to say this is (like) after he went for his three championships, after he went to baseball for a couple years. This is my comeback story," Bukowski said with a chuckle. Here are five things to know about him.

### His return to 'Bachelor in Paradise' was 'laid-back'

Bukowski said joining the Season 6 cast of "Bachelor in Paradise," which follows former "Bachelor" and "Bachelorette" contestants as they date at a Mexican resort, was a last-minute decision. When he arrived to film, he found himself out of touch because it had been four years since he was on the show.

"I kind of went into this pretty blind this past summer because I hadn't really watched the past three years prior to 'Paradise.' Honestly, I knew nobody. I knew ('Bachelorette' Season 14 contestant) Clay (Harbor). That's about it," Bukowski said. "When I first started doing ('Bachelor' shows), social media wasn't huge. Now everyone is just talking about

their social media and stuff. There was all this drama that already existed that I had no part of. I had no idea what half these people were talking about half the time."

### He still keeps in touch with Morton.

Bukowski and Morton got engaged on the Season 6 "Paradise" finale, which aired in September. The pair announced in December they had split.

"I have the most respect for Katie in the world. I just don't think our lives meshed together once we got outside of 'Paradise.' It happens a lot, but we tried," Bukowski said. "We had a lot working against us — not only from the show, but from the media, from some of our castmates — so it was a constant uphill battle. We just kind of never found a common ground. We're still friends today. We talk almost once a week. We're texting all the time. We're still good friends. I just think we weren't able to take that next step in our relationship, from an engagement to marriage."

### Yes, he shared crispy tater tots and caviar with 'Bachelor' alumna Katrina Badowski on Valentine's Day, but it's not what you think.

Bukowski was spotted dining with Badowski at Spadit in the West Loop on Feb. 14. Pilot Peter Weber had sent Badowski home on the premiere of "The Bachelor" season airing now.

"We've hung out a couple times. She's actually from the



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"The Bachelor" franchise veteran Chris Bukowski, a Bartlett native, will meet and "date" Chicago-area women in "The Bachelor Live on Stage."

town over from where I grew up, so she's from St. Charles. I'm from Bartlett. So we met up a few times and hung out, just as friends," Bukowski said about Badowski. "Oddly enough, there were three other people that were supposed to meet us for dinner that night, and they just kind of bailed last minute. It ended up just being me and her, super casual. We're friends."

### He's hoping to settle in Chicago 'sooner rather than later.'

Bukowski said he travels a lot for his job at a digital marketing agency based in the Los Angeles area. When he's here, he stays at his River North condo or with family in the suburbs.

He opened a Chicago outpost of his Bracket Room sports bar near the University of Illinois in 2017, but said he's "pretty hands off" there now because it's operated by

a different company. He hopes to make Chicago his full-time home, and not just because he recently became a Cubs season ticket holder.

### Sox fans still have a chance with him.

"A Cubs fan is a bonus, but honestly, I wouldn't mind dating a Sox fan, too, because it makes the rivalry real inside the house," Bukowski said before listing what he's looking for in a woman. "Someone that's just ambitious, focused on hitting some kind of goals, whether it be career-wise or just personal growth. Someone that's confident and that's passionate, passionate about themselves, passionate about food. Honestly, Midwest girls are the best, so I think the best girls in the country come from Chicago."

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# ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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## Saying yes to the wedding dress as guest

**Dear Amy:** This summer, my husband and I will be attending his brother's wedding overseas.

It's going to be an expensive trip, with a two-day celebration and a black-tie dress code.

I am a full-time grad student. I also work. Most of my paycheck goes to covering my expenses. My husband's income also goes toward our bills.

While we're getting a little bit of cash from my in-laws to help cover the cost of the wedding, we'll still spend quite a bit of our own money.

I am very excited about going, even with the cost. However, I have a question about how I can save money on attire.

Two years ago, my husband and I got married in a small ceremony with our immediate family — his brother was not able to attend. I went with a very nontraditional look — a blue gown that I got off the sale rack. It's a gorgeous dress, but not one that people would assume to be a wedding gown.

I was wondering if I could wear it to this wedding in order to save money. It feels tacky, and I worry that the rest of the family will recognize it and feel like I'm trying to "show up the bride."

My other thought was to get the dress's hem altered or even make it into a fancy jumpsuit.

I want to be as respectful as possible to the newlyweds, while also refraining from spending a significant chunk of my savings on an outfit I'll likely never wear again. What is the best course of action to take here?

— Wedding Woes

**Dear Woes:** You could research the cost of renting a gown (most I looked at seemed fairly expensive).

Otherwise, I'm saying a qualified yes to the dress — with some modification. If you could wear it "as is" and not feel tacky, you should — but it doesn't sound as if you can.

If you can afford to have the dress altered, I vote no to the pantsuit idea and suggest having a floor-length skirt made. You can then pair it with any variety of tops (borrowed or bought second-hand). Skirts are extremely versatile, and you would likely wear it again.

**Dear Amy:** I have a friend from high school. We spent our entire college career as roommates. Throughout college, I considered her to be my sister, and we became very close. I would often invite her out when I was going out with other friends, and she has had several meals at my parents' house.

After college we grew apart, and the communication lessened.

I expressed several times to her that I would like to speak more often, but she brushed it off and even said, "That's life as an adult. I don't really talk to anyone anymore."

This friend's wedding is coming up in June, and she did not ask me to be a bridesmaid. I felt hurt and angry about this, but respect her choice.

I am torn about attending the wedding. She was a very close friend at one point, and I honor that

time we had together, but we are not close like we used to be and attending the wedding may only hurt my feelings more. In addition, it is an out-of-state wedding, so the cost of attending is more than I would like to spend.

Am I a bad person if I do not attend the wedding? Is our future friendship compromised if I do not go?

— Conflicted

**Dear Conflicted:** Here's more "life as an adult": Relationships wax and wane. You were not asked to be in this wedding because she does not feel that close to you, but she is doing the polite thing and honoring your former closeness by inviting you to witness this important event.

Attending the wedding might (possibly) bring you back into one another's orbit — but probably not. If your feelings are going to be hurt, then don't attend.

Understand that if you don't attend, your friendship will be over, but it sounds as if it has been over for some time now. Staying home does not make you a "bad person."

**Dear Amy:** Just like "M," my husband and I never wanted kids, and I'm bored by monologues about children.

There's nothing wrong with her, me or others who feel the same. I do exactly what you suggest — politely listen for about one minute and then head back to my office.

— No Kids for Me

**Dear No Kids:** Being polite is not such a heavy lift.

**Due to a production error, a repeated Ask Amy column appeared in Friday's A&E section. The following is Friday's correct column.**

**Dear Amy:** We have recently been reunited with our son's child after 10 years. He is 13 and is delightful, well-behaved and intelligent. However, unfortunately, he has terrible table manners. We went to a restaurant, and it soon became apparent that he has never been shown how to use a knife, a napkin, etc.

I didn't want to be critical, so I tried saying things like, "I find it easier to cut my food if I hold the knife this way," or, "I put my napkin in my lap so I can wipe my mouth" — that sort of thing. This was met with a blank look and the behavior resumed.

It won't be possible to speak to his mother about it, and again, I don't want to be critical.

How can I teach him table manners, other than modeling good behavior?

— Mannerly Grandmother

**Dear Mannerly:** You have just met this boy. I infer from this that there has been substantial upheaval in his life — perhaps a parental split and possibly a custody shift.

If his father is on the scene, it would be most logical to speak with him. You might assume that he has mainly eaten directly out of fast-food bags.

I wouldn't present this as a top-line concern, however. Because the whole family is readjusting to your grandson's re-emergence, you should step carefully and kindly into his life.

Adolescent boys are sensitive and tender creatures, with acute awareness about being judged by others, and they are surrounded by conflicting and confusing messages about how they should behave.

For now, don't correct him, hint, nudge or use body language to convey your disapproval.

You want to be the people in his life who completely accept him, right now — just as he is. When he is feeling more comfortable, he will relax and start watching how you comport yourselves, and over time, you can model and offer gentle instruction.

A great way to introduce table manners is to involve him in cooking a meal. All teens should know how to make a stack of pancakes. Show him how to set the table. And then sit down and eat together.

**Dear Amy:** My boyfriend has made a habit out of using birthdays and holidays as an opportunity to upgrade his own lifestyle — under the guise of generous gift giving.

After buying himself the latest laptop, he gave me his used laptop for Christmas. (He did spend money getting it cleaned up.) For my last birthday, he took that opportunity to upgrade his scuba gear and gave me his used gear.

The thing is, I'm not a diver, and my laptop is perfectly adequate.

He gets upset if I politely decline these gifts.

Am I ungrateful or am I justified in feeling a bit stuck in an ungrateful recipient position? I'm also not able to figure out why this irks me, and it seems

ingenious to fake enthusiasm as I'm walking gifts to the closet. Your reaction?

— Gift Horse

**Dear Gift Horse:** This irks you because it is irksome. There is nothing at all wrong with giving a loved one a reconditioned, used, vintage, second-hand gift, as long as the item is personal in nature, wished for or asked for — and not the direct descendant of the giver's own upgrade!

You should convey to your guy, "Honey, if you want to give yourself new stuff, then good for you! But I don't want your castoffs. In the future, you should sell the stuff you don't want and use the proceeds how you wish."

You might be able to drive this point home the next time you upgrade your phone. Wrap up the old one and present it to your guy. He might say, "Thanks, babe — but I don't need this. I don't want it. I already have one! And you can say, "Exactly."

**Dear Amy:** Thank you for your empathetic reply to "Survivor," the abused person who wanted to confront a childhood bully, years later. You wrote: "Vengeance doesn't quiet rage; it stokes it."

Put another way: Revenge is like drinking poison and hoping the other person will die.

— Beth

**Dear Beth:** Yes! This profound statement rings so true.

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## NATIONAL BESTSELLERS

For the week ended Feb. 22, compiled from data from independent and chain bookstores, book wholesalers and independent distributors nationwide. — Publishers Weekly

### HARDCOVER FICTION

1. **"American Dirt" by Jeanine Cummins** (Flatiron) Last week: 2

2. **"The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse" by Charlie Mackesy** (HarperOne) Last week: 1

3. **"Golden in Death" by J.D. Robb** (St. Martin's) Last week: 3

4. **"One Minute Out" by Mark Greaney** (Berkley) Last week: —

5. **"Lost" by James Patterson and James O. Born** (Little, Brown) Last week: 6

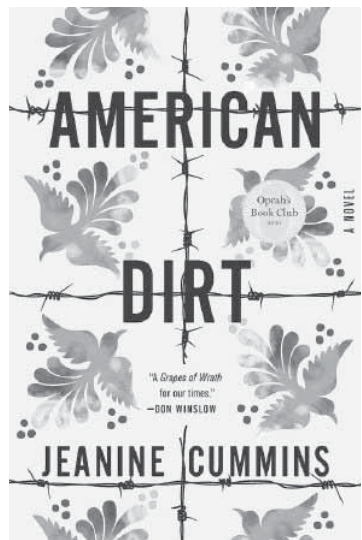
6. **"The Dutch House" by Ann Patchett** (Harper) Last week: 9

7. **"The Guardians" by John Grisham** (Doubleday) Last week: 8

8. **"Crooked River" by Douglas Preston and Lincoln Child** (Grand Central) Last week: 5

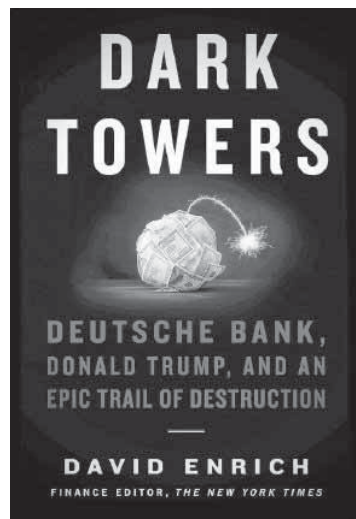
9. **"Such a Fun Age" by Kiley Reid** (Putnam) Last week: 11

10. **"A Long Petal of the Sea" by Isabel Allende** (Ballantine) Last week: 13



### HARDCOVER NONFICTION

1. **"Dark Towers: Deutsche Bank, Donald Trump and an Epic Trail of Destruction" by David Enrich** (Custom House) Last week: —



2. **"Open Book" by Jessica Simpson** (Dey Street) Last week: 1

3. **"A Very Stable Genius: Donald J. Trump's Testing of America" by Philip Rucker and Carol Leonnig** (Penguin Press) Last week: 2

4. **"Un-Trumping America: A Plan to Make America a Democracy Again" by Dan Pfeiffer** (Twelve) Last week: —

5. **"Built, Not Born: A Self-Made Billionaire's No-Non-Sense Guide for Entrepreneurs" by Tom Golisano** (HarperCollins Leadership) Last week: 5

6. **"Profiles in Corruption: Abuse of Power by America's Progressive Elite" by Peter Schweizer** (Harper) Last week: 3

7. **"Get Out of Your Head: Stopping the Spiral of Toxic Thoughts" by Jennie Allen** (Waterbrook) Last week: 4

8. **"Until the End of Time: Mind, Matter, and Our Search for Meaning in an Evolving Universe" by Brian Greene** (Knopf) Last week: —

9. **"Mastering Diabetes: The Revolutionary Method to Reverse Insulin Resistance Permanently in Type 1, Type 1.5, Type 2, Prediabetes, and Gestational Diabetes" by Cyrus Khambatta and Robby Barbaro** (Avery) Last week: —

10. **"Floret Farm's A Year in Flowers: Designing Gorgeous Arrangements for Every Season" by Erin Benzakein** (Chronicle) Last week: 6

## IN PERFORMANCE 'Last Night in Karaoke Town' ★★

### Bar patrons rally, but show doesn't

By JERALD PIERCE

Set designer Manuel Ortiz and props designers Wyatt Kent have created a cozy Cleveland bar for the world premiere of Mike Beyer and Kirk Pynchon's "Last Night in Karaoke

Town," presented by the Factory Theater. With the audience on opposite sides of the space, the Midwestern bar runs the length of the theater, with a bartender at one end and a karaoke DJ the other. Between are tables and chairs and pho-

tos on the walls of fun, drunken nights gone by. From quirks like a sign saying "Don't Stop Believin'" will not be sung on these premises" to Ted (Michael Jones) belting out a rendition of Adele's "Rolling in the Deep" as the audience finds seats, the immediate impact of the space is affecting.

That initial feeling of warmth and Midwestern comfort is needed for a play about a group of people rallying around a bar to try and save it from a new owner who freely admits he doesn't really get music. Diana (Wendy Hayne) had inherited the karaoke bar from her dad and it has a small but mighty group of regulars who are all devastated to learn that the new owner of the building, Ethan (Tommy Bullington), wants to turn their karaoke haven into a cider bar.

Unfortunately, as this story progresses, that initial coziness seeps out, like someone left the door open to a frigid Cleveland winter.



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Samantha Porter, Sal Gado, Michael Jones, Chase Wheaton-Werle and Philip Zimmermann.

The central plot is muddled by attempts to add dimension and depth to the bar's loyalists. Of the four pairs who arrive for karaoke night, one pair consists of a woman who recently moved back to Cleveland and has dragged along her fiancé, only to repeatedly berate him about his home of San Diego. Two more pairs have lied to their friends, tricking them into coming to the bar.

So three of the eight patrons are there against their will. Somehow, this play about saving a beloved place doesn't manage to get across why people love it.

Sure, enjoying karaoke could be enough to justify their desire to see the place stay open. But their feelings toward the bar are muddled by awkward relationships or friendship dramas.

The central conflict between bar owner and building owner is actually fairly interesting, thanks to solid performances from Hayne and Bullington. Throughout the play, jokes fail to land, except with Bullington, who is wonderful as the goofy, cider-loving building owner. He may be clueless about music and why people could possibly enjoy drinking and singing,

**When:** Through March 28

**Where:** The Factory Theater, 1623 W. Howard St.

**Running time:** 90 minutes

**Tickets:** \$10-\$25 at 866-811-4111 and www.TheFactoryTheater.com

but still there's enough charisma there to make you root for the two owners to find some common ground. Hayne also does a beautiful job. Her connection to the bar is evident and she provides the one truly emotional moment of the night.

What's more, this is still being a karaoke bar (for now), characters routinely take the stage to belt out a tune. There's simply no way for a meaningful conversation between Hayne and Bullington to compete with someone rocking out to "Love Shack."

The frustration with "Karaoke Town" is that there's still something there. But right now, that potential is buried.

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## WATCH THIS: SATURDAY



William Shatner

**"The UnXplained"** (9:03 p.m., 10:05 p.m., 12:06 a.m., 2:06 a.m., History): Host William Shatner returns for a second season of this eerie docuseries, which examines some of the world's most fascinating mysteries. The premiere, "The Oak Island Curse," revolves around a hunt for buried treasure that has been going on since the 19th century near the titular island in Nova Scotia.

**"Anna"** (7 p.m., 10:30 p.m., HBO): Writer-director Luc Besson's 2019 French action thriller (in English) stars Sasha Luss as the title character, a Russian beauty who reluctantly accepts an offer from KGB officer Alex Tchenkov (Luke Evans) to perform a series of assassinations in exchange for being shielded from the current domestic abuse she's been enduring. Helen Mirren stars as Olga, Anna's handler; Cillian Murphy, Lear Abova and Alexander Petrov also star.

**"Dying to Be You"** (7 p.m., 11:01 p.m., Lifetime): They grew up many miles apart, but when they were in the fourth grade, Chicago city girl Lily Anderson and Nebraska farm girl Molly Cumberland (Elise Gatten, Natalie Dreyfuss) were paired up as pen pals by their schools. They kept in touch as the years passed, each promising someday to visit the other, until "someday" finally arrives on Lily's 25th birthday, when Molly unexpectedly turns up on her doorstep.

**"NBA Basketball"** (7:30 p.m., ABC): As the stretch run of the NBA season winds down the more prominent teams are vying for postseason position. That includes James Harden and the Houston Rockets, who visit Kemba Walker and the Boston Celtics. Harden is the NBA's top scorer, but goes against a stingy Celtics defense that is among the best in terms of points allowed per-game. Both teams are part of a pack of others trailing the conference leaders.

**"Family or Fiancé"** (8 p.m., 11 p.m., OWN): In the new episode "Sheri and Micah: Indecisive Proposal," an aspiring rapper and his fiancée seek their families' blessing on their nuptial intentions, despite the fact that nearly all these relatives are vehemently opposed to the very idea. In the process of trying to turn around their opinions, however, the bride starts to wonder whether a lifetime commitment to a struggling artist is really the sort of thing she dreamed of as a child.

**"Haunted Hospitals"** (9 p.m., 1 a.m., TRAVEL): A mysterious ghost girl (is there any other kind?) follows a nurse home in the new episode "Kill the Lights, The Wrong Floor and Phantom Fall." In other segments, a security guard can't shake the feeling that he's not alone while patrolling an abandoned hospital, and an oncology nurse sees glowing orbs and unsettling, shadowy figures while making her rounds at a city medical facility.

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| BROADCAST          | <b>CBS</b> 2                                    | FBI: Most Wanted: "Hair-trigger." ©                        | Bull: "Her Own Two Feet." ©   | 48 Hours (N) ©                    | News (N) ♣                |   |                            |                   |  |  |  |
|                    | <b>NBC</b> 5                                    | The Voice: "The Blind Auditions, Part 2." ©                | Dateline NBC ©  | Saturday Night Live (N) ©         | NBC 5 News at 10pm (N)    |   |                            |                   |  |  |  |
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|                    | <b>H&amp;I</b> 26.4                             | Tour of Duty: "War Lover." ©                               | Combat!   |                                   |                           | Rat Patrol                              | Rat Patrol                 | 12:00 High ♣      |  |  |  |
|                    | <b>Bounce</b> 26.5                              | ♣ (5:30) Meet the Browns                                   |   | Just Wright (PG,10) ♣             | Queen Latifah, Common. ©  |   |                            |                   |  |  |  |
|                    | <b>FOX</b> 32                                   | MLS Pre-game (N)   | MLS Soccer: Atlanta United FC at Nashville SC. From Nissan Stadium in Nashville, Tenn. (N) (Live) © |                                   |                           | Fox 32 News (N)                         |                            | Flannery Fired Up |  |  |  |
| <b>Ion</b> 38      | Law & Order: SVU                                | Law & Order: SVU   | Law & Order: SVU  | Law & Order: SVU                  |                           |   | Law-SVU ♣                  |                   |  |  |  |
| <b>TeleM</b> 44    | ♣ (6) 2 Guns (R,13) ♣                           | Non-Stop (PG-13,14) ♣                                      | Liam Neeson. ©  |                                   |                           |   | Noticiero                  |                   |  |  |  |
| <b>MNT</b> 50      | Dateline: "Deadly Triangle." ©                  | Dateline: "Collision." ©                                   |   |                                   | Dateline ©                |   | Whacked                    |                   |  |  |  |
| <b>UniMas</b> 60   | ♣ Jack Ryan                                     | Lara Croft Tomb Raider: The Cradle of Life (PG-13,03) ♣    |   |                                   |                           |   | Contrabnd ♣                |                   |  |  |  |
| <b>WJYS</b> 62     | Paid Prog.                                      | Moses  | Bishop  | ReJoyce                           | Pol-News                  |   | Paid Prog.                 |                   |  |  |  |
| <b>Univ</b> 66     | ♣ (6:55) Fútbol Mexicano                        | Primera División (N) (Live)                                |   |                                   | Fútbol Mexicano (N)       |   | Noticias ♣                 |                   |  |  |  |
| CABLE              | <b>AE</b>                                       | Live PD: Rewind (N) ©                                      | Live PD: "Live PD -- 02.29.20." (N) (Live) ©  |                                   |                           |   |                            |                   |  |  |  |
|                    | <b>AMC</b>                                      | ♣ Home Alone 2   | Seven Worlds, One Planet (N) ©  | Home Alone ('90) ♣                |                           |   |                            |                   |  |  |  |
|                    | <b>ANIM</b>                                     | Pit Bulls & Parolees (N)                                   | Pit Bulls and Parolees (N) (9:01) The Vet Life (N)  |                                   |                           |   |                            | Vet Life (N)      |  |  |  |
|                    | <b>BBCA</b>                                     | Planet Earth: Frozen                                       | Seven Worlds, One Planet (N) ©  |                                   |                           | Planet Earth: Frozen                    |                            |                   |  |  |  |
|                    | <b>BET</b>                                      | The Best Man Holiday (R,13) ♣                              | Morris Chestnut, Taye Diggs. ©  |                                   |                           |   |                            | Kobe ♣            |  |  |  |
|                    | <b>BIGTEN</b>                                   | College Hockey: Wisconsin at Ohio State. (N) (Live) ©      |   |                                   |                           | BIG Show                                |                            | BIG Show          |  |  |  |
|                    | <b>BRAVO</b>                                    | ♣ Chrisley   | Chrisley  | Chrisley                          | Chrisley                  | Chrisley                                | Chrisley                   | Chrisley          |  |  |  |
|                    | <b>CNN</b>                                      | America's Choice 2020: South Carolina Primary (N) (Live) © |   |                                   |                           |   |                            | Race for ♣        |  |  |  |
|                    | <b>COM</b>                                      | Super Troopers (R,01) ♣                                    | Jay Chandrasekhar. ©  |                                   |                           | Talladega Nights: Ricky Bobby ♣         |                            |                   |  |  |  |
|                    | <b>DISC</b>                                     | Expedition Unknown: "Ancestors and Air Travel." (N) ©      |   |                                   |                           |   |                            | Expedition ♣      |  |  |  |
|                    | <b>DISN</b>                                     | Big City   | Big City  | Big City                          | Owl Hse.                  | Owl Hse.                                |                            | Gabby ♣           |  |  |  |
|                    | <b>E!</b>                                       | ♣ (6) Couples Retreat (PG-13,09) ♣                         |   | 21 Jump Street (R,12) ♣           |                           | Jonah Hill. ©                           |                            |                   |  |  |  |
|                    | <b>ESPN</b>                                     | College Basketball: Michigan State at Maryland. (N)        |   | College Basketball (N) ♣          |                           |   |                            |                   |  |  |  |
|                    | <b>ESPN2</b>                                    | College Basketball: San Diego State at Nevada. (N)         |   | College Basketball (N) ♣          |                           |   |                            |                   |  |  |  |
|                    | <b>FNC</b>                                      | Watters' World (N) ©                                       | Justice With Jeanine (N)  |                                   |                           | Greg Gutfeld (N)                        |                            | Watters ♣         |  |  |  |
|                    | <b>FOOD</b>                                     | Guy's Grocery Games  | Guy's Grocery Games   |                                   |                           | Guy's Grocery Games                     |                            | Grocery ♣         |  |  |  |
|                    | <b>FREE</b>                                     | (7:05) The Blind Side (PG-13,09) ♣                         | Sandra Bullock, Tim McGraw. ©   |                                   |                           |   |                            |                   |  |  |  |
|                    | <b>FX</b>                                       | Jurassic World (PG-13,15) ♣                                | Chris Pratt, Bryce Dallas Howard. ©   |                                   |                           | Orient Express ♣                        |                            |                   |  |  |  |
|                    | <b>HALL</b>                                     | ♣ (6) Winter in Vail ('20) ©                               | Bad Date Chronicles (NR,17) Merritt Patterson. ©  |                                   |                           |   |                            | Perfect ♣         |  |  |  |
|                    | <b>HGTV</b>                                     | Home Town ©  | Home Town ©   |                                   |                           | Restored (N) ©                          |                            | Restored (N)      |  |  |  |
|                    | <b>HIST</b>                                     | Ancient Aliens ©   | Ancient Aliens (N)  |                                   |                           | The UnXplained (Season Premiere) (N)    |                            | UnXplain. ♣       |  |  |  |
|                    | <b>HLN</b>                                      | Forensic   | Forensic  | Forensic                          | Forensic                  | Forensic                                |                            | Forensic          |  |  |  |
|                    | <b>IFC</b>                                      | ♣ (3:45) Titanic ('97) ♣                                   | Seven Worlds, One Planet (N) ©  |                                   |                           | Titanic ('97) ♣                         |                            |                   |  |  |  |
|                    | <b>LIFE</b>                                     | Dying to Be You (NR,20) Natalie Dreyfuss. ©                |   |                                   |                           | (9:03) Her Secret Family Killer ('20) ♣ |                            |                   |  |  |  |
|                    | <b>MSNBC</b>                                    | ♣ (5) South Carolina Primary: Decision 2020 (N) (Live) ©   |   |                                   |                           |   |                            | Primary ♣         |  |  |  |
|                    | <b>MTV</b>                                      | Ridiculous.  | Ridiculous.   | Ridiculous.                       | Ridiculous.               | Ridiculous.                             | Ridiculous.                | Ridiculous.       |  |  |  |
|                    | <b>NATGEO</b>                                   | Drugs, Inc. ©  | Drugs, Inc. ©   |                                   |                           | (9:03) Drugs, Inc. ©                    |                            | Drugs, Inc. ♣     |  |  |  |
|                    | <b>NBCSCH</b>                                   | Hockey (N)   | Blackhawks Postgame (N)   | Bulls (N)                         |                           | All Access                              | Adamles                    | Basketball ♣      |  |  |  |
|                    | <b>NICK</b>                                     | Henry (N)  | Dylan (Series All That (N)  | SpongeBob                         |                           | Friends ©                               | Friends ©                  | Friends ©         |  |  |  |
|                    | <b>OVATION</b>                                  | Murdoch Mysteries (N)                                      | The Firm (R,93) ♣   | Tom Cruise, Jeanne Tripplehorn. ♣ |                           |   |                            |                   |  |  |  |
|                    | <b>OWN</b>                                      | Family or Fiancé   | Family or Fiancé (N)  | Iyanla, Fix My Life ©             |                           |   |                            | Family or ♣       |  |  |  |
|                    | <b>OXY</b>                                      | Snapped ©  | Snapped: "Dawn Fowler." ©   |                                   |                           |   |                            | Killer ♣          |  |  |  |
| <b>PARMT</b>       | ♣ (6) John Wick (R,14) ♣                        |  | John Wick: Chapter 2 (R,17) ♣   |                                   |                           |   | Keanu Reeves. ♣            |                   |  |  |  |
| <b>SYFY</b>        | ♣ xX: Return (7:32) Mad Max: Fury Road (R,15) ♣ | Tom Hardy. ©   |   |                                   |                           |   | Futurama ♣                 |                   |  |  |  |
| <b>TBS</b>         | ♣ Reacher                                       | Jack Reacher: Never Go Back (PG-13,16) ♣                   | Tom Cruise.   |                                   |                           |   | Full Frontal               |                   |  |  |  |
| <b>TCM</b>         | Tootsie (PG,82) ♣                               | Dustin Hoffman. ©  |   |                                   | (9:15) Oh, God! (PG,77) ♣ |   |                            |                   |  |  |  |
| <b>TLC</b>         | Say Yes to the Dress (N) ©                      |  |   |                                   | Say Yes to the Dress ©    |   | Say Yes ♣                  |                   |  |  |  |
| <b>TLN</b>         | Exalted   | Pacific Garden Mission                                     | In Grace  |                                   | Wretched                  | CrossPolitic                            | Pure Pas                   |                   |  |  |  |
| <b>TNT</b>         | Ant-Man (PG-13,15) ♣                            | Paul Rudd, Michael Douglas. ©                              |   |                                   |                           |   | Sherlock Holmes-Game ♣     |                   |  |  |  |
| <b>TOON</b>        | My Hero   | My Hero  | Burgers   | Burgers                           | Amer. Dad                 | Family Guy                              | Family Guy                 |                   |  |  |  |
| <b>TRAV</b>        | Woo.- Haunted                                   |  | Woo.- Haunted (N)   |                                   | Haunted Hospitals (N) ©   |   | Haunted ♣                  |                   |  |  |  |
| <b>TVL</b>         | Two Men   | Two Men  | Two Men   | Two Men                           | Two Men                   | Two Men                                 | Two Men                    |                   |  |  |  |
| <b>USA</b>         | Law & Order: SVU                                | Law & Order: SVU   |   |                                   | Law & Order: SVU          |   | Law-SVU ♣                  |                   |  |  |  |
| <b>VH1</b>         | ♣ (6:30) Creed (PG-13,15) ♣                     | Michael B. Jordan. ©                                       |   |                                   |                           |   | Bad Boys (R,95) ♣          |                   |  |  |  |
| <b>WE</b>          | Criminal Minds ©                                | Criminal Minds ©   |   |                                   | Criminal Minds ©          |   | Criminal ♣                 |                   |  |  |  |
| <b>WGN America</b> | Blue Bloods ©                                   | Blue Bloods ©  |   |                                   | Blue Bloods ©             |   | Blue Blood ♣               |                   |  |  |  |
| PREMIUM            | <b>HBO</b>                                      | Anna (R,19) ♣  | Sasha Luss, Luke Evans. ©   |                                   |                           |   | The Outsider: "Foxhead." ♣ | High Main.        |  |  |  |
|                    | <b>HBO2</b>                                     | RoboCop (R,87) ♣   | Peter Weller.   | John Wick                         |                           | Resident Evil: Apocalypse (R,04) ♣      |                            |                   |  |  |  |
|                    | <b>MAX</b>                                      | ♣ (6:50) Signs (PG-13,02) ♣                                |   | (8:40) Déjà Vu (PG-13,06) ♣       |                           | Denzel Washington. ♣                    |                            |                   |  |  |  |
|                    | <b>SHO</b>                                      | Green Book (PG-13,18) ♣                                    | Viggo Mortensen. ©  |                                   |                           | (9:10) The Best of Enemies ('19) ♣      |                            |                   |  |  |  |
|                    | <b>STARZ</b>                                    | American Gangster (R,07) ♣                                 | Denzel Washington. ©  |                                   |                           | (9:39) Outlander ©                      |                            |                   |  |  |  |
| <b>STZENC</b>      | ♣ McFarland (7:19) The Whole Nine Yards ('00) ♣ |  |   |                                   | Spartacus: War            |   | Serenity ♣                 |                   |  |  |  |

## IN PERFORMANCE 'Middle Passage' ★★★

## A swashbuckling adventure and a powerful indictment of slavery

BY CHRIS JONES

When Charles R. Johnson wrote the novel "Middle Passage," which won the National Book Award in 1990 for the Evanston-born writer, he immersed himself in the musings of nautical adventurers: Herman Melville, Jack London, Robert Louis Stevenson, even the mythology of Sinbad the Sailor.

But there is an important difference between those antecedents and Johnson's story of the 1830 adventures of Rutherford Calhoun, a cocksure young citizen of Illinois who plays around on the seafront of New Orleans and then stows away on a ship, the Republic, mostly to avoid his debtors and a potential marriage to a schoolteacher about whom he is less than enthusiastic.

Calhoun is African-American, a freed slave. The Republic, he comes to discover, is a slave ship bound for West Africa. Its human quarry is to be the Allmuseri, a fearsome tribe in Johnson's telling, known for their longevity, height, lack of fingerprints and, it is rumored, for the second brain that occupies the base of their spines.

Calhoun does not jump ship at the very idea but signs on anyway. He is to find out that the Allmuseri are not the only object of the voyage.

And thus Johnson tells a swashbuckling story rich with all kinds of themes, most of which explicate the inherent contradictions and complexities within American history and culture. The central figure is, of course, Rutherford, an initially invisible man who finds himself set adrift in a pool of chaos and must find his own moral center.

Lifeline Theatre is famous for its literary adventure shows that take its Rogers Park audience off on all manner of improbable voyages, the small stage filling with masts, actors being blown about in



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LaQuin Groves, Michael Morrow, Bryan Carter and Shelby Lynn Bias in "Middle Passage" at Lifeline Theatre.



Andrés Enriquez, Patrick Blashill, Jill Oliver, David Stobbe, Christopher Hainsworth, Michael Morrow and Demetra Dee in "Middle Passage."

the wind, and the speakers crackling with the wind and the rain. As adapted for the stage by David Barr III, "Middle Passage" is not an

original production; it was previously staged as "Rutherford's Travels" by Ilesa Duncan, now the artistic director of Lifeline,

**When:** Through April 5**Where:** Lifeline Theatre, 6912 N. Glenwood Ave.**Running time:** 2 hours, 10 minutes**Tickets:** \$45 at 773-761-4477 or [www.lifeline-theatre.com](http://www.lifeline-theatre.com)

at the Pegasus Players in 2016. In her Tribune review, critic Kerry Reid called that first staging of the show "a ripping yarn, a thrilling bildungsroman and rich in comic detail."

I'll second all of that and add that it is unusual, now, to experience those qualities alongside this particular theme. But although "Middle Passage" is an indictment of the slave trade, racism and self-

serving complicity by those who should have known better, Johnson (and Barr) still want to tell a swashbuckling and often funny story. If that sounds a mismatch of styles, the answer is that "Middle Passage" has many styles, depending on which moment you are watching, and that one of the key aims and achievements here, both by Johnson and Barr, is to focus not just on how the captured Africans were treated, but their elite stature, their majesty and their awe-inspiring intelligence. In Johnson's imagination, the Allmuseri were close to immortal, and thus symbols of hope in the face of repression.

Certainly, there are physical limitations and also subtler pieces of theater in

town, although Alan Donahue's set certainly takes you out to sea and back again. There's a deftly toned lead performance from the young actor Michael Morrow, evoking part a cipher and, maybe, an eventual man who finally knows himself. Add in a full-throated theatrical turn from Patrick Blashill as Captain Falcon, and Bryan Carter as one of big characters on the quay and you're in the company of skilled storytellers in service of the explication of freedom. The show is great for anyone about 11 years old and up.

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### Horoscopes



**Today's birthday** (Feb. 29): Leap ahead professionally this year. Your team is unbeatable with disciplined coordination. Winter community collaboration wins, before changes affect your love life and career next summer; this inspires new levels of love and happiness.

Domestic renewal next winter motivates a professional surge. **Aries** (March 21-April 19): Today is a 9. Long-term financial benefits follow pursuit of a profitable dream. Go for a lucrative possibility and discover extra perks.

**Taurus** (April 20-May 20): 9. Follow a personal vision or dream. Keep your promises. Creative work grows your skills and talents. Good fortune follows self-discipline.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 20): 7. Brilliant insights could reorganize your plans. Discover a lucky break, right under your own nose. Visualize getting what you want. Find new creative options.

**Cancer** (June 21-July 22): 9. Your social status is on the rise. Invite friends to your next event. A community prize is won through collaborative coordination. Realize a dream together.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): 9. Try new methods and technologies. Discover opportunities in conversation. Profit through applying knowledge and expertise. Career growth follows a brilliant move.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 9. Get out and explore. Discover new perspectives and flavors. Positive results come through disciplined efforts. Make and strengthen a long-distance connection. Benefit from diversity.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 8. Consider and discuss long-range financial plans. Invest in home, family and real estate. Contribute to benefit family accounts.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 9. Collaborate to realize a dream. Something long desired lies within reach. Give in to a magnetic attraction. Support your partner to reach new heights.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 9. Physical action gets results. You can make a dream come true with steady practice. Take care of your health and energy with good food and rest.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. You're especially charming and clever. Have fun with games, sports and puzzles. Romance sparks in conversation with someone attractive. Pursue new possibilities together.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 8. Get creative with home renovation. Brainstorm for brilliant insight. Especially listen to young people. Domestic arts produce delicious results.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): 8. Original stories get rave reviews. Inspire your networks with wit and wisdom. Share brilliant ideas and useful tricks. Contribute to media, publishing and broadcasting projects.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

### The Argyle Sweater



### Bliss



### Bridge

Both vulnerable, East deals

**North**  
 ♠ Q 9 8 2  
 ♥ Q 4 3  
 ♦ 10 8  
 ♣ K 10 8 3

**East**  
 ♠ K  
 ♥ 9 8 5  
 ♦ K Q 9 7 4 2  
 ♣ A 9 2

**South**  
 ♠ J 7 6 5 4 3  
 ♥ A K 7 2  
 ♦ A  
 ♣ 6 4

A typically aggressive modern auction. Bidding a close game, however, doesn't earn you the game bonus — you still have to make it!

It looks like declarer will need West to hold the ace of clubs, but that is not likely. West needs at least one high spade for his one no trump bid. Should he also hold the ace of clubs, that would leave East with very little to justify his bidding.

**The bidding:**

| East | South | West | North |
|------|-------|------|-------|
| 1♦   | 1♣    | 1NT  | 2♠    |
| 3♦   | 3♥    | Pass | 4♠    |

All pass  
**Opening lead:** Three of ♦

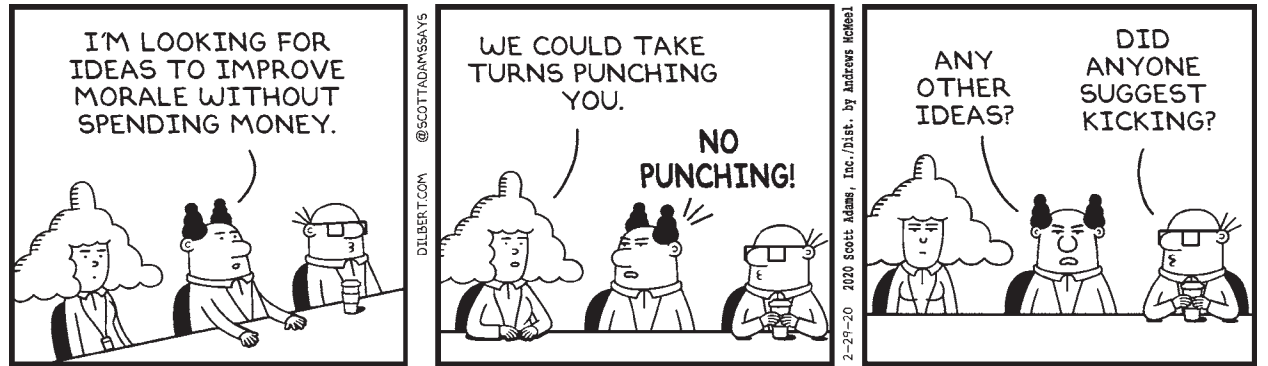
he may have made a negative double rather than bidding one no trump if he had four hearts. There was a good chance that hearts were splitting 3-3. Even if West could ruff the third heart, it would probably be with a doubleton spade and that wouldn't mean an extra loser for South. Hoping for the best, South cashed the ace and king of hearts and crossed to dummy with the queen of hearts, pleased that hearts split evenly. He now ruffed a diamond before finally leading a low spade to dummy's queen.

It worked like a charm. East won with his singleton king, but he had to either give dummy the king of clubs or yield a ruff-sluff. 10 tricks for South either way after a very well-played hand.

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### Dilbert



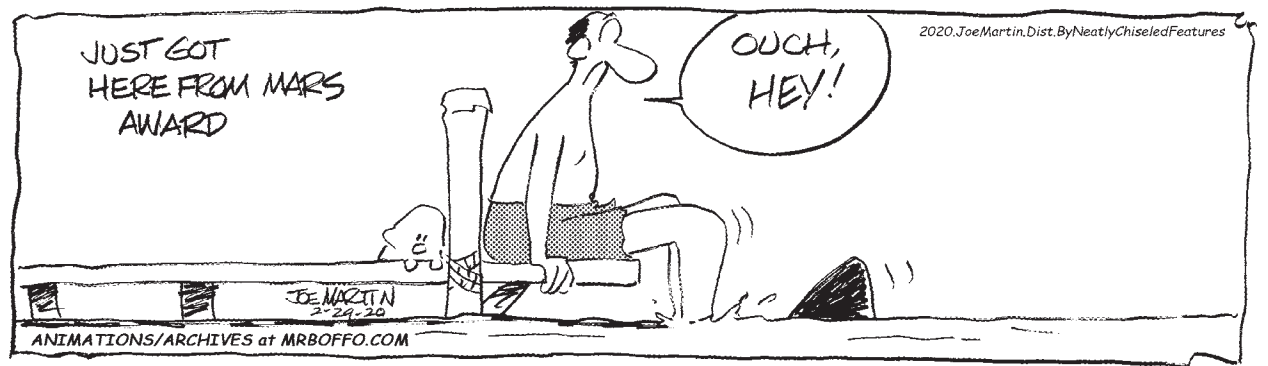
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### Zits



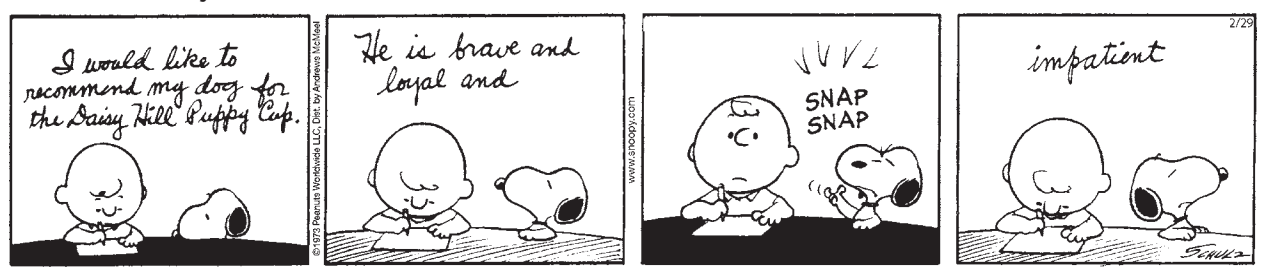
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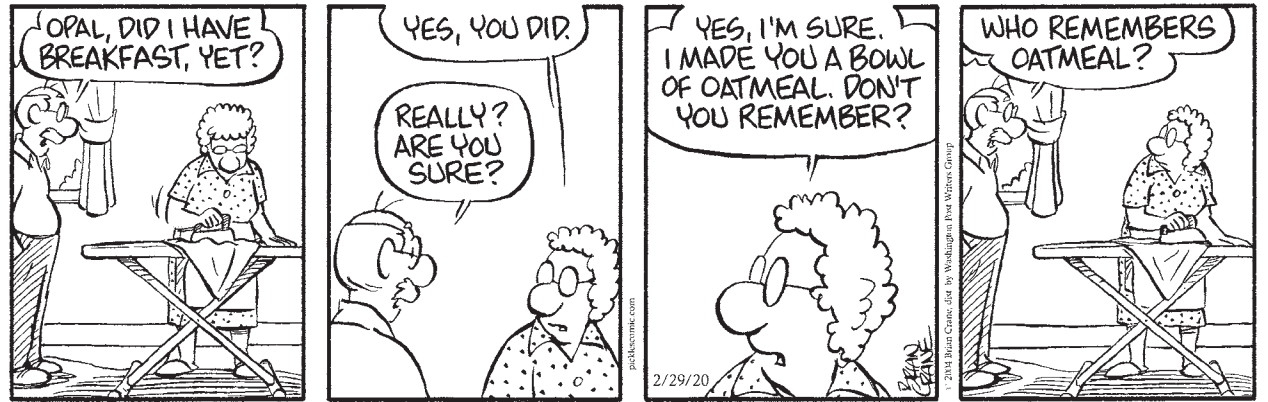
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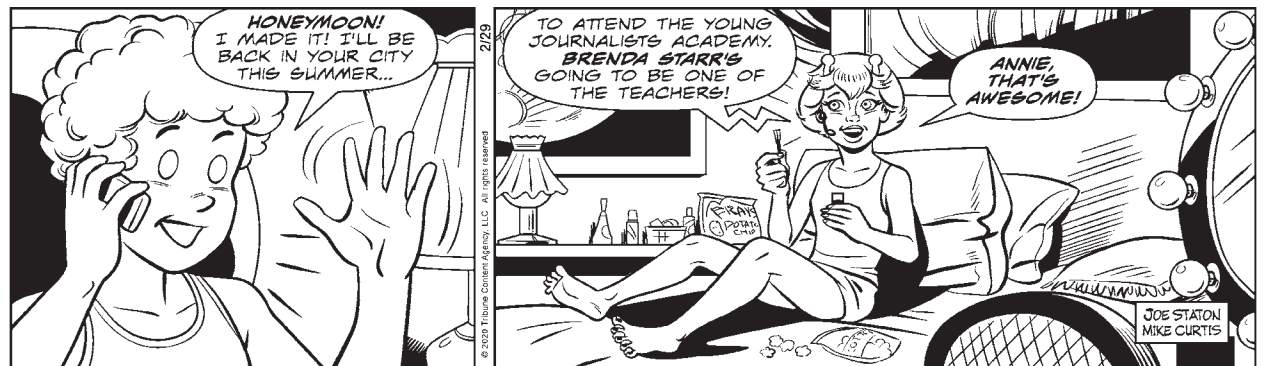
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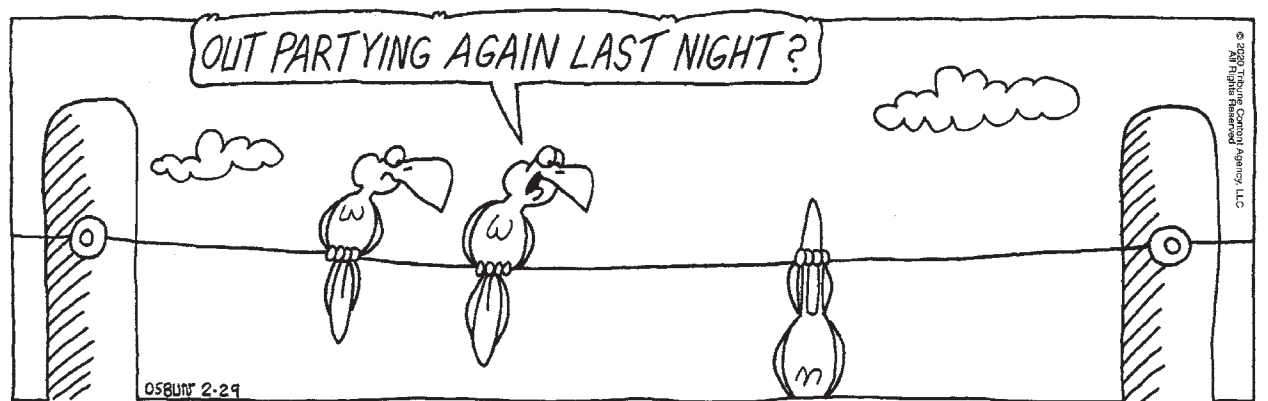
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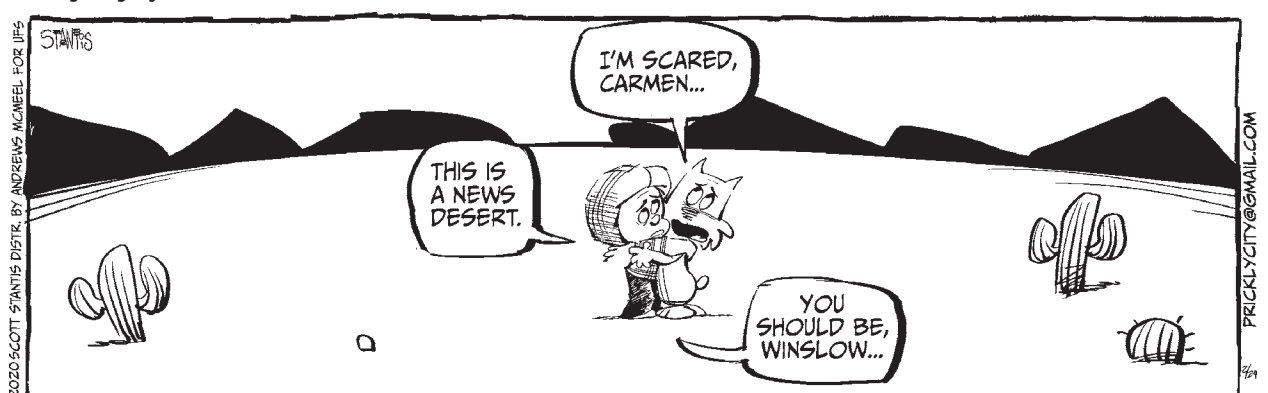
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### Animal Crackers



### Prickly City



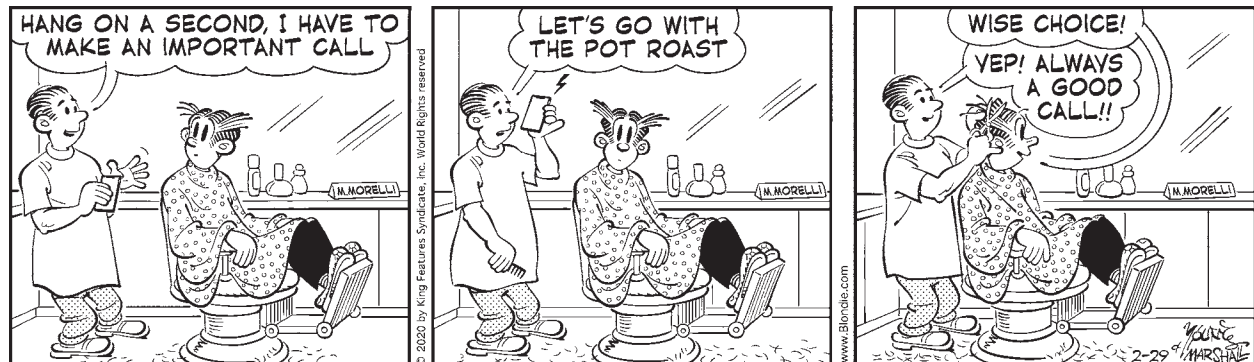
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**For Better or for Worse** By Lynn Johnston



**Blondie** By Dean Young and John Marshall



**Hägar the Horrible** By Chris Browne



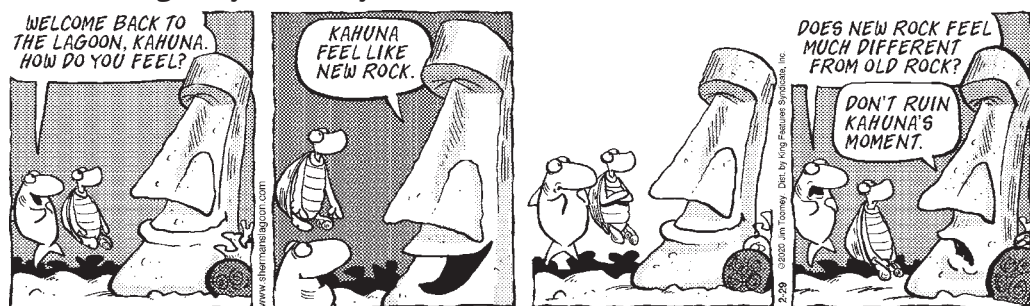
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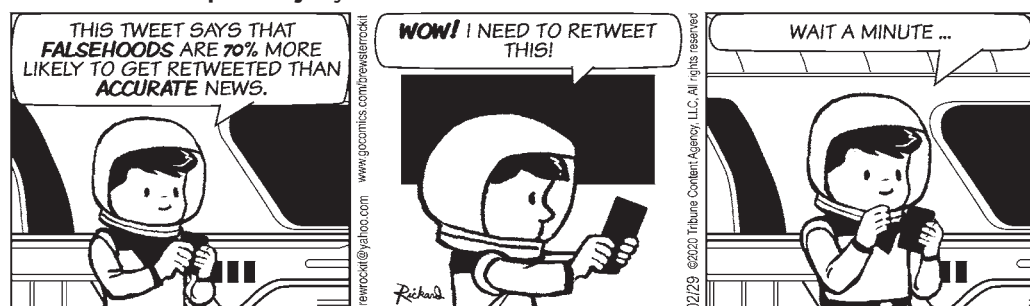
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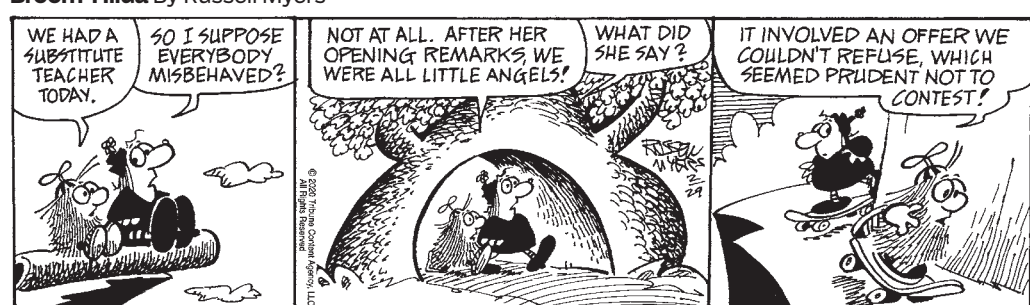
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**Brewster Rockit: Space Guy!** By Tim Rickard



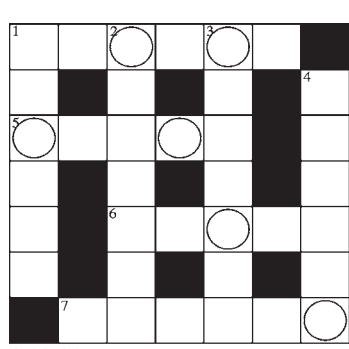
**Broom-Hilda** By Russell Myers



**Trivia Bits**

**Cinematographer Emmanuel Lubezki** earned Oscars for "Birdman," "The Revenant" and which film set in outer space?  
 A) "The Blind Side"  
 B) "Crash"  
 C) "Gravity"  
 D) "Speed"  
 Friday's answer: Mae C. Jemison, who flew on the space shuttle Endeavour, appeared as Lieutenant Palm-er in an episode of "Star Trek: The Next Generation."  
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**Jumble Crossword**



**CLUE ACROSS**  
 1. Soaker  
 5. Sedimentary rock  
 6. Change of \_\_\_\_\_  
 7. Succulent plant

**CLUE DOWN**  
 1. Give  
 2. Breathing tube  
 3. Luxurious  
 4. Break

**ANSWER**  
 RBTHAE  
 LAHSE  
 RTHAE  
 UCASTC

**ANSWER**  
 SBOWTE  
 ARHEATC  
 GENTELA  
 USHATI

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.

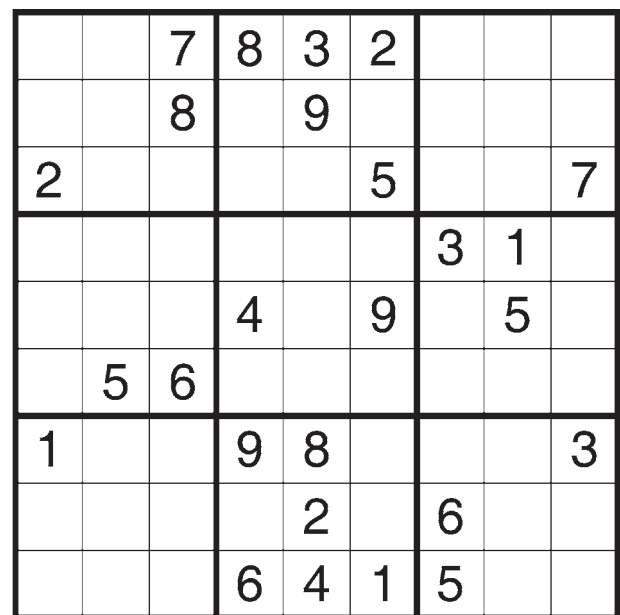
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**TRIPLE BONUS**  
 The circled letters can be unscrambled to form three different BONUS answers.  
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**Sudoku** 1 2 3 4

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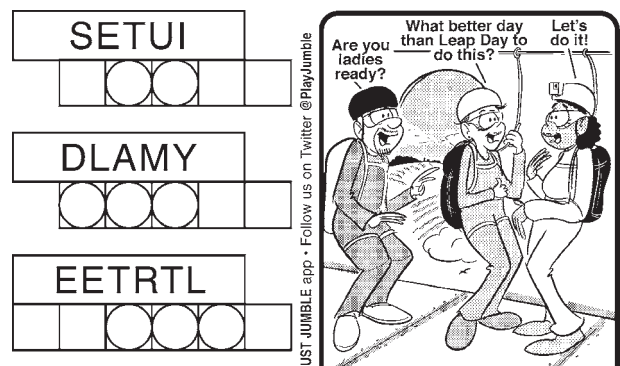
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**Friday's solutions**

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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.



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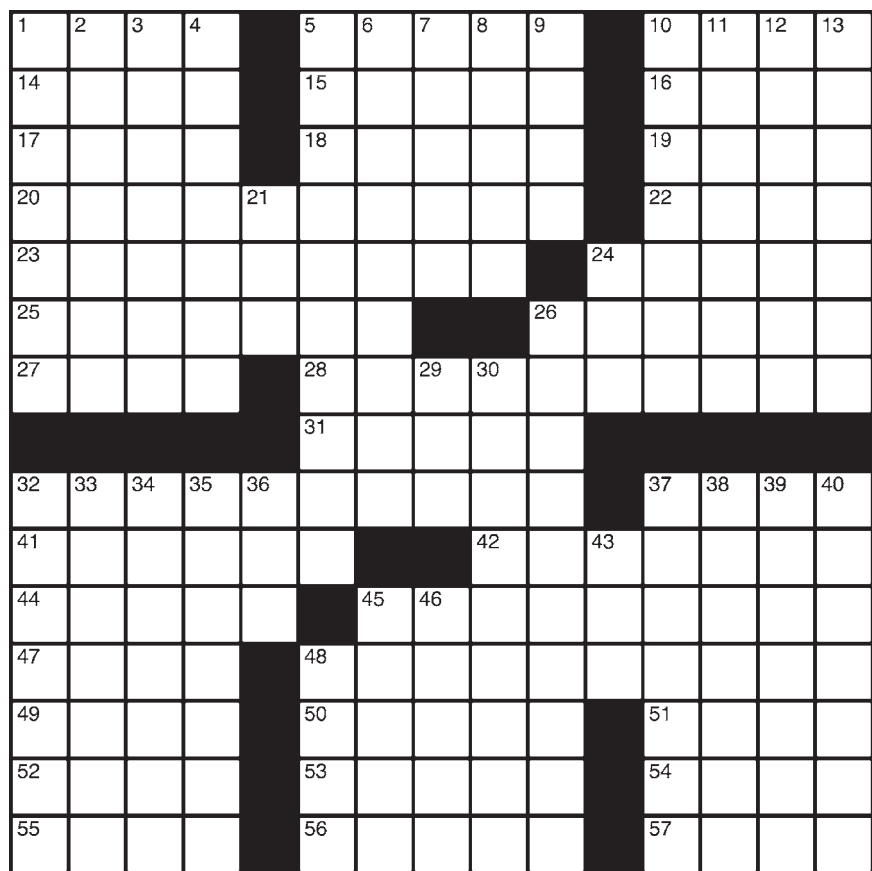
**Friday's answers**

Jumbles: UNIFY COVER ATRIUM FERRET  
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**Crossword**

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**Across**

- 1 Baseball warm-up word
- 5 Brazilian music genre word meaning "trend"
- 10 Secured
- 14 Ebb
- 15 Nailing, in a way
- 16 Weather \_\_\_\_\_
- 17 Kitchen fixture
- 18 Mountain slope debris
- 19 Welder's output
- 20 Home improvement team
- 22 One of two sts. admitted to the Union 11/2/1889
- 23 Elder of an '80s-'90s country duo
- 24 Metaphorical casino loss
- 25 Formed by solidified magma
- 26 Is \_\_\_\_; imminently will
- 27 Turndowns

- 28 Perceived Cold War weapons disparity
- 31 Propelled, as a raft
- 32 Words preceding an important reminder
- 37 Power eponym
- 41 Antagonism
- 42 Amazon, notably
- 44 Singer for whom Bernie wrote lyrics
- 45 Remit, nowadays
- 47 "Contact" author Sagan
- 48 Comes to terms
- 49 "I'll do it"
- 50 Formal "Who's there?" response
- 51 Letter-bottom abbr.
- 52 Bit of progress
- 53 Atlantic food fish
- 54 Pak of the LPGA
- 55 Artist's pseudonym formed from the French pronunciation of his initials
- 56 1953 Ladd classic
- 57 Casual wear

- 8 Dummy Mortimer
- 9 Quite a while
- 10 Rowena's lover
- 11 Bouncer's job
- 12 Early Wikipedia competitor
- 13 Icon locale
- 21 Giovanni's god
- 24 Roman sun god
- 26 Like a pendulum's movement
- 29 \_\_\_-mo
- 30 Saw
- 32 Like Hollywood films before censorship guidelines were introduced
- 33 LeBron, since Jul. 2018
- 34 One in a 1K, say
- 35 Follower
- 36 Certain youngster's nickname
- 37 Least civilized
- 38 Property recipient, in law
- 39 Like a good-sized farm
- 40 Plant support
- 43 Santa follower
- 45 Cabbage site
- 46 "Ran" director Kurosawa
- 48 Wish were here

**Friday's solution**



**Down**

- 1 Like court witnesses
- 2 Try it
- 3 Buttercup family member
- 4 Biological mapping subjects
- 5 Parachutist using low-altitude starting points
- 6 Blockage
- 7 Brought into being

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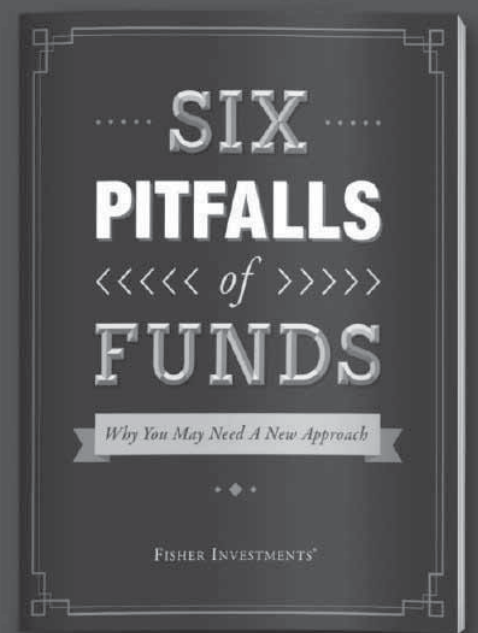
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## What's the plan, Stan?

BY PHIL THOMPSON

It was a pivotal week for the Blackhawks. They parted with a goaltender many in the locker room considered to be a part of their Stanley Cup future and doubled down on a youth movement. ■ Comments about Robin Lehner's trade to the Golden Knights — and how it happened — suggest differing views between players and management regarding how close the team is to contention. ■ The week also was a snapshot of the Hawks season in a nutshell: Two close, frustrating losses against the Stars and Blues followed by a win against the Lightning that likely amounts to too little, too late. ■ The Hawks likely came to the realization that a tweak here and there won't be good enough to win a title, so they altered course. ■ Inside: Answering some questions about the team's near- and long-term future.

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## Opportunity knocks

Versatile in the field and at the plate, Happ has every chance to hit his way into the Cubs lineup

BY MARK GONZALES

**SURPRISE**, Ariz. — Ian Happ's versatility has been an asset since he joined the Cubs in 2017.

But as he learned a year ago — when the Cubs sent the switch hitter to Triple-A Iowa for a humbling 3½-month stay — Happ must produce at the plate, much like he did in September.

"Last spring I was making a lot of adjustments and thinking a lot about mechanics and not as much about competing and seeing the ball," Happ, a 2015 first-round pick, said. "It was a lot different spring for me and just feeling comfortable at the plate."

Manager David Ross said before Cactus League games began that Happ, 25, would get most of his playing time in center field.

But how much he plays depends on how well he reduces mistakes at the plate and produces as a switch hitter.

"It's not a video game," Happ said. "You just can't plug and play. To be able to have everyday at-bats, to feel comfortable with different pitchers as you go through the league when you're seeing guys over and over, that's important."

"And as a switch hitter, making sure you're getting at-bats from both sides of the plate. If you don't get an (at-bat) from one side of the plate, it's going to be tough."

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Cubs manager David Ross is looking at Ian Happ to bolster the lineup.

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Yasmani Grandal, working back from a calf injury, hopes to play in some spring games.

## Grandal is grinding to get back

Injured White Sox catcher says left calf 'feels good right now'

BY LAMOND POPE

**GLENDALE**, Ariz. — Yasmani Grandal's Thursday included fielding bunts and participating in situational drills.

Friday, the White Sox catcher took swings against Michael Kopech and Dylan Cease in batting practice. And when he connected, he ran to first base.

It's all part of the process of recovering

from a mild left calf strain.

"It feels good right now," Grandal said Friday. "We still have a few hurdles to get over. More mental than anything. For the most part it's felt really good. The plan is still the same. We're going to take it a day at a time and assess it and go from there."

The two-time All-Star is making progress.

"In terms of strength, he's feeling very, very well," Sox manager Rick Renteria said. "All the measurements and metrics that are used to measure strength and endurance seem to indicate that he's doing quite well. We're happy to hear that."

After signing a four-year, \$73 million contract, the largest in franchise history, with the Sox in November, Grandal has been slowed by the calf injury this spring. He suffered the setback about 10 days before camp began.

"We were doing sprints, resistance sprints, and there could have been a lot of things," Grandal said. "Could have been dehydration or just trying to go too hard. We can't really pinpoint what it was. All we can do now is just get stronger so it doesn't happen again."

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## Plan

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### 1. What is the plan?

The Hawks aren't in a full-on rebuild, but their latest moves signal they aren't just retooling either.

President and CEO John McDonough sent the message during a podcast interview earlier this month: He wants the Hawks to be "great" enough to contend for the Stanley Cup again.

General manager Stan Bowman is turning the focus back to top-tier draft picks, believing it's difficult to craft a Stanley Cup roster from free agency and the middle and lower rounds of the draft.

"The way you become a really dominant team, you have some high-impact players," Bowman said. "You need to have as many of them as you can assemble, but they're not easy to come by. Certainly hard to trade for. ... When you're signing a free agent, unless it's a European guy, they tend to be older. They might have some good years left, but their best years are probably behind them."

"There's no shortcut to it other than drafting and developing those players. Then the question is how do you acquire those."

The last two drafts are the most recent in which the Hawks had top-10 picks since 2006 and '07, when they drafted Jonathan Toews and Patrick Kane. The Hawks selected Adam Boqvist and Kirby Dach the last two seasons and second-rounder Alex DeBrincat in 2016, and all have made the roster. But low draft picks and trades during the Stanley Cup years, when the Hawks were buyers, deprived them of prospects who might have contributed today.

Acquiring young assets was the motivation for trading goaltender Robin Lehner to the Golden Knights and defenseman Erik Gustafsson to the Flames at Monday's deadline. Between those two trades, the Hawks received 2020 second- and third-round picks, goalie Malcolm Subban and defensive prospect Slava Demin.

Last summer, though, Bowman had a different mindset. He brought in Lehner on a one-year deal and traded three draft picks — including their original 2020 second-rounder — with the idea they could not only make the playoffs, but also make a deep run. In a sense, this season has been a reality check, motivating the Hawks to be sellers at the trade deadline and infuse more youth in the pipeline.

After Monday's moves, the Hawks have seven draft picks, four in the first three rounds.

"That was the goal," Bowman said. "There's no question that the value in the draft is in the early part. The first few rounds, if you look at it historically, the vast majority of the players come out of the top three rounds."

### 2. Are players and management on the same page?

The afternoon after the trade deadline, Patrick Kane acknowledged the results haven't been there this season.

"We're a team that's trying to develop young guys; (at the) same time, you have some veterans that are playing some pretty good hockey," Kane said.

He and Jonathan Toews co-authored three Stanley Cup runs, along with Duncan Keith and Corey Crawford, but they're all north of 30, so they have a limited championship window.

"I mean, that's the goal," Toews said. "Anything less than that is disappointing and frustrating."

John McDonough's and Stan Bowman's moves indicate they're strategizing for the long term.

"We have to know where we're going," McDonough said on WMVP-AM 1000, according to The Athletic. "We have to do our best to get back to great. But we have to do it in the right way. There has to be a process to it. We're in a bit of transition right now. Where we are right now is not unexpected."

Said Bowman: "When you trade players away, you're worse in the present. That's the way this business works. You can look at it from both sides. I understand some people are tilted one way or another. But for us it's important to build up some assets and build for the future."

### 3. How much say do the players have in the team's direction?

Patrick Kane said John McDonough's plans are "something we'll have to discuss with him after the season and kind of see where everyone's at. I'm sure there will be some conversations once the season's over."

Jonathan Toews said: "I'm not really commenting on the direction. That's not really up to me to talk about."

Stan Bowman said he might talk to locker-room leaders such as Toews and Kane in the offseason but emphasized that circumstances change day to day.

"Their job is to play hockey, not so much to manage a team," Bowman said.

"I don't think that's really fair to them to bring them into the decision-making process. They've earned the respect based on what they've accomplished, but on a day-to-day basis — just like I don't go down there and talk to them about their shift last night in overtime, the coaches do that — they have their job to do, and I have my job to do."



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Blackhawks GM Stan Bowman is focusing on the first few rounds of the NHL draft.

### 4. Do the Hawks have more flexibility under the salary cap after the trades?

The Hawks saved \$1.65 million by trading Robin Lehner and \$1.2 million on the Erik Gustafsson deal. But while that gives some temporary cap relief, the Hawks have a lot of players to sign — or not sign. The salary cap is a challenge for most NHL teams and will continue to be for the Hawks.

"The cap is always a factor," Stan Bowman said, though it wasn't the driving force behind Monday's trades.

Corey Crawford will be an unrestricted free agent this summer. Dominik Kubalik, Dylan Strome, Drake Caggiula and newcomer Malcolm Subban are among the restricted free agents up for new contracts.

"I have to plan out our team and salary progression for young players as they take that step from their first contract to their second contract," Bowman said. "You've got to look at where things might go. And then you've got to look at who's locked up and who's expiring. So the cap is always a factor in the decisions we make."

### 5. If the Hawks dealt Robin Lehner and Erik Gustafsson for picks and prospects, why didn't they get more bang for their buck?

"You take what's in front of you."  
 "The market speaks."  
 "We were as patient as we could be."  
 "Once you get past the deadline, their value drops."

However Stan Bowman chose to put it, the underlying message was that he couldn't get a first-round pick in return for either Robin Lehner or Erik Gustafsson. Both had expiring contracts, and teams aren't likely to part with a first-rounder for a rental. It also didn't help that both players went through a late-season rough patch: Lehner gave up at least four goals in four of his last five games with the Hawks.

Bowman went into the last hour of the trade deadline cementing the deals he could get.

"We certainly did our best," he said. "We certainly didn't turn down any other deals. We did the best deals that were available to us, and that's what we were tasked with (Monday)."

### 6. How serious were the Hawks about signing Robin Lehner?

Robin Lehner will be missed. Jonathan Toews called him a vocal leader who helped him be a better captain.

"He took a one-year deal to come here because he knew there was some experience in this room and there was a lot of potential here that was untapped," Toews said.

Shipping out Lehner doesn't seem to sit well with veterans who hoped the Hawks could've kept the goalie around for the next three to five years.

Stan Bowman declined to say how close the Hawks were to signing Lehner to a long-term deal, but Lehner reportedly said he "never got an offer."

"It's good if Robin wants to converse with you guys about it," Bowman said. "In the past I've never found it to be really helpful because then whatever I have to say, you're going to go back to Robin, and I'd rather not get into that back and forth."

Lehner will be a free agent after the season, so the Hawks could try again, right? Don't count on it.

"He's not our player anymore, so I can't say whether we're going to be interested in him or not," Bowman said.

### 7. What's the plan for goaltending?

The Hawks want Corey Crawford to carry the load the rest of the season. And it seems they prefer to ease in Malcolm Subban and leave Collin Delia and Kevin Lankinen in Rockford, where they're getting experience.

But the Hawks have a decision to make in the offseason. They could try to re-sign Crawford, give Subban, Lankinen or Delia a try or pursue a free agent.

"I wouldn't say we've mapped out who it's going to be," Stan Bowman said. "We have a lot of candidates, and we've got to make that choice between now and next season."

"Malcolm's still trying to solidify himself not only as an NHL backup, but also pushing himself to be an NHL No. 1. He's at that age (26) when goalies start to take a step forward."

Subban said he doesn't know when he'll get his next opportunity in goal or how many looks he'll get with his new team, but he plans to "just continue to work hard here and see where it goes."

### 8. Will player development come at the cost of winning?

The two are not mutually exclusive, but growing pains seem unavoidable.

Kirby Dach, Adam Boqvist and Alex Nylander have shown they can play in the NHL, but Stan Bowman wants to see them and others take the next step to become "impact players."






"Hopefully it won't be a couple of years where they start to take over games," he said. "You see it in flashes, but that's what you get with teenagers."

Coach Jeremy Colliton said the players, particularly the younger ones, need to play more consistently — and quickly. Dominik Kubalik stepped up Thursday night against the Lightning with his first hat trick.

Bowman agrees with Colliton: There needs to be accountability, even if the playoffs are out of reach.

"I think (Colliton's) done a very good job of constructively working with them, guiding them to be better," Bowman said. "It's not playing with no consequences."

## LET'S PLAY 2

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**MLB SPRING TRAINING**  
**Noon** Nationals at Cardinals MLB  
**2:05 p.m.** Brewers at Cubs Marquee

**NBA**  
**4 p.m.** Bulls at Knicks NBCSCH  
 WSCR-AM 670  
**7:30 p.m.** Rockets at Celtics ABC-7

**MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
**11 a.m.** Penn State at Iowa BTN  
**11 a.m.** Providence at Villanova FOX-32  
**11 a.m.** Texas at Texas Tech ESPN  
**11 a.m.** Texas A&M at LSU ESPN2  
**11 a.m.** Army at Colgate CBSSN  
**12:30 p.m.** Kansas at Kansas St. CBS-2  
**1 p.m.** Loyola at Bradley CBSSN  
**1 p.m.** Baylor at TCU ESPN  
**1 p.m.** Florida at Tennessee ESPN2  
**1 p.m.** UConn at East Carolina ESPNU  
**1:30 p.m.** Seton Hall at Marquette FOX-32  
**2:45 p.m.** Auburn at Kentucky CBS-2  
**3 p.m.** North Carolina at Syracuse ESPN  
**3 p.m.** Oklahoma at West Virginia ESPN2  
**3 p.m.** Iowa St. at Oklahoma St. ESPNU  
**3 p.m.** George Washington at VCU CBSSN  
**5 p.m.** Duke at Virginia ESPN  
**5 p.m.** Northern Iowa at Drake ESPN2  
**5 p.m.** UCF at Tulsa ESPNU  
**5 p.m.** BYU at Pepperdine CBSSN  
**5:30 p.m.** DePaul at Butler FS1  
 WIND-AM 560  
**7 p.m.** Michigan State at Maryland ESPN  
**7 p.m.** San Diego State at Nevada ESPN2  
**7 p.m.** Arizona State at USC ESPNU  
**7 p.m.** Memphis at Tulane CBSSN  
**9 p.m.** Arizona at UCLA ESPN  
**9 p.m.** St. Mary's at Gonzaga ESPN2  
**9 p.m.** Utah State at New Mexico CBSSN

**WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
**1 p.m.** Illinois at Northwestern BTN  
**3 p.m.** Ohio State at Purdue BTN

**HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BASKETBALL**  
**11 a.m.** 1A third-place game WCIU-26.2  
**1 p.m.** 1A championship WCIU-26.2  
**5:30 p.m.** 2A third-place game WCIU-26.2  
**7:15 p.m.** 2A championship WCIU-26.2

**BOWLING**  
**7:30 p.m.** Indianapolis Open FS1

**XFL**  
**1 p.m.** Wildcats at Guardians ABC-7  
**4 p.m.** Dragons at BattleHawks FOX-32

**GOLF**  
**Noon** PGA: Honda Classic Golf  
**2 p.m.** PGA: Honda Classic NBC-5  
**3:30 p.m.** Champions: Colougard Golf  
**2 a.m. (Sun.)** Euro: Oman Open Golf

**GYMNASTICS**  
**11:30 a.m.** Denver at Oklahoma ESPNU  
**5 p.m.** Penn State at Nebraska BTN

**HOCKEY**  
**Noon** Bruins at Islanders NHL  
**5 p.m.** Blackhawks at Panthers NBCSCH+  
 WGN-AM 720  
**6 p.m.** Canucks at Maple Leafs NHL  
**7 p.m.** Wisconsin at Ohio State BTN

**HORSE RACING**  
**11 a.m.** America's Day at the Races FS1

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**4 p.m.** Supercross: Atlanta NBCSN

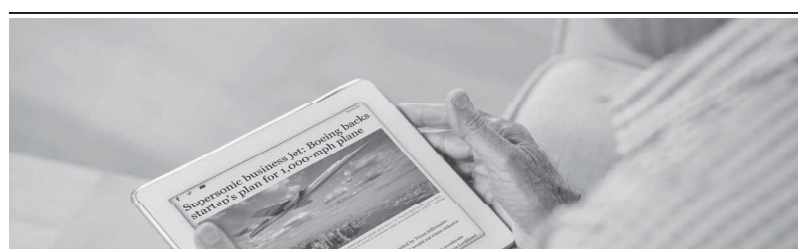
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**RUNNING**  
**11 a.m.** U.S. Olympic marathon trials NBC-5

**SOCCER**  
**6:30 a.m.** Brighton vs. Crystal P. NBCSN  
**8:30 a.m.** Hoffenheim vs. Bayern FS1  
**9 a.m.** Bournemouth vs. Chelsea NBCSN  
**11:30 a.m.** Watford vs. Liverpool NBCSN  
**7:30 p.m.** Atlanta at Nashville FOX-32  
**5:30 a.m. (Sun.)** Milan vs. Genoa ESPN2

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**9 a.m.** Dubai, Doha finals Tennis

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## BASEBALL



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White Sox pitcher Dane Dunning, who is coming off of Tommy John surgery, threw his first live batting-practice session of the spring on Friday.

## WHITE SOX TAKEAWAYS

# Dunning clears a hurdle, Kopecch 'looks really good'

BY LAMOND POPE

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Yermin Mercedes is a possible option for the 26th spot on the White Sox roster.

The catcher hit a grand slam Friday — his second home run of the spring — in an 8-3 victory against the Indians at Camelback Ranch.

Andrew Vaughn, the No. 16 prospect in baseball, added a solo shot — his first — in the eighth. Most of the projected starters did not play, though right fielder Nomar Mazara went 1-for-3. Prospect Nick Madrigal was 0-for-3.

Here are three takeaways from Sox camp Friday.

## 1. Dane Dunning clears a hurdle with his first live batting-practice session of the spring.

The first batter Dane Dunning faced in his first live batting-practice session of the spring was Yoan Moncada.

"I was a little nervous, my first time facing hitters, I'm a little amped, and if one runs away from me, that would have been

really bad for my career," Dunning said with a laugh.

"Luckily enough, I was able to throw some strikes. It was fun."

Dunning had Tommy John surgery in March, forcing him to miss all of 2019. Friday's session was another step in the right direction for the right-hander.

"It felt good coming off the mound," Dunning said. "It was just really fun to get back out there and compete. It's like that hump I just got over. It's exciting for me because I know games are coming soon."

Dunning is the No. 6 prospect in the organization, according to MLB.com. He came to the Sox along with Lucas Giolito and Reynaldo Lopez from the Nationals in a trade for Adam Eaton in December 2016.

Dunning said he focused on locating his fastball, getting the feel of his changeup and spinning his breaking ball.

"Some of the things I did accomplish — I was able to locate a majority of my pitches, which was nice," Dunning said. "The adrenaline pumping, I was amped. I'll be excited for the next go-around where things start to calm down a little bit."

## 2. Michael Kopecch is looking 'far more advanced' in his return from Tommy John surgery.

Sox manager Rick Renteria said Michael Kopecch, who also threw live batting practice, is looking "far more advanced than most people might think" in his return from the surgery.

"His command is a lot better," Renteria said. "He's commanding his pitches — changeup, breaking ball, fastball. His misses are minimal. The ball is coming out of his hand loose and hot. He looks really good."

Kopecch, who missed all of 2019, feels he's getting close.

"Breaking balls are something I need to fine tune a little," he said. "I need to be a little bit quicker with them. With that being said, I feel very comfortable. I'm pretty relaxed. I don't feel like I'm getting too far ahead of myself. But I haven't been in a game situation yet, so I can't really speak to that."

Kopecch faced Yoan Moncada, Yasmani Grandal and Daniel Palka on Friday.

Kopecch said he will throw another live bullpen in five days, then "I'll work my way into a game for an inning or so."

## 3. Edwin Encarnacion and Gio Gonzalez are making progress.

Designated hitter Edwin Encarnacion missed Thursday's Cactus League game against the Mariners because of back stiffness.

Renteria said the veteran slugger, who did not play Friday either, was feeling "better."

"He doesn't feel the discomfort he was feeling (Thursday)," Renteria said.

"He has been around the block a little bit. We're going to allow him to dictate, through conversation and through how he's feeling, how we continue to proceed."

"Health-wise, he didn't feel any discomfort (Friday). We're on the track to recovery."

Starting pitcher Gio Gonzalez, who is working his way back from left shoulder soreness, threw a 20-pitch bullpen session Thursday and has more bullpens scheduled for Saturday and Monday.

"(Gonzalez is) feeling good," Renteria said. "(Pitching coach Don Cooper) was happy."

"He came though it fine."

## Grandal

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As for the timeline for playing in an exhibition game, Grandal said, "As of right now, we're going to try everything out, in the back fields after practice, before we start."

He is confident he will play in a Cactus League game.

"We have it planned out," Grandal said. "We gave ourselves room to make sure I'm playing back-to-back days. Make sure I'm playing three days in a row. We gave some room for error."

The work now is building toward that.

"That was one of the points that I was stressing to them: I need to make sure I'm able to play three days in a row," Grandal said. "We need to make sure I'm catching at least seven innings on back-to-back days because if you catch seven, you can catch nine."

Grandal has spent a ton of time connecting with his new pitching staff.

"I've got a lot of things I get to do outside of a game in order to still be involved," he said. "We're just going to take (the injury) one day at a time."

The switch hitter also is getting his work done at the plate.

"I've been swinging," Grandal said. "I've been hitting lefty, I've been hitting righty. I've been hitting live BP. Swinging is fine. What we are worried about is that quick movement off of it that could potentially do

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— Yasmani Grandal

something to it. That's some of the variables we're trying to cover."

Grandal joked that when it came to his cardio work, "I'm a catcher, I don't need cardio."

"Just kidding," he added. "We've been running. It's fine. I don't think it has anything to do with cardio. It's got everything to do with how you bounce back the next day. How is it recovering? And it's been fine so far."

Grandal knows it's not easy to simulate moves that are made in a game.

"That's why you've got to cover a lot of ground in order to get out to a game," Grandal said. "And on top of that, it's just being comfortable. Being comfortable pushing off of it and not really thinking about it. Because once you start thinking, you're done."

"We're close, but we're still going to take it as slow as we can."

## Happ

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Spring training will afford Happ the opportunity to hit left-handed and right-handed, although he has batted mostly from the left side this spring, getting three hits in his first eight at-bats with a double and four RBIs.

Happ's production could allow Ross to opt for a different look and take advantage of his switch-hitting skills lower in the batting order, presenting a dilemma for opposing managers later in games.

"I definitely see a guy having a (good) at-bat, hitting to all fields," Ross said. "His right-handed swing looks really good so far. He seems in a great place mentally. I see a difference."

Under former manager Joe Maddon, the Cubs used 140 lineups, partly in an effort to continue the development of young players such as Kyle Schwarber and Albert Almora Jr.

After rejoining the Cubs on July 26 last season, Happ became part of the rotation — but he started only 28 of the 58 games in which he played. Happ knows the lineup is out of his control — unless he hits well enough to force the issue and perhaps stay in center field.

"We've talked about it," Happ said. "There will be times when it's necessary (to move around), but maybe late in games or if different things happen."

"It's always about roster construction, so

it's just a matter of who the guys are out there and how it all fits."

Happ, who can play all three outfield positions as well as second and third base, started in only nine games in September, but Maddon often used him as a mid-to-late-game substitute. In 66 plate appearances in the month, he hit .311 with four doubles, six home runs, 17 RBIs and a 1.021 OPS.

Happ also went 6-for-16 with two home runs as a pinch hitter. Although the sample size wasn't as large as it was in 2018, when Happ spent the full season in the majors, his strikeout rate dipped from 36.1% to 25%.

That was one of the major issues the Cubs wanted Happ to address last year when they demoted him shortly before the start of the season. Happ struck out 14 times in 52 spring training at-bats and hit only .135, prompting the Cubs to carry unheralded outfielder Mark Zagunis for most of the first two months.

The Cubs waited patiently for Happ to correct his flaws from both sides of the plate, and he finally convinced them after batting .348 with five home runs, 12 RBIs and a .451 on-base percentage in his final 19 games with Iowa.

Happ still needs to shore up the batting-average gap against right-handers (.273) and lefties (.233) from the last two months, but he showed enough signs for optimism.

"If you have good at-bats — however you can do it — if you're helping the team enough, you should be playing every day," Happ said.

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## OLYMPICS

# IOC head to athletes: 'Full steam' ahead

Bach will not speculate on postponing Tokyo Games because of viral outbreak

Associated Press

Hoping to boost morale in Japan by assuring people that the Tokyo Olympics will be held as scheduled, IOC President Thomas Bach responded to comments made earlier in the week by IOC member Dick Pound in an interview with The Associated Press. Pound said a decision on the Tokyo Olympics — facing a fast-spreading virus from China — would need to be made by the end of May.

Australian member John Coates, who heads the IOC inspection team for Tokyo, suggested a similar time frame. Pound and Coates are former IOC vice presidents.

The Olympics open on July 24, followed by the Paralympics on Aug. 25.

The International Olympic Committee provided the AP with a transcript of Thursday's call.

The questions have been shortened for length and clarity.

**Thomas Bach's opening statement:** "The preparations for the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020 are continuing with a view to having successful Olympic Games this summer in Tokyo and to reassure the athletes and to encourage them to go ahead full steam with regard to their training and their preparations for what we expect to be very successful Olympic Games Tokyo 2020."

**Q:** There are so many reports in the Japanese media, especially on the internet, citing Mr. Dick Pound's interview. He set a date and time limit for deciding whether to cancel the games. The word "cancellation" is everywhere now, even in parliament. He also compared the spread of the virus to a wartime situation.

**Bach:** "I think the facts speak for themselves, and we should also not forget that Dick Pound also said that the IOC is fully committed to have the opening ceremony there on July 24 in Tokyo. And this is in fact what we are working for, and we see great unity and solidarity of the Olympic Movement with regard to that, to the preparations for the games and in particular to the qualification."

**Q:** How long could you wait to make a final decision to deliver the games? Is there any option for cancellation or maybe postponement until next year.

**Bach:** "You gave the answer yourself. You said 'theoretically,' and you will understand that I'm not ready to add fuel to the flames of speculation there in any way. It is about now, not about speculation. What it is now it is to ensure the qualification procedure and protecting the safety of the athletes at the same time."

**Q:** What are the things you think are important for the Japanese to do for safe conditions that satisfy the IOC for staging the games?

**Bach:** "We have seen the Japanese authorities taking very important measures, just also today. We appreciate the close cooperation with the organizing committee, which is doing everything to ensure the safety of the athletes and all the visitors to Japan. We also see in this respect, again, the great solidarity of the world to contribute to the safety of the games and contribute to successful games."

**Q:** What are your messages to the Japanese people and people around the world who are looking forward to these Olympics?

**Bach:** "The IOC is fully committed to the success of the Olympic Games Tokyo 2020."

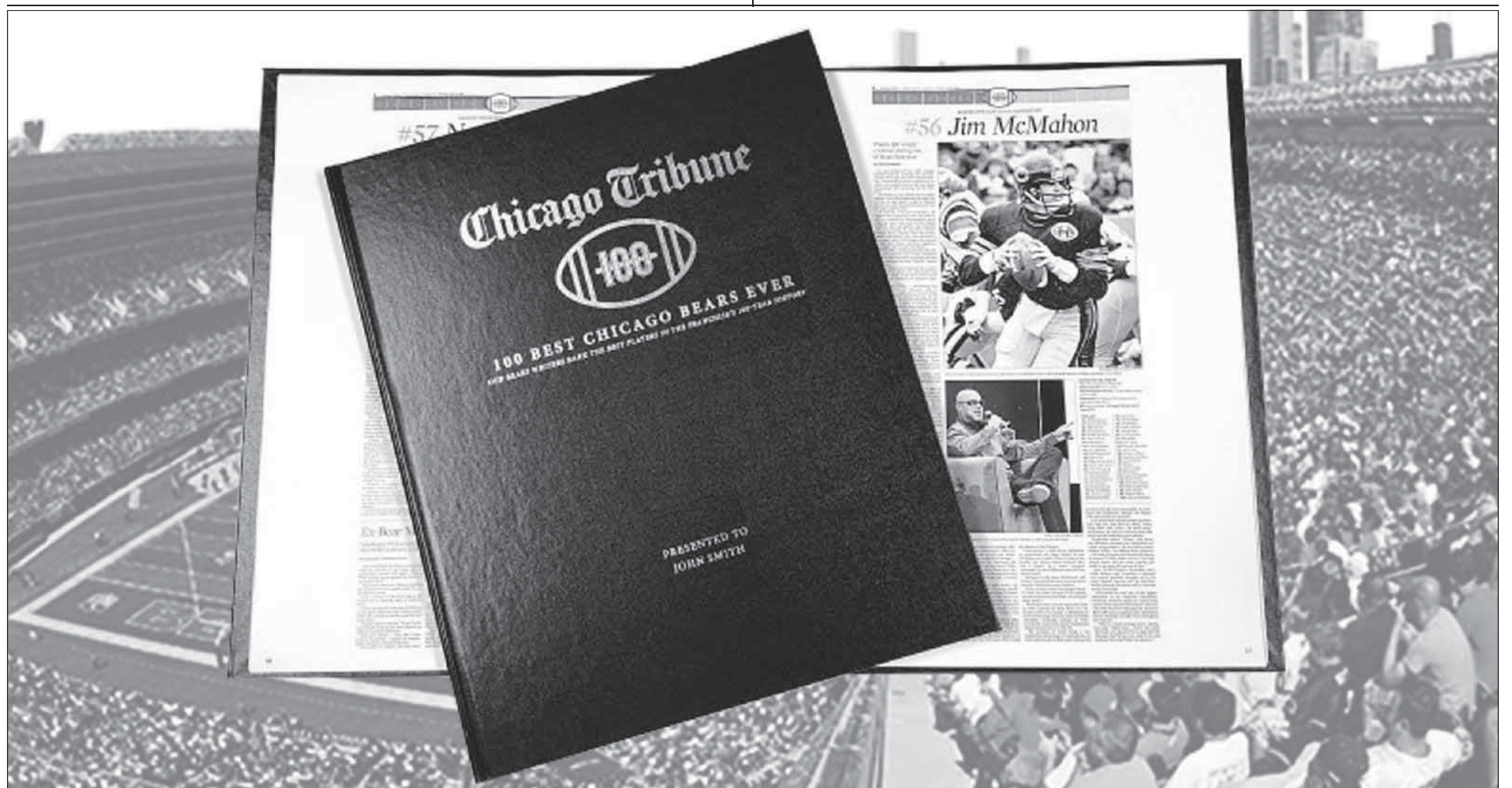
**■** Chinese swimmer Sun Yang was banned for eight years on Friday for breaking anti-doping rules and will miss the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

The Court of Arbitration for Sport found the three-time Olympic champion guilty of refusing to cooperate with sample collectors during a visit to his home in September 2018 that turned confrontational.

In a rare hearing in open court in November, evidence was presented of how a security guard instructed by Sun's mother used a hammer to smash the casing around a vial of his blood.

The swimmer had asked CAS for a public trial.

Sun, the first Chinese swimmer to win Olympic gold, has long been a polarizing figure. Rivals branded him a drug cheat at the 2016 Rio Olympics, and two competitors refused to stand next to him on podiums at the 2019 World Championships.



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## SCOREBOARD

## NBA

## EASTERN CONFERENCE

| ATLANTIC     | W  | L  | PCT  | GB  |
|--------------|----|----|------|-----|
| Toronto      | 42 | 17 | .712 | —   |
| Boston       | 41 | 17 | .700 | ½   |
| Philadelphia | 37 | 23 | .617 | ½   |
| Brooklyn     | 26 | 32 | .448 | 15½ |
| New York     | 17 | 42 | .288 | 25  |

| SOUTHEAST  | W  | L  | PCT  | GB  |
|------------|----|----|------|-----|
| Miami      | 37 | 22 | .627 | —   |
| Orlando    | 27 | 32 | .458 | 10  |
| Washington | 21 | 37 | .362 | 15½ |
| Charlotte  | 21 | 38 | .356 | 16  |
| Atlanta    | 18 | 43 | .295 | 20  |

| CENTRAL     | W  | L  | PCT  | GB |
|-------------|----|----|------|----|
| x-Milwaukee | 51 | 8  | .864 | —  |
| Indiana     | 35 | 24 | .593 | 16 |
| Chicago     | 20 | 39 | .339 | 31 |
| Detroit     | 20 | 41 | .328 | 32 |
| Cleveland   | 17 | 42 | .288 | 34 |

## WESTERN CONFERENCE

| SOUTHWEST   | W  | L  | PCT  | GB  |
|-------------|----|----|------|-----|
| Houston     | 38 | 20 | .655 | —   |
| Dallas      | 36 | 24 | .600 | 3   |
| Memphis     | 28 | 31 | .475 | 10½ |
| New Orleans | 26 | 33 | .441 | 12½ |
| San Antonio | 24 | 33 | .421 | 13½ |

| NORTHWEST     | W  | L  | PCT  | GB  |
|---------------|----|----|------|-----|
| Denver        | 40 | 19 | .678 | —   |
| Utah          | 37 | 22 | .627 | 3   |
| Oklahoma City | 37 | 23 | .617 | 3½  |
| Portland      | 26 | 34 | .433 | 14½ |
| Minnesota     | 17 | 41 | .293 | 22½ |

## PACIFIC

|               |    |    |      |     |
|---------------|----|----|------|-----|
| L.A. Lakers   | 45 | 12 | .789 | —   |
| L.A. Clippers | 40 | 19 | .678 | 6   |
| Sacramento    | 25 | 34 | .424 | 21  |
| Phoenix       | 24 | 36 | .400 | 22½ |
| Golden State  | 12 | 47 | .203 | 34  |

## through Friday x-clinched playoff spot

## FRIDAY'S RESULTS

|                                 |
|---------------------------------|
| Orlando 136, Minnesota 125      |
| Atlanta 141, Brooklyn 118       |
| Charlotte 99, Toronto 96        |
| New Orleans 116, Cleveland 104  |
| Milwaukee 133, Oklahoma City 86 |
| Sacramento 104, Memphis 101     |
| Miami 126, Dallas 118           |
| Detroit 113, Phoenix 111        |
| Utah 129, Washington 119        |
| L.A. Clippers 132, Denver 103   |

## SATURDAY'S GAMES

|                                   |
|-----------------------------------|
| Chicago at New York, 4 p.m.       |
| Brooklyn at Miami, 6:30 p.m.      |
| Portland at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.    |
| Indiana at Cleveland, 7 p.m.      |
| L.A. Lakers at Memphis, 7 p.m.    |
| Houston at Boston, 7:30 p.m.      |
| Orlando at San Antonio, 7:30 p.m. |
| Golden State at Phoenix, 8 p.m.   |

## SUNDAY'S GAMES

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| Milwaukee at Charlotte, noon             |
| Dallas at Minnesota, 2:30 p.m.           |
| Philadelphia at L.A. Clippers, 2:30 p.m. |
| Portland at Sacramento, 5 p.m.           |
| Toronto at Denver, 5 p.m.                |
| L.A. Lakers at New Orleans, 7 p.m.       |
| Washington at Golden State, 7:30 p.m.    |

## MAGIC 136, TIMBERWOLVES 125

|   |
|---|
| MINNESOTA: Hernangomez 6-11 2-2 18, Okogie 4-6 5-6 14, Reid 3-6 0-1 7, Beasley 7-18 0-0 17, Russell 11-22 1-2 28, Culer 2-7 0-0 5, J.Johnson 8-10 1-4 17, Layman 3-7 2-9, Martin 1-4 2-4, McLaughlin 1-4 3-5 6. Totals 46-95 16-24 125. |
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## ORLANDO: Ennis III 3-5 0-0 6, Gordon 6-13 4-5 17, Vucevic 12-18 3-4 27, Fournier 5-8 0-0 11, Fultz 5-11 4-6 14, Ross 13-25 0-0 3, Bamba 3-5 1-1 7, Augustin 4-9 2-2 12, Carter-Williams 2-4 4-4 9. Totals 53-98 18-22 136.

3-Point Goals: Minnesota 17-44 (Russell 5-11, Hernangomez 4-8, Beasley 3-9, Layman 1-2, Reid 1-2, Culer 1-3, McLaughlin 1-3, Okogie 1-3, J.Johnson 0-2), Orlando 12-40 (Ross 7-15, Augustin 2-5, Fournier 1-4, Gordon 1-6, Ennis III 0-2, Fultz 0-3, Vucevic 0-4). Fouled Out: Minnesota None, Orlando 1 (Bamba). Rebounds: Minnesota 33 (Hernangomez 13), Orlando 54 (Gordon 11). Assists: Minnesota 27 (Russell 7), Orlando 36 (Gordon 12). Total Fouls: Minnesota 20, Orlando 20. **A: 18,846 (18,846)**

## NHL

## EASTERN CONFERENCE

| ATLANTIC  | W  | L  | OT | Pts | GF  | GA  |
|-----------|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| Boston    | 40 | 13 | 12 | 92  | 214 | 167 |
| Tampa Bay | 40 | 19 | 5  | 85  | 226 | 180 |
| Toronto   | 34 | 23 | 8  | 76  | 229 | 216 |
| Florida   | 33 | 25 | 6  | 72  | 222 | 218 |
| Montreal  | 29 | 28 | 9  | 67  | 195 | 204 |
| Buffalo   | 29 | 28 | 6  | 66  | 184 | 196 |
| Ottawa    | 22 | 31 | 16 | 56  | 174 | 221 |
| Detroit   | 15 | 47 | 4  | 34  | 132 | 251 |

## METRO.

| W              | L  | OT | Pts | GF | GA  |     |
|----------------|----|----|-----|----|-----|-----|
| Washington     | 39 | 19 | 6   | 84 | 222 | 196 |
| Philadelphia   | 37 | 20 | 7   | 81 | 215 | 187 |
| Pittsburgh     | 37 | 19 | 6   | 80 | 202 | 170 |
| N.Y. Islanders | 35 | 20 | 8   | 78 | 181 | 171 |
| Columbus       | 31 | 21 | 14  | 76 | 170 | 176 |
| Carolina       | 35 | 24 | 4   | 74 | 204 | 179 |
| N.Y. Rangers   | 35 | 25 | 4   | 74 | 214 | 198 |
| New Jersey     | 25 | 27 | 11  | 61 | 173 | 214 |

## WESTERN CONFERENCE

| CENTRAL   | W  | L  | OT | Pts | GF  | GA  |
|-----------|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| St. Louis | 38 | 17 | 10 | 86  | 209 | 181 |
| Colorado  | 38 | 18 | 7  | 83  | 218 | 170 |
| Dallas    | 37 | 21 | 6  | 80  | 174 | 164 |
| Nashville | 32 | 23 | 8  | 72  | 202 | 201 |
| Winnipeg  | 33 | 27 | 6  | 72  | 199 | 195 |
| Minnesota | 32 | 25 | 7  | 71  | 203 | 202 |
| Chicago   | 28 | 28 | 8  | 64  | 192 | 205 |

| PACIFIC     | W  | L  | OT | Pts | GF  | GA  |
|-------------|----|----|----|-----|-----|-----|
| Vegas       | 35 | 22 | 8  | 78  | 211 | 196 |
| Vancouver   | 34 | 23 | 6  | 74  | 209 | 195 |
| Edmonton    | 33 | 23 | 8  | 74  | 201 | 199 |
| Calgary     | 33 | 25 | 7  | 73  | 195 | 202 |
| Arizona     | 31 | 27 | 8  | 70  | 182 | 176 |
| Anaheim     | 25 | 30 | 8  | 58  | 165 | 200 |
| San Jose    | 27 | 33 | 4  | 58  | 164 | 209 |
| Los Angeles | 23 | 35 | 6  | 52  | 158 | 204 |

## 2 pts for win, 1 pt for shootout/OT loss

## FRIDAY'S RESULTS

|                                |
|--------------------------------|
| MINNESOTA 5, Columbus 0        |
| Philadelphia 5, N.Y. Rangers 2 |
| Colorado 3, Carolina 2         |
| Buffalo at Vegas, late         |
| Pittsburgh at Anaheim, late    |

## SATURDAY'S GAMES

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| Boston vs. N.Y. Islanders at Nassau Veterans Memorial Coliseum, noon |
| Calgary at Tampa Bay, 3 p.m.   |
| New Jersey at Los Angeles, 3 p.m.                                    |
| Chicago at Florida, 5 p.m.   |
| Carolina at Montreal, 6 p.m.   |
| Detroit at Ottawa, 6 p.m.  |
| Vancouver at Toronto, 6 p.m.   |
| Buffalo at Arizona, 7 p.m.   |
| Colorado at Nashville, 7 p.m.  |
| Dallas at St. Louis, 7 p.m.  |
| Winnipeg at Edmonton, 9 p.m.   |
| Pittsburgh at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.                                    |

## SUNDAY'S GAMES

|                                       |
|---------------------------------------|
| Philadelphia at N.Y. Rangers, 11 a.m. |
| Calgary at Florida, 3 p.m.            |
| Vancouver at Columbus, 6 p.m.         |
| New Jersey at Anaheim, 7 p.m.         |
| Washington at Minnesota, 7 p.m.       |
| Los Angeles at Vegas, 9:30 p.m.       |

## FLYERS 5, RANGERS 2

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|--------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| N.Y. Rangers | 1 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 5 |
| Philadelphia | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 5 |

## FIRST PERIOD: 1, N.Y. Rangers, Fast 12 (Panarin), 2:49, 2, Philadelphia, Couturier 20 (Provorov, Voracek), 16:07. Penalties: None. SECOND PERIOD: 3, Philadelphia, van Riemsdyk 19 (Laughton, Aube-Kubel), 13:00, 4, Philadelphia, Giroux 18 (Couturier, Voracek), 15:05. Penalties: Myers, Phi (Interference), 6:24; Fox, NYR (Holding), 11:15; Howden, NYR (High Sticking), 11:15; Raffl, Phi (Hooking), 18:04. THIRD PERIOD: 5, Philadelphia, Giroux 19 (Voracek, Konecny), 2:36 (pp), 6, Philadelphia, Hayes 22 (Voracek, Laughton), 12:56, 7, N.Y. Rangers, Howden 9 (Fox, Buchnevich), 19:34. Penalties: Buchnevich, NYR (High Sticking), 1:39; Fox, NYR (Cross Checking), 5:23; Voracek, Phi (Delay of Game), 10:51; Lindgren, NYR (Roughing), 18:45; Laughton, Phi (Roughing), 18:45. SHOTS ON GOAL: N.Y. Rangers 8-10-40. Philadelphia 16-13-11-40. POWER PLAYS: N.Y. Rangers 0 of 3; Philadelphia 1 of 3. GOALIES: N.Y. Rangers, Georgiev 16-13-1 (40 shots-35 saves). Philadelphia, Hart 21-12-3 (28-26). A: 19,581 (19,543). T: 2:30. Referees: Pierre Lambert, Francois St Laurent.

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

## HOW MEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED

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| 1. Kansas (25-3) did not play. Next: at Kansas State, Saturday.          |
| 2. Baylor (25-2) did not play. Next: at TCU, Saturday.                   |
| 3. Gonzaga (28-2) did not play. Next: vs. Saint Mary's, Saturday.        |
| 4. Dayton (27-2) beat Davidson 82-67. Next: at Rhode Island, Wednesday.  |
| 5. San Diego St. (27-1) did not play. Next: at Nevada, Saturday.         |
| 6. Florida St. (24-4) did not play. Next: at Clemson, Saturday.          |
| 7. Duke (23-5) did not play. Next: at Virginia, Saturday.                |
| 8. Kentucky (23-5) did not play. Next: vs. No. 15 Auburn, Saturday.      |
| 9. Maryland (23-5) did not play. Next: vs. No. 24 Mich. St., Saturday.   |
| 10. Creighton (22-6) did not play. Next: at St. John's, Sunday.          |
| 11. Louisville (23-6) did not play. Next: vs. Virginia Tech, Sunday.     |
| 12. Villanova (22-6) did not play. Next: vs. Providence, Saturday.       |
| 13. Seton Hall (20-7) did not play. Next: at No. 19 Marquette, Saturday. |
| 14. Oregon (22-7) did not play. Next: vs. California, Thursday.          |
| 15. Auburn (24-4) did not play. Next: at No. 8 Kentucky, Saturday.       |
| 16. Penn St. (21-7) did not play. Next: at No. 18 Iowa, Saturday.        |
| 17. BYU (23-7) did not play. Next: at Pepperdine, Saturday.              |
| 18. Iowa (19-9) did not play. Next: vs. No. 16 Penn State, Saturday.     |
| 19. Michigan (18-10) did not play. Next: at No. 23 Ohio State, Sunday.   |
| 20. West Virginia (19-7) did not play. Next: vs. Oklahoma, Saturday.     |
| 21. Colorado (21-8) did not play. Next: at Stanford, Sunday.             |
| 22. Texas Tech (18-10) did not play. Next: vs. Texas, Saturday.          |
| 23. Ohio St. (19-9) did not play. Next: vs. No. 19 Michigan, Sunday.     |
| 24. Michigan St. (19-9) did not play. Next: at No. 9 Maryland, Saturday. |
| 25. Houston (21-7) did not play. Next: vs. Cincinnati, Sunday.           |

## FRIDAY'S SCORES

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| <b>EAST</b>                                |
| Coast Guard 88, Springfield 82             |
| Harvard 77, Columbia 69                    |
| Johns Hopkins 70, Haverford 52             |
| La Roche 87, Penn St.-Altoona 76           |
| Maine-Farm, 90, Maine-Presque Isle 73      |
| Penn St. Behrend 73, Pitt.-Greensburg 68   |
| Potsdam 75, Oneonta 72                     |
| Princeton 71, Brown 49                     |
| Siena 52, Marist 50                        |
| <b>SOUTH</b>                               |
| Methodist 76, Covenant 71                  |
| Randolph Macon 80, Hampden-Sydney 61       |
| Roanoke 73, Guilford 66                    |
| <b>MIDWEST</b>                             |
| Adrian 80, Calvin 78                       |
| Anderson (Ind.) 77, Bluffton 68            |
| Dayton 82, Davidson 67                     |
| Illinois Wesleyan 74, Augustana (Ill.) 70  |
| Ohio 76, Kent 69                           |
| St. Norbert 89, Cornell (Iowa) 75          |
| Wittenberg 67, Oberlin 47                  |
| <b>SOUTHWEST</b>                           |
| Schreiner 75, Trinity (Texas) 54           |
| Texas Lutheran 81, Southwestern (Texas) 63 |
| <b>FAR WEST</b>                            |
| Chaminade 88, Hawaii Hilo 72               |
| Hawaii 70, Cal St.-Fullerton 59            |

## SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE

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| <b>MIDWEST</b>                           |
| Cent. Michigan at E. Michigan, 11 a.m.   |
| Detroit at IUPUI, 11 a.m.                |
| Penn St. at Iowa, 11 a.m.                |
| Kansas at Kansas St., 12:30 p.m.         |
| Ball St. at Toledo, 1 p.m.               |
| Illinois St. at Evansville, 1 p.m.       |
| Loyola of Chicago at Bradley, 1 p.m.     |
| Valparaiso at Indiana St., 1 p.m.        |
| Seton Hall at Marquette, 1:30 p.m.       |
| E. Illinois at SIU-Edwardsville, 2 p.m.  |
| Bowling Green at Miami (Ohio), 2:30 p.m. |
| Mississippi St. at Missouri, 2:30 p.m.   |
| S. Illinois at Missouri St., 3 p.m.      |
| Oakland at Ill.-Chicago, 3:12 p.m.       |
| N. Illinois at W. Michigan, 3:30 p.m.    |
| N. Dakota at S. Dakota, 3:30 p.m.        |
| Nebraska-Omaha at N. Dakota St., 4 p.m.  |
| <b>NHL</b>                               |
| N. Iowa at Drake, 5 p.m.                 |
| DePaul at Butler, 5:30 p.m.              |
| Chicago St. at UMKC, 7 p.m.              |
| Cleveland St. at Green Bay, 7 p.m.       |
| Youngstown St. at Milwaukee, 7 p.m.      |

## HOW WOMEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED

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| 1. South Carolina did not play. Next: vs. No. 12 Texas A&M, Sunday.                        |
| 2. Baylor (26-1) did not play. Next: vs. Kansas St., Saturday.                             |
| 3. Oregon (27-2) beat Washington State 88-57. Next: vs. Washington, Sunday.                |
| 4. Stanford (24-5) lost to No. 13 Arizona 73-72. OT. Next: vs. No. 21 Arizona St., Sunday. |
| 5. Louisville (26-3) did not play. Next: vs. Virginia Tech, Sunday.                        |
| 6. UConn (24-3) did not play. Next: at Houston, Saturday.                                  |
| 7. Maryland (24-4) did not play. Next: at Minnesota, Sunday.                               |
| 8. N.C. State (24-4) did not play. Next: at Virginia, Sunday.                              |
| 9. UCLA (24-4) beat Colorado 62-52. Next: vs. Utah, Saturday.                              |
| 10. Mississippi State did not play. Next: at Mississippi, Sunday.                          |
| 11. Gonzaga (27-2) did not play. Next: at Portland, Saturday.                              |
| 12. Texas A&M (22-6) did not play. Next: at No. 1 South Carolina, Sunday.                  |
| 13. Arizona (23-5) beat No. 4 Stanford 73-72. OT. Next: vs. California, Sunday.            |
| 14. Northwestern (25-3) did not play. Next: vs. Illinois, Saturday.                        |
| 15. Kentucky (21-6) did not play. Next: at Vanderbilt, Sunday.                             |
| 16. DePaul (25-4) did not play. Next: at Marquette, Sunday.                                |
| 17. Oregon St. (21-8) beat Washington 75-61. Next: vs. Washington St., Sunday.             |
| 18. Iowa (23-5) did not play. Next: vs. St. Louis, Sunday.                                 |
| 19. Florida St. (22-6) did not play. Next: vs. Notre Dame, Sunday.                         |
| 20. South Dakota (26-2) did not play. Next: vs. North Dakota, Saturday.                    |
| 21. Missouri St. (23-4) did not play. Next: at Bradley, Sunday.                            |
| 22. Indiana (22-7) did not play. Next: at Michigan, Sunday.                                |
| 23. Princeton (23-1) beat Brown 81-39. Next: vs. Yale, Saturday.                           |
| 24. Arizona St. (20-9) beat California 77-54. Next: at No. 4 Stanford, Sunday.             |
| 25. TCU (20-6) did not play. Next: at Texas Tech, Sunday.                                  |

## FRIDAY'S SCORES

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| <b>MIDWEST</b>                             |
| Creighton 67, Villanova 47                 |
| IUPUI 87, Ill.-Chicago 51                  |
| Valparaiso 72, N. Iowa 69                  |
| <b>EAST</b>                                |
| Columbia 60, Harvard 55                    |
| Princeton 81, Brown 39                     |
| Providence 62, Georgetown 55               |
| Towson 76, Delaware 66                     |
| Yale 71, Penn 54                           |
| <b>SOUTH</b>                               |
| Coll. of Charleston 67, Hofstra 63         |
| James Madison 69, Drexel 39                |
| William & Mary 74, Elon 61                 |
| <b>SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE</b>                 |
| <b>MIDWEST</b>                             |
| Akron at Miami (Ohio), noon                |
| Buffalo at Ohio, noon                      |
| Cent. Michigan at Ball St., noon           |
| Grand Canyon at Rio Grande, noon           |
| W. Virginia at Iowa St., noon              |
| Wright St. at Detroit, noon                |
| Cleveland St. at Milwaukee, 1 p.m.         |
| Illinois at Northwestern, 1 p.m.           |
| Kent St. at Bowling Green, 1 p.m.          |
| N. Illinois at W. Michigan, 1 p.m.         |
| Nebraska-Omaha at N. Dakota St., 1 p.m.    |
| N. Dakota at S. Dakota, 1 p.m.             |
| UMKC at Chicago St., 1 p.m.                |
| Toledo at E. Michigan, 1:30 p.m.           |
| Cincinnati at Wichita St., 2 p.m.          |
| N. Kentucky at Oakland, 2 p.m.             |
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| at Indiana St.  | 5               | Valparaiso       |
| at Evansville   | 2½              | Illinois St.     |
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| at Uair         | 9½              | LA-Laf.          |
| at Denver       | 4½              | W. Illinois      |
| E. Illinois     | 3½              | at SIU-Edw.      |
| at Missouri     | 1               | Miss. St.        |
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## SPORTS



AARON DOSTER/AP

Dayton's Trey Landers, left, reacts with Obi Toppin during a game on Feb. 22.

## COLLEGE BASKETBALL

# In Dayton, they're enjoying a rebound

4th-ranked Flyers help city move past repeated strife

BY DAN SEWELL

Associated Press

DAYTON, Ohio — Trey Landers survived one of his hometown's worst moments. Now he's contributing to one of its best.

A Dayton native, the senior guard has helped lead the University of Dayton basketball team to its best start ever at 27-2 and to No. 4 in the current Associated Press poll, its highest ranking in 64 years.

Nearly seven months earlier, though, he was running out of the back of a Dayton bar as a gunman approached with an assault-type weapon.

People greet or email to "just thank me and my teammates for everything we're doing right now," Landers said. "Our team is helping pull the city together a little bit."

Dayton has been struggling for decades, its current population of some 140,000 down from nearly double that in 1960. Its signature company, NCR, moved to Georgia, a nearby General Motors plant closed, and in recent years, the opioid crisis hit hard.

And then came 2019, what Mayor Nan Whaley calls "a helluva year." Tensions were high around a Ku Klux Klan rally downtown in May, followed by devastating tornadoes.

And in the early morning on Aug. 4, a gunman opened fire in the city's Oregon entertainment district. He killed nine people in 32 seconds before police shot and killed him, stopping him from getting into the crowded Ned Peppers nightclub.

Landers had arrived there with two friends just minutes earlier. They heard the volley of gunshots, and a panicked mass rushed into the club's rear where they were. Landers ran out and hopped a fence.

"It's hard to run it back," said Landers. "It's a visual picture that will always be in my head. You can't unsee some of that stuff."

It also evoked a traumatic childhood memory, the loss of his father, Robert, who was fatally shot outside a shop in Dayton in a still-unsolved case. "I was about 8 years

old, so I was aware so it makes you think, it brings a lot of questions."

Landers called his coach, Anthony Grant, and other people close to him to talk through his feelings. He soon refocused on basketball, the game and his teammates helping him cope.

As the city started a healing process, Whaley, a UD alum, adopted a slogan: "We're going to get through the winter with the Flyers."

Unranked to start the season, the team won its first six games before losing in overtime to a heralded Kansas team. An overtime loss to Colorado has been followed a winning streak that's up to 18 games after Friday's 82-67 win over Davidson.

With no major-league-level pro sports teams in Dayton, the Flyers have long been popular in the city, which annually hosts the "First Four" games to begin the NCAA Tournament.

"You have to give it to the fan base," Duquesne coach Keith Dambrot said after an 80-70 Feb. 22 loss at Dayton. "Those are some of the best fans in the country."

Grant, who returned to Dayton three years ago as head coach after playing for the Flyers three decades ago, said the coaches have talked to players "about the joy you could bring to others, whether it's because of the events that hit our community, or maybe it's just someone who's going through tough times."

"It's always been a love affair with the city, community and Flyers," he said.

Arthur Jipson, a UD sociology professor, likes to wear school gear around town, drawing shouts of "Go Flyers" and even renditions of the school song.

"People have been through a lot, but they see the Flyers doing well as a way to feel good, as a way to feel some wonderful things are happening in our community," Jipson said.

A year after going 21-12 and losing in the first round of college basketball's second-tier tournament, the Flyers are seeking March magic this time around.

"This team is special," Landers said. "They're proud of what we're doing, and we just want to continue to make them proud."

## NFL

# Familiar names dot combine

Fathers, brother of NFL hopefuls provide guidance

BY ARNIE STAPLETON

Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Georgia defensive back JR Reed knew all about the NFL scouting combine long before he had the chance to grip the dumbbell at the Indianapolis Convention Center or spring from the launch pad at Lucas Oil Stadium.

His father, Jake Reed, was a wide receiver in the NFL for 12 seasons with the Vikings and Saints. His uncle, Dale Carter, played defensive back for a dozen seasons in the NFL including stops with the Chiefs, Broncos, Vikings, Saints and Ravens.

"From my dad, one of the things I learned at an early age is it's never too early to start being a pro," Reed said Friday. "And then from my uncle, it's just to be mean, nasty, and get after the ball and get after everybody, man."

Having family football ties not only gave Reed a head start as a kid, but it helped prepare him for the combine, where most of the 330 prospects tap their college coaches or former teammates who have gone pro for advice.

Reed and Winfield are among some players in Indianapolis this week with famous family who have played in the NFL.

**LSU TE Thaddeus Moss:** The son of Hall of Fame receiver Randy Moss said his famous father is a great resource growing up.

"He's helped me all the way up to this point in my career. He's been through a lot and seen a lot, so he has answers for everything," the younger Moss said.

Among his fondest childhood memories was the Patriots' 18-1 season when his father caught 23 of Tom Brady's 50 TD passes.

"Meeting Tom Brady when I was younger, I was sitting there starstruck," Moss said.

Catching a pass from Brady now, "it'd mean a lot," Moss said. "Just to catch a touchdown pass, period, in the NFL would mean a lot."

**TCU WR Jalen Reagor:** His father, Montae Reagor, was a defensive lineman for nine years in the NFL and played for the Broncos, Colts and Eagles.

"He's helped me a lot, just giving me info, giving me insight, letting me know what to do, what not to do, and the ins and outs of the game," the younger Reagor said.

Reagor said his fondest childhood memory of his dad was "him winning the Super Bowl and then him coming to get me out of the stands," after the Colts beat the Bears in 2007 when Reagor was 8.

**Minnesota DB Antoine Winfield Jr.:** He has the same name and plays the same position as his father, who was drafted 23rd overall by Buffalo in 1999, played five years for the Bills and nine for the Vikings.

"I knew at a young age this is what I wanted to do with my life," said the younger Winfield, who packs 205 pounds on his 5-foot-10 frame, 25 pounds more than his father.

When he was 11, "my dad would lay in his bed with his laptop and I sat next to him watching film," Winfield recalled. "In particular, I remember it was Calvin Johnson when they had to play Detroit one week. I was sitting next to him watching it and he was breaking the film down. That was good experience."

**Alabama CB Trevon Diggs:** He's five years younger than his brother, Vikings WR Stephon Diggs, who served as a father figure following their dad's death at 39 of congestive heart failure in 2008.

"He was like my dad when my father passed, he was always taking care of me. I always asked him everything. No matter what, if it was 2 o'clock in the morning I could ask him questions. I could ask him about his experiences, his process, how he managed things. There were a lot of things I asked him," the younger Diggs said.

His older brother didn't hold back when it came to football.

"We never talked about the good things. We always talked about things we could do to get better," Trevon Diggs said.

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### Colman, John C.

John C. Colman, 93. Beloved husband for 64 years of Jane, née Becker; devoted father of James Colman, David (Nancy) Colman, and Nancy Tudor; cherished grandfather of Alexandra (David Wilson) Colman, Lily Colman, Drew Colman, and Michael Tudor; caring brother of the late Dorothy "Kippy" (late Robert) Sanden; dear uncle of Judi (Torben) Holtze, Ann (David) Roth, Ellen, Sarah (Bill Rogers), and Bill (Laurie Olinder) Morrison, and the late Deborah Bachman; loving brother-in-law of Kate (late William) Morrison; will be deeply missed by extended family and close friends. Funeral service Sunday, March 1, 1:30 PM, at North Shore Congregation Israel, 1185 Sheridan Rd, Glencoe. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Cornell University Engineering Colman Fellowship, 256 Carpenter Hall, Ithaca NY 14853, the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, www.jdc.org, or the Jewish United Fund, www.juf.org. For funeral info: 847-256-5700.



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### Cronin, Nan

Nan E. Cronin (Nee Walker) passed peacefully, February 15, 2020, after a long battle with Parkinson's Disease. She was preceded in death by her adoring husband, Dan. She is survived by daughter, Kim Ridder (Michael), Leslie Gustin (John), son Kevin Cronin (Nelly), daughter Kelly Avalos, Keri Cronin, Katie Liotine (Todd) and son, Dan Cronin. 15 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren and sister Lynne Riley (John) and 4 nieces. She was born in Toledo, Ohio December 30, 1934. She was a graduate of University of Toledo. She worked for the gas company as a "Betty Newton." She loved cooking, decorating, entertaining, music, and playing the piano. She loved the Lord with all her heart and soul. A private celebration of her life will be held in May and a burial in McGregor, Iowa. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Michael J. Fox Foundation.

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### Murphy, Helen I.

Helen I. Murphy (née Stergios), 75, died peacefully in Fayetteville, AR on February 23, 2020.

Loving wife to William R. "Bill" Murphy (deceased), mother to Bill and Michael Levine, loyal sister to Bob, Carol, and Marie, half-sister to Jimmy (deceased), Mike, Georgia, Mary, Tina, and Ed, caring cousin and aunt. "Kitty mama" to many felines. She was preceded in death by her parents Margaret and George.

Born September 27, 1944 in Chicago and a graduate of Holy Family Academy, Helen later met Bill at the Chicago Sun-Times. Originally a secretary, she attended night school to learn computer programming and launched a new career at the Times, then DePaul University and Rotary International. She later worked in the non-profit sector, first developing an interfaith service for seniors, Christian Churches Caring, and then working at Norwood Park Home.

Her life paralleled those of many women in the 1970s, a working mother taking control of her own life. Active along with her husband in the United Methodist Church, she touched many by supporting the LGBTQ community, particularly the Reconciling Ministries, and serving the hungry through food pantries at Irving Park and New Hope UMCS.

To her children, she was a force of nature who gave everything to provide everything.

A memorial service, with a reception to follow, will be held at Glenview United Methodist Church on Saturday, March 7, at 10 a.m. All are welcome.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the United Methodist Church's Reconciling Ministries Network (123 W. Madison St. Suite 1450 Chicago, IL 60602; <https://tinyurl.com/tddcyjn>) or the Greater Chicago Food Depository (Greater Chicago Food Depository, P.O. Box 74008557, Chicago, Illinois 60674; <https://tinyurl.com/wk4c3u9>).

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### Nagel, Robert

Robert Nagel, age 92; beloved husband of Bobbie, nee Zaidman, and the late Muriel, nee Weiss; loving father of Fred (Sharon), Ron (Sheila), Chuck (Kathy), and Hal (Marcy) Nagel, and step-father of Glenn (Donna) and Scott Garfinkel; devoted grandfather of Erica, Stephanie, Myles, Brady, Libby, Kimmy, Marni, and Ross; great grandfather of Kailah, Kumari, Caylen, Kennedy, Ryder, and Grant; dear brother of Jim (Rea) Nagel.

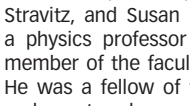
Graveside service Monday, 1pm at Memorial Park Cemetery, 9900 Gross Point Road, Skokie. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to City of Hope, [cityofhope.org](http://cityofhope.org). Arrangements entrusted to Lakeshore Jewish Funerals, 773-625-8621



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### Rosen, Jerome L.

Dr. Jerome L. Rosen, 88. Beloved husband of Pinging; devoted father of Mark, Sam, and Millie Rosen; proud grandfather of Serge Rosen; loving brother of Barbara (Paul) Stravitz; caring uncle of Steven (Michelle) Stravitz, Andrew (Helena) Stravitz, and Susan (John) Creech. Dr. Rosen was a physics professor for over 40 years, a valued member of the faculty at Northwestern University. He was a fellow of the American Physics Society and mentored over 20 PhD students in their careers. Funeral service Sunday, March 1, 11 AM, at Weinstein & Piser Funeral Home, 111 Skokie Blvd, Wilmette. Celebration of Life to follow at the Northwestern University Technological Institute. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Jewish United Fund, www.juf.org. For info: 847-256-5700.



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### Seidenfeld Jr., Glenn Kenneth

Glenn K. Seidenfeld Jr. was born in Red Bank, New Jersey and grew up in Waukegan, Illinois. He graduated from Northwestern University and the University of Illinois College Of Law with a specialization in Banking, Corporate, Finance and Securities Law. He practiced law at the Securities and Exchange Commission in Washington, D.C. and at McDermott Will & Emery in Chicago. He served as the General Counsel for Bally Manufacturing Company for nine years until 1985. For the remainder of his career, Glenn was the Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of Catalina West Corporation which worked on casino and hotel projects as well as other investments. Glenn passed away on February 14 at the age of 76 in Los Angeles with his son at his side after a long illness. Glenn was married to Patricia O'Donnell Seidenfeld who preceded him in death in 1992. He is survived by his son, Glenn K. Seidenfeld III (Parastoo Barnajian), his grandchildren Talia and Adrian Seidenfeld and siblings, Dr. John (Mary Barad) Seidenfeld and Leah (Robert) Bailey. Memorial contributions may be made in his memory to the American Cancer Society, [cancer.org](http://cancer.org). A Celebration of Life will be held in July for family and friends.

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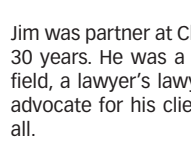
### Seltzer, Susan

Susan Seltzer, 73. Beloved and devoted daughter of the late Charles and Eileen nee Miller. Loving sister of Candace Seltzer and Lori Seltzer Schwartzwald. Cherished aunt of Zachary, Jessica and Steven. Service is private. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Contributions in Susan's name to the Gary Sinise Foundation, P.O. Box 368, Woodland Hills, CA 91365 [www.sinisefoundation.org](http://www.sinisefoundation.org) and the Jewish United Fund, (JUF) 30 South Wells Street, Room 3134, Chicago, IL 60606 [www.juf.org](http://www.juf.org) would be appreciated. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Buffalo Grove Chapel, 847.229.8822, [www.cjfmfo.com](http://www.cjfmfo.com)

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### Spiotto, James E.

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



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

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

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### Sroor, Ernest

Ernest (Ernie) Sroor, age 88, died February 26, 2020. Devoted son of the late Thomas and Lillian. Loving father of Denise (James). Cherished grandfather of Matthew and Jessica. Dear brother of the late Mitchell (Sylvia) and James (Mary). Adored uncle of the late Tom, Mark, Joseph and Michael. Great uncle to Aiden, Honor, Mary and Sophia. Cousin and friend to many, especially his dear friends at Whole Foods at Kingsbury - his guardian angels. Ernie lived life on his own terms and went out swinging. For information [www.lakeviewfuneralhome.com](http://www.lakeviewfuneralhome.com)

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### Stein, June Platzner

June Platzner Stein, 83, passed away peacefully; loving mother of Steven Basile (Naomi Sack) and Beth Ann Basile. June was a lifelong Chicagoan who was very proud of her Jewish heritage, she lived her life devoted to family, friends, and community with her vibrant personality and great sense of humor. Chapel service Monday 10:00 AM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Entombment Beth Shearim Mausoleum at Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to your preferred animal welfare organization or a show of gratitude to a first responder. For information or to leave condolences: 847-255-3520 or [www.shalom2.com](http://www.shalom2.com).

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## Vasser, Anna

Anna Vasser, of Chicago. Beloved wife of Paul Nagaro for 38 wonderful years. Loving mother of Arianna (Kevin Kinnamon) and Theodora (David Soloway) Nagaro. Forever companion of her four-legged friend Wrigley. Dear sister of Desni Kramer. Dedicated daughter of the late Pamela Vasser, and friend of many. Anna worked at NBC for over forty years, and was a multi Emmy award winning producer and writer, Peabody award winner, and Silver Circle Award inductee. She was devoted to her work, but her family was her biggest priority. She will truly be missed by all. Visitation Sunday, March 1st, 3 PM to 8 PM **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home**, 6150 N Cicero Ave., Chicago. Visitation Monday, March 2nd, 9:30 AM, Annunciation Greek Orthodox Cathedral, 1017 N LaSalle Dr, Chicago, IL 60610 until time of Funeral Service at 10:00 AM. Interment Elmwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in Anna's name may be made to Misericordia Home of Mercy. Funeral information 773-736-3833 or visit [www.smithcorcoran.com](http://www.smithcorcoran.com).

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## Welenc, Jerome Marion 'Jerry'

83, was born in Chicago, IL on June 24, 1936. Passed in Goodyear, AZ on February 23, 2020. Jerome graduated from the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Pharmacy in 1958, after which he was a dedicated Pharmacist serving the community for over 50 years, including leading a mentorship program at CVS. In both 2009 and 2010, Jerry received the Paragon Award from CVS, which recognizes the company's best and brightest, and is the highest honor a colleague can achieve within the company and is reserved for individuals who make remarkable contributions on the job or in their community.

In addition to being a Pharmacist, Jerry was also a dedicated foster parent and advocate for foster care in Illinois for over 30 years, adopting seven children and fostering over 100 children in his home. In 2002, alongside his wife Adrienne, Jerry was recognized by President George W. Bush for being outstanding foster parents and in 2010 received the Adoption Excellence Award from the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents Harry Welenc and Bernice Nowosielski, his son Carl, and wife Adrienne, and daughter-in-law Diane. Jerry is survived by his wife Carol, sons Jay (Kathy), Barry (Rosanne), Daughter Cathy (Ken), Son Greg, Daughters Sue, Amanda, and sons Brian and Tony, 19 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to [www.malamuterescue.org](http://www.malamuterescue.org) in Jerry's name.  
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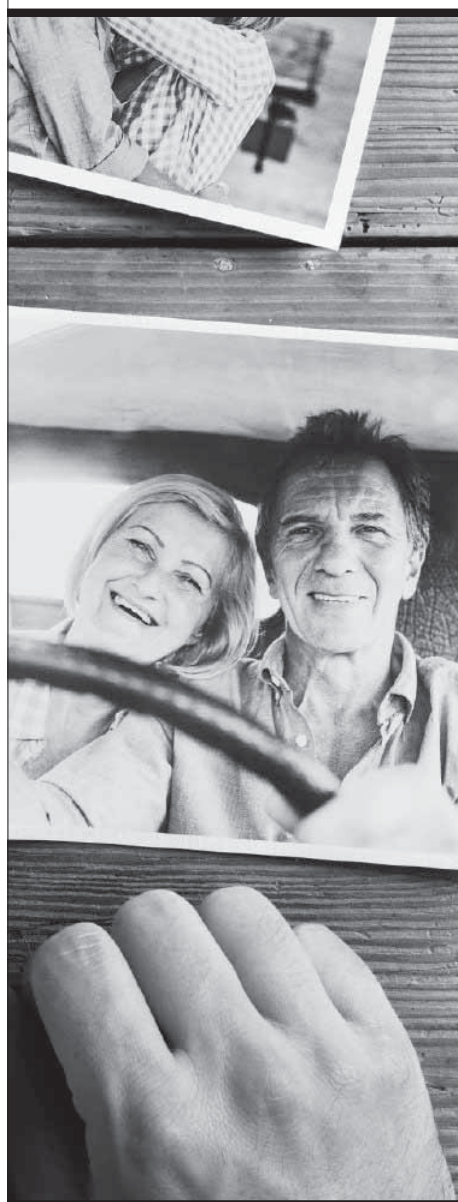
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## IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT, NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS, EASTERN DIVISION

ANDREA DUNN, on behalf of herself and all others similarly situated, Plaintiff, Case No. 18-CV-6304  
v. COUNTY OF WILL and MIKE KELLEY, Sheriff of Will County, individually and in his official capacity. Defendants. SUMMARY NOTICE OF PROPOSED CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT AND FINAL APPROVAL HEARING

### COURT ORDERED LEGAL NOTICE

If you were detained at the Will County Adult Detention Facility between September 14, 2016 and December 2, 2019, and you either (1) were detained in a booking cell for more than 24 hours or detained in a booking cell throughout the period from 10:00 p.m. on one day through 6:00 a.m. the following day; or (2) were arrested without an arrest warrant or other judicial process and not released within 48 hours or did not receive a judicial determination of probable cause within 48 hours of your arrest, you could get a payment from a class action settlement.

The United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division has authorized this notice to inform you of a proposed Settlement regarding the above-referenced litigation ("Action"). The proposed Settlement seeks to resolve the Action for the sum of \$2,000,000.00 (two million dollars). The Court will hold a fairness hearing on May 19, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. to decide whether to approve the settlement and so that the benefits may be paid. If you are a member of the Settlement Classes, as defined below, you may be entitled to share in the Settlement Fund.

**Who's Included?**  
You are a member of the Settlement Classes if one of the following descriptions applies to you:  
All persons detained at the Will County Adult Detention Facility between September 14, 2016, and December 2, 2019, and who were detained in a booking cell for more than 24 hours or who were detained in a booking cell throughout the period of 10:00 p.m. on one day through 6:00 a.m. the following day. ("Settlement Class 1")  
All persons detained at the Will County Adult Detention Facility between September 14, 2016, and December 2, 2019, who were arrested without an arrest warrant or other judicial process, and who were not released within 48 hours of their arrest or who did not receive a judicial determination of probable cause within 48 hours of their arrest. ("Settlement Class 2").

**What's This Lawsuit About?**  
The lawsuit claims that Defendants violated the United States Constitution in connection with policies, procedures, or actions of the Sheriff's Office regarding the processing and handling of certain persons who were arrested without a warrant and awaiting probable-cause hearings for unconstitutionally long periods of time and under unreasonable conditions. Defendants deny any and all claims, and further deny any wrongdoing. The Court has not decided in favor of the Settlement Classes or the Defendants, but both sides agreed to a settlement to ensure a resolution and to provide benefits to the people who were affected.

**What Does the Settlement Provide?**  
Defendants have agreed to establish a Settlement Fund in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 (two million dollars) to pay claims arising from this Action. If the Settlement is approved, a portion of the Settlement Fund will be used to pay (1) any taxes related to the Settlement Fund; (2) the costs of notice and administration; (3) attorneys' fees in the amount not to exceed 33% of the Settlement Fund, plus litigation expenses in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00; and (4) a \$25,000.00 incentive award to Named Plaintiff. The remainder, after the amounts in (1) through (4) have been deducted from the Settlement Fund (the "Net Settlement Fund") will be used to pay the claims of members of the Settlement Classes who submit Claim Forms that are accepted by the Court. Additionally, the Circuit Court of the Twelfth Judicial Circuit, Will County, Illinois will enact a rule requiring that all warrantless arrests receive a judicial determination of the probable cause for their arrest within 48 hours of that arrest, except in emergency circumstances.

**How Can You Request Money from the Settlement?**  
You may obtain a Claim Form directly by visiting [www.strategicclaims.net/Dunn](http://www.strategicclaims.net/Dunn), or you may request to have a Claim Form sent to you by emailing, calling, or writing to the Administrator at Dunn v. Kelley Settlement, c/o Strategic Claims Services, 600 N. Jackson St., Suite 205, P.O. Box 230, Media, PA 19063; Toll-Free: (866) 274-4004; [info@strategicclaims.net](mailto:info@strategicclaims.net). Just complete the Claim Form and mail it to the Administrator as indicated on the Form to see if you qualify for payment. Please submit your Claim Form by May 12, 2020.

**What Are Your Other Options?**  
If you don't want to be legally bound by the Settlement, and if you want to retain any rights you may have to sue to the Defendants on your own over the legal claims in this Action, you must exclude yourself by April 21, 2020. If you exclude yourself, you will no longer be part of the Settlement Classes and will not be eligible for any money from the Settlement, but you may sue the Defendants on your own. If you would like to remain part of the Settlement Classes, but you disagree with the Settlement or any part thereof, you may submit an objection so that it is received by April 21, 2020. The detailed notice, available by contacting the Administrator or visiting the website below, explains how to exclude yourself or object.

**When and Where Is the Settlement Hearing?**  
The Court will hold the Final Approval Hearing in the Action on May 19, 2020, at 9:30 a.m., at the United States District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Eastern Division, Everett McKinley Dirksen United States Courthouse, 219 South Dearborn Street, Chicago, IL 60604 in Courtroom 2325. At the Final Approval Hearing, the Court will determine whether the proposed Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate, and it may also decide how much to award Class Counsel for their attorneys' fees and expenses and to award Named Plaintiff for representing the Settlement Classes. You may ask to appear at the hearing, but you don't have to. For more information, you may contact the Administrator by email at [info@strategicclaims.net](mailto:info@strategicclaims.net) or toll-free at 1-866-274-4004, visit the settlement website [www.strategicclaims.net](http://www.strategicclaims.net), or write to:

Dunn v. Kelley Settlement  
c/o Strategic Claims Services  
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# CHICAGO WEATHER CENTER

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SATURDAY, FEB. 29 NORMAL HIGH: 40° NORMAL LOW: 24° RECORD HIGH: 65° (1972) RECORD LOW: -3° (1884)

## Chill to ease as February departs, March arrives

### LOCAL FORECAST

**HIGH** 39 **LOW** 32

■ It took an extra day, but February will end on a milder note.

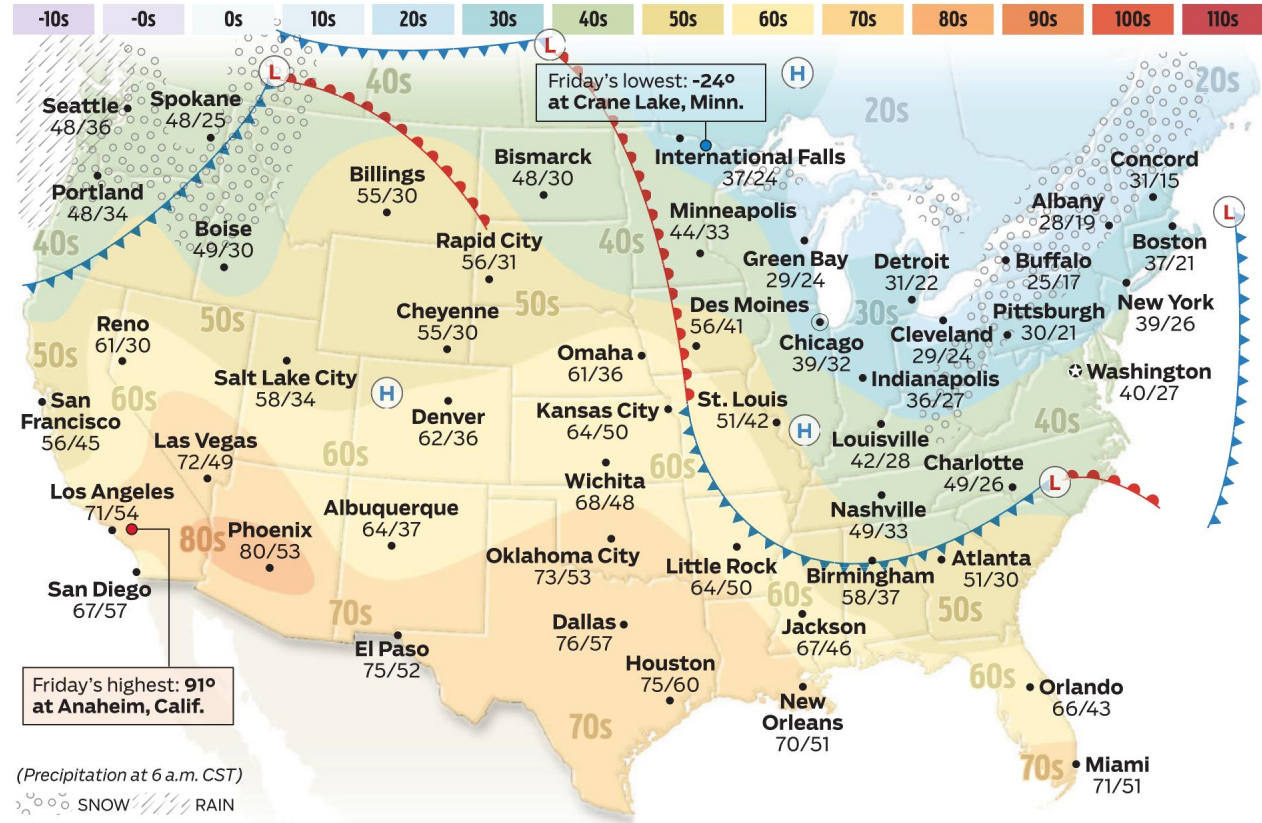
■ A cold start with early morning temperatures ranging from around 10 well inland to 20 downtown.

■ Sunshine abounds as southwest winds increase to 10-20 mph in the afternoon.

■ Temperatures recover from the recent chill with afternoon highs peaking near 40 degrees.

■ Partly cloudy overnight. Not nearly as cold with lows bottoming out near the freezing mark.

### NATIONAL FORECAST



February's closing days have been quite chilly with highs holding near or below freezing, despite sunshine and minimal snow cover. However, a warm-up begins Saturday as the mercury heads toward 40, and March arrives with a flourish on Sunday as readings surge into the middle 50s for its first day as well as meteorological spring. However, the warmth will be short-lived as a cold front drops temperatures back into the lower and middle 40s Monday, where they will reside for the rest of the work week. Northeast winds will accompany the cooler weather, keeping lakeside readings closer to 40 on most days. No major precipitation is expected, though some light showers are possible mid-week, especially south of the city. Another warm-up appears to be on tap next weekend, with readings expected to again climb into the 50s.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 1

**HIGH** 56 **LOW** 36

Warmth marches in at a double-time pace as temps surge into the middle 50s, more than 15 degrees above normal. Mostly sunny with gusty south winds.

### MONDAY, MARCH 2

**HIGH** 45 **LOW** 30

Clouds dominate, but some filtered sunshine as clouds periodically thin. Generally dry, but some morning showers possible, mainly south. Not as warm. Highs in the low/mid 40s.

### TUESDAY, MARCH 3

**HIGH** 46 **LOW** 33

More clouds than sun. Highs in the middle 40s, but northeast winds keep readings lower near the lake. Dry weather prevails, but a passing shower or two can't be ruled out, especially south.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

**HIGH** 46 **LOW** 31

Mainly cloudy and cool with northeast winds 12-22 mph. Highs range from the middle 40s inland to around 40 lakeside. Isolated showers possible. Clouds increase at night with a chance of showers.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 5

**HIGH** 45 **LOW** 28

Cloudy through the morning with some scattered showers followed by a mostly cloudy but dry afternoon. North winds 10-18 mph. Highs in the middle 40s, but lower close to the lake.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 6

**HIGH** 42 **LOW** 31

The chill lingers, despite the return of sunshine. Highs peak in the lower and middle 40s. Light north-northeast winds.



NOTE: Predicted high/low temps on Tribune weather page are chronological—the "high" refers to maximum reading expected during day and "low" is the minimum reading expected the following night.

### ASK TOM

Dear Tom,  
My father always talks about a tornado that hit the southeast side of Chicago near 87th and Cottage Grove in the '70s or '80s. Can you provide any details? Thanks.  
Joy Jackson, Lansing

Dear Joy,  
The storm that your father recalls was the infamous Oak Lawn tornado, this area's deadliest tornado that claimed 33 lives, on Friday afternoon April 21, 1967. The F-4 twister demolished almost everything along its 16-mile path from Palos Hills through Oak Lawn, Hometown, Evergreen Park and Chicago's south side. The storm crossed the Dan Ryan Expressway during rush hour before traveling a mile out over Lake Michigan near 78th Street, where it finally dissipated. In your father's area, the twister crossed Wabash at 83rd Street and moved across Cottage Grove in the 8200 block.

Write to: ASK TOM  
2501 W. Bradley Place  
Chicago, IL 60618  
asktomwhy@wgntv.com

Hear Demetrius  
Ivory's weather updates weekdays 3 to 6 p.m. on WGN-AM 720 Chicago.

## Shifting jet stream setting the stage for mild March open

### LEAPING INTO MARCH

Chicago's Leap-Day statistics since 1872

February 29 extremes:

- Record high: 65° (1972)
- Record low: -3° (1884)
- Record low max: 17° (1980)
- Record high min: 44° (2000)
- Heaviest precip: 0.55" (1976)
- Heaviest snowfall: 1.0" (2008)
- Greatest snow depth: 4" (1908, 1912, 1960)

### RECENT LEAP DAYS

| YEAR | HIGH/LOW | PRECIPITATION | SNOW  |
|------|----------|---------------|-------|
| 2016 | 52°/28°  | Trace         | Trace |
| 2012 | 59°/35°  | .18"          | Trace |
| 2008 | 38°/23°  | .12"          | 1.0"  |
| 2004 | 61°/32°  | .01"          | 0     |
| 2000 | 64°/44°  | Trace         | 0     |

SOURCES: Frank Wachowski, National Weather Service archives

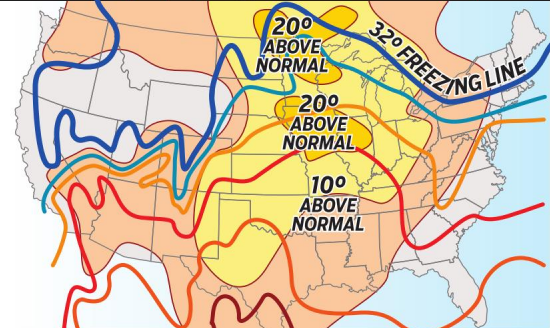
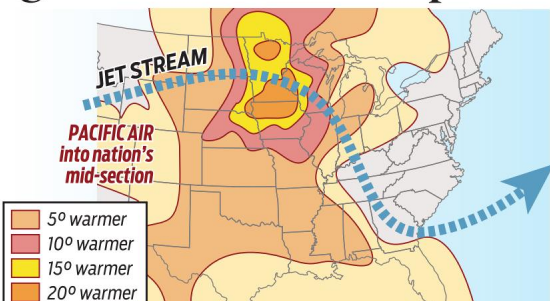
### SATURDAY FORECAST: HERE COMES WARMER AIR!

Predicted Saturday afternoon jet stream

Predicted 24-hour temperature increase—How much warmer than yesterday

### PREDICTED SUNDAY HIGH TEMPERATURES

Temperatures surge above normal over wide section of the nation's mid section



TOM SKILLING, STEVE KAHN, BILL SNYDER, BILLY FALETTI, JENNIFER M. KOHNKE / WGN-TV

### MIDWEST CITIES

| SAT./SUN.     | FC | HI | LO | FC | HI | LO |
|---------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Illinois      | su | 48 | 38 | cl | 63 | 51 |
| Carbondale    | su | 37 | 28 | cl | 59 | 43 |
| Champaign     | su | 41 | 33 | cl | 61 | 43 |
| Decatur       | su | 46 | 36 | pc | 62 | 31 |
| Moline        | su | 51 | 35 | pc | 63 | 35 |
| Peoria        | su | 52 | 43 | cl | 64 | 36 |
| Quincy        | su | 40 | 30 | pc | 58 | 31 |
| Rockford      | su | 43 | 35 | cl | 63 | 39 |
| Springfield   | su | 43 | 32 | cl | 61 | 39 |
| Sterling      | su | 43 | 32 | cl | 61 | 39 |
| Indiana       | su | 39 | 28 | pc | 60 | 47 |
| Bloomington   | su | 43 | 32 | cl | 63 | 50 |
| Evansville    | su | 28 | 19 | pc | 51 | 43 |
| Fort Wayne    | su | 39 | 29 | cl | 59 | 29 |
| Indianapolis  | su | 36 | 27 | pc | 58 | 46 |
| Lafayette     | su | 34 | 26 | pc | 56 | 46 |
| South Bend    | su | 32 | 24 | pc | 53 | 39 |
| Wisconsin     | su | 29 | 24 | cl | 45 | 28 |
| Green Bay     | su | 39 | 30 | pc | 55 | 32 |
| Kenosha       | su | 42 | 34 | pc | 53 | 29 |
| La Crosse     | su | 37 | 29 | cl | 50 | 29 |
| Madison       | su | 38 | 29 | pc | 54 | 31 |
| Milwaukee     | su | 38 | 29 | pc | 54 | 31 |
| Wausau        | su | 34 | 25 | cl | 47 | 26 |
| Michigan      | su | 31 | 22 | pc | 43 | 40 |
| Detroit       | su | 32 | 25 | pc | 43 | 40 |
| Grand Rapids  | su | 32 | 25 | pc | 43 | 35 |
| Marquette     | su | 32 | 25 | pc | 44 | 29 |
| St. Joseph    | su | 26 | 18 | pc | 36 | 32 |
| Traverse City | su | 29 | 25 | cl | 43 | 30 |
| Iowa          | su | 53 | 38 | pc | 58 | 30 |
| Ames          | su | 46 | 36 | pc | 58 | 28 |
| Cedar Rapids  | su | 56 | 41 | pc | 62 | 30 |
| Des Moines    | su | 42 | 34 | pc | 56 | 29 |
| Dubuque       | su | 52 | 37 | pc | 58 | 28 |
| El Paso       | su | 75 | 52 | pc | 72 | 52 |

### OTHER U.S. CITIES

| SAT./SUN.       | FC | HI | LO | FC | HI | LO |
|-----------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| Albany          | su | 74 | 54 | pc | 80 | 58 |
| Albuquerque     | su | 28 | 19 | pc | 35 | 24 |
| Albany          | su | 64 | 37 | pc | 61 | 35 |
| Amarillo        | su | 71 | 41 | su | 72 | 37 |
| Anchorage       | su | 17 | 15 | ss | 36 | 25 |
| Asheville       | su | 44 | 26 | ss | 40 | 23 |
| Aspen           | su | 51 | 30 | pc | 61 | 44 |
| Atlanta         | su | 39 | 26 | su | 45 | 37 |
| Austin          | su | 75 | 59 | su | 77 | 63 |
| Baltimore       | su | 37 | 28 | su | 49 | 29 |
| Billings        | su | 55 | 30 | pc | 39 | 24 |
| Birmingham      | su | 58 | 37 | pc | 66 | 51 |
| Bismarck        | su | 48 | 30 | pc | 35 | 19 |
| Boise           | su | 49 | 30 | pc | 49 | 26 |
| Boston          | su | 37 | 21 | su | 38 | 24 |
| Brownsville     | su | 76 | 64 | pc | 87 | 34 |
| Buffalo         | su | 25 | 17 | pc | 32 | 28 |
| Burlington      | su | 22 | 12 | pc | 26 | 15 |
| Charlottesville | su | 56 | 35 | pc | 57 | 47 |
| Charlottesville | su | 37 | 23 | pc | 57 | 43 |
| Chattanooga     | su | 50 | 29 | pc | 64 | 47 |
| Cheyenne        | su | 55 | 30 | sn | 34 | 17 |
| Cincinnati      | su | 37 | 24 | pc | 59 | 45 |
| Cleveland       | su | 29 | 24 | pc | 49 | 43 |
| Colorado Spgs   | su | 59 | 35 | pc | 53 | 27 |
| Columbia MO     | su | 57 | 46 | pc | 64 | 40 |
| Columbia SC     | su | 55 | 29 | pc | 61 | 39 |
| Columbus        | su | 32 | 20 | pc | 52 | 43 |
| Concord         | su | 31 | 15 | su | 34 | 15 |
| Corpus Christi  | su | 75 | 64 | pc | 79 | 65 |
| Dallas          | su | 76 | 57 | pc | 77 | 62 |
| Daytona Bch.    | su | 64 | 41 | su | 65 | 50 |
| Denver          | cl | 62 | 36 | pc | 48 | 25 |
| Des Moines      | su | 61 | 36 | pc | 57 | 30 |
| El Paso         | su | 75 | 52 | pc | 72 | 52 |
| Fairbanks       | su | 1  | -7 | ss | 11 | -6 |
| Fargo           | su | 37 | 24 | pc | 35 | 15 |
| Flagstaff       | su | 54 | 30 | pc | 47 | 25 |
| Fort Myers      | su | 70 | 44 | pc | 76 | 54 |
| Fort Smith      | su | 72 | 52 | ts | 69 | 56 |
| Fresno          | su | 75 | 46 | pc | 76 | 56 |
| Grand Junction  | su | 56 | 35 | sh | 57 | 30 |
| Great Falls     | su | 45 | 23 | pc | 39 | 27 |
| Harrisburg      | su | 36 | 26 | pc | 49 | 34 |
| Hartford        | su | 35 | 21 | su | 38 | 25 |
| Helena          | su | 44 | 24 | pc | 40 | 25 |
| Honolulu        | su | 78 | 69 | sh | 77 | 68 |
| Houston         | su | 75 | 60 | sh | 78 | 66 |
| Int'l Falls     | su | 37 | 24 | sh | 41 | 14 |
| Jackson         | su | 67 | 49 | pc | 64 | 45 |
| Jacksonville    | su | 65 | 41 | pc | 67 | 51 |
| Janeau          | su | 36 | 34 | rs | 38 | 34 |
| Kansas City     | su | 64 | 50 | sh | 68 | 37 |
| Las Vegas       | su | 72 | 49 | pc | 64 | 45 |
| Lexington       | su | 39 | 26 | pc | 60 | 46 |
| Lincoln         | su | 65 | 35 | pc | 59 | 29 |
| Little Rock     | su | 64 | 50 | sh | 64 | 58 |
| Los Angeles     | su | 71 | 54 | pc | 62 | 47 |
| Louisville      | su | 42 | 28 | pc | 63 | 48 |
| Macon           | su | 57 | 30 | pc | 64 | 43 |
| Memphis         | su | 58 | 47 | sh | 65 | 56 |
| Miami           | su | 71 | 51 | pc | 73 | 65 |
| Montgomery      | su | 61 | 37 | pc | 68 | 52 |
| Nashville       | su | 49 | 33 | cl | 67 | 50 |
| New Orleans     | su | 67 | 51 | pc | 72 | 63 |
| New York        | su | 39 | 26 | pc | 56 | 46 |
| Norfolk         | su | 45 | 26 | su | 53 | 39 |
| Oklahoma City   | su | 67 | 53 | pc | 77 | 47 |
| Omaha           | su | 61 | 36 | pc | 57 | 30 |
| Orlando         | su | 66 | 43 | pc | 71 | 51 |
| Palm Beach      | su | 70 | 50 | pc | 74 | 64 |
| Palm Springs    | su | 82 | 53 | pc | 69 | 47 |
| Philadelphia    | su | 37 | 26 | pc | 46 | 33 |
| Phoenix         | su | 80 | 53 | pc | 74 | 50 |
| Pittsburgh      | su | 30 | 21 | pc | 48 | 40 |
| Portland, ME    | su | 36 | 18 | pc | 35 | 18 |
| Portland, OR    | su | 48 | 34 | pc | 50 | 37 |
| Providence      | su | 37 | 19 | su | 38 | 22 |
| Raleigh         | su | 48 | 27 | su | 57 | 39 |
| Rapid City      | su | 56 | 31 | sh | 57 | 19 |
| Reno            | su | 61 | 30 | ss | 38 | 19 |
| Richmond        | su | 43 | 22 | su | 55 | 40 |
| Rochester       | su | 23 | 20 | pc | 38 | 32 |
| Sacramento      | su | 68 | 42 | pc | 62 | 44 |
| San Francisco   | su | 56 | 45 | pc | 60 | 49 |
| Salt Lake City  | su | 58 | 34 | sn | 36 | 25 |
| San Antonio     | su | 74 | 56 | pc | 80 | 59 |
| San Diego       | su | 67 | 57 | sh | 61 | 50 |
| San Jose        | su | 66 | 45 | pc | 60 | 49 |
| San Juan        | su | 84 | 71 | pc | 84 | 74 |
| Santa Fe        | su | 53 | 33 | pc | 52 | 30 |
| Savannah        | su | 59 | 33 | pc | 62 | 45 |
| Seattle         | su | 51 | 42 | cl | 66 | 48 |
| Shreveport      | su | 74 | 54 | ts | 70 | 63 |
| Sioux Falls     | su | 53 | 32 | pc | 45 | 25 |
| Spokane         | su | 48 | 25 | pc | 47 | 32 |
| St. Louis       | su | 51 | 42 | cl | 66 | 48 |
| Tucson          | su | 78 | 50 | cl | 71 | 46 |
| Tulsa           | su | 74 | 54 | pc | 73 | 49 |
| Tallahassee     | su | 66 | 35 | pc | 6  |    |

# — eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE —

# Not quite game, set, match

Retiring Maria Sharapova is clear — she's not giving up

Playing in her final Grand Slam match, Maria Sharapova of Russia looks on during her first-round match against Croatia's Donna Vekic on Jan. 20 at the Australian Open.

HANNAH PETERS/GETTY



By Christopher Clarey  
The New York Times

To understand why Maria Sharapova is retiring from professional tennis at age 32, it helps to know what she can no longer endure.

"I look at photos of myself and of the motion where I'm just about to hit the ball, and I'm in the air or just as I'm making contact," she said this week, "and I can't even look at it because it makes me cringe. I have so much pain."

The pain has been a near-constant companion over the last two years for Sharapova, a former No. 1 player who became one of the richest and most globally recognizable athletes of the 21st century but who found herself unable to return to the top of the game after a suspension for using a banned substance in 2016.

Since then, she has dealt with recurring tendon damage in her right shoulder and inflammation in her forearms that at times has made it excruciatingly difficult for her to even grip a racket, much less rip a forehand.

But she did not falter for lack of persistence.

"As I think you've seen throughout my career, my perseverance has been my greatest tool, my greatest strength," she said in an interview. "But I've started feeling like it was becoming a weakness, because the stubbornness that was keeping me going was keeping me going for wrong reasons."

She was suspended in 2016 for using meldonium, a newly banned drug developed for heart patients that Sharapova said she had been taking for years because of a magnesium deficiency, dizziness and a family history of diabetes. She claimed to be unaware that meldonium had recently been added to the World Anti-Doping Agency's list of banned substances. Her suspension was ultimately cut from two years to 15 months on appeal, with an arbitration panel saying that Sharapova should not be considered "an intentional doper."

She recently ruled out having another shoulder operation, but pushing through the pain just led to more pain. Her comeback lasted two seasons and finished with a first-round defeat to 19th-seeded Donna Vekic at the Australian Open on Jan. 20. At the end, Sharapova said she just felt an overwhelming "heaviness."

"Fourteen hours of my day in the last six months have been just, like, caring for my body," she said. "Before I get on the court every day I'm tied to like an ultrasound machine or another machine or a recovery unit."

There will be no farewell tour. "I don't feel I need to go on the court for the entire world and every fan to know that this is my last time on the court," Sharapova said. "Even when I was younger, it



DAMIAN DOVARGANES/AP

Sharapova speaks in 2016 during a news conference in Los Angeles in which admits failing a drug test at the Australian Open. A two-year ban was cut to 15 months, but she never regained her star power on the court.

was not the way I wanted it to end."

Sharapova said she knew it was time to retire as she flew home to Los Angeles from Australia. Kobe Bryant's death in a helicopter crash on Jan. 26 made it even clearer.

"We were supposed to see each other like three days after the crash," said Sharapova, who explained that Bryant had been an "incredible sounding board" throughout her career.

This time, she said, she had reached out for help in coping with her physical deterioration.

"I think we all seem at times in our journey like larger than life because of what we do, but everyone at the core is incredibly fragile," she said of Bryant. "And if anything it just opens up your eyes to what really matters in life, so that was a moment where I had a really good think about my future as well."

A 6-foot-2 Russian who punctuated her flat groundstrokes with piercing shrieks, Sharapova made one of the most extraordinary journeys in sports. If not for the Chernobyl nuclear disaster, she would surely not be a tennis star. Her parents, Yuri and Yelena, were living in Gomel in present-day Belarus in April 1986 when the

reactor exploded in nearby Chernobyl. They eventually fled to Nyagan in distant Siberia to live near family. Sharapova was born there in April 1987, but Yuri soon moved the family to sunnier Sochi on the Black Sea, where he discovered tennis and passed it on to his only child.

In 1993, when Maria was 6 and post-Soviet Russia was in turmoil, she and her father moved to Florida with less than \$1,000 in Yuri's pocket. Martina Navratilova had noticed Maria's potential at a Moscow clinic and recommended that she train abroad.

It was, in retrospect or not, a wild gamble. Sharapova, who was separated from her mother for more than two years because of U.S. visa restrictions, showed remarkable steel, drive and talent as she worked her way to the top at IMG Academy in Bradenton, Florida.

"The one thing I remember the most when I first saw her was the focus in practice, like every ball was like the finals of Wimbledon," said Max Eisenbud, who became her agent.

Sharapova became a global star in 2004 by winning Wimbledon at age 17, upsetting top-seeded Serena Williams in a hard-hitting final. Sharapova won five Grand

Slam singles titles in all, including the U.S. Open in 2006, the Australian Open in 2008 and the French Open in 2012 and 2014, despite clay being her least-favored surface.

"I feel like a cow on ice," she said of playing on clay in 2007, demonstrating a wit that was often impossible to detect on tour as she slammed no-nonsense winners and avoided forming bonds with her peers to maintain a competitive edge.

She won 36 tour singles titles in total, an Olympic silver medal in singles in 2012 and the Fed Cup title with Russia in 2008. She was ranked No. 1 for the first time in August 2005 and spent 21 weeks in the top spot.

But she arguably made a more indelible mark off court. She was the world's highest-earning female athlete for 11 consecutive years, according to Forbes. She earned the majority of her income in endorsements from companies like Nike and Evian, and reportedly earned close to \$30 million in 2015.

"She really helped the sport a lot because she brought a lot of attention to it," Billie Jean King, one of the WTA Tour's founders, said on Tuesday. "Not only was she

a great player, she did very well off the court."

After her suspension, she returned in April 2017 with a point to prove. She met resistance, though, as some tournament officials chose not to offer her invitations to play and some players expressed discontent when she was granted wild cards, arguing that it was unfair for anyone returning from a ban to receive such a boost.

But Sharapova could not rise again — despite occasional flashes of form, including a stirring first-round victory over second-seeded Simona Halep at the 2017 U.S. Open and a tour title in China at a lower-level event in October 2017.

The fact that she was less successful after her suspension could lead to the conclusion that she was less successful without meldonium. She rejects that idea, arguing that she was already battling injuries before the ban.

Did forgoing meldonium have any impact on her results?

"Zero," she said grimly. "My shoulder has been an issue since I was 21."

Above all, she had a point-to-point intensity similar to men's star Rafael Nadal.

"The girl has no fear," Robert Lansdorp, one of her childhood coaches, said when Sharapova made her tour debut at age 14 in Indian Wells, California, in 2002.

Many would echo Lansdorp's statement through the years, but there were obstacles Sharapova still could not overcome, including Serena Williams, who after the defeat at Wimbledon and another in the 2004 tour championships, never lost to her again. Their rivalry has ended with Williams holding a 20-2 head-to-head record and playing on at age 38.

This era has belonged to Williams, no doubt, but Sharapova made herself heard loud and clear just the same. It is time now for new challenges and pleasures — for more time with her boyfriend, British businessman Alexander Gilkes, and for her plans to study architecture later this year as well as focusing on growing her candy businesses.

Sharapova skied last week for the first time, hitting the slopes in Montana, and then sent a video to her former practice partner, the rising Italian star Jannik Sinner, who was once a promising Alpine skier.

"He wrote to me, and he said, 'I think you should keep playing tennis,'" Sharapova said with a loud laugh.

For now and very likely for good, Sharapova remains unpersuaded.

"Look, would I have loved to have a sixth, a seventh, an eighth Grand Slam trophy?" she said. "That number sounds better, but I could have had zero when I started, and I got myself to a pretty incredible place."

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A view inside San Siro stadium in Milan, Italy during the Europa League soccer match between Inter Milan and Ludogorets on Thursday. The stadium was empty due to a viral outbreak.

## FIFA: Empty stadiums not a long-term virus solution

BY ROB HARRIS  
Associated Press

**H**OLLYWOOD, Northern Ireland — Playing soccer matches in the long term without fans is unsustainable, FIFA President Gianni Infantino said Friday as a fast-spreading new virus caused havoc with sporting events.

For the second successive weekend, some matches in Italy — including one between title rivals Juventus and Inter Milan — will be played in empty stadiums in a bid to stop the virus spreading.

“I don’t think it is sustainable in the long term to play behind closed doors,” Infantino said ahead of a meeting of soccer’s lawmakers in Northern Ireland. “Every competition organizer ultimately has to decide what is best for him.

“Obviously, on the short term it can be a solution (to play without fans) in order to move on. But you cannot imagine a few months of a competition being played, several matches being played, behind closed doors.”

The next set of international men’s fixtures are in March, including Italy playing a friendly in England. Italy’s rugby games in Ireland that were scheduled for next weekend have already been called off after a request from the Dublin government.

“I wouldn’t exclude anything at this moment,” Infantino said when asked if the March international games can be played. “I hope we will never have to get into this direction. We cannot underestimate and say it’s nothing but we don’t have to overreact and panic. We have to follow the instructions given by the authorities.”

For now, games will go on in the world’s most lucrative and watched soccer league, but English Premier League clubs are wary of the COVID-19 virus.

Newcastle manager Steve Bruce said on Friday his players were no longer greeting each other with handshakes at the training ground, under medical advice.

Journalists heading to Arsenal for a pre-match news conference with manager Mikel Arteta on Saturday have been told to complete a questionnaire about their recent whereabouts before attending.

Posters have been put up across soccer stadiums and training centers, informing players and fans of the guidance coming from Britain’s top health officials.

As it stands, though, the Premier League will go ahead as planned this weekend, saying it will follow advice from the government and not act unilaterally in response to the outbreak.

“We’re glued to the TV for where it’s going to go next,” Bruce said, “and let’s hope it doesn’t get any worse in this country.”

Premier League clubs are following the same medical guidelines as other businesses and venues used by large numbers of people, but there is currently no suggestion they should be taking extra measures while the virus spreads.

Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp said his club was acting like it would if there was an outbreak of flu.

“We take it really seriously but we cannot



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Inter Milan celebrates after scoring in an empty stadium.

avoid everything,” said Klopp, whose team leads the Premier League by 22 points and plays away to Watford on Saturday. “In the end, nobody tells us that we cannot play football. So as long as that doesn’t happen,

The latest figures reported by Britain’s health authority shows there are 19 cases in the country. In total, 57 countries have been hit by the illness and there has been an inevitable impact on sports.

Switzerland’s soccer league has postponed all games in the top two divisions this weekend after a federal order that will see

all events involving more than 1,000 people banned until mid-March.

The Spanish league said it has not considered suspending Sunday’s clásico between Real Madrid and Barcelona but has a contingency plan in place for the outbreak of the virus, including playing matches in empty stadiums.

Javier Tebas, the president of the league, said local officials would ultimately decide whether games can be played, and the league’s first option would be to play them without fans to avoid scheduling problems later. The league does not rule out having



LUCA BRUNO/AP

Players for Bulgarian soccer team Ludogorets wear protective face masks.

games postponed, though.

On Friday, Valencia said players and coaches will not speak in news conferences before or after games because a journalist who covers the club was found to have been infected with the virus after the team’s Champions League match against Atalanta in Milan last week.

The club said players also will not speak to reporters after matches, and will not be involved in any other public activity besides the games. It said the measures would prevent players and coaches from being at a greater risk of being infected.

Valencia said it was following authorities’ recommendations after the disclosure of cases of the virus in Valencia. It said the cancellations would stay in place until further notice.

FIFPro, the world players’ union, said on Friday it was concerned about the “danger of football acting as a vehicle to spread disease” and was worried for its members.

“Players have contacted our member unions asking for assistance out of fear they could be made to perform in high-risk environments,” the union said in a statement, adding it was in talks with stakeholders in the sport to address the rescheduling of international dates, including qualifying matches for the 2022 World Cup.

“While we understand the inconvenience this causes worldwide, the COVID-19 outbreak is bigger than football, and we applaud the willingness of competition organisers to take firm action in this delicate period,” FIFPro said.

In gymnastics, world all-around champion Nikita Nagornyy wrote on Instagram that the Russia team has decided to skip the American Cup in Milwaukee on March 7 “due to the escalation of coronavirus in the world.” Russia was also expected to enter Lilia Akhaimova in the women’s events.

England’s soccer authorities, however, are happy to keep monitoring the situation.

There are eight Premier League matches scheduled in England this weekend, as well as the League Cup final between Manchester City and Aston Villa at Wembley Stadium on Sunday.

City manager Pep Guardiola wasn’t getting too hung up on the virus.

“We are shaking hands,” Guardiola said, when asked if his club was taking any special precautions, “(and) I love to hug.

“Not like Jurgen (Klopp), he is a master of that. But I try.”

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# Adorable Hyundai Venue mini-SUV is a bargain at under \$20,000

The Hyundai Venue is a tasty little snack box. Loaded with standard features, a remote smartphone app and perky styling, it's as Mini Cooper-cute as it is utilitarian. And it's also an increasingly rare dish: a new vehicle available for less than \$20,000.

Finding an affordable vehicle these days is almost as hard as ordering a \$3 hamburger in an airport. The average — average! — new car transaction price in the U.S. market in December was \$38,948. Blame our mad rush for expensive trucks and SUVs as well as a laundry list of nanny-state regulations.

Small cars have struggled under the burden while sales — and profit margins — shrink. As readers of this column know, I am a hatchback fan, and I've shed a tear as wee appetizers have been crossed off the menu. For example, my favorite Ford Fiesta hatch has packed its bags for Europe, taking its mild fuel appetite and ST sportiness with it.

But I am also a part of the problem. As entry-level car prices have risen, I've purchased used cars instead of new. In the last 15 years, I've bought four small cars — Dodge Neon, Ford Focus and two Honda Civics. All used. Why pay \$25,000 for a new car when I can walk across the lot to the pre-owned salesman and buy a perfectly good used hatchback with 25,000 miles and extended warranty for just \$15,000?

There are whispers among some manufacturers that this is the new business model: forget entry-segment vehicles and concentrate on \$23,000-plus subcompact SUVs. What of the buyers who want a car for less? Let 'em buy used.

Don't think automakers are happy about this trend. Ford and Fiat Chrysler are losing sleep over losing first-time buyers to Asian competitors. Happily, there's the Ambien of fat profits from pickups to help them rest easier.

Foreign-makers don't have the luxury of selling mega-trucks. They put bread on the table by moving new vehicles. As prices of new vehicles rise, entry-level buyers are fewer.

Hyundai thinks it has an answer. The Venue is a segment-buster.

Starting at just \$18,470, it is the cheapest SUV on the market — and one



## 2020 Hyundai Venue

**Vehicle type:** Front-engine, front-wheel drive, 5-passenger compact SUV  
**Price:** \$17,350 including \$1,120 destination charge (\$23,280 SEL as tested)  
**Powerplant:** 1.6-liter inline-4 cylinder  
**Power:** 121 horsepower, 113 pound-feet torque  
**Transmission:** 6-speed manual, 6-speed automatic continuously variable transmission (CVT)  
**Performance:** 0-60 mph, 9.9 seconds (Car and Driver est.); top speed, 115 mph  
**Weight:** 2,612 (with CVT)  
**Fuel economy:** EPA 32 city/37 highway/34 combined (automatic as tested)

of only three utes under \$20,000 (along with the Nissan Kicks and the funk-tastic Kia Soul). That's about \$3,500 less than a subcompact Ford EcoSport or Mazda CX-3. Call the Venue a sub-subcompact. Call it a mini SUV. Just don't call it a hatchback.

Hatches are less popular than Michael Bloomberg's soda-pop sermons. Hyundai made a fetching \$15,700 hatchback version of its Accent subcompact sedan until 2017 that cost \$2,300 less than the Venue. No one cared.

But Hyundai has cooked the Venue in its secret sauce. Not only does it conform to millennials' SUV tastes, it's peppered with the modern electronics they crave and that have only been available on more expensive Hyundais like the Elantra and Tucson: standard features like phone app, automatic emergency-braking, automatic high-beams, Apple CarPlay connectivity, 8-inch tablet infotainment display ...

You had me at phone app. One of my favorite luxury

conveniences — courtesy of brands like BMW and Tesla (and always cutting-edge Ford) — is monitoring my car by app. Remotely. I run my life by phone, so why not my car, too?

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On a Venue media test on a toasty Miami day in January, I remote-cooled the interior to 65 degrees while at lunch. Try to do that in your old used car.

My wife would like preheated seats as well, but that would require adding the \$1,750 premium package that include navigation and a sunroof — pushing an automatic, front-wheel drive Venue well north of \$20,000 and into the path of better-equipped, more powerful, all-wheel drive subcompact utes like the stylish \$23,000 Mazda CX-3 (for some reason, a Chevy Trax doesn't get these goodies until it hits \$28,000).

Venue's biggest value-play is under \$20,000 thanks to its suite of standard

electronic gewgaws. Like standard Apple CarPlay. It's all Venue needs to get where you wanna go. Utes specialize in what millennials like to call their "side hustle" — a second job or avocation. Pop the hatch, flatten the rear seats, and Venue will carry your gear anywhere.

With its upright proportions, Venue beats a similarly priced Toyota Yaris hatchback in nearly every metric. The Venue has three more cubic feet of cargo room and another inch of head- and rear legroom. That means more space for your music case, bandmates, golf clubs, bicycle or whatever your hustle.

All this and looks, too. My mini ute was so cute I was comparing it to the Mini Cooper Clubman (\$30,000) and Audi Q3 (\$40,000).

The jack o' lantern grille is sandwiched by mid-fascia headlight cubes that are topped by "eyebrow" parking lights. The cube lights are echoed in the taillights. Choose the Denim trim and its Mini Cooper-like white roof, and — aw, what the heck — you may be willing to cough up \$23,000 it's so adorable. The interior is a pleasing dish of chunky climate dials, storage cubbies and 8-inch tablet screen.

Pleasing, too, is Venue's willingness to play. Despite its boxy shape, this SUV is no high-riding porker. Weighing just 2,612 pounds, the Venue feels more hatchback than SUV with a 6.6-inch ground clearance, just an inch higher than the Yaris. Miami is hardly a twisty alpine playground, but the Hyundai eagerly attacked the odd 360-degree cloverleaf.

The driveline, however, will only create goosebumps on EPA bureaucrats.

To meet stringent emissions regs, the meek 121-horse, 1.6-liter 4-banger (at least it bests Yaris' 103 ponies) has been designed with expensive dual-injectors for better fuel burn. It's then matched to a continuously variable transmission that returned 37 mpg on my 100-mile hustle. I think I out-dragged a box turtle at a stoplight once.

For the budget-conscious buyer not shy of stick shifts, I'd suggest ditching the CVT for the more-fun \$18,470 manual-transmission model. Or you could just buy a used low-mileage 2018 Hyundai Elantra GT hatchback with more power, room and same electronic features for \$17,000.

Now I'm causing trouble again.  
 — Henry Payne, Detroit News

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  - 42 Department store employee
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  - 61 Cibrian or Van Halen
  - 62 Ballerina's skirt
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for qualified buyers on most models.<sup>1</sup>

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2019 BUICK ENCORE PREFERRED  
FWD #B90391

LEASE:

**\$99**

PER MO. / 24 MONTHS\*



2020 BUICK ENVISION PREFERRED  
FWD #B20046

LEASE:

**\$149**

PER MO. / 24 MONTHS\*



2020 BUICK ENCLAVE ESSENCE  
FWD #B20038

LEASE:

**\$199**

PER MO. / 24 MONTHS\*

\*24 month/ 10K miles per year lease. \$3,999 due at signing plus tax, title, license fee and 1st months payment of \$99 (Encore); \$149 (Envision); \$199 (Enclave). Must qualify for lease loyalty. See dealer for complete details. <sup>1</sup>Excludes 1SV models. Monthly payment is \$13.89 for every \$1,000 you finance. Some customers may not qualify. Not available with leases and some other offers. Take retail delivery by 2/3/20. See dealer for details. <sup>2</sup>Excludes 1SV model. MUST BE A CURRENT OWNER/LESSEE OF A 2006 MODEL YEAR OR NEWER GM VEHICLE FOR AT LEAST 30 DAYS PRIOR TO NEW VEHICLE SALE. Not available with special finance, lease and some other offers. Take retail delivery by 2/3/20. See dealer for details. Photos for illustration purposes only. Great effort is made to ensure accuracy of this ad, however, errors do occur. Offers/pricing may change per manufacturers. Please verify information with a customer service rep or visit the dealership. All offers and pricing expire 3 days from publication.



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NEW 2020 GMC  
**TERRAIN SLE**  
AWD STK #M20031 LEASE:

**\$129**

PER MO./24 MONTHS\*



NEW 2019 GMC  
**ACADIA SLE-2**  
FWD STK #M90434 LEASE:

**\$149**

PER MO./24 MONTHS\*



NEW 2019 GMC  
**SIERRA 1500**  
STK #M90438 LEASE:

**\$199**

PER MO./24 MONTHS\*

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NEW 2020 CHEVROLET  
**EQUINOX**



LS FWD #C200447 Sale:

**\$18,805\*** **\$139**

OR LEASE PER MONTH FOR:

for 39 mos.<sup>^</sup>

NEW 2020 CHEVROLET  
**MALIBU**



LS FWD #C200746 Sale:

**\$17,876\*** **\$125**

OR LEASE PER MONTH FOR:

for 39 mos.<sup>^</sup>



NEW 2020 CHEVROLET  
**BLAZER**



LT FWD #C200399 Sale:

**\$28,000\*** **\$199**

OR LEASE PER MONTH FOR:

for 39 mos.<sup>^</sup>



NEW 2020 CHEVROLET  
**SILVERADO**



1500 REG. CAB LONG BOX  
WT 4WD #C190806 Sale:

**\$24,280\***



NEW 2020 CHEVROLET  
**SPARK**



HB LS Auto #C200232 Sale:

**\$10,832\***



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NEW 2020 CHEVROLET  
**TRAX**



FWD LS #C200038 Sale:

**\$14,768\***



NEW 2019 CHEVROLET  
**IMPALA**



LT #C190959 Sale:

**\$23,698\***



NEW 2020 CHEVROLET  
**TRAVERSE**



FWD 1LT #C200033 Sale:

**\$28,929\***



NEW 2020 CHEVROLET  
**TAHOE**



FWD LS #C200747 Sale:

**\$44,479\***

## ★ ★ ★ THIS WEEK'S PRE-OWNED SPECIALS! ★ ★ ★



2017 AUDI  
**A6**  
PREMIUM #S5003

**\$20,850\***



2019 FORD  
**MUSTANG**  
LT #S5102

**\$21,995\***



2019 CHEVY  
**EXPRESS**  
PASSENGER LS #S5006

**\$22,933\***



2018 CHRYSLER  
**PACIFICA**  
LIMITED #S5082

**\$22,989\***



2017 CHEVY  
**SILVERADO**  
1500 LT #S4992

**\$24,909\***



2020 ACURA  
**RDX**  
W/ADVANCE PKG. #S5044

**\$41,400\***

\*Plus tax, title, license and doc fee. ^Lease for 39 months w/\$3,990 down, \$0 security deposit plus tax, title and doc fee with approved credit. 10K miles per year. Extra fees may apply at lease termination. Plus tax, title, license, and doc. fee. †0% for 72 months figured at \$13.89 per \$1,000 financed; 0% for 60 months figured at \$16.67 per \$1,000 financed. Both w/\$0 down to qualified buyers w/approved credit on select models. ~Lease loyalty available to qualified current Chevy owners on select models. MSRP may not be the price at which the vehicle is sold in the trade area. Photos for illustration purposes only. Great effort is made to ensure accuracy of this ad, however, errors do occur. Offers/prices may change per manufacturer. Please verify information with a customer service rep or visit the dealership. All offers and pricing expire 3 days from publication.



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