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CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

'We expect and anticipate more'

Trump pitches economic plan; US cases near 1,000

BY ZEKE MILLER AND LISA MASCARO
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump pitched his proposed payroll tax break Tuesday on Capitol Hill as pressure mounts on the administration and Congress to work more vigorously to contain the coronavirus outbreak and respond to the financial fallout.

On other fronts in the battle to stop the virus from spreading, more schools and universities sent students home, conferences and other events were canceled, and the United Nations announced it would

close its New York headquarters to the public and suspend all tours.

And New York's Gov. Andrew Cuomo announced he is sending the National Guard to help clean public spaces and deliver food in a New York City suburb that is at the center of the nation's biggest known cluster of coronavirus cases, as the battle against the U.S. outbreak intensified.

Three schools and other gathering places will be shut down for two weeks in a containment zone in New Rochelle, New York, the center of an outbreak of more than 100 cases, Cu-

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Passengers from the Grand Princess head toward a plane Tuesday in Oakland, California, en route to a Texas base.

Virus prompts isolated school closings

Two North Side private schools and a suburban school district shut their doors temporarily. **ChicagoLand, Page 8**

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As total hits 19, including 1st outside Cook, officials braced

BY DAN PETRELLA

Officials on Tuesday announced eight new cases of the coronavirus in Illinois, including the first two cases outside of Cook County — neither of which is linked to any other known case, an indication the respiratory virus may be spreading within communities.

The total number of COVID-19 cases reported in the state since the start of the outbreak was 19 as of Tuesday, though some patients had already recovered. One patient, a Chicago man in his 60s, remains hospitalized in serious condition.

"Unfortunately, we ex-

pect and anticipate more," Dr. Ngozi Ezike, director of the Illinois Department of Public Health, said at a news conference in the Loop.

The latest cases were announced the day after Gov. J.B. Pritzker issued a statewide disaster proclamation, a move that allows Illinois to tap additional state and federal resources to combat the fast-spreading virus. Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle on Tuesday signed a disaster proclamation for the county.

As the number of cases in Illinois has grown, so has

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Law would limit isolations

Proposal honors ex-inmate held in solitary for decades

BY STACY ST. CLAIR

Spurred by a Chicago Tribune investigation involving a man who spent two decades in isolation after being convicted of stealing a hat and a single dollar bill, a proposed state law would limit how long an Illinois prisoner can stay in solitary confinement.

The Anthony Gay Isolated Confinement Restriction Act would bar the Illinois Department of Corrections from placing an inmate in isolation for more than 10 days in a six-month period. It also would require IDOC to give isolated inmates access to group therapy, medical appointments, educational classes, job assignments and exercise when outside their cells.

"There is a difference between putting someone behind bars and putting someone in a hole," said state Rep. La Shawn Ford, D-Chicago. "It goes beyond punishment. Now you're

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"My goal always was to get out and make a difference for the others still there. I wanted to throw them a rope of hope."

— Anthony Gay



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Democratic presidential hopeful Joe Biden campaigns Tuesday at a Columbus community center in Ohio, which holds its primary March 17.

Biden rolls to win in Mich.

Former VP also takes Missouri, Mississippi in setback to Sanders

BY WILL WEISSERT AND ALEXANDRA JAFFE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Former Vice President Joe Biden won Michigan's Democratic primary on Tuesday, seizing a key battleground state that helped propel Bernie Sanders' insurgent candidacy four years ago. Biden's victory in Michigan, as well as Missouri and Mississippi, dealt a serious setback to Sanders, who is urgently seeking to jump-start his flagging campaign.

The Vermont senator's hopes rested on Idaho, North Dakota and Washington state, where votes were still being tabulated late Tuesday but where far fewer delegates were at stake.

Biden again showed strength



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Presidential candidate Bernie Sanders is ushered to a vehicle after making a campaign stop Tuesday in Dearborn Heights, Michigan.

with working-class voters and African Americans, who are vital to winning the Democratic nomination.

Addressing supporters in Philadelphia, Biden noted that

many had "declared that this candidacy was dead" only days ago but "now we're very much alive."

He also asked Sanders supporters to back him going for-

ward. "We need you, we want you, and there's a place in our campaign for each of you," he said Tuesday night. "I want to thank Bernie Sanders and his supporters for their tireless energy and their passion. We share a common goal, and together we'll beat Donald Trump."

Tuesday marked the first time voters weighed in on the primary since it effectively narrowed to a two-person race between Sanders and Biden. And the first three large states easily went to Biden, a dramatic reversal for a campaign that appeared on the brink of collapse just two weeks ago. Now it is Sanders, whose candidacy was ascendant so recently, who must contemplate a path forward.

Sanders did not address the public Tuesday night.

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Not guilty plea to bribery charge

A long-time Chicago political operative pleaded not guilty to a bribery charge alleging he offered to pay off then-state Sen. Martin Sandoval. **ChicagoLand, Page 4**

Clock ticking on Floyd decision

Before the Bears launch into free agency, it's worth keeping an eye on what they decide to do with key defensive player Leonard Floyd. **Chicago Sports**

Fatigue goes undiagnosed

Study finds many youth living with undiagnosed chronic fatigue syndrome — and black and Latino kids are twice as likely to suffer. **Health & Family**



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Democratic presidential hopeful Joe Biden argues about gun rights with an autoworker Tuesday in Detroit.



JOHN KASS

Democrats decline to see Biden's cognitive decline

As "Joe Biden" and "senility" become twins in voters' minds, like macaroni and cheese, Biden got into a verbal brawl with a Michigan autoworker, telling the younger man he was "full of s—" and threatening to slap his face over their differences on the Second Amendment.

Just like that #BidensCognitiveDecline was trending on Twitter, and it became a disaster, with Biden defenders in hysterics, blaming it all on the work of Russian bots and/or President Donald Trump.

I figure that many Democrats and liberal pundits — from Sen. Cory Booker to MSNBC's Andrea Mitchell and Joe Scarborough — were trying to forget that in the past several months, they've wondered aloud if Biden, 77, frail, rambling and in obvious decline, is fit for the presidency.

"I just wonder," Scarborough asked after a particularly disastrous Biden debate performance months ago. "Are we afraid to say that a lot of his sentences don't make sense, that he's having trouble completing his thoughts?"

If Democrats weren't afraid then, they're afraid now.

That autoworker didn't want Biden, if elected president, to take his guns away. Biden said he wouldn't take anyone's "AR-14" (there is no such weapon), but Joe must have forgotten he'd recently embraced Beto O'Rourke in Texas, saying Beto would handle the "gun problem" for him. In September, Beto said loudly, in a presidential debate, that he'd happily take Americans guns by force.

"Hell, yes, we're going to take your AR-15, your AK-47," said O'Rourke.

That kind of talk is music to the ears of the anti-Second Amendment left and to much of the media, which leans left. But it's trouble with working-class union voters in key electoral-rich states like Michigan, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin and Ohio. Biden's confrontation with the auto worker, babbling about "AR-14s," will become a recurring theme in Trump political commercials in the fall.

As Joe lost it with the auto worker, you could see a Biden campaign aide panicking behind him, but by then it was too late and #BidensCognitiveDecline was a thing. If only she had a blanket or a bushel basket to put over his head. But she didn't.

The Democratic Party establishment will limit Biden's exposure to journalists and protect him from Bernie Sanders, 78, who does not show any signs of faltering. Over Sanders' objections, the March 15 CNN debate format had been shaped to favor Biden. The candidates will sit down rather than stand toe-to-toe. Due to the coronavirus, there will be no live audience, and they will take questions, whether from the public or from journalists had not yet been established.

But given Biden's victories in Michigan and Missouri on Tuesday night, I would be surprised if he will debate anyone.

But never fear, my liberal friends, if you're looking for talking points to defend Biden, they were set forth in the left-leaning Politico, just before Joe went off on the autoworker.

Naturally, it's all Trump's fault.

"Trump and GOP mount coordinated campaign to paint Biden as senile," went the headline

The subhead was pure pro-Joe: "The president settles on a schoolyard strategy to take out his likely general election opponent."

It is true that Trump has pushed the theme of Biden's mental fitness relentlessly. But it is also true that Democrats and media, stunned by Trump's victory over Hillary Clinton in 2016, pushed the theme of Trump's mental fitness, publicly discussed whether Trump was insane, and openly advocated using the 25th Amendment to remove Trump from the presidency. That failed.

Trump finds a weakness and picks at it. In this he's no different from Barack Obama or the Clintons. It's called politics, and it ain't beanbag.

Yet now, predictably, Democrats and media allies are blaming Trump for daring to bring up Joe's apparent

lack of sharpness.

Is that a fact? Or is it the truth? "We choose truth over facts," Biden said in Iowa.

But what is the truth?

The truth is that Trump isn't the first to pick at the Biden weakness. Democratic candidates and pundits could see Biden slipping. Booker, U.S. Rep. Tim Ryan, Scarborough, Mitchell, and on and on, all at one time questioned whether Biden had the mental acuity. But now the party and pundits fall in line, to protect their access to power. This, too, is politics.

Not everyone agrees with me. For balance I called on Michael Golden, a center-left Democrat and the author of "Unlock Congress."

He's run tough campaigns. And he thinks there was a time when Biden's gaffes mattered, when swing voters mattered. But he thinks it's all about tribes now.

"Voters' passionate support for Biden or Trump won't be the reason one of them wins," Golden said. "Negative partisanship and the turnout it drives on each side will decide this election. If Democrats' recent wins in the midterms and in state elections in Virginia, Michigan, Wisconsin, Kentucky and Pennsylvania are any indication, then negative partisanship and demographics were always going to matter far more for them in 2020 than any missteps by Joe Biden."

I respect the analysis, but I think swing voters still matter. And that they care about the mental state of their president.

I'm not mocking Biden. Those of us who have parents of his age and older know what we're looking at. It happens slowly. But it happens. Not to everyone. It doesn't happen to the lucky ones. But it happens.

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Coronavirus Blues: A New TrumPoem



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**MARY
SCHMICH**

This is the latest in my ongoing rhyming chronicle of the presidency of Donald J. Trump, based, as always, on his real words and behavior.

THE CORONAVIRUS BLUES
I am a famous germaphobe
And yet I lead a nation
So when coronavirus came?

I took a wee vacation.

I went down to my great estate
The one called Mar-a-Lago
The one my critics love to hate
Just like I loathe Chicago.

The world was spinning into fear
And so I grabbed my putters
There's nothing like a game of golf
To save me from these nutters.

Nutters, nutbags everywhere!
Coronavirus cronies!
Another deep state lib'r'l plot
More fake news from the phonies.

Sigh.

It's crazy that this happened, folks,
My reign was going swell
The Dow was up, my polls were great —
Hey, don't steal my Purell.

But then came news from China
Of this thing — the Wuhan flu —
And people turned to me and said,
"So what you gonna do?"

I'll tell you what I'm gonna do!
I'm gonna hope Joe loses!
And listen up, you can't blame me
For viruses on cruises.

I've got things in control, my friends,
I've given many orders
While tweeting many times a day
I've tightened up the borders.

I'm fighting this new bogeyman
By standing strong and tall
And bravely saying yet again:
WE GOTTA BUILD THAT WALL!

To lead our team I named a guy
Who'll mount a great defense
Who cares he failed with HIV?
I trust my V.P. Pence!

I also took a nifty tour
Around the CDC
The doctors there were blown away
And so impressed by me!

"I like this stuff!" I told the docs
I'm smart about disease!
I promised them we'd keep folks safe —
Unlike those bad Chinese.

Yes, anyone who needs a test
Can get a test, I swear
They're perfect tests, they're beautiful
(Gosh, kinda like my hair.)

Not everyone can get a test?
OK, I will admit
We've got a bit of work to do —
Hey, don't you steal my kit!

Sniffle.

Stay calm, I told my worried flock,
Don't panic in this storm
This virus it will go away
As soon as it gets warm!

The risk is very, very low
The common flu's much worse!
You say I can't compare the two?
Well, I say the reverse!

Yeah, yeah, my critics mock my words
They're full of whines and gripes
They say I've been too slow to — hey!
Don't steal my Lysol wipes!

Some call it a pandemic now
Some airplanes have stopped flying
The market's in a meltdown
And the Democrats keep lying.

The college dorms are closing
And the people live in dread
So here is what I am gonna do —
I'm gonna blame the Fed.

We're facing a great crisis now
It calls for great protection
And so I'll cut the payroll tax
To safeguard my election.

HYSTERIA RUNS RAMPANT, FOLKS!
IT CHILLS ME TO THE BONE!
IF ONLY I COULD KILL IT
WITH AN INSULT OR A DRONE!

THE RISK TO ME IS GREAT! IT'S HUGE!
BUT LOOK — THE PRICE OF GAS!
IT'S FALLING, FALLING, FALLING AND
I HOPE IT SAVES MY (CRUDE WORD DELETED).

Sigh.

I'm back here in the White House now
I'm feeling lean and mean
I'm very, very healthy
And I don't need quarantine.

The virus targets folks my age
But I'm the fittest guy
Just ask my surgeon general —
And you know he wouldn't lie.

Keep looking on the bright side, folks,
There's lots of cheerful news
To keep our weary spirits up
To beat the virus blues.

The Dems killed Pocahontas
And the bots are helping Bernie
And all of that is helping me
Repeat my vict'ry journey.

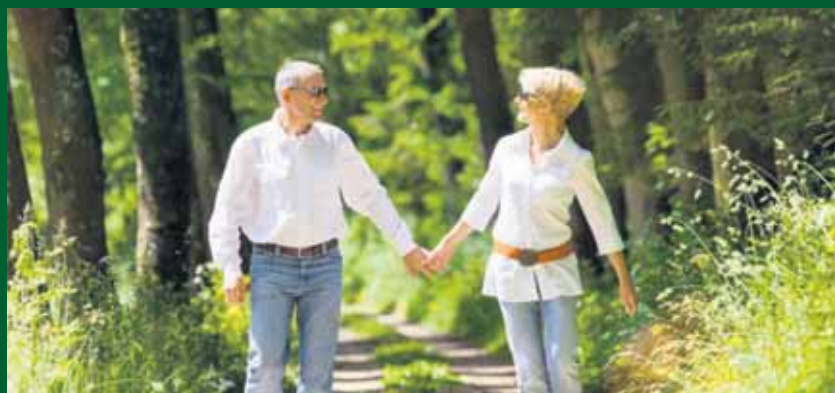
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Political operative pleads not guilty to bribery charge

Scheme was allegedly to bribe state Sen. Sandoval

BY JASON MEISNER

A longtime Chicago political operative pleaded not guilty Tuesday to a federal bribery charge alleging he offered to pay off then-state Sen. Martin Sandoval on behalf of a suburban construction company that needed state approval for a development in East Dundee.

William Helm, the one-time deputy commissioner of the Chicago Department of Aviation and a former state transportation official, was charged last week in a two-page indictment with a single count of bribery.

Helm entered his not guilty plea during a brief arraignment before U.S. Magistrate Judge Sheila Finnegan, who released him on his own recognizance.

Helm was the latest person to be charged in a sprawling political corruption investigation that first came to light when the FBI raided Sandoval's office in Springfield in September.

His name was among a who's who of Illinois power players named in the warrant, which included asphalt and casino magnates, red-light camera operators, transportation and utility executives and a handful of other elected officials.

According to the indictment filed Thursday, Helm was retained in 2018 by a construction company that was seeking Illinois Department of Transportation approval for a signalization and road construction project in East Dundee.

The indictment alleged Helm offered bribes of at least \$5,000 to Sandoval — then the head of the influential Senate Transportation Committee — between July and November 2018 in exchange for the senator's influence with IDOT.

While the indictment does not name the company, the Chicago Tribune reported last week it is controlled by longtime Chicago-area construction magnate Joseph Palumbo, who went to federal prison two decades ago along with his father and brother in a massive road-building fraud scheme.

The charges involved the Terra Business Park along Route 72 and Christina Drive in East Dundee, a mixed-use development that includes an office building, trucking service



TERRENCE ANTONIO JAMES/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

William Helm was among those charged in a political corruption probe that came to light when the FBI raided Sen. Martin Sandoval's office in Springfield in September.

bays and a planned Speedway gas station.

Business and land records show Palumbo controls two firms involved in the development. Palumbo Management LLC oversees the development while PAL LLC owns the land.

Palumbo, 68, has not been accused of wrongdoing. He did not return a message seeking comment Tuesday.

East Dundee Village Administrator Jennifer Johnsen confirmed Friday that she and Village President Lael Miller were subpoenaed last month by a federal grand jury seeking information about the development, specifically "activity related to the planned intersection improvements and signalization of Route 72 and Christina Drive."

Prosecutors told her and Miller that they were not targets of the inquiry, Johnsen said in a statement. They both "willingly participated in brief interviews with investigators" and later appeared before a grand jury to "provide information and documents

relevant to the government's investigation," the statement read.

A copy of the subpoena supplied to the Tribune through an open records request showed it was dated Feb. 19 and requested that Miller and Johnsen testify before the grand jury on Feb. 27. Helm was indicted a week later.

Helm, meanwhile, also was listed in a September search warrant served on village hall in southwest suburban McCook, where Cook County Commissioner Jeff Tobolski is mayor.

Tobolski's chief of staff, Patrick Doherty, was indicted last month on federal charges alleging he conspired to pay bribes to a relative of an Oak Lawn trustee in 2017 to get lucrative red-light cameras installed there on behalf of a clouted company called SafeSpeed LLC. Doherty has pleaded not guilty.

A November Tribune report listed Helm as among clouted political players tied to SafeSpeed as sales agents collecting cuts of

cash from tickets paid.

Tobolski, who has not been charged, announced last week that he was resigning at the end of the month from both of his elected offices.

Sandoval, meanwhile, pleaded guilty in January to bribery and tax charges and is cooperating in the ongoing investigation. He admitted to taking \$20,000 in campaign contributions — and later \$70,000 cash from a SafeSpeed co-owner who was secretly working with agents — to act as the company's "protector" in the Illinois Senate.

Helm was a longtime 47th Ward operative who left his position as a manager for IDOT after he was disciplined for doing personal or political business on state time.

He departed his job with the airport several years ago after he was accused in a pending lawsuit of pressuring airport truck drivers to do political work. He's denied the allegation.

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Could this predator be U. of I. mascot?

BY JOHN KEILMAN

The idea came to Spencer Hulsey in a doodle. During a physics discussion at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, she idly sketched a belted kingfisher, a blue and orange bird she saw many times while fishing on her family's farm outside Kinmundy, Illinois.

She was aware of the drama her school has endured since retiring Chief Illiniwek, the American Indian symbol the NCAA deemed to be "hostile and abusive." While many still pine for the chief's return, others have suggested breaking from the past with a new mascot.

The effort, however, hasn't made much headway. An advisory panel in 2018 suggested the school consider adopting an official mascot, but little has happened since then. Last year, a proposal that sought to fill that role with the cheekily named Alma Otter lost by 300 votes in a student referendum.

But the kingfisher just might have a different fate. After Hulsey fleshed out her doodle and presented it to the Illinois Student Government, the organization decided to put it to a campuswide vote. This week, the kingfisher proposal passed by a margin of 625 votes out of about 7,800 cast.

It's not clear what happens next: The vote was merely advisory, and a university spokeswoman did not return messages seeking comment.

Hulsey, though, said she has received blowback from alumni worried that a new mascot would scuttle any chance that Chief Illiniwek might come back. One correspondent, she said, referred to her as an "uninformed millennial" ("I'm technically Gen Z," she said).

She said the kingfisher, if adopted as the university's official mascot, could help to heal wounds that remain raw on the downstate campus.

"I think a mascot would allow us to have the same experience at games that other schools get to have," she said. "We can see a kingfisher dunking a basketball or we can take pictures with it. We can have something to interact with."

Susan Zhou, speaker of the senate for the Illinois Student Government — which has endorsed the idea of a new mascot — helped get the kingfisher on the student ballot.

She said the bird's crisp



SPENCER HULSEY

A belted kingfisher inspired a proposed new U. of I. mascot design.

graphic design and uniqueness as a mascot gave it an edge over Alma Otter, which started as a jokey meme.

"It's a pretty intimidating predatory bird," Zhou said. "It hunts by beating its prey against a rock and swallowing it whole. The concept was more than enough to carry the vote."

The kingfisher would also be the lone Big Ten mascot to be overtly female: The male of the species is blue and gray, while the female is blue and orange.

Chad Eliason, an evolutionary biologist who studies birds at the Field Museum, said the belted kingfisher is also distinguished by its rat-a-tat call and high-speed dives into water. The bird's ability to withstand those impacts without obvious damage to its brain is the subject of new research, he said.

Alumni appeared to be less than enthusiastic. Following the vote, plenty took to social media to slam the bird.

"To me, this is crazy," a woman said in a Facebook video. "A kingfisher that's a female? What? Have you lost your minds, you crazy students?"

"As an alum I think this is a stupid idea," a man tweeted. "Last year an otter, now this. Who comes up with this nonsense?"

Hulsey said she was in favor of including alumni in any final decision. She also pointed out that the nickname "Fighting Illini" would not change under the proposal.

Zhou said her next move will be to try to get the Illinois Student Government to pass a resolution favoring the kingfisher as the school's mascot. She plans to lobby the faculty senate to join the cause, too, she said.

"Once the administration sees enough public will to back the kingfisher, they can get the ball rolling," she said.

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GOP more a launching pad for bigots than party of Lincoln



DAHLEEN GLANTON

The GOP has an image problem. For some reason, bigots and other undesirables seem to think they can run for office as Republicans and win.

Sometimes the candidates are right. More often, they're wrong. But that's not the issue. What's concerning is that there's something about the Republican Party that makes loathsome candidates think they are welcome there.

It is unlikely that many Americans are paying attention to the congressional race in Illinois' 3rd Congressional District. But everyone should.

Arthur Jones is on the Republican ballot again. The Nazi sympathizer and Holocaust denier is making another run at the U.S. House of Representatives. He's hoping this time

around, with the political climate so divisive, voters in the mostly white working-class district will allow him to slide in.

That's unlikely, but his strategy makes sense.

Two years ago, Jones managed to run unopposed in the Republican primary, which landed him the nomination. Though he lost to incumbent Democrat Rep. Dan Lipinski in the general election, Jones received 26% of the vote.

That means more than a quarter of the voters either didn't know Jones' background or didn't care. This is the kind of low-information voter peripheral candidates such as Jones rely on.

Republicans were humiliated in the 2018 midterms, and they want to make sure it doesn't happen again. So Jones has challengers in next week's primary.

That's all good, but it points to a larger issue within the Republican Party — and not just in Illinois. It's a national issue. The GOP has allowed itself to become a launching pad for anti-Semites, racists, al-

leged child molesters and other outcasts seeking national prominence. The party knows how to stop it.

David Duke, the former grand wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, has been a thorn in the side of the Louisiana GOP for decades. After initially failing to gain traction as a Democrat, Duke switched parties and managed to win a Republican seat in the Louisiana House of Representatives in 1989. Since that victory, he has run for the U.S. Senate three times, governor and president of the United States — as a Republican.

Roy Moore, the twice ousted former chief justice of the Alabama Supreme Court, narrowly lost his bid for the U.S. Senate in 2017, despite credible allegations of sexual misconduct involving teenage girls as young as 14. Even with a history of making racist and homophobic remarks, Moore won 48.4% of the Republican vote.

Moore sought the Republican nomination again in last month's primary and came in fourth with 6.9% of

the vote.

Voters in Iowa have elected Rep. Steve King as their congressman nine times. King has made no secret of his affinity to white nationalism, and his bigoted remarks have helped to define his career. Yet he appears on track to win again in November.

In Illinois, Republicans have vowed to fight Jones with everything they have. They promised to spend as much as possible to elect his competitor, Mike Fricilone, because, according to the GOP, Jones does not represent the party.

"Arthur Jones is a neo-Nazi, an anti-Semite and a Holocaust denier," GOP state chair Tim Schneider told the Tribune. "He is not a Republican. He has no place in a civil society."

Jones might not represent most Republicans. But he definitely is a Republican, and he's running for office as one of them. That speaks volumes.

Without a doubt, most Republicans voters, like others, are decent people who believe in the value of

democracy. Despite major disagreements with Democrats over policy, Republicans are just as likely to abhor bigotry as anybody else.

In most cases, these fringe candidates lose primary elections. Voters who do their homework know that these folks aren't good for the party, much less for America. So they turn out to vote against them.

The problem is not necessarily with the majority of people within the Republican Party. The issue is with the GOP as an institution.

Though candidates like Jones and Duke were running for office long before Donald Trump was elected, the president has done nothing to help the GOP fend off its image as a party that, at least, tolerates bigotry.

For most presidential candidates, an endorsement by Duke would be the kiss of death — but not Trump. Trump never denounced Duke during the 2016 campaign, signaling that he would willingly open his arms to these fringe sup-

porters as no presidential contender had since George Wallace.

Desperate to keep his majority in the Senate, Trump gave Moore a rousing endorsement in 2017 during a rally in Florida, near the Alabama border. The Republican National Committee poured money into the campaign too.

"We need somebody in that Senate seat who will vote for our Make America Great Again agenda," Trump said four days before the special election. "So get out and vote for Roy Moore."

The GOP likes to remind people that it is the party of Abraham Lincoln, the great emancipator. But a lot has changed over the past 160 years.

It is now the party of candidates like Moore and King and Jones, who have no other place to run. This is not the image Republicans want to portray, it is what the GOP looks like today.

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State primaries set to set political stage

Some will set up general election battles in the fall

BY RICK PEARSON

Congressional primaries in Illinois on March 17 will set up highly watched races for the fall in some districts, and in others all but decide the general election winner.

In the Chicago area, one of the November scene-setting contests is the Republican primary in the west and northwest suburban 6th Congressional District. Freshman Democratic Rep. Sean Casten of Downers Grove flipped the seat in 2018 by defeating six-term Republican Rep. Peter Roskam of Wheaton.

Vying for the chance to win the seat back for the GOP is former state Rep. Jeanne Ives, who nearly upset then-Gov. Bruce Rauner in the March 2018 primary when she ran a hard-edge campaign marked by a TV spot that mocked transgender people, poor women seeking taxpayer-funded abortions and people living in this country illegally.

Some of her rhetoric remains charged. She said using solar panels to reduce carbon emissions as an energy source in northern Illinois “is like trying to grow a pineapple here. It doesn’t work.”

And during a recent League of Women Voters forum in Wheaton, she dismissed efforts to extend the ratification deadline for the Equal Rights Amendment as unneeded, based on her years in high school and as a West Point graduate.

“Nobody talked about the ERA. Nobody felt that they were infringed upon,” she said. “I had no problem making it through West Point. I see no value in this amendment now.”

Her rival for the Republican nomination, Gordon “Jay” Kinzler, asked the same question about the ERA, simply said: “Yes. Next question.”

Kinzler, 61, a transplant surgeon from Glen Ellyn, is also making a second consecutive bid for public office. In the general election two years ago, he lost a race for the Illinois House to Democratic Rep. Deb Conroy of Villa Park by a wide margin.

A former Park District board chairman, Kinzler, has touted his ability to work with Democrats while offering only subtle public critique of Ives, 55, a former three-term state representative who previously served on the Wheaton City Council.

“We need somebody who basically can work with all different groups and hasn’t alienated anybody based on race, religion, sexual orientation any other discrimi-



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Former state Rep. Jeanne Ives seeks to reclaim the 6th Congressional District for the GOP.



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Gordon “Jay” Kinzler, a surgeon from Glen Ellyn, is running for office a second time.

natory factors,” he said.

“I’m a unifier, not a divider. I look for common ground where we can work together and get things done for our constituents. I’m a citizen volunteer, not a career politician,” he said.

Ives has billed her election as part of a larger movement against big government.

“Do you want more government in your life or do you want more freedom?” she asked. “I stand on the side of freedom. I know that you are the solution to your problems, not some bureau-

crats in D.C.”

Ives has raised nearly \$610,000 and began the year with \$313,366 on hand. Kinzler raised more than \$150,000, including \$101,000 in personal loans to his campaign, and had \$145,534 to start the year.

Ives is backed by Roskam as well as Texas Sen. Ted Cruz and several conservative groups, including the House Freedom Fund, an outgrowth of the tea party movement among Republicans in Congress.

Downstate, another woman has gained the Freedom

Fund’s support in her bid for the Republican nomination to replace 12-term GOP Rep. John Shimkus of Collinsville, who is retiring from the 15th Congressional District seat.

Mary Miller, 60, who grew up in Naperville, is the wife of first-term Republican state Rep. Chris Miller of Oakland, where the couple runs a grain and livestock farm. Mary Miller, who backed Ives’ challenge to Rauner, also teaches children through a network of home schools.

In their political cam-

paigns, each of the Millers echo the motto “faith, family and freedom” while decrying the influence of Chicago liberalism on the rest of the state.

“Farmers are the backbone of America. We are tired of big city ‘elites’ from Chicago imposing their radical liberal policies on our way of life. It’s time farmers had an ally in Washington. Will you stand with me?” Mary Miller said in a recent tweet.

Chris Miller has decried how “all bad bills come from Chicago” and is part of the fringe separatist movement sponsoring legislation urging Congress to make Chicago the 51st U.S. state.

Like most Republicans running for Congress this year, Mary Miller accuses Democrats of leaning toward socialism and opposes a “Medicare for All” single-payer health care system. But asked recently by WILL-FM if she wanted to eliminate the Affordable Care Act and replace it with something else, she replied, “I can’t answer that.”

Miller is facing Kerry Wolff, a school board vice president from Altamont, Vermilion County Treasurer Darren Duncan of Rossville and Charles Ellington, a physician from Camargo.

Duncan has raised more than \$207,000 to lead the cash race, though \$175,000 of that is from a personal loan, and had \$206,765 to start the year. Miller raised more than \$165,000 and had \$107,273 in cash on hand, Federal Election Commission records showed. The others had raised less than \$8,000.

Like Miller, Duncan bills himself as a “farmer, Christian and conservative Republican.”

“President Trump needs allies in Congress. I’m going to work hard to get elected, go to Washington and have his back. I’m going to help him pass a conservative agenda that’s good for all of America,” Duncan says in an ad. “We’re going to defend the God-given right to bear arms in the Second Amendment, we’re going to protect the sanctity of life and we’re going to work to strengthen and secure the southern border.”

Facing off in the 15th Congressional District’s Democratic primary are Craig Morton, a Salem City Council member, John Hursey, a high school teacher from Collinsville, Coles County public defender Erika Weaver of Mattoon and Kevin Gaither of Charleston, the 2018 Democratic nominee.

But the district, which includes all or parts of 33 counties in east-central and southern Illinois, is solidly Republican, and the winner of the GOP primary is expected to be the eventual

“Farmers are the backbone of America. We are tired of big city ‘elites’ from Chicago imposing their radical liberal policies on our way of life. It’s time farmers had an ally in Washington. Will you stand with me?”

— Mary Miller, in a recent tweet

seat holder.

There may be a question over how long the seat will exist, though. With Illinois expected to lose a congressional seat after the 2020 federal census, the 15th District, with the lack of a longtime incumbent and rural population losses, is considered a likely target for elimination.

In the adjacent 13th Congressional District, which goes from Bloomington on the north and Champaign on the northeast and cuts southwest through Decatur all the way to the Mississippi River, Democrat Betsy Dirksen Londrigan of Springfield is seeking a rematch with four-term Republican Rep. Rodney Davis of Taylorville.

After winning a five-way primary in 2018, Londrigan came within 2,059 votes of upsetting Davis, despite the district’s traditional Republican leanings. This time around, Londrigan is being challenged for the Democratic nomination by newcomer Stefanie Smith of Urbana, who subscribes to the democratic socialist ideology.

Smith found herself engaged in controversy when phone video surfaced of a group of her supporters shouting and blocking Londrigan’s vehicle from leaving a recent campaign event. In response, Smith posted a video decrying how for her, “campaigning has been a nightmare of alienation, hostility, humiliation, gaslighting. So much abuse.”

Londrigan has received several major endorsements and has been a strong fundraiser. She started the year with \$1.14 million in cash on hand, even topping Davis’s \$1.08 million to begin 2020. Smith has raised less than \$6,800 and had just more than \$1,000 to start the year.

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From mental troubles to 50 run-ins with law, then death

Video shows Tyree Davis’ last fatal police encounter

BY WILLIAM LEE AND DEANESE WILLIAMS-HARRIS

At 18, Tyree Davis told his family he was hearing voices. At 19, he was diagnosed with psychosis. At 23, he was found to be schizophrenic and bipolar.

He would disappear for days from his South Side home, his family says. He was arrested dozens of times for shoplifting. On the day he died, Jan. 4, he had apparently swiped something from a dollar store and was shot by a police officer when he wouldn’t drop a knife. He would have turned 27 in two months.

On Wednesday, a Chicago police oversight agency released video of the deadly confrontation. It shows the officers being dispatched to a robbery in the 2600 block of East 79th Street around 3:15 p.m. and being warned that the suspect had a knife. The officers were also told he may have mental problems.

“Did he say he was kind of slow?” one officer asked after getting the call from a dispatcher. “What? I couldn’t hear.”

“Yeah, he said he’s kind of slow,” her partner says. “Maybe mentally, but you’re like, what the (expletive) does that mean?”

The officers spot Davis based on a description radioed by a dispatcher. He has a knife in one hand and a glass bottle in the other. The officers call for an emergency response at 79th Street and Burnham Avenue as Davis runs away. Both officers get out of their car and start chasing him. One of them has his gun drawn.

“Do you want to get shot? Get the f--- on the ground, dude!” the officer says, aiming at Davis who keeps running. His partner has pulled out her Taser and yells, “Put it down.”

As they cross the street, the officer with the gun says, “You can’t outrun me, m-----!” Occasionally Davis stops and waves the knife and bottle.

Davis slows down and stops outside Margarita’s Meat Market. He has the knife in his right hand and

the bottle in his left. The officer with the Taser yells at him to get down, then fires it several times, appearing to hit Davis. He waves both the knife and the bottle and skips toward her, then her partner fires three shots and Davis falls to the ground.

A third officer runs over as Davis still clutches the knife as he lies face down on the pavement. The officer steps on the knife, and the officer with the gun restrains Davis by bending back his arms and putting a knee on his back in order to handcuff him. The officers cut his shirt off him to see where he’s shot.

The officer who fired the gun then tries to resuscitate Davis, who becomes unresponsive. An ambulance is seen arriving at the end of the video.

Davis’ family, who provided copies of his medical records, said Davis was probably running away because he had recently been released from Cook County Jail and didn’t want to go back.

“He hated being in the county because they would just put him in the hole and wouldn’t help him,” said his mother, Tonya Brown. “He hated it, so he was glad to



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A police oversight agency has released video of a deadly confrontation in January.

get out.”

She believes he had a knife that day because he was scared of getting attacked on the street. “Someone just jumped on him in the area he frequents and knocked him out,” Brown said.

She said her son would regularly hang out on the block where he was shot. “The people at the dollar store knew him, as well as the folks in that area. They thought he was homeless,” Brown acknowledged that her son would often steal from stores, and probably had stolen something from the dollar store before he was shot.

“He would steal stuff, and I believe he snatched something out of the store Jan. 4

and ran,” Brown said.

Court records show Davis had been arrested more than 50 times, most of the time for shoplifting or trespassing. In 2018, he pleaded guilty to aggravated battery to a police officer and was sentenced to three years in prison. He was paroled Dec. 20, two weeks before he was killed.

An arrest for robbery would have been a violation of his parole and he could have been sent back to jail. “He was trying to get away,” Brown said.

His mother said Davis had struggled with mental health issues since his late teens. “It was clear to me Tyree had something going on.”

Davis was admitted to

Hartgrove Hospital in March 2012, and a brain scan showed “temporal lobe abnormalities,” according to documents provided by the family. The hospital also said Davis “reported auditory hallucinations during the interview” with a doctor.

Five years later, he was admitted to Mercy Hospital & Medical Center for “schizoaffective disorder, bipolar type.” He was prescribed medication for depression, seizures and mood disorders.

The Civilian Office of Police Accountability said it continues to investigate the shooting, as is routine.

Chicago Tribune’s Alice Yin contributed.

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Dr. Jennifer Kayden, right, and Chicago Public Schools CEO Janice Jackson answer questions Tuesday.

Spread prompts additional Chicago-area school closings

CPS says it has no plans to shut any more buildings

BY HANNAH LEONE AND KATHERINE ROSENBERG-DOUGLAS

As the novel coronavirus continues to spread in the Chicago area, two North Side private schools and a suburban school district announced they were shutting their doors temporarily because of concerns about the infectious disease.

At the same time, Chicago Public Schools officials said Tuesday they had no plans at that time to shut any additional buildings besides Vaughn Occupational High School, which had already been shuttered until March 18 because a staff member was hospitalized last week with COVID-19, the respiratory illness caused by the coronavirus.

Lombard Elementary District 44 announced Tuesday it will close all of its schools on Wednesday after someone who tested positive for the virus attended a volleyball game on March 4 at Glenn Westlake Middle School, district officials announced.

"Our decision to close school is above and beyond what is being recommended by health authorities and is not in response to a threat in our community. We feel it is extremely important that we take all necessary precautions to best protect our students, staff and community members. We do anticipate school being reopened on Thursday, March 12," the district's announcement said.

Tuesday evening programs also were canceled.

District 44 includes six elementary buildings as

well as Westlake and an early childhood center. Officials noted that no coronavirus cases have been identified in DuPage County.

Similarly, at the two Chicago religious schools that separately announced closures — Resurrection College Prep High School on the Northwest Side and Bernard Zell Anshe Emet Day School in Lakeview — no students or staff members have been diagnosed.

Officials at Resurrection, a private, all-girls Roman Catholic school at 7500 W. Talcott Ave. in the Northwood Park West neighborhood, told parents to arrange pickup for their children as of 10 a.m. Tuesday after it was learned a member of its community had contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19. The school also will be closed Wednesday, and a deep cleaning of the property will be conducted, school officials wrote in a social media post.

Bernard Zell Anshe Emet Day School, at 3751 North Broadway, was closed Tuesday because a member of its affiliated synagogue, Anshe Emet, tested positive for the coronavirus. The infected person has children who attend the school, and the synagogue was also closed Tuesday, officials said. They sent out email notices Monday to families who have kids in the primary school or who attend the synagogue.

Officials at both schools said the closures were done out of an abundance of caution and would allow crews to undertake thorough cleaning of the buildings. Sister Donna Wolowicki, president of Resurrection College Prep, said classes and all activities were canceled because the

father of a student is the co-worker of an individual who has tested positive for coronavirus. As of Tuesday, there was no indication that the student or her father had the virus, Wolowicki said, and the expectation was that school would reopen on Thursday.

At Bernard Zell, Rabbi Michael Siegel said the person who tested positive has not been on campus within the last month and is self-quarantined at home along with the entire family. "To be very clear, no Bernard Zell student or staff member has been diagnosed with COVID-19, and based on conversations with medical experts, we believe the risk to our students and faculty is low. This individual's spouse and children remain asymptomatic but will undergo testing first thing in the morning," said Gary Weisserman, head of the school.

Elsewhere in the region, Loyola Academy, a private Jesuit high school in Wilmette, was closed Monday and Tuesday because a student at the school had contact with a person who has tested positive for COVID-19.

Also Tuesday, state officials reported eight new cases of coronavirus in the state, including the first outside Cook County and bringing the state's total to 19. At CPS, officials said Tuesday that more tests for the coronavirus have been completed and, though additional screenings are still pending, no new cases have been identified at Vaughn Occupational High School in Portage Park or elsewhere in CPS.

CPS CEO Janice Jackson said there were no plans as of Tuesday to close any other schools because of the coronavirus.

Vaughn High was shut starting Monday after officials announced that a classroom aide who had traveled on a cruise ship last month had tested positive for the infectious disease and had been hospitalized. An alert from city health officials said she had worked while symptomatic.

CPS officials initially said Vaughn would remain closed this week but have since said it will be shuttered at least until March 18, which is the end of a period of self-quarantine imposed on students and staff members. That also applies to anyone who visited the school between Feb. 25 and last Friday.

Jackson stressed that Vaughn is a "unique environment" — where many students have physical and other disabilities — and being an occupational school, learning can't be as simply addressed with take-home assignments like most other schools. Its faculty and staff are among the most "dedicated and positive professionals" in the district.

Officials also reiterated that only people who have had direct contact with the infected staff member and are showing symptoms are being tested. Secondary contacts at this time don't need to take any special precautions, said Dr. Jennifer Layden of the Chicago Department of Public Health.

The Illinois State Board of Education is encouraging schools to come up with remote-learning plans should they be needed if the coronavirus prompts additional school closings.

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Doctor provides answers to key questions on virus

BY PATRICK M. O'CONNELL

There are many questions about the coronavirus. We have them. You have them. So we asked readers to submit their concerns and inquiries about coronavirus. Then we posed them to Dr. Robert Citronberg, director of infectious diseases at Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge. Citronberg has been in practice for more than 26 years. This has been edited for length and clarity.

Q: How is coronavirus transmitted? What is the incubation period?

A: The incubation period can be anywhere from two to 14 days. The incubation period is the time between the acquisition of the virus and the time that you develop symptoms. The median time is about five days.

There are two principal ways to get it, and it's important to understand both. The first is the more obvious, which is from droplets, when someone coughs or sneezes into your face. (Or within about a 3- to 6-foot radius.) If someone coughs or sneezes, the droplets fall right to the ground, so you can walk into a room a few moments afterward, and there will be no droplets in the air.

The more interesting and important method of transmission is contact. So even though the droplets fall to the ground, they may also fall on a tabletop and other surfaces, where they can live for at least several hours. So then say you touch that tabletop and then you touch your face, then you can actually infect yourself. I think the key to understanding this, the way to break the chain of transmission is 1) to not cough or sneeze directly into someone's face 2) stay away from people who are coughing or sneezing 3) be really mindful about keeping your hands clean and washing your hands, using hand sanitizer, all the time.

Q: How long does the coronavirus live on a surface such as door handles, desks or countertops?

A: There are a lot of factors that go into it. It tends to live longer on hard, nonporous surfaces like metal. And we don't know exactly how long; it's probably at least a few hours. It doesn't live as long on porous surfaces, and most of these viruses do not live as long or fare as well in higher temperatures and higher humidity. We do not yet know if this is the case with COVID-19. We don't know exactly how long this particular virus lives on a surface, but if it's alive on a surface, it likely can cause an infection.

Q: Is there a cure for coronavirus, and if there is not, what exactly are medical professionals treating people with? And how long will it take to recover?

A: There is no cure, no drug. Unlike influenza, we have drugs that treat influenza. There are trials going on around the world.

The treatment is supportive care, by that I mean, IV fluids, medication, things to break your fever, to make you feel better, to support you and give your body a chance to heal. Remember that about 80% of people with this coronavirus infection either have no symptoms or mild illness that doesn't progress to severe illness. So supportive care actually is important. It prevents people from getting dehydrated.

Usually people who are sick, they recover within a week or so if they have the mild illness, up to about two weeks to feeling back to normal. And remember, some of these people, especially some of the people who are in isolation, people

like on the cruise ship who are in quarantine, they have absolutely no symptoms. They tested positive but no symptoms. So it's kind of hard to gauge when they're feeling better because they never felt bad.

Q: My son is to participate in a national rugby tournament in the Chicago area on March 26. Is it safe for him to participate? I have spring break travel plans. Should I cancel them?

A: So I think essentially every big event or conference is likely going to be postponed. So I think that is going to be taken out of their hands. As far as travel for spring break, I think it depends a lot on where you are going. Domestically, I'm not really concerned. It's still very safe to travel, you have to pay extra close attention to keeping your hands clean when you're flying. The biggest risk when you're flying, by the way, is what you get on your hands; it's not what you breathe. Airplane air is actually quite safe to breathe. There's no real medical reason not to travel domestically. Internationally is a different story.

The concern is that what if you get there, and the rules change and it makes it very difficult to get home?

Q: I have a medical procedure scheduled at a hospital that is treating coronavirus patients. Is it safe for me to go to the hospital for the exam, or should I postpone?

A: Yes, it is safe. People with these infections are contained in very specific areas of the hospital. The virus doesn't go through the ventilation system, like into the operating room. There's really no risk of that at all.

There is no reason to avoid elective surgeries. And honestly, the way things are going, every hospital is going to have a patient with coronavirus. We're certainly nowhere near that yet, but we could be in the future.

Q: Is the coronavirus considered to be more easily transmitted than the flu?

A: It is transmitted by exactly the same mechanism as influenza, which is by the droplets, when someone coughs or sneezes directly on you, or contact. I would say at this point, with what we know, the coronavirus is more contagious because nobody has ever seen the virus before. It's a new virus to our species, and so we don't have any antibodies against it. With flu, we have antibodies from being exposed year after year, we have a flu vaccine, that probably makes it less contagious. Right now it looks like the coronavirus is more contagious. To be more technical, there is a number that we use for contagiousness of diseases, called the R0. If the R0 is 1, that means that each person with a disease is expected to give it to one other person ... so the higher the number, the more contagious it is. For background, influenza, like seasonal flu, the R0 number is about 1.3. Right now, as far as we know, the coronavirus R0 is about 2.2. So it is higher than influenza. But just to give you a frame of reference, the measles, which is among the most contagious of all viruses, that R0 is up to about 18.

It's a little bit scary. It's like the fear of the unknown. We don't know anything about the virus so don't have a specific drug to treat it, we don't have a vaccine yet.

We don't know what it's going to do. In a couple of months, we'll probably know a lot more about it. This is not an existential threat to our civilization. This is not like the zombie apocalypse. I think that people have to focus on mitigating this. But this is not like a hide-under-your-desk situation.

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Pritzker's frustration with the speed of the federal response.

Officials said Monday that the state has enough test kits to meet the current need and offered assurances that commercial testing labs would be available shortly to assist with the effort. On Tuesday, Pritzker questioned the speed of the federal response.

"We have not received enough tests," Pritzker said. "We have tests, we are testing, but we would like to be able to test anybody that shows signs that they need to be tested and anybody who would like a test."

The newly announced cases include a Kane County woman in her 60s and a McHenry County man in his late teens. Neither had a history of travel to areas affected by the illness or any connection with a known case of COVID-19.

"These are indications that some of these new cases may have acquired the virus within the community," Ezike said.

In addition to those patients, the new cases include six in Cook County: four men, three in their 40s, one in his 70s; and two women, one in her 60s and one in her 40s. Two of the men in their 40s are in Chicago.

Ezike said health officials are still investigating those cases and reaching out to anyone who has come into close contact with the patients. All eight new patients are in isolation, either at home or in a hospital, and "are doing well," she said.

The state so far has looked into 326 possible cases of COVID-19, which stands for coronavirus disease 2019. In addition to the 19 people who have tested positive, 244 have tested negative and 63 cases are pending, according to an update Tuesday from the state Public Health Department.

Health officials are strongly encouraging the public, particularly those older than 60 and those with underlying health conditions such as heart or lung disease or diabetes, to take precautions to prevent the spread of the virus. That includes washing

hands frequently, covering coughs and sneezes, disinfecting frequently touched surfaces, staying home when ill and — especially for those in the vulnerable categories — avoiding large gatherings.

Despite those cautions, Pritzker avoided calling on Chicago officials to cancel the two St. Patrick's Day parades planned for the weekend, though he noted CDC recommendations about avoiding large gatherings. Pritzker said the city "may be making announcements tomorrow sometime about any decisions that have been made."

While Pritzker and other officials emphasized early on that the risk to Illinois residents was low, the governor is no longer characterizing the situation that way. "The risk is obviously not low for the vulnerable populations," he said Tuesday.

The state is taking measures at its own long-term care and veterans facilities to restrict visits from those under 18 and those who are showing respiratory symptoms, and is working with the nursing home and long-term care industries to en-

courage similar practices statewide, officials said.

In Chicago, the Department of Family and Support Services is suspending group programs at its senior centers beginning Wednesday, Public Health Commissioner Dr. Allison Arwady said. Meal programs will continue, but with extra precautions, she said.

Ezike, the state public health director, said that if members of the public do their part to help slow the spread of the disease, it will help ensure health care resources are available to those who most need them.

"We know that we're probably not at the peak now," she said. "And so, again, everything that we do now will help determine how high that peak gets."

Worldwide, more than 116,000 people have been infected, and more than 4,000 have died, according to The Associated Press. There had been 647 reported cases in the U.S. as of Monday, including 25 deaths, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

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Pritzker questions whether St. Pat's events should go on

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Amid a national wave of event cancellations due to the rapidly spreading coronavirus, Illinois Gov. J.B. Pritzker on Tuesday questioned whether Chicago's St. Patrick's Day parades should happen this weekend, even as event organizers and city officials said the celebrations would go on as planned.

Pritzker said he and Mayor Lori Lightfoot have been in close communication about the city's St. Patrick's Day celebrations scheduled for the weekend and expects an announcement on them Wednesday. He said officials have looked to what other states and cities have done, noting that both Boston and Dublin canceled their celebrations.

"My own view, I'll just say, is I want to keep people safe, and I think we've got to follow the guidance that medical experts give us," Pritzker said at a news conference announcing new coronavirus cases in Illinois. "The (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) is talking about avoiding mass gatherings. They aren't giving a number to what is a 'mass gathering,' and I think that's not helpful, frankly."

Officials on Tuesday announced eight new cases of COVID-19 in Illinois, including the first two cases outside of Cook County. The total number of COVID-19 cases reported in the state since the start of the outbreak was 19 on Tuesday, though some patients had already recovered.

The city's official parade is set to kick off downtown at noon Saturday. The South Side Irish Parade takes place on Sunday

along Western Avenue in the Far Southwest Side Beverly neighborhood. Chicago's St. Patrick's Day parades draw tens of thousands of people to the streets each year.

City officials and parade organizers have said the parades would go on as planned.

But other events that attract large crowds have been canceled in the city, state and nationally.

Former Vice President Joe Biden and Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, for example, canceled campaign events in Ohio. Biden is scheduled to have a Friday night rally in Chicago, and his campaign has yet to make a public determination on whether the event will be held as planned.

Nevertheless, South Side parade committee member Kevin Coakley said Tuesday the parade was still going to proceed as far as organizers are concerned. "We want people to exercise whatever precautions they see fit," Coakley said. "Our position is, if you're concerned, then don't attend the parade."

Ald. Matt O'Shea, 19th, on Tuesday said that he has concerns about the safety of his community, particularly senior citizens, and the decision to cancel should be under serious consideration. O'Shea said he knows Lightfoot has been in contact with city and state public health experts.

"This is the mayor's decision, but I think we should be taking advisement from medical professionals like the Illinois Department of Public Health and Chicago Department of Public Health," O'Shea said.

Organizers hadn't heard from any public agencies urging them to call it off, Coakley said.

"We're really relying on the government on this," he added. "It's an outdoor event. If it's safe enough to send our kids to school, safe enough to go to church, then we're under the impression that we shouldn't quarantine ourselves."

Pritzker said he's been in touch with Lightfoot on the matter.

"She is in close communication with the organizers of those various events, and I know that they're planning to — they may be making announcements tomorrow sometime about any decisions that have been made," Pritzker said.

The decision on whether to shut down St. Patrick's Day parades puts Lightfoot in a politically challenging position. The events are major boons to hotels, restaurants and bars, as both parades draw massive crowds from around the region.

But with events being canceled around the country out of caution, it could be politically disastrous if the parades were held and coronavirus cases could be linked to the festivities.

Further complicating matters for Lightfoot is the fact that her security chief, Jim Smith, is committee co-chair of the South Side Irish Parade.

In response to questions about Smith, the mayor's office released a statement saying: "Decisions regarding COVID-19 public safety are informed by guidance from the Chicago Department of Public Health, the Illinois Department of Public Health and the Center for Disease Control."

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Plan for civilian oversight of police stalls at panel

Alderman delays vote as activists, mayor negotiate

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A plan to create a civilian oversight commission over the Chicago Police Department did not advance through a City Council committee Tuesday, amid ongoing negotiations between activists and Mayor Lori Lightfoot over who gets to approve department policy.

Public Safety Committee Chairman Ald. Chris Taliaferro, 29th, said he will hold the ordinance in committee until his City Council colleagues are comfortable with it and Lightfoot's office hammers out remaining details with grassroots groups that have been pushing for oversight.

"One thing we don't want to do is rush this through before everyone understands it and feels good about the details," Taliaferro said.

In particular, he said activists and Lightfoot's office are still talking about how Police Department policies will get approved under the new plan. Activists want as much say-so as they can get on policies, while police officials want to keep that power in-house.

Taliaferro said he thinks the final version can get ironed out in time for the committee to consider it next month.

In a key breakthrough following her promise to deliver on increased civilian oversight of the department, Lightfoot last week announced a proposed ordinance that would create the Community Commission for Public Safety and Accountability.

The ordinance establishes three-member district councils in each of Chicago's 22 police districts. The councils are responsible for nominating



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Mayor Lori Lightfoot talks to the media with Interim Chicago Police Supt. Charlie Beck last week.

commission members, who will be selected by the mayor and confirmed by the City Council. Commission members will be selected based on their expertise in areas such as civil rights, social work, work with immigrant and undocumented communities, and law. Two of the seven commissioners will be between the ages of 18 to 24 and have experienced police misconduct.

Earlier plans called for the board to have the ability to issue a no-confidence vote against a superintendent, which would then be delivered to the City Council and mayor for consideration. But that option was removed from the new proposal, which could lead to criticism from activists who want greater authority to potentially sanction a superintendent.

Asked Tuesday about the delay, mayoral spokesman Patrick Mullane reiterated Lightfoot's work to craft a compromise with the Grassroots Alliance for Police Accountability, a consortium of 13 neighborhood and advocacy groups that has been trying for years to create the commission.

"Following hundreds of meetings and community

conversations over the past year, we developed an ordinance in partnership with GAPA leadership that establishes a civilian oversight body to not only increase accountability within CPD and COPA, but to ensure community members have a voice at every level — from local police districts to department leadership," Mullane said in a statement.

Citizen oversight was first proposed by the Police Accountability Task Force that Lightfoot chaired for former Mayor Rahm Emanuel in the wake of the Laquan McDonald shooting scandal.

As the city reeled from the release of disturbing footage of a white officer shooting McDonald 16 times as the teen, armed with a pocket knife, appeared to walk away, Emanuel announced several reforms.

Emanuel vowed to create an oversight board but deferred to community groups' requests that they help design it.

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Solitary

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torturing someone.”

The bill is named for Anthony Gay, a Rock Island native who entered prison in 1994 as a young man, convicted of robbery after brawling with another teen who told police that Gay took his hat and stole \$1. Gay expected to serve as little as 3½ years.

Instead, a fight with a fellow inmate led to Gay's first stint in segregation, pushing him into a downward spiral that resulted in 22 years in solitary confinement. Shortly after the isolation started, Gay began self-mutilating and attempting suicide.

Alone for 23 hours a day and starved for human contact, Gay took extreme steps to get attention. He cut himself hundreds of times in his 7-by-12-foot cell, slicing open his neck, forearms, legs and genitals. Once, he packed a fan motor inside a gaping leg wound; another time he cut open his scrotum and inserted a zipper.

As his mind began to deteriorate, Gay became antagonistic toward his guards and occasionally threw urine or feces at them, unlawful acts of defiance that stretched his original sentence into more than two decades behind bars.

In Livingston County, where Pontiac Correctional Center is situated, the state's attorney's office lodged a series of 21 indictments against Gay between 2000 and 2004 for the many times he threw his own bodily fluids at guards. The offenses added about 100 years to his initial sentence.

The Illinois Department of Corrections would later identify Gay in court filings as one of a few dozen inmates whose mental illnesses were so acute and dangerous that they required full inpatient care. But a Tribune investigation found his psychiatric treatment often consisted of a therapist shouting questions to him through a door.

As he recounted how his

mental health eroded in isolation, the normally stoic Gay broke down in tears Tuesday during a news conference promoting the proposed legislation. If the state had followed through with its plans, Gay would have spent the rest of his life alone inside a cell the size of a parking space.

“Instead of being removed (from solitary), I was buried deeper,” he said. “I was scheduled to die in solitary confinement.”

On his darkest days, Gay clung to the idea that he would find a way to end IDOC's isolation policies.

“My goal always was to get out and make a difference for the others still there,” he told the Tribune this week. “I wanted to throw them a rope of hope.”

The proposed legislation comes amid a broader rethinking around the country of solitary confinement, and whether it amounts to excessive punishment. At any given time, about 67,000 inmates nationwide are spending up to 22 hours a day alone in a cell, according to a joint study by Yale University and the Association of State Correctional Administrators.

A significant number of those have mental illnesses, though estimates vary. A federal judge in 2018 found that of the roughly 1,100 Illinois prisoners in solitary confinement, more than 900 had been diagnosed with mental illnesses. Another measure, provided in December 2018 by the Illinois Department of Corrections, found that nearly 1 in 3 prisoners in segregation have a mental illness categorized as serious.

Currently, there are 1,302 inmates in restrictive housing and just under 400 of them are seriously mentally ill, an IDOC spokeswoman said.

The issue has prompted several states to reform their segregation policies in recent years, though Illinois lags behind. While Illinois has significantly reduced the number of days juvenile offenders spend in isolation and no longer uses segregation as a punishment for young people as



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Anthony Gay becomes emotional while speaking Tuesday about his years in solitary confinement as attorney Sarah Grady consoles him.

part of a consent decree between the department and the American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois, those policies do not extend to the adult population.

Ford has pushed unsuccessfully for solitary confinement reforms for nearly four years, but he believes the bill has his strongest chances of passing during the current legislative session given Gay's involvement. The bill, which is assigned to the House Judiciary-Criminal Committee, is expected to be taken up after the March 17 primary election, Ford said.

“Anthony's story touched many people in Springfield,” Ford said. “It (the proposed legislation) has a new life because there's now a real face to this issue. These are the stories that help get legislation passed.”

Under the bill, inmates with safety concerns would be allowed to request a transfer to solitary confinement for as long as needed. IDOC also would be required to publish quarterly data about the inmates in

solitary confinement, including information about their age, ethnicity, reason for segregation and access to health care while there.

“Transparency is absolutely a vital part of this bill,” said Gay's attorney, Nicolette Ward of the Romanucci & Blandin law firm. “That kind of oversight, candidly, could have saved Anthony. Right now, we don't know how many Anthony Gays are in the system.”

Gay was released from prison in August 2018 after his attorneys successfully petitioned to have his sentence restructured. He sued the Illinois Department of Corrections; the lawsuit is pending in federal court in Peoria and has a tentative November 2021 trial date.

He also has become an advocate for solitary confinement reform, lobbying state lawmakers in Springfield and providing pivotal testimony in a class-action lawsuit that led to court-ordered reforms involving the way the IDOC treats mentally ill inmates.

Gay has a job helping out at his cousin's barbershop

and enjoys spending time with his large family, which includes his 6-month-old son, Anthony. He has a network of social workers, attorneys and church friends who have helped him adjust to a world that moved on without him two decades ago.

The adjustment has not been easy. Having spent his entire adult life as an inmate and having his choices dictated to him by guards, he struggles to make even those most basic decisions such as when he should shower or if he should do laundry.

He also grapples with the painful memories of his time in isolation, though he tries to bury the bad feelings. He believes he owes it to the inmates still in segregation to present a positive image, and pushing for reforms helps him achieve that goal.

“It has been a long, tedious process,” he said. “I'm grateful (for the bill) — not so much for me, but for the people who are still trapped.”

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Plan would criminalize unwanted cell photos

By JOHN BYRNE

Aldermen on Tuesday advanced a plan to criminalize “cyber-flashing,” the increasingly common act of people forwarding photos of genitals to strangers in public places via a cell-phone app.

The City Council Public Safety Committee approved the plan to levy fines up to \$1,000 and up to 90 days in jail for those busted using AirDrop or other “data-dropping technology” to send explicit pictures to people standing nearby without their “request or express consent.”

Southwest Side Ald. Raymond Lopez, 15th, demonstrated the potential abuse of such technology.

Lopez noted that he could send a reporter and several aldermen in the room for the meeting unsolicited photos at that moment because their AirDrop function was enabled on their phones.


“But imagine being on a train and getting a picture of someone's genitals, getting a picture of someone naked, getting a picture you did not ask for, and can't stop a preview, and can't stop — not knowing where it came from” Lopez said.

The ordinance will head to the full City Council next week.

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NATION & WORLD

Russian accounts sow election discord

Report says social media posts focus on divisive issues

BY AMANDA SEITZ AND BARBARA ORTUTAY
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Four years after Russia-linked groups stoked divisions in the U.S. presidential election on social media platforms, a new report shows that Moscow's campaign hasn't let up and has become harder to detect.

The report from University of Wisconsin-Madison professor Young Mie Kim found that Russia-linked social media accounts are posting about the same divisive issues — race relations, gun laws and immigration — as they did in 2016, when the Kremlin polluted American voters' feeds with messages about the presidential election. Facebook has since removed the accounts.

Since then, however, the Russians have grown better at imitating U.S. campaigns and political fan pages online, said Kim, who analyzed thousands of posts. She studied more than 5 million Facebook ads during the 2016 election, identifying Russia's fingerprints on some of the messages through an ad-tracking app. Her review is copublished by the Brennan Center for Justice, a law and policy institute, where she is a scholar.

The Russian improvements make it harder for voters and social media platforms to identify the foreign interference, Kim said.

"For normal users, it is too subtle to discern the differences," Kim said. "By



JON ELSWICK/AP

Instagram posts were yanked off the site in October after it was concluded they originated from Russia.

mimicking domestic actors, with similar logos (and) similar names, they are trying to avoid verification."

Kim's report comes weeks after U.S. intelligence officials briefed lawmakers on Russian efforts to stir chaos in American politics and undermine public confidence in this year's election. The classified briefing detailed Russian efforts to boost the White House bids of both Republican President Donald Trump and Democratic Sen. Bernie Sanders.

Last month, FBI Director Christopher Wray warned that Russia was still waging "information warfare" with an army of fictional social media personas and bots

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— Thomas Rid, a national security expert

that spread disinformation.

In a rare, joint statement last week, the leaders of America's intelligence agencies cautioned that foreign actors were spreading false information ahead of Super Tuesday to "cause confusion and create doubt in our system."

But intelligence officials have not released any de-

tails about the type of disinformation or explained how Americans should protect themselves from it.

Russia has repeatedly denied interfering in the U.S. elections, and did again on Thursday.

"You just want us to repeat again that we have nothing to do with the U.S. elections," Russia's foreign

ministry spokeswoman Maria Zakharova said.

Russia has refined its techniques since 2016 and new foreign actors have joined the game, making it harder to identify Kremlin-backed disinformation said Thomas Rid, a national security expert who has written a book about the Kremlin's history of spreading disinformation.

"I do pick up some chatter that the visibility into Russian operations is not as good as it may appear," Rid said. "It's very difficult to spot Russian interference today."

Still, it's unclear how much effect — if any — Russian disinformation tactics have had on voters.

Some of Russia's social media ads in the 2016 U.S. presidential election were seen by only a handful of people and their effect has been "vastly overstated," Rid said.

But Kim's report pulls back the curtain on some of the online techniques Russia has already used in this year's presidential race, including targeting battleground states with its divisive messaging.

Her review identified thousands of posts last year from more than 30 Instagram accounts, which Facebook removed from the site in October after concluding that they originated from Russia and had links to the Internet Research Agency, a Russian operation that targeted U.S. audiences in 2016. Facebook owns Instagram.

Analysis from Graphika, a disinformation security firm, also concluded at the time that the accounts went to "great lengths to hide their origins."

After getting caught off-guard with Russia's 2016 election interference attempts, Facebook, Google, Twitter and others put safeguards in place to prevent it from happening again.

Kim's analysis found the accounts appeared to mimic existing political ones, including one called "Bernie.2020—" that used campaign logos to make it seem like it was connected to Sanders' campaign or was a fan page for his supporters, Kim said.

Some candidates also were targeted directly.

An account called Stop.Trump2020 posted anti-Trump content. Other Instagram accounts pushed negative messages about Democrat Joe Biden.

Census Bureau site goes live as counting begins in earnest

BY MIKE SCHNEIDER
Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — The 2020 census is off and running for much of America now.

The U.S. Census Bureau made a soft launch of the 2020 census website Monday, making its form available online. On Thursday, the Census Bureau will begin mailing out notices far and wide.

For the bureau, the once-a-decade head count is akin to running a sprint and marathon at the same time. It takes awhile, but there's plenty of action throughout.

"It is that intense counting up to 330 million people in a very diverse, very mobile population, and over 140 million housing units," Stephen Buckner, a senior Census Bureau executive, said during a recent visit to Miami.

The bureau had an official in-person launch in January in Toksook Bay, Alaska. Mail service is spotty and internet connectivity is unreliable in remote Alaska, making door-to-door canvassing the best way to gather responses. The Alaska villages get a head start over the rest of the nation because many residents scatter each spring to subsistence hunting and fishing grounds.

There has been a U.S. census every decade since 1790. The results determine how many congressional seats each state gets and how \$1.5 trillion in federal spending is distributed.

The 2020 census is the first in which most people are being encouraged to answer the questions online, though people can still answer the questionnaire by telephone or by mailing back a paper form if they prefer.

The notices mailed out starting this week will include a census ID that matches addresses. People



U.S. CENSUS BUREAU

The Census 2020 website was soft-launched Monday. The Census Bureau will begin mailing notices Thursday.

filling out the form via the internet are encouraged to use the ID, but those who answer the questions online before getting their IDs still will be counted.

"The best user experience is provided with a census ID," the bureau said in a statement Monday.

About 80% of households receiving mailings will get notices about how to answer the questions online, and about 20% of households automatically will receive a paper ballot if there are large numbers of seniors in their neighborhood or levels of internet connectivity are low.

Census workers won't begin going door-to-door in earnest until May, when they'll approach homes that haven't responded and ask the questions in person. Bureau officials are monitoring the spread of the coronavirus, which could disrupt the door-to-door phase.

If there is a major disaster, such as an epidemic, census workers instead can drop off the questionnaires at homes, with the hope that people will respond on their own, according to the bureau's operational plan.

Testifying before a House appropriations subcommittee Tuesday, Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross, whose department oversees the Census Bureau, said the emphasis on getting people to respond

online is minimizing physical contact that could spread the virus.

"We will just have to play it by ear," Ross said. "We will deal with the situation as it evolves."

This week also poses the first true test of the Census Bureau's new IT systems for capturing online responses.

For the past three years, the Government Accountability Office has placed the census on its list of high-risk programs, mainly because it is relying on technology that has not been used before.

Last month, the bureau decided to use a backup data-collection system for handling the online responses after officials grew concerned that the primary system would not be able to handle excessive traffic.

The online approach causes Democratic Rep. Karen Bass of California to worry it will lead to an undercount of blacks and other minorities in hard-to-count communities.

Perhaps the most attention given the 2020 census over the past several years has been to the failed effort by the Trump administration to put a citizenship question on the form. The U.S. Supreme Court rejected those efforts, but some worry that lingering unease may scare off some Latinos and immigrants from participating.

Turkey to EU: Stop stringing us along on migration deal

BY SUZAN FRASER
Associated Press

ANKARA, Turkey — The European Union should stop "stringing Turkey along" over helping out with the millions of migrants on its territory, the country's foreign minister said Tuesday, a day after the two sides agreed to review a 4-year-old deal aimed at stemming refugee flows to Europe.

Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu said the EU must take "sincere" steps to help Turkey manage the flow of migrants, including finding ways to ensure Syrian refugees can return home.

The minister spoke a day after President Recep Tayyip Erdogan held a meeting with top EU officials in Brussels, with both sides agreeing to review their 2016 deal on migrants.

The meeting was called after thousands of migrants massed on Turkey's border with Greece, following the Turkish government's decision to open its borders to migrants wanting to illegally enter Europe.

To prevent the crossings, Athens deployed riot police and border guards who in many cases used tear gas, flash grenades and water cannons. Greece says its forces were in turn tear-gassed by Turkish forces on the other side of the border.

Erdogan has demanded that Europe shoulder more of the burden of caring for Syrian refugees in Turkey — thought to exceed 3.5 million.

Turkey is accusing the EU of not meeting its obligations under the 2016 agreement, including failing to pay money promised to Turkey to stem the flow of migrants to Europe.

The EU insists it is disbursing the funds and accused Erdogan of "blackmail" for waving migrants through to Europe.

Following the talks in Brussels late Monday, Eu-



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A child on Tuesday walks around a migrant camp set up near the Turkish-Greek border in Edirne, Turkey.

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

"We are ready for a constructive study We expect sincerity from the EU. The era of stringing Turkey along is over," Cavusoglu told state-run Anadolu Agency.

Cavusoglu said the sides would work toward "updating" the Turkey-EU deal in line with recent developments, including the situation in Syria's northwestern Idlib province, where a Syrian government offensive has driven thousands of Syrians toward the border with Turkey.

The 2016 agreement isn't "about the EU giving money to Turkey to keep the refugees," Cavusoglu said. "It comprises several issues from visa-free travel to ensuring the voluntary return of refugees."

The minister said the sides would try to draft a "road map" in time for a EU summit March 26.

The Greek side of the border along the Evros River, known as the Mari-

tsa in Turkey, was generally quiet Tuesday, and authorities were using the lull to reinforce barriers to prevent crossing attempts.

Teams were reinforcing around 40 areas of the border with barbed wire, including along parts of the banks of the Evros, which runs along most of the frontier between the two countries.

Charis Thocharides, head of the village of Pythio, said residents were worried that the wave of migrants that used to cross from Turkey to Greek islands would now start crossing through their region of the land border.

"It's a bit of a psychological issue," he said, adding that villagers could hear the disturbances coming from the border at night when Greek authorities were trying to push back migrants attempting to cross. "They used to feel safe, and now suddenly they've started to think of various things"

Greek authorities said they had made only one arrest on the Evros border Tuesday and thwarted 473 attempts at illegal entry. Since Feb. 29, 346 people have been arrested and more than 43,000 attempted crossings prevented.

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House panel to get testimony in Mueller probe, court rules

By ERIC TUCKER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department must give Congress secret grand jury testimony from special counsel Robert Mueller's Russia investigation, a federal appeals court ruled Tuesday, giving the House a significant win in a separation-of-powers clash with the Trump administration.

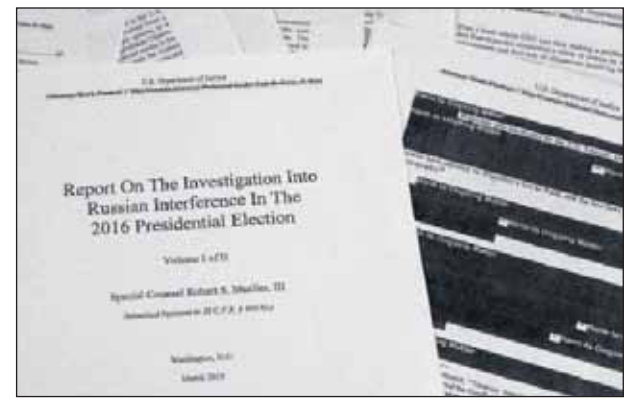
The three-judge panel said in a 2-1 opinion that the House Judiciary Committee's need for the material in its investigations of President Donald Trump outweighed the Justice Department's interests in keeping the testimony secret. The opinion authorizes access to information that Democrats have sought since the conclusion of Mueller's investigation, giving lawmakers previously-undisclosed details from the two-year Russia probe.

Writing for the majority, Judge Judith Rogers said that because Mueller himself "stopped short" of reaching conclusions about Trump's conduct to avoid stepping on the House's impeachment power, the committee had established that it could not make a final determination about Trump's conduct without access to the underlying grand jury material.

"The Committee's request for the grand jury materials in the Mueller Report is directly linked to its need to evaluate the conclusions reached and not reached by the Special Counsel," wrote Rogers, a Bill Clinton appointee. Judge Thomas Griffith issued a separate concurring opinion.

Judge Neomi Rao, a Trump appointee, dissented, suggesting that the need for the testimony could have waned after Trump's acquittal at a Senate impeachment trial last month.

"After all, the Committee



JON ELSWICK/AP 2019

Special counsel Robert Mueller issued a redacted report in April on Russian interference in the 2016 election.

sought these materials preliminary to an impeachment proceeding and the Senate impeachment trial has concluded. Why is this controversy not moot?" Rao wrote.

The ruling softens the blow of a loss the House endured two weeks ago when judges on the same court said they would not force former White House counsel Don McGahn to testify before Congress. The split decisions leave neither the administration nor Congress with a clear upper hand in an ongoing inter-branch dispute.

The ruling is a major win for Democrats who have fought the Justice Department for nearly a year, but it's unclear what the House will actually do with the material. Lawyers for the Democrats have said the grand jury material could potentially be used for additional articles of impeachment, though the Senate impeachment trial over the president's interactions with Ukraine ended weeks ago in an acquittal.

The Trump administration can ask the full appeals court to rehear the case, and can appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

The case is one of several disputes between the Trump administration and Congress that courts have grappled with in recent months.

The two sides had been at odds on the question of whether McGahn could be forced to testify about Trump's behavior during the Russia investigation. The appeals court ruled in a recent 2-1 decision that judges had no role to play in that dispute and dismissed the case.

Mueller issued a 448-page report last April that detailed multiple interactions between the 2016 Trump campaign and Russia and that examined several episodes involving the president for potential obstruction of justice. Mueller said his team did not find sufficient evidence to establish a criminal conspiracy between the campaign and the Kremlin to tip the election, though pointedly noted that he could exonerate the president for obstruction.

Portions of the report were blacked out, including grand jury testimony and material that Mueller said could harm ongoing investigations or infringe on the privacy of third parties.

Grand jury testimony is typically treated as secret, in part to protect the privacy of people who are not charged or are considered peripheral to a criminal investigation. But several exceptions allow for the material to be turned over, including if it is in connection with a judicial proceeding.



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Allen Moussa helps his mother, Heyam Moussa, insert her ballot into a counting machine Tuesday in Dearborn, Michigan.

Election

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race took shape, however, the campaigns faced new uncertainty amid fears of the spreading coronavirus.

Sanders and Biden both canceled public events in Ohio that were scheduled Tuesday night. Sanders' campaign said all future events would be decided on a case-by-case basis, while Biden called off a scheduled upcoming stop in Florida.

The Democratic National Committee also said that Sunday's debate would be conducted without an audience.

With 125 delegates at stake, Michigan got most of the attention Tuesday. Trump won the state by about 10,000 votes during the general election in 2016, his closest margin of victory between it, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin — the three states that gave Trump the edge in the Electoral College after Clinton won the popular vote.

Sanders, who had vowed not to drop out regardless of Tuesday's results, may be unable to catch Biden, and perhaps only be left trying to deny him an outright delegate win ahead of the Democratic National Convention this summer in Milwaukee.

AP VoteCast, a wide-ranging survey of the American electorate, showed Biden leading among both men and women, as well as among both white voters and African American voters.

Sanders had predicted victory in Michigan. Biden went there less frequently, but sought late-breaking support there and toured an auto plant in Detroit on Tuesday.

"You're the best damn workers in the world!" Biden shouted through a megaphone at the auto plant as workers in hard hats chanted, "Joe! Joe!"

Biden now frequently ticks off the names of six former presidential rivals who have endorsed him just in the past week, saying he is "the candidate that they think can win."

The former vice president has campaigned in recent days with two of them — Sens. Cory Booker and Kamala Harris — and appeared with Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer. All three have been mentioned as possible vice presidential picks if Biden wins the nomination.

It wasn't all good feelings, though.

At the auto plant, Biden was interrupted repeatedly by protesters angered by his support for the North American Free Trade Agreement and reluctance to embrace sweeping environmental proposals outlined in the Green New Deal. In a scuffle with demonstrators, Biden senior adviser Symone Sanders was knocked to the ground but was unhurt.

Biden also endured a testy exchange with a worker who accused him of "actively trying to end our Second Amendment right."

Biden responded, "You're full of s---," and went on to say that while he supports the Second Amendment, "Do you need 100 rounds?"

His gun control plan reinstates the assault weap-

ons ban and includes a voluntary buyback program for assault weapons, stopping short of a mandatory buyback program that some of his opponents had supported in the primary.

Among former White House hopefuls and leaders of powerful liberal groups, however, Biden's momentum is now undeniable.

Guy Cecil, chairman of the flagship Democratic outside political organization Priorities USA, tweeted: "The math is now clear: Joe Biden is going to be the Democratic nominee for President and (at)prioritiesUSA is going to do everything we can to help him defeat Donald Trump in November."

Detroit neighbors Fayette Turner and Margaret Marsh were split on which to support: Turner voted for Sanders, while Marsh voted for Biden.

But they agreed on one thing: the desire to beat Trump.

"Anybody but Trump," Turner, 64, said.

"I think Biden's the sanest one left," Marsh added. "Hopefully he'll have a good vice president."

In Missouri: Black Missouri voters were especially supportive of Biden — about three quarters picked him over Sanders. Among them was Keith Williams, 72, of Ferguson. He voted for Biden, even though he fears it

won't matter in the fall election.

"I'll vote for Biden in November, but I don't think Trump will lose," said Williams, shaking his head.

But another black voter, 70-year-old Charles Jones of Jefferson City, felt better about Biden, saying he believes he can unify a fractured nation.

"I trust him," Jones said.

In Mississippi: "Anybody who can beat Trump, I'm voting for him," said retired federal government employee John Walters, 63, who voted for Biden at a church in the northern Mississippi town of Southaven. Walters said he likes Biden's record as a longtime senator and as vice president — and he thinks Biden can win the general election: "What I know about him, he's a decent guy, and he's for the working class."

Patricia Ponton said Sanders earned her vote with his promises of big change, particularly his support for universal health care.

The 27-year-old kindergarten teacher said her health insurance already takes about \$400 from her check every month, and she's scared to go to the doctor because she's already thousands of dollars in debt from medical bills.

Ponton said she does not think Sanders has as strong a chance of beating Trump

as Biden, but she voted for the Vermont senator "to make my voice heard."

Biden campaigned in Mississippi on Sunday, working to shore up support among African Americans, who make up 38% of Mississippi's population and most of the Democratic electorate. He spoke to a predominantly black congregation during a worship service at New Hope Baptist Church in Jackson, then ate lunch at a soul food restaurant before speaking to a racially diverse crowd at historically black Tougaloo College.

Sanders canceled a plan to appear Friday in Jackson so he could campaign in Michigan.

Biden support: Tech entrepreneur Andrew Yang endorsed Biden on Tuesday.

Yang, who ended his campaign last month before signing on as a CNN political commentator, said that he sees Biden as the best-positioned candidate to defeat President Trump in November.

Attorneys: Suspect offering plea deal

Alleged Golden State Killer wants death off the table

By PAIGE ST. JOHN
Los Angeles Times

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Attorneys for the man accused of being the Golden State Killer said Joseph James DeAngelo Jr. would be willing to plead guilty if prosecutors agreed not to seek the death penalty, according to new court papers.

The statement from the public defenders representing DeAngelo appears as a footnote in a 41-page dismissal motion filed this month in Sacramento County Circuit Court and obtained by the Los Angeles Times.

"Mr. DeAngelo is 74 years old. He has offered to plead to the charges with a lifetime sentence," the statement says.

Assistant public defender Joe Cress did not respond to a request to clarify the statement. Nor did Sacramento County prosecutor Anne Marie Schubert respond to a request for comment. But victims in the case told The Times they had received a letter from the public defender asking them to tell an independent mediator what they think about resolving the case without trial.

"I would be OK with that," said Kris Pedretti, who was 15 when she was raped in 1976. "But in exchange we want answers. Where he was. What he was doing. He owes us answers. Real answers."

A second victim voiced a similar opinion. Victor Hayes, who was held captive and threatened with death while his girlfriend was raped, said he is more interested in knowing details of how the crimes would have been committed by DeAngelo, a patrol duty police officer for the small northern California town of Auburn.

DeAngelo faces charges for 13 murders and 13 rape-related kidnappings in six counties. Beyond that, he is accused of some 50 rapes and scores of ransackings attributed to a serial predator who attacked women, men and children across a large swath of California in the 1970s and 1980s. He was arrested in April 2018 based on genetic DNA tracing through his relatives. Prosecutors allege that DNA retrieved from DeAngelo the day of his arrest matches that from eight of the crime scenes, but they have so far been

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stymied in collecting additional DNA samples from DeAngelo so that crime labs in those counties can run their own tests.

DeAngelo's arrest inspired dozens of other agencies to begin solving violent crimes similarly, fundamentally revolutionizing how cases across the country are investigated. The technique has generated a backlash from some genealogists, legal scholars and privacy advocates who are concerned that the police and the FBI are abusing these databases.

California Gov. Gavin Newsom announced a moratorium on executions in March 2019, but the death penalty remains legal in the state.

The New York Times contributed.

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CORONAVIRUS OUTBREAK

Virus upends Italy as cases top 10,000, deaths hit 631

Police enforce social distancing, 6 p.m. shop curfew

BY NICOLE WINFIELD AND JOHN LEICESTER
Associated Press

ROME — The boisterous hum of Rome dwindled to a whisper and police patrols kept people apart in cafes as Italy enforced an extraordinary, sweeping lockdown Tuesday in hopes of not becoming the next epicenter of the spreading coronavirus epidemic now that life in China is edging back to normal.

Infections in Italy topped the 10,000 mark with 10,149 cases — more than anywhere else but China — and the number of deaths from the virus rose to 631, from 463 a day earlier, Italian Civil Protection authorities said.

Travel and social restrictions that were extended across Italy illustrated how the virus and the broad disruptions it is causing are sweeping westward from China, where the outbreak began.

Police around the country patrolled cafes to make sure owners kept customers 3 feet apart during daylight hours and then enforced a strict 6 p.m. closure order.

"It's bad. People are terrorized," said Massimo



A restaurant in Milan closes to conform to a national curfew of 6 p.m. for shops and pubs. ALESSANDRO GRASSANI/THE NEW YORK TIMES

Leonardo, who runs a market stall. "I've never seen anything like it."

For most, the coronavirus causes only mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and cough. But for a few, especially older adults and people with existing health problems, it can cause more severe illnesses, including pneumonia. More than 118,000 people have been infected worldwide and over 4,200 have died.

By encouraging many of Italy's 62 million people to stay home and further drying up what was left of the

country's already battered tourism industry, the lockdown could increase the likelihood of a recession, dealing another blow to reeling global markets.

Italy's economy, the third-largest of the 19 countries that use the euro currency, relies heavily on industries requiring the physical presence and proximity of workers: tourism, manufacturing and retail.

Italians shouldn't leave home unless for work, health care or "necessities" such as grocery shopping, the premier's office said.

Shops cafes and restaurants were ordered to close at 6 p.m., a seismic restriction in a country that prizes its gastronomy, luxuries and cafe culture.

Giorgio Armani announced the closure of his hotel, restaurant and boutiques in Milan, citing "preventative measures adopted so far to safeguard the health of the employees and customers."

"I'll do whatever they tell me to do," said Rome florist Stefano Fulvi. "If I have to close, I'll close."

Italy also found itself

sealed off as other countries sought to keep infections contained.

Malta and Spain announced a ban on air traffic from Italy. British Airways and Air Canada suspended all Italy flights. Austria barred travelers from crossing the border without a medical certificate, Slovenia closed its border with Italy and Albania banned Italy air and ferry traffic.

Britain, Ireland, Hong Kong and Germany strengthened travel advisories and urged their citizens to leave. Even the Vatican erected a new barricade at the edge of St. Peter's Square.

"Get out of northern Italy if you're there," said Erik Broegger Rasmussen, head of consular services for Denmark's foreign ministry.

But in China, the dimming threat prompted President Xi Jinping to visit the central city of Wuhan, the epicenter of its outbreak, Tuesday and declare: "We will certainly defeat this epidemic."

It was the latest sign that China is edging back toward normal after weeks of quarantine measures. China reported 19 new infections Tuesday, down from thousands each day last month.

"Things are slowly returning to normal," said Yang Tianxiao, a finance worker in Beijing, where

the city government is gradually easing restrictions.

But in growing swathes of the globe outside China, virus-related disruptions were increasingly becoming the new normal. More than 100 countries — over half of the United Nations' membership — have now confirmed cases. Panama and Mongolia, which borders China, were among the latest.

Congo and Burkina Faso also confirmed their first cases, increasing the number of infections in Africa to 105 in 11 countries.

France's government advised voters to bring their own pens to local elections Sunday so they won't have to share. Morocco reported its first death of a virus-infected person — only the second confirmed fatality in Africa. The United Nations announced the closure of its New York headquarters complex to the general public and temporarily suspended all guided tours.

In Spain and France, soccer's biggest stars prepared to play in empty stadiums. Bans on public gatherings silenced entertainers. Sony Pictures delayed the launch of "Peter Rabbit 2" to August. Albania told its citizens to stay home — banning public gatherings and shuttering schools, entertainment centers, gymnasiums and public pools.

Outbreak

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mo said. The zone will extend a mile in all directions from a synagogue connected to some of the infections, officials said. The troops will help scrub public places and feed people quarantined at home.

In Washington, Trump's economic team joined in presenting the economic stimulus package privately to wary Senate Republicans, who have been cool to additional spending at this stage. Democrats are preparing their own package of low-cost virus testing, unemployment insurance and sick pay for workers struggling to keep paychecks coming as the outbreak disrupts workplaces.

"We're taking this unbelievably seriously," Trump said after his meeting at the Capitol. "It will go away, just stay calm."

Asked why he has not been tested for the virus, after having been in close contact with several advisers and members of Congress who are now self-quarantined after exposure, Trump said: "I don't think it's a big deal" and "I feel very good."

White House officials have been blindsided by the president's sudden moves. As Trump headed to Capitol Hill, two administration officials said the proposals he was putting in play had not been completed. They were unauthorized to discuss the planning and requested anonymity.

Trump's team offered few specifics at the closed door GOP lunch on the size of the payroll tax break or its duration, senators said. Trump has long promised to bring about an election year "tax cuts 2.0," and seemed to be seizing on the virus fears as a way to bring about a victory on that front before November.

In addition to payroll tax relief, Trump has said he wants help for hourly-wage workers to ensure they're



President Trump speaks with reporters at the Capitol as Vice President Mike Pence, center, and Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin look on. SAMUEL CORUM/GETTY

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

He has also mentioned small-business loans.

But so far, the president's approach, based on tax breaks, is receiving a cool response from Democrats as well as Republicans from his own party who say it's too soon to consider fresh spending from Capitol Hill.

Some Republicans endorsed Trump's suggestion that help be provided to the cruise ship and airline industries. Others spoke up to push for broader economic stimulus from a bipartisan highway bill they said was shovel-ready and popular. The payroll tax plan remains a work in progress.

Earlier, Speaker Nancy

Pelosi told House Democrats that Congress should keep working this week despite concerns about infection spreading there.

"We are the captains of the ship," Pelosi said during a closed-door meeting, according to a person in the room unauthorized to discuss the private caucus and granted anonymity. "We are the last to leave."

But time is short as Congress heads toward its scheduled break next week.

Trump had Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin meet with Pelosi, whose support will be needed for any deal in the divided Congress, where Republicans hold the Senate majority but Democrats hold the House. The two have successfully negotiated in the

past and Mnuchin called the meeting productive.

In Oakland, California, thousands of restless passengers who have been stuck aboard the Grand Princess, a cruise ship hit by the coronavirus, waited their turn to get off the vessel and go to military bases or back to their home countries for two weeks of quarantine.

"I'm bored and frustrated," said Carolyn Wright, 63, of Santa Fe, New Mexico. "All of a sudden a two-week vacation has turned into a five-week vacation."

In Washington state, where 19 deaths have been connected to a single Seattle-area nursing home, Gov. Jay Inslee announced new nursing-home rules for

screening health care workers and limiting visitors.

"If we assume there are 1,000 or more people who have the virus today the number of people who are infected will double in five to eight days," he warned.

In Kentucky, Gov. Andy Beshear said state-run nursing homes will severely restrict visitors, with private operators strongly urged to follow suit. Six cases have been diagnosed in the state.

The virus has infected more than 900 people in the country and killed at least 30, with one state after another recording its first infections in quick succession. New Jersey reported its first coronavirus death Tuesday. Worldwide, nearly 120,000 have been infected

and over 4,200 have died.

As dozens of universities cancel in-person classes and move instruction online amid fears over the new coronavirus, thousands of students have been left scrambling to find their way home while their professors puzzle over how to move weeks of courses to the internet.

Schools nationwide announced plans to cancel in-person classes through spring break or beyond amid fears about the virus' spread. Some are pausing campus classes for a few days or weeks, including Columbia, Princeton and Indiana University, while others are canceling classes through the end of the term, including Stanford and Harvard.

Biden, Sanders cancel rallies in Ohio over coronavirus concerns

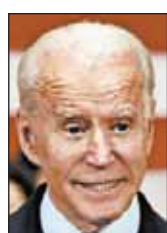
BY WILL WEISSERT
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Democratic presidential candidates Bernie Sanders and Joe Biden abruptly canceled scheduled rallies Tuesday night in Cleveland amid concerns over the spread of the new coronavirus — as public health fears began transforming the 2020 race.

Sanders had been planning to speak at a convention center in Cleveland as results from six states voting

in the Democratic presidential contests began rolling in. But he pulled the plug only about three hours before it was scheduled to start, and his campaign announced that decisions on future events would be made on a case-by-case basis.

"Out of concern for public health and safety, we are canceling tonight's rally in Cleveland. We are heeding the public warnings from



Biden

Ohio state officials, who have communicated concern about holding large, indoor events during the coronavirus outbreak," Sanders' campaign spokesman, Mike Casca, said in a statement. "All future Bernie 2020 events will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis."

A Biden spokesman initially suggested the former vice president's own event in Cleveland would go on as

scheduled, but his campaign subsequently released a statement saying it was off.

Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine declared a state of emergency after three individuals from Cuyahoga County, which includes Cleveland, tested positive for the virus that causes COVID-19.

For most people, the new coronavirus causes only mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and



Sanders

cough. For some, especially older adults and people with existing health problems, it can cause more severe illness, including pneumonia.

Sanders is 78. Biden is 77.

The vast majority of people recover from the virus. According to the World Health Organization, people with mild illness recover in about two weeks, while those with more severe ill-

ness may take three to six weeks to do so.

On Sunday, President Donald Trump's campaign communications director Tim Murtaugh said, "The campaign is proceeding as normal." But the campaign hasn't announced another rally to follow the president's last one in North Carolina on March 2. The 73-year-old president is still scheduled to travel to Las Vegas and Denver this week for fundraisers and a speech to the Republican Jewish Coalition.

Out of drugs, SC puts electric chair on table for executions

BY JEFFREY COLLINS
Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — South Carolina once had one of the country's highest rates of execution, even putting two prisoners to death in one night.

But now the state hasn't executed a prisoner in nine years and currently lacks the drugs to carry out lethal injections for any of the 37 inmates on the state's death row.

Some lawmakers are pushing to give the state an option to begin executing prisoners again by giving them at least for now no choice but to go to the electric chair.

"We have to have a method in which to carry out the sentences of the court," said Republican Rep. Eddie Tallon, a retired state agent from Spartanburg who was the lead investigator in the case that sent South Carolina serial killer Pee Wee Gaskins to the electric chair in 1991.

Currently, condemned South Carolina prisoners have a choice between lethal injection or electrocution, with lethal injection as the default if they do not pick.

The bill approved by the House Judiciary Committee last week forces inmates to be electrocuted if lethal injection is not available, like the current situation where South Carolina's supply of lethal injection drugs expired and no pharmaceutical companies will sell them any more without a guarantee they won't be publicly identified. The proposal now heads to the House floor.

Opponents of the bill said electrocution is barbaric and South Carolina acknowledged that when it allowed lethal injection in 1995.

Democratic Rep. Justin Bamberg said if the bill passed, the state would treat inmates worse than dogs because while lethal



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Broad River Correctional Institution's death row is seen in South Carolina. Some lawmakers are pushing a bill that would make the electric chair into inmates' only option.

injection is a humane way to euthanize an animal, other ways are not.

"If you were to take that dog and throw it into a high voltage power line to electrocute it, you'd get hit with animal cruelty," he said.

At least one Republican with an intimate knowledge of the legal issues involved in capital punishment isn't sure South Carolina needs to go back to the electric chair.

"Death by electrocution, like Rep. Bamberg said, is just a very cruel way to die," said Republican Rep. Gary Clary of Pickens, a retired judge who presided over the trials of two current death row inmates and one who has been executed.

Clary also said South Carolina would invite lawsuits and several more years of appeals from death row inmates over whether violated their rights to change the method of execution while they awaited punishment.

"We're going to certainly improve the economy for lawyers in the state on these criminal appeals which will basically be funded by the Legislature," Clary said.

But supporters of the bill said they aren't changing the sentence, just how it is carried out. And the victims and their friends and families deserve a chance to have that sentenced carried out, said, a Republi-

can from Charleston who has been nominated to be South Carolina's next U.S. Attorney.

"We need to keep in mind the victims who do suffer these heinous deaths is of upmost importance when discussing this," McCoy said.

The Senate has already passed the bill, but included an option allowing death by firing squad that supporters of the proposal said was put in to derail the legislation. House members removed the firing squad option, but that means the bill would have to pass the Senate again.

There is at least one other bill to help restart executions by allowing any company providing the lethal injection drugs to remain secret. That proposal hasn't been considered.

From 1995 to 2005, South Carolina executed 31 inmates. In the 15 years since, the state has carried out just six executions and none since 2011. Since lethal injection was introduced in 1995, only three inmates have picked the electric chair instead.

The lack of execution drugs is clearing out death row in a different way. There was once close to 70 inmates awaiting a death sentence. But as some inmates win appeals and new, lesser sentences prosecutors aren't seeking death as much.

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NEWS BRIEFING

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Israeli court rejects Netanyahu request to delay fraud trial

JERUSALEM — An Israeli court on Tuesday rejected Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's request to delay the start of his corruption trial, clearing the way for proceedings to begin next week. Netanyahu's lawyers had appealed for a delay, saying they needed more time to review evidence. State prosecutors responded that they oppose any delays and the court accepted their position. In overruling the re-

quest the presiding judge wrote that the first session on March 17 was a procedural reading of the charges only and the defendant's response was not needed, therefore there was no justification for a delay. Netanyahu has been charged with fraud, breach of trust and accepting bribes. The long-ruling Israeli leader denies any wrongdoing and says he is the victim of a media-orchestrated witch hunt.

Conspiracy theorist Alex Jones is arrested for DWI in Texas

AUSTIN, Texas — Conspiracy theorist Alex Jones was arrested in Texas on a misdemeanor charge of driving while intoxicated after his wife called police to their house over an argument, according to court records released Tuesday. The InfoWars founder was booked into an Austin jail shortly after midnight and released on bond a few hours later, a Travis County Sheriff's Office

spokeswoman said. In an arrest affidavit, the sheriff's deputy said he was originally responding to a family disturbance call at Jones' home just after 10 p.m. Monday. "Dispatch advised the disturbance now was only verbal but earlier in the day 'it was physical,'" the affidavit said. The deputy said when he arrived he saw Jones' car leaving the neighborhood and pulled him over.

Report: Drugs showing up more in pilots killed in crashes

WASHINGTON — More than one in four pilots involved in fatal crashes have drugs in their system, and the number is up slightly since researchers first studied the problem. The National Transportation Safety Board said Tuesday that 28% of pilots who died in crashes between 2013 and 2017 and for whom there were toxicology results were found to have used at least

one impairing drug. That included prescription, over-the-counter and illegal drugs. That was an increase over the 23% rate among pilots killed in plane crashes from 1990 to 2012. Results from the earlier period were published in a 2014 report. In the most recent report, which covered 952 pilots, 97% were killed in crashes of private planes or "general aviation."



Children in costume dance Tuesday in London during the Jewish holiday of Purim. Celebrated by Jewish communities worldwide with costumes and parades, Purim, marks the defeat of a plot to massacre the Jewish people as recorded in the Bible's book of Esther. DAN KITWOOD/GETTY

Putin backs term limit freeze allowing him to stay in office

MOSCOW — Russian President Vladimir Putin revealed his tightly guarded political plans Tuesday and supported a constitutional amendment that would allow him to seek reelection in 2024 by restarting the term count. The constitutional change would pave the way for the 67-year-old Putin to stay in office until 2036, if he desires. A lawmaker who is revered in Russia as the first woman to fly in space proposed either scrapping Russia's two-term limit for presidents or stopping the clock so the law wouldn't

apply to Putin's time in office. The Russian leader and the lower house of parliament quickly endorsed the proposal put forward by former Soviet cosmonaut Valentina Tereshkova, 83. Kremlin critics denounced the move as cynical manipulation and called for protests. In a speech to lawmakers, Putin opposed doing away with the term limit but backed stopping the count and restarting it in 2024, if the Russian Constitution is revised. Putin's second consecutive six-year term ends in 2024.

A nationwide vote on the amendments is scheduled for next month. Putin has been in power for more than 20 years, and he is Russia's longest-serving leader since Soviet dictator Josef Stalin. After serving two presidential terms in 2000-2008, he shifted to the Russian prime minister's office while protégé Dmitry Medvedev served as a placeholder president. After the length of a presidential term was extended to six years under Medvedev, Putin reclaimed the presidency in 2012 and won another term in 2018.

Trump not going to Moscow for V-Day celebration

MOSCOW — President Donald Trump will not be going to Moscow for Victory Day celebrations on May 9, the White House announced Tuesday in a disappointment for the Kremlin. The White House confirmed that Trump has declined the Kremlin invi-

tation to attend Russia's Victory Day celebrations on the 75th anniversary of World War II victory — the nation's most important holiday. Trump said last year he appreciated the invitation, but wasn't sure if he could go as the celebration falls "right in the middle of

political season." For Putin, the Red Square parade offers a chance to have global leaders pay homage to Russia for its role in defeating the Nazis. Western leaders' attendance of the celebrations would mark a major diplomatic coup for the Russian leader.

House strikes deal to extend surveillance powers

WASHINGTON — House lawmakers prepared to extend surveillance authorities that expire this month, releasing legislation that members of both parties said they wanted to ensure the tools preserved civil liberties. House Democrats posted the text of a bill online, readying the legislation for a vote before lawmakers leave Washington at the end of the week. The current provisions expire Sunday. The bill was the product of negotiations between Democrats and House Republican leader Kevin McCarthy, according to an aide to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi. The revised bill would scale back some authorities, such as the government's access to records, attempt to put stronger checks on some surveillance measures and make the process more transparent.

In China: A 10-year-old boy and his mother have been rescued 52 hours after being trapped in the collapse of a virus quarantine site in southeastern China where 20 people have died. Video released by rescuers showed the two being pulled from the debris of the hotel that collapsed on Saturday. The woman and boy were discovered late Monday night and they were freed around midnight. The hotel in the city of Quanzhou had been a quarantine site for people exposed to the new coronavirus. The death toll in the collapse rose to 20 on Tuesday, with 10 people missing. A total of 71 people had been inside the hotel when it crumbled in mere seconds.

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EDITORIALS

Why aldermen should approve civilian influence over Chicago police

Fallout from the 2014 killing of black teenager Laquan McDonald, shot 16 times by a white police officer, has been lasting and meaningful. Jurors convicted the officer, Jason Van Dyke, of murder and a judge sentenced him to nearly seven years in prison. The architecture for police reform, a federal consent decree that overhauls training, supervision and accountability at the Chicago Police Department, sprang from the McDonald case.

Now that episode is about to yield another potentially transformative outcome. Mayor Lori Lightfoot has unveiled a proposed ordinance that would establish the city's first civilian police oversight board, the Community Commission for Public Safety and Accountability.

This isn't the first time Chicago has embarked on attempts at police reform. By our count, the city has pledged a batch of reforms and improvements to policing at least six times since 1960. We know how that turned out: None of those promises yielded genuine reform. Some abusive cops continued to prey on minority neighborhoods. Legal settlements paid out to victims of police misconduct continued to grow; between 2004 and 2016, payouts reached \$662 million.

So why is there hope that Lightfoot's proposed civilian oversight board would make any difference?

Primarily because the McDonald case, and the consent decree, puts City Hall in the police reform business, like it or not. The oversight board is the product of more than 200 meetings among city government, community leaders and the Grassroots Alliance for Police Accountability, a consortium of advocacy groups tasked to produce genuine reform. The commission would set yearly goals for CPD, weigh in on department policies and, when needed, create a shortlist of candidates for police superintendent.

Most commissioners would be picked based on their expertise in areas ranging from civil rights and social services to working with immigrant and undocumented populations. Two of the commission's members would have to be between ages 18 and 24 and victims of previous police misconduct.

The ordinance also sets up local councils in each of the city's 22 police districts. Members of each council, three of whom would be elected, would work with police on crime trends specific to their communities. Those councils would nominate the commission members, who would be selected by the mayor and confirmed by the City Council.

An earlier iteration of this ordinance would have given the commission authority to slap a no-confidence vote on a police superintendent, a precursor to a City Council vote on whether to fire the individual. That would put too much power in the hands of the commission at the expense of the mayor's authority. So we're pleased to see that element dropped.



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Mayor Lori Lightfoot, shown in 2019, is proposing an ordinance establishing the city's first civilian police oversight board.

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The role of citizens in police oversight

It took nearly two years for the Grassroots Alliance for Police Accountability to develop its proposal for citizen oversight of policing in Chicago. It took only minutes for the defenders of the status quo to dismiss that proposal out of hand. The response that matters now will be that of Mayor Rahm Emanuel and city aldermen who say they're committed to rebuilding trust between police and the public.

It will be tempting for them to discount the proposal as an unworkable civilian takeover of the Chicago Police

Department and its oversight apparatus. Here's what it really is: An unambiguous vote of no confidence in politicians' stewardship of those institutions. A reminder that they've promised to overhaul the police accountability system, and that the job isn't finished. A challenge, maybe even a dare: Here's our plan. Can you do better?

The city's mishandling of the police shooting of teenager Laquan McDonald forced its leaders to confront the decadeslong cycle of crisis, reform, failure, crisis. A task force appointed by

Emanuel produced a long list of recommendations, including the creation of a community oversight board. GAPA took up the task of determining what its role should be ...

Aldermen ... we urge you to view this ordinance as a starting point. Give it the respect and attention it deserves. Don't sign on as co-sponsors and shrug helplessly when the usual suspects try to bury it in committee. Don't wait for City Hall to draft its own ordinance and call it a compromise. Broker one yourselves.

A civilian oversight board can't change the culture of Chicago policing on its own, but it can create space for trust to be rebuilt between communities and police. Restoration of that trust — with citizens more comfortable talking to officers about out-laws in their neighborhoods — is critical in the fight against the gun violence on so many Chicago streets.

"We have a crisis of trust between (CPD) and many of its communities," inter-

im police Superintendent Charlie Beck told us late last year. "People are unlikely to report crime if they don't trust that something will be done about it. And whether that's reality or not doesn't matter. Perception is reality in these instances."

Trust in law enforcement should improve once Chicagoans know they have a voice in the policies and practices of their Police Department. On Tuesday, the measure temporarily stalled in the City Council's Public Safety Committee, primarily

because Lightfoot's office continues to work with community groups on how much say the commission will have over department policies, the Tribune reported.

We hope City Hall resolves those sticking points. The movement to craft a civilian police oversight board is now 4 years old. Aldermen should pass this ordinance — for the sake of a safer Chicago and a Police Department better connected with the neighborhoods it safeguards.

Online: You'll find the Tribune Editorial Board's endorsements for the March 17 primary, and the candidates' questionnaire responses, at chicagotribune.com/candidates

WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

It's not a great time to be an Astro. As Houston plays its warmup schedule in Florida, batters are catching hell, home and away. Twitter is flooded with videos of fans booing the team's every at-bat, shouting at the dugout, demanding that the Astros give back their 2017 World Series trophy*. (Which will never happen.) But instead of treating 2020 as a penitential walk of atonement, Houston's players have been defiant. ...

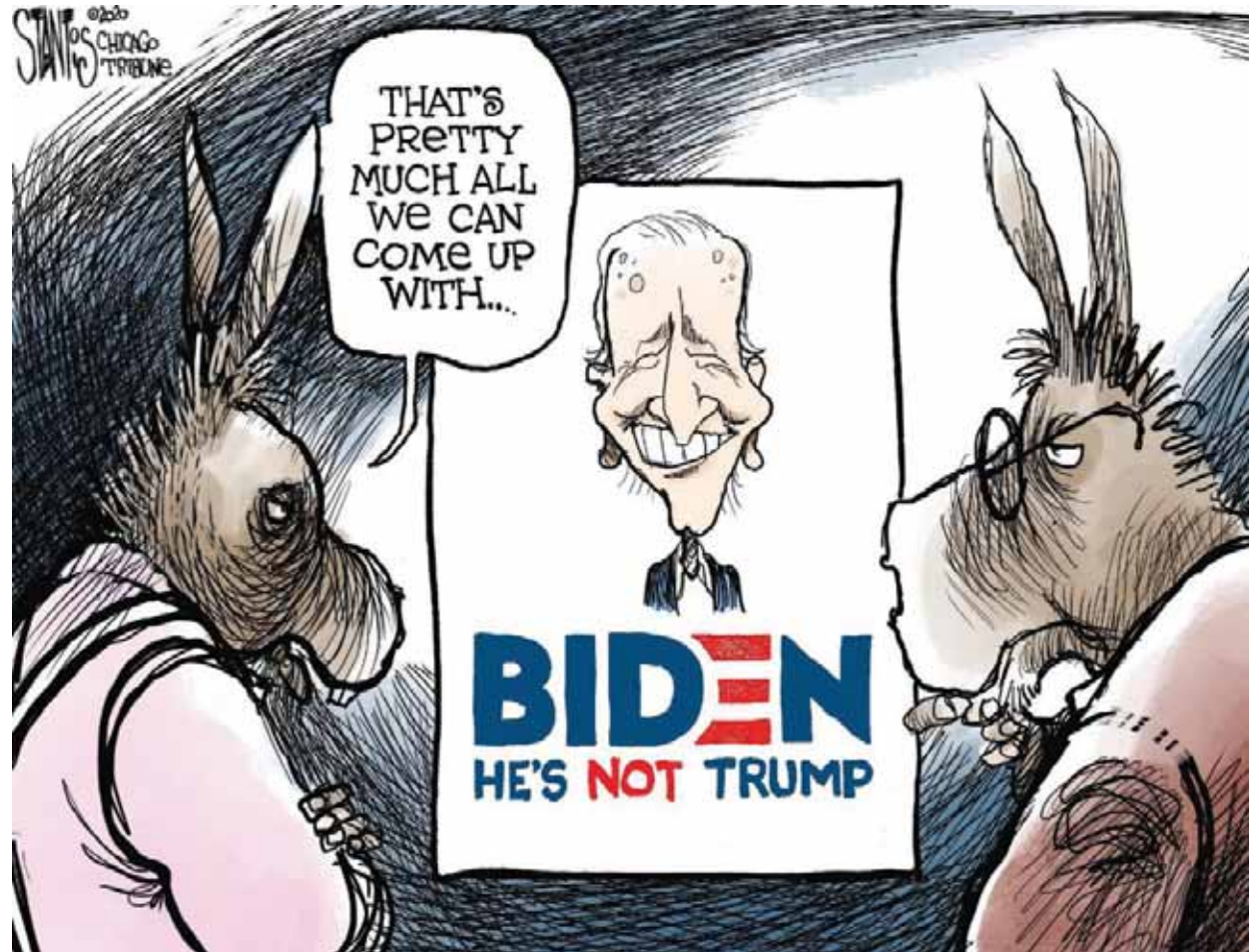
Baseball is very much its own land with its own common law and justice. If sign stealing is, as many have pointed out, as old as the game, so too is the punishment for those caught committing the offense: If the runner is picking off signs, the pitcher picks off the batter.

This isn't mob rule or frontier justice. It's better understood as baseball's natural law. The remedy for the current situation is simple: Houston's batters should be beamed, over and over. Until they are sorry. This isn't a vindictive judgment. It's actually for their own good, and the good of all those who live with the love of the game in their hearts. ...

The Astros, as a team, for years, stole wins, pennants, MVPs and a World Series championship*. As a team they have now set their faces against their fellow players, the fans, and game. They need tough love. It is for baseball to call them back, in justice and within the game they betrayed, one pitch at a time.

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Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx, center, attends a get-out-the-vote rally in support of her candidacy at the Painters District Council 14 Headquarters Feb. 28.

As election nears, we're still knee-deep in questions about Foxx and the Smollett case



ERIC ZORN

In a recent podcast interview with Chicago Reader columnist Ben Joravsky, Cook County State's Attorney Kim Foxx characterized the long-running controversy over how her office handled the Jussie Smollett case with what we in newspapers sometimes refer to as a barnyard epithet. "This issue with Smollett ... is, excuse my language, is bull—," she said.

I will excuse her language! President Donald Trump has all but normalized the word by using it in speeches at his political rallies, and it's long been a well-understood, pungent metaphor for that which is cynically deceptive and overblown. You will hear the word — or an edited version of it — in a new 30-second TV commercial from attorney Bill Conway, the best funded of her three challengers in the March 17 Democratic primary.

Foxx's contention is that her critics have made far too much of the disposition of a minor incident that occurred in late January 2019, when Smollett, a

TV actor and aspiring singer, allegedly staged a hate crime attack on himself and blamed it on racist, homophobic Trump supporters.

A Cook County grand jury indicted Smollett on 16 counts of disorderly conduct in early March 2019. But 18 days later, Foxx's office abruptly and without explanation dropped all the charges, which gave Smollett license to head to the courthouse lobby and proclaim his innocence.

Now that was BS. Yes, Smollett's alleged offense was minor compared with the mayhem police and prosecutors must address. But the nation had been gripped and troubled by his graphic alleged fabrication, and police had devoted considerable resources to investigating it. Most of us were OK with no jail time, but felt that a guilty plea and heartfelt apology were in order.

The issue was not the magnitude of Smollett's alleged crime. If you dwell on how silly and comparatively piddling it was, you miss the point entirely. The issue was Foxx's lack of candor in explaining what happened in her office in those 18 days between indictment and "Oh, never mind."

She said she informally recused herself because of her "familiarity with potential witnesses in the case," yet she now often refers to how *she* handled

the case. So who made the decision to drop the charges and why? Was Smollett afforded special treatment due to his celebrity or connections? Foxx has steadfastly refused to answer and said her only failing here was poor communication with the public.

That's also BS. Her defenders refer to those of us who find in her evasions a troubling lack of transparency as "haters," which is still more BS. I voted for Foxx enthusiastically in 2016. I find a lot to like in her approach to undoing wrongful convictions and focusing the energies of the criminal justice system on violent crimes and dangerous offenders. But trustworthiness and accountability are key qualities for a top prosecutor, and it's not hateful to be troubled by her dismissive evasions.

Foxx implies that racial animosity animates her critics — she and Smollett are African American — and, although I consider myself an equal opportunity critic of county prosecutors, I can't categorize this implication as pure BS. On Second City Cop, a blog where Chicago police officers anonymously and candidly exchange opinions on local news, writers routinely refer to Foxx with racially loaded terms.

The proprietor of Second City Cop didn't return an email requesting com-

ment.

Special prosecutor Dan Webb also didn't return my request for comment this week.

A Cook County judge appointed Webb last August to reinvestigate the case, and on Feb. 11 he announced new charges against Smollett. But "regarding the investigation ... to determine whether any person or office involved in the Smollett case engaged in wrongdoing, including the Cook County State's Attorney's Office or individuals in that office, the Office of the Special Prosecutor has reached no conclusions," Webb wrote. "This aspect of the OSP's investigation continues, and the OSP's findings will ultimately be set forth in a final written report to the court."

It now seems very likely that Cook County Democrats will go to the polls Tuesday, nearly seven months after Webb began his inquiry, without an answer to the central question of whether Foxx betrayed her office and lied to them regarding the most high-profile case in her tenure. Even after all this time, the answer will come too late to exonerate or implicate her.

That's unfair, frustrating, unacceptable.

In a word, well, you know.

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Our dangerous complacency about the coronavirus



STEVE CHAPMAN

In a moment of looming crisis, there are two reactions that should be avoided. The first is panic. The second is complacency. Faced with the coronavirus epidemic, the president, many other officials — including those in Chicago — and the general public are avoiding the first mistake by falling into the second.

A look elsewhere shows the folly of relying on hope as a strategy. On Jan. 31, Italy had two confirmed cases of COVID-19. By Tuesday, it had more than 10,000. South Korea has gone from one on Jan. 20 to more than 7,400. The disease, once it emerges, spreads rapidly, even in the face of efforts to contain it. And the efforts to contain it in this country have been tardy and feeble.

The Trump administration dallied for weeks before putting someone (Vice President Mike Pence) in charge of the federal response. Time after time, President Donald Trump has minimized the risk and claimed everything was under control, cultivating a false sense of security.

On Feb. 27, Trump tweeted



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Empty chairs and tables at a restaurant Tuesday in St. Mark's Square in Venice. Italy has been put on lockdown due to the coronavirus.

"Only a very small number (of cases) in U.S., and China numbers look to be going down." The next day, he blurted, "It's going to disappear. One day it's like a miracle, it will disappear."

The virus hasn't disappeared, and the number of cases was small then because there was so little testing. Since then, the number has risen more than tenfold. Even that figure is a gross undercount because testing has been so sparse. So far, fewer than 8,500 people have been tested in this country — while South Korea has been testing 15,000 per day.

The numbers in China, where the virus was first detected, have indeed fallen, but only after the

government took draconian measures: locking down 50 million people in Hubei province and canceling sports events, closing theaters and extending school breaks throughout the country. In contrast, life in the U.S. has gone pretty much as though we enjoy an inborn immunity.

One obvious remedial step is banning large gatherings. But here in Chicago, as of Tuesday, the St. Patrick's Day Parade is supposed to take place Saturday, bringing more than 300,000 people into tight proximity in a frolicsome atmosphere. The South Side Irish Parade will step off Sunday. The March 22 Shamrock Shuffle, an 8K race that draws 30,000 run-

ners and lots of spectators, is still a go.

Some big conventions, notably South by Southwest in Austin, have been called off. Same with Boston's St. Patrick's Day parade. Bernie Sanders and Joe Biden took the responsible step of canceling rallies Tuesday.

But across America, theaters, concerts and other events are mostly going on as usual. NBA and NCAA basketball games are being played before crowds of fans. Likewise with the NHL. In Italy, by contrast, the great majority of soccer matches are taking place without spectators. Similar policies are in effect in Spain, Portugal and France. One U.S. exception: A high-level professional tennis tournament in Indian Wells, California, was canceled.

No one wants to see restrictions that prevent Americans from enjoying experiences that involve large crowds. In reality, though, the epidemic is likely to make restrictions unavoidable at some point. The earlier such policies are adopted, the better the disease can be contained and the sooner we can all return to normal.

The natural tendency of people is to put off unpleasant actions in the hope that they won't be needed. The prospect that strong steps would push the economy into a recession also gives pause to policymakers.

But there is no reason to believe

the U.S. can escape the full force of this outbreak. Dragging our feet allows it to grow more rapidly and do more damage — in sickness and death for people, in costs to health care providers, governments and individuals, and in the disruption of everyday life.

Scott Gottlieb, who was commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration under Trump, offered a stiff dose of reality Sunday on CBS News' "Face the Nation": "I think no state and no city wants to be the first to basically shut down their economy. But that's what's going to need to happen. States and cities are going to have to act in the interest of the national interest right now to prevent a broader epidemic. Close businesses, close large gatherings, close theaters, cancel events." This is a necessity that most Americans have yet to grasp or accept.

It's easy, confronted with a danger of uncertain impact, to mock those calling for such steps as alarmists. But at the moment, if you're not alarmed by the coronavirus, you're not paying attention.

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President Donald Trump, accompanied by health officials, holds an image of the coronavirus at the CDC last week.

What Trump doesn't care to know about COVID-19 could hurt us



CLARENCE PAGE

In a break from his usual claims of expertise on just about everything, President Donald Trump occasionally admits to learning something that he did not know before.

Such a moment notably came during his visit to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta where, wearing the bright red "Keep America Great" cap of his 2020 reelection campaign, he did a presentable job of sounding interested in what the real experts were doing to slow the global spread of COVID-19.

"Who would have thought?" he asked during the visit to the nerve center for the government's response to the coronavirus outbreak. "Who would have thought we would even be having the subject?"

Ah, does that sound familiar? My mind raced back to 2017 when Trump tried to explain his and congressional Republicans' inability to fulfill his campaign promise to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act, better known as Obamacare. Contrary to his wishes, the law was becoming increasingly popular.

"Nobody knew that health care could be so complicated," he said.

Nobody? Where, one might wonder, had he been during the yearslong political dogfight that had created Obamacare? Oh, yes. Developing real estate and reality TV shows.

Now, rather than study the issue in the manner of more conventional presidents, Trump offered oddball theories to explain

Obamacare's growing popularity.

"People hate it, but now they see that the end is coming, and they're saying, 'Oh, maybe we love it,'" Trump said. "There's nothing to love. It's a disaster, folks."

Yet, neither his White House nor congressional Republicans have come up with an alternative or worked with Democrats on a compromise, even as protection of Obamacare became a pivotal issue that helped Democrats to retake the House majority in 2018.

But now the coronavirus crisis raises new and far more urgent questions about this president's public health policies. Asked during his CDC visit why his White House had shut down an agency established in 2016 by President Barack Obama to handle such crises after the 2014 Ebola outbreak, he stumbled around verbally to say in effect that, yes, nobody saw the coronavirus coming.

Under a reorganization by now-former national security adviser John Bolton, the agency's global health security team would have led this nation's response to such epidemics. The simplest explanation for Trump's abolition of the agency? It was created by Obama.

Besides, as we have seen repeatedly, Trump's approach to governing is to live in the moment, buoyed by a latticework of delusions.

He has acknowledged his own ignorance when it can be framed as everybody's ignorance. "I didn't know people died from the flu," he said at the CDC. Indeed, tens of thousands die of influenza every year, including his own grandfather during the 1918 epidemic, as *The Washington Post* reported.

More often, the president praises his own "instincts" for understanding science and other matters.

"I like this stuff. I really get it," he said

at the CDC in remarks that I am certain will live on in history. "People are surprised that I understand it. Every one of these doctors said, 'How do you know so much about this?' Maybe I have a natural ability. Maybe I should have done that instead of running for president." Hey, it's not too late.

And when all else fails in Trump's list of reactions to crises, he makes stuff up. He has predicted that the virus will "miraculously" disappear on its own as spring warms into summer. Actually the virus' discovery is so new that nobody's certain what will happen in the long run.

He also has suggested that a vaccine will be available soon, only to be contradicted by other top health officials. He has said that "anyone who wants a test can get a test," but Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, said on "Fox News Sunday" that it would actually be up to a doctor.

And through it all, his concerns about his own reelection are as obvious as his red "Keep America Great" cap. He has tarred Democrats' concerns about coronavirus as "their new hoax." He walked that back the next day, saying he wasn't calling the coronavirus a hoax, but his son Don Jr. and some other prominent surrogates have picked up the theme.

All of which reveals how little respect the president has for the intelligence of his own supporters. It's not just what he doesn't know that's troubling. It's how little he cares about finding out.

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The Boy Scouts of America, decades of sexual abuse and an inevitable bankruptcy

BY CHRISTOPHER HURLEY

Thousands of former Boy Scouts and their parents are now wondering how an organization with nearly \$1 billion in net assets and over \$200 million in annual revenues can go bankrupt. Was it financial mismanagement that led to this bankruptcy filing? No, the Boy Scouts of America has done a very good job of managing its assets. Another kind of malfeasance led us to this place.

Since its founding in 1910, the Boy Scouts of America has been targeted by criminal pedophiles seeking access to boys. For the same reason that Scouting is popular with boys, it is popular with criminals who want to prey on boys. The Boy Scout Handbook puts the Scoutmaster at the top of each Boy Scout troop's "chain of command." Scouts are taught to honor and obey their Scoutmaster. The Scoutmaster's Handbook trains a Scoutmaster to personally counsel his Scouts. For decades, Boy Scouts of America taught Scoutmasters to do this in private sessions. Parents never questioned their child spending time alone with a Scoutmaster — it was part of the program. Combine that with campouts, in tents far away from mom or dad, and what could go wrong? A lot could — and did — go wrong.

At its peak, the Boy Scouts of America had more than 4 million active boys as members and 1 million adult volunteers. Each Scout and each volunteer paid the national organization an annual fee to join a troop. The Boy Scouts of America collected money for every single uniform sold, every badge awarded and every product licensed with a Boy Scout logo. For decades, these dependable revenue streams, combined with the large number of participants, guaranteed a strong bal-

ance sheet. Boy Scouts of America executives have been well-compensated with excellent salaries, as well as generous pension and benefit packages.

Despite the Boy Scouts of America's fiscal health, the once-esteemed national organization was decaying under the surface. The culture that made sexual abuse of minors possible was flourishing under leadership that turned a blind eye to repeated instances of Scout leaders molesting children and resurfacing elsewhere to do it again.

I represented 18 men who contend they were repeatedly molested by their Scoutmaster in the 1980s. That Scoutmaster, Thomas Hacker, had a master's degree in educational psychology with a special interest in early adolescent boys. He served as a leader at his Catholic church and as director of the local park district. Hacker died in prison last year, but not before he confessed to molesting hundreds of 10- to 14-year-old Boy Scouts — many of them repeatedly.

Hacker was a master con man. He conned the boys whom Scouting gave him access to, and he conned their parents. There was no need to con the Boy Scouts of America, he simply walked in and volunteered. A two-time convicted child molester implicated in the abuse of more than 50 Scouts in Indiana; Hacker crossed the border into Illinois. The Boy Scouts of America knew about Hacker and his pedophilia. They documented his crimes from the 1970s in their secret files that listed "ineligible volunteers." Thousands of documented incidents of Boy Scout-related child abuse by hundreds of perpetrators over multiple decades are recorded in those files. The Boy Scouts of America kept those files secret and suppressed negative publicity. They practiced a policy of doing nothing to warn the community.

Organizations sponsoring Boy Scout Troops, volunteers, parents and Scouts were kept in the dark. Criminal incidents often remained unreported to police.

Several years before Hacker's death, I deposed him in prison. After his prior arrests, I wondered: "Did you know it would be easy to get back into the Boy Scouts?" He answered, "Well, I knew it would be. I was positive. I never even gave it a second thought."

Easy it was. From 1980 to 1988, this two-time convicted child molester abused another 36 boys from Troop 1600 in the Chicago suburbs. When Hacker was finally arrested in 1988, the Scouting organization's leadership claimed ignorance. Downplaying and suppressing stories about child abuse in the Boy Scouts had been the policy from the group's inception. They understood that bad publicity is bad business and made the tragic decision to suppress the truth rather than to deal with it. Now, after thousands of lives have been devastated, the truth has come to light.

The Boy Scouts of America started down the road to bankruptcy many years ago. It is the result of decades of denial and cover-ups by the leaders of an institution that chose to protect itself at the expense of the children it was entrusted to serve. The Boy Scouts of America may have filed for bankruptcy in February 2020, but the downfall of the organization began the first time it enabled a pedophile to ruin a child's life.

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VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Americans and the coronavirus

The coronavirus situation has made at least one thing clear. Most Americans are thinking rationally. We want the latest information from the medical community given to us by the media without any hysterics or bias. After all, we are all in this together, and it benefits everyone to use common sense along with medical knowledge. I continue to have faith in the American people and their ability to cut the wheat from the chaff.

— Sue Atkenson, Palos Park

U.S. reliance on Chinese goods

One thing the coronavirus has exposed is our overdependence on China to produce goods, vitamins and medical supplies. While I can understand companies wanting to lower production costs, the current situation has shown just how dangerous it is to become overly dependent on a country that is not an ally. It is therefore critically important for us to rebuild our production capabilities to avoid calamities like this one. Given the current health crisis, it shouldn't be too difficult to convince companies of this need. Let's hope so. Moreover, let's not make this a political issue, but instead a bipartisan effort.

— Dan Schuchardt, Glen Ellyn

Chicago should cancel parade

It is very irresponsible for the city to continue with St. Patrick's Day celebrations that will bring together a mass of people, some from out of town, in Chicago. Boston and Dublin have canceled celebrations due to risk of coronavirus spread. Illinois declared a state of emergency. The virus is spreading at an exponential rate around the world. Yet Chicago officials want to celebrate an Irish holiday that Ireland isn't going to celebrate.

— Antonio Trillo, Glen Ellyn

National aid for Americans

Has our government taken into account the number of jobs being lost because of the coronavirus and its impact on our economy? Can such economic losses be regained? Unlike politicians who are paid for representing us and are protected by low-cost medical attention, others are not so fortunate.

We need a national position on such aid. How many people can wait for help to begin?

Elected officials need to be honest with the public about a solution rather than play politics. I trust our medical officials over politicians.

— Vincent Kamin, La Grange

Why voting can be frustrating

It's not too difficult to understand why there are so many who choose not to participate in our political process. In Illinois, our primary is still a week away — and yet the Democratic nominee has essentially been decided by the results of about one-third of states. It would be understandable, advisable, even, for Illinoisans to have refrained from early voting in this primary election, knowing that their candidate of choice might not remain in the race.

Unfortunately, Illinoisans cannot turn to the general election for respite, when our state is not considered competitive enough for presidential aspirants to expend their time and resources here. I will watch Tuesday's elections with great interest and will vote in next week's primary election.

But let us temper our frustrations with low voter turnout with the realities that drive it.

— Andrew Storm, Chicago

The appeal of democratic socialism

I am an 82-year-old woman. I have not yet decided who will get my vote in the upcoming elections. However, I urge all Americans to educate themselves about the correct meaning of terms such as "democracy," "socialism," "democratic socialism," "communism," "dictatorship," etc. They will learn that democratic socialism and socialism are not the same. Many Americans are unclear as to what democratic socialism really is. We need to learn about places like Finland and the Scandinavian countries where democratic socialism is the norm.

We need to ask ourselves why it is that every year, when studies are done to determine where in the world the people are happiest — in terms of health care, education, pensions, equality of opportunity, etc. — Finland and the Scandinavian countries are always in the top positions. According to the 2019 World Happiness Report, Finland, Norway, Denmark and Iceland ranked in the top five. The United States ranked 19th. Maybe democratic socialism isn't all that bad.

— Flora Breidenbach, Elmwood Park

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Companies from Walmart to McDonalds have announced policies meant to reduce pressure on employees to work when feeling unwell.

Cushman & Wakefield lays off workers

Restructuring not related to slowdown, according to brokerage



RYAN ORI
On Real Estate

Commercial real estate brokerage Cushman & Wakefield laid off an undisclosed number of employees at its Chicago headquarters last week as part of a restructuring that the company said is not related to a slowdown in the global economy.

The company confirmed the layoffs but declined to say how many workers were let go, or identify which of its offices were impacted. There were a significant number of layoffs in Chicago, particularly in communications, research and marketing, according to people familiar with the situation.

Cushman & Wakefield is the third-largest commercial real estate services firm in the world by revenue and employee count, after Los Angeles-based CBRE and Chicago's Jones Lang LaSalle.

The company has about 53,000 employees in about 400 offices worldwide. Its 2019 revenue was \$8.8 billion, up 6% from the previous year.

"We have made the difficult, but necessary, decision to reduce our workforce in select areas of our organization in order to align our business to our new strategic priorities," spokesman Brad Kreiger said in an emailed statement. "We completed a comprehensive review of our business in 2019, developing a new road map that will allow us to be a nimbler and more agile organization to deliver the best service for our clients."

Employees were informed of the layoffs in an email sent Friday from company president John Forrester and CEO of the Americas Shawn Mobley. The message described the changes as part of a "strategic realignment" of the firm.

Kreiger said the layoffs were "not a reaction to volatility caused by the coronavirus."

Transactions such as building sales and leases are an important source of revenue for Cushman & Wakefield and its brokers, and those types of deals could be affected by a prolonged economic

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CUSHMAN & WAKEFIELD

The Cushman & Wakefield company headquarters are at 225 W. Wacker Drive in Chicago.

Trying to reduce the risk

McDonald's, Walmart and others are altering sick time rules during the coronavirus outbreak

BY LAUREN ZUMBACH AND ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ

Companies are encouraging employees to work remotely if they're feeling ill to reduce the risk of spreading the new coronavirus. But not all jobs can be done from home and many — especially in the service industry or gig economy — don't come with paid sick leave.

That can leave workers with a choice: stay home to avoid exposing others or to care for sick family members, or forgo pay?

Companies from Walmart to Olive Garden parent Darden Restaurants have announced policies in recent days meant to reduce pressure on employees to work when feeling unwell, though at some employers, including Uber and Lyft, the policies only apply to workers diagnosed with COVID-19 or under an official quarantine.

Chicago-based McDonald's, the world's largest burger chain, said Tuesday it will pay U.S. employees of corporate-owned restaurants who are asked to quarantine for 14 days. But less than 10% of McDonald's 14,000

restaurants nationwide are corporate owned.

Chicago and some Cook County communities have laws guaranteeing workers the ability to accrue five paid sick days a year. The local requirements help, but they don't cover gig economy workers or people who commute outside the county for work, said Robert Bruno, professor of labor and employment relations at the University of Illinois.

"Just getting people some paid time off would be a very small cost, especially when you compare it to the enormous financial and economic losses we're already seeing," he said.

Martina Sanchez, 48, a home care worker who works for an elderly client in Morton Grove, said she was told not to come to work if she is sick. But she doesn't have paid sick days — Morton Grove was among dozens of suburbs that opted out of a Cook County ordinance to allow workers to earn sick time. She can't afford not to work when there are bills to pay, she said. Sanchez, the main breadwinner for her family of five, earns \$80 a day and works up to three days a week.

Sanchez recalled when the house cleaner at her client's home fell ill with the flu this winter, and stayed home recovering for two weeks with no pay.

"That worries me," she said in Spanish. "The day you don't go to work, you don't get paid."

As employers grapple with how to accommodate a workforce that can't work from home, Walmart announced Tuesday an "emergency leave policy" allowing employees to avoid penalties for taking unpaid time off if they are unable to work or are uncomfortable at work.

The retailer told employees it will provide up to two weeks' pay to workers who contract the virus or are told by a public health official or Walmart to quarantine. Employees who have a confirmed case of the virus and aren't able to return to work in two weeks may get paid for up to 26 weeks.

Lyft, Uber and Instacart all said they would pay drivers and grocery shoppers diagnosed with COVID-19 or put under quarantine by a public health authority. Uber and Instacart said workers would be paid for up to 14 days. Uber said drivers' pay would be based on their most recent two weeks' earnings on the platform.

Amazon said it would offer unlimited unpaid time off during

March to employees whose jobs require them to work onsite but did not address other questions about its policies. Outdoor gear retailer REI also said it modified paid time off policies to ensure employees didn't lose income or benefits if they missed work due to illness or to care for sick family members in response to COVID-19, but did not respond to questions about how its policies changed.

Some changes will last beyond the outbreak.

On Monday night, Instacart added a permanent sick pay policy for all part-time employees who fill grocery orders in stores but don't make deliveries. Part-time workers in some states, including Illinois, already had that benefit, though it doesn't apply to employees who both fill and deliver orders. They are considered independent contractors.

Darden Restaurants, the parent company of chains like Olive Garden, LongHorn Steakhouse and The Capital Grille, accelerated plans to give all hourly employees paid sick leave due to the outbreak, said spokesman Rich Jeffers. Employees will earn one hour of sick leave for every 30

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Airline companies cut more flights

Some execs take pay cuts as coronavirus affects industry

BY LAUREN ZUMBACH

Airlines slashed more domestic and international flights and executives took pay cuts as the coronavirus outbreak inflicts a growing toll on the travel industry.

United Airlines, the first major U.S. carrier to reduce domestic and international flights because of a reduction in travel, said Tuesday it expects to make more cuts in the coming months due to the "material" decline in demand and an increase in canceled trips.

Chicago-based United said last week it would slash its international schedule by 20%



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United Airlines employees work the check-in counter at O'Hare International Airport's Terminal 1 on March 4.

and its domestic schedule by 10% in April. On Tuesday, United said it expects to make reductions of at least 20% in

May. The airline "plans to proactively evaluate and cancel flights on a rolling 90-day basis

until it sees signs of a recovery in demand," United said in a filing with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

Many of United's cuts involve flights to destinations where travel advisories have been issued or those performing "significantly below the system average," United said. The airline is also offering less frequent flights in cities where it flies the same route multiple times a day or has options for passengers to connect.

American Airlines and Delta Airlines also announced broader cuts to flying on Tuesday.

American plans to cut international flying during the peak summer season by 10% and reduce domestic flying by 7.5%

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Fifth Third allegedly opened fake accounts to hit sales goals

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau suit says bank's employees moved money without consent

BY KEN SWEET
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau has filed a lawsuit against Fifth Third Bank, alleging the bank's employees opened fake accounts for customers in order to meet aggressive sales targets.

The federal regulator alleged Monday that the bank knew its employees were opening fake accounts since at least 2008 and up until 2016, the same year that Wells Fargo admitted its own employees

had opened fake accounts to meet aggressive sales goals. Wells Fargo was forced to pay billions of dollars in fines and penalties for its bad behavior.

The CFPB alleges that some of the fake Fifth Third accounts were actually funded, meaning bank employees moved money from a customer's existing account to their new one, without their consent. Fifth Third's sales program required the accounts to be funded, so once the employee was credited for the sale, the money was moved back.

However, moving money without a customer's consent is a violation of the Truth in Savings Act.

In a statement, Cincinnati-based Fifth Third said the CFPB's lawsuit was unnecessary. The bank said it had already investigated the allegations and found 1,100 accounts were opened fraudulently out of 10 million existing accounts and the amount of financial damage caused by these employees was less than \$30,000.

"When a federal court examines the evidence, we believe it will agree with Fifth Third that this is a limited and historical event," said Susan Zaunbrecher, chief legal officer of the bank, in a statement.



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Florida tourism officials say cases of the new coronavirus are having little visible effect on the state's biggest industry so far.

Theme parks keep eye on virus

Florida officials worry about losing lucrative spring break business

BY MIKE SCHNEIDER
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Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — As Florida's busy spring break season kicked off this month, coronavirus czar Vice President Mike Pence addressed something that's been on the mind of tens of thousands of families preparing to travel to theme parks: Is it safe?

Over the weekend, Pence stressed it is safe for healthy Americans to travel, noting "one of our favorite places to go when my children were young and even before my children came was in Orlando."

"Whether it be Disney World, whether it be other destination, whether it be cruise ships ... those most at risk are seniors with serious or chronic underlying health conditions."

"Otherwise Americans can confidently travel in this country," Pence said at a meeting with cruise industry officials Saturday in Fort Lauderdale.

Still, as COVID-19 concerns multiply, the issue weighs heavily in the tourism

industry.

"There is definitely concern. Particularly how and when it could manifest itself in the U.S.," said Dennis Speigel, president of International Theme Park Services Inc., an independent industry consultant.

He's been watching the spread of the coronavirus for weeks, as theme parks in Asia have closed. He estimated the temporary closure of Disney parks in Shanghai and Hong Kong will cost the company anywhere from \$175 million to \$300 million dollars.

Coronavirus concerns have impacted the state's cruise industry and convention business, but the theme parks have been spared so far, although that could change at any moment.

Orlando is the nation's most visited tourist destination, bringing vast numbers of people from around the globe to its major theme parks, which also include Universal Orlando and SeaWorld Orlando. The city attracted 75 million visitors in 2018.

As of Sunday, the city was at least 65 miles from the nearest person testing positive for coronavirus.

Though several conventions in Orlando have been canceled because of concerns, individual leisure travel hasn't been affected, local officials said.

Jennifer Morales, a 47-year-old mother

from San Antonio, said the outbreak hasn't changed her plans for an eight-day Walt Disney World vacation with her daughter. She's been to Disney World 20-plus times, and her daughter is in a marching band scheduled to be in a park parade. They leave Sunday.

"I don't think it warrants canceling a vacation right now," she said, adding that she's more worried about sitting on a plane with people with colds and the flu. "I'm kind of a germaphobe. We all have our own personal hand sanitizers, We're diligent about hand-washing at the parks, especially after rides. Now we'll spending a little extra time washing hands. I already travel with a small can of Lysol and hose everything down in our hotel rooms."

The state draws hordes of college-age students and families with grade-school children during the spring break season, which begins in earnest in mid-March and runs into April.

Cancellations could be devastating during one of the busiest times of the year in the Sunshine State.

The U.S. Travel Association predicted a 6% decline in international visitors to the U.S. over the next three months as a result of coronavirus. If the prediction holds, it would be the largest decline in international inbound travel since the recession a dozen years ago, the association said.

Wells Fargo has a ways to go, new CEO says

BY KEN SWEET

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The third chief executive of Wells Fargo in four years appeared in front of Congress on Tuesday, saying there's much the bank needs to do to fix its cultural problems, and isn't expecting it to be done until 2021.

Charles Scharf took over the troubled bank late last year. He replaced Tim Sloan, who resigned in March only a couple of weeks after being lambasted by members of Congress in his own hearing.

Unlike Sloan, Scharf is an outsider, previously holding the jobs of CEO of Bank of New York Mellon and Visa. Since taking the job, Scharf has been candid that the bank still has much work to do and has

been trying to resolve all of the bank's legal problems.

"I am confident we can move this company in a significantly improved direction," Scharf said.

Wells Fargo's sales practices scandal is nearly four years old at this point, and the bank continues to remain mired in legal and regulatory trouble. The San Francisco-based company paid a \$3 billion fine just last month for its illegal sales practices, on top of the roughly \$1.2 billion in fines it had already paid. The bank remains under restrictions imposed by the Federal Reserve, not allowing Wells Fargo to grow any larger until its cultural problems are fixed.

Wells Fargo garners little sympathy among members of Congress on both sides

of the aisle. The bank has faced fierce criticism from both parties, although Democrats tend to focus on Wells Fargo being too big to manage and Republicans emphasize that regulators did not catch the bank's problems fast enough.

But both parties seem to agree on one thing.

"For the life of me, I don't know why you took this job," said Rep. Gregory Meeks, D-N.Y.

Tuesday's hearing is the first of two that Rep. Maxine Waters, chairwoman of the House Financial Services Committee, is holding this week. The hearing Wednesday was supposed to involve two members of Wells Fargo's board of directors, but those directors resigned Sunday ahead of the scheduled hearing.

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hours worked, and they will immediately receive a bank of hours based on their most recent 26 weeks' work.

Darden said its paid time off policies, including paid sick leave and two weeks' paid family and medical leave available to all employees with at least a year of service, could be used whether the employee, a spouse or child was sick.

McDonald's workers organized by the union-backed Fight for \$15 movement on Tuesday called on the fast food giant to provide paid sick days to employees at all corporate and franchise restaurants and make it accessible when family members fall ill or in the event schools or day cares close due to coronavirus concerns. They also called for compensation for missed shifts in the event that coronavirus concerns force restaurants to close.

"We can't do our jobs from home, and we can't skip work," Fran Marion, who works for McDonald's in Kansas City, Missouri, said during a media conference call.

Activists also called for staffing levels to reflect the need for more frequent cleaning and training on how to use protective equipment.

Frequent interaction with the public could make workers more liable to contract and spread the disease, said Judy Conti, government affairs director of the National Employment Law Project, during the call. "By not caring for the workers, they are not caring for their customers," Conti said.

In addition to announcing its quarantine pay policy, McDonald's said Tuesday it expects employees to stay home when sick and that its U.S. corporate-owned restaurants already allow workers to earn up to five sick days a year, and many franchisees also have paid time off policies, the company said.

"As we proactively monitor the impact of the coronavirus, we are continuously

evaluating our policies to provide flexibility and reasonable accommodations," the company said in a statement. "Our people are the heart and soul of the McDonald's family and, of course, we will support them through this unique circumstance."

Some employers' short-term disability plans may cover employees forced to miss work because they contracted the illness, though policies may include a waiting period before benefits kick in, said Amber Clayton, knowledge center director at the Society for Human Resource Management.

The new measures will help reduce pressure people might feel to work when sick, but limiting pay to workers with a documented case of COVID-19 doesn't help those feeling ill but awaiting a diagnosis, Bruno said.

"What about people who are feeling badly but can't afford not to be in their car?" Bruno said in reference to those who drive for a living. "It's really a pretty weak Band-Aid."

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slowdown. But business lines that create recurring revenue, such as property and project management, account for 46% of the company's revenue, Kreiger said.

The layoffs come after years of major changes that have made Cushman & Wakefield an industry behemoth.

Investors led by Texas-based TPG Capital bought Australia-based DTZ and Washington, D.C.-based Cassidy Turley in 2014, creating the world's third-largest brokerage. The group bought Cushman & Wakefield from Italy's Agnelli family, founders of the carmaker Fiat, the following year and combined the firms under the Cushman & Wakefield name.

The company moved its global headquarters to Chicago from New York in 2015.

Mobley, a Chicago real estate veteran, was elevated to his position — one rung below executive chairman and CEO Brett White — in a leadership shake-up in 2017. Cushman & Wakefield went public in 2018.

The company's headquarters and Chicago office are in the 31-story office tower at 225 W. Wacker Drive.

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Saudis increase oil output to record high

BY JON GAMBRELL

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DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Saudi Arabia's state-run oil giant Saudi Aramco said Tuesday it would increase its crude oil production to 12.3 million barrels a day in April, a record amount.

The move seemed to make good on the country's promise over the weekend to increase output after Russia refused to cooperate on cutting production. That led to a 25% plunge in the price of crude on Monday, the sharpest decline seen since the 1991 Gulf War. International benchmark Brent crude traded up more than 8% Tuesday over \$37 a barrel.

In a filing to Riyadh's Tadawul stock market Tuesday, Aramco said the increase in production represented a rise of 300,000 barrels per day. Analysts said that likely would involve releasing stored barrels as well. Russia later responded by saying it too could increase output.

"The company has agreed with its customers to provide them with such volumes starting 1 April 2020," Aramco said in the filing. "The company expects that this will have a positive, long-term financial effect."

Saudi Aramco shares, whose trade briefly halted before announcing the production decision, closed up 9.88% in trading to 31.15 riyals, or \$8.30, giving the world's most-valuable company a valuation of \$1.66 trillion.

Aramco's decision likely will flood global energy markets and put further pressure on prices. The company had reached \$2 trillion in early days of trading in December.

The lower oil prices come as there's less demand for air travel amid the spread of the new coronavirus, further depressing prices. However, that likely will push down gasoline prices at the pump for Americans. On average, a gallon of regular unleaded in the U.S. sold for \$2.36 a gallon, according to AAA, down from \$2.43 a month ago.

BUSINESS BRIEFING

UK officials reject bid to ban Huawei

LONDON — British Prime Minister Boris Johnson's Conservative government defeated an attempt led by some of its own lawmakers to ban China's Huawei from building part of the U.K.'s high-speed telecommunications network.

Three dozen Conservative lawmakers backed a call to bar "high risk" firms such as Huawei from any involvement in the network after 2022.

The move was defeated 306-282 in the House of Commons.

Britain angered the U.S. in January after announcing the U.K. would let Huawei supply parts of its next-generation 5G cellular networks. The U.S. has banned Huawei as a security risk, claiming it could give the Chinese government access to data.

Vt. sues company using facial data

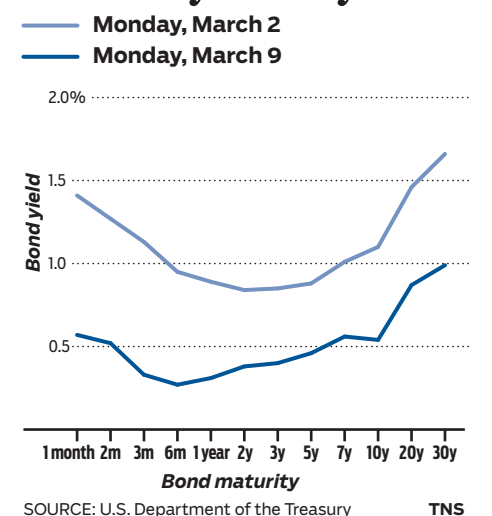
MONTPELIER, Vt. — The state of Vermont is suing a data broker that it says uses facial recognition technology to map the faces of Vermonters, including children, and then sells access to the data to private businesses, individuals and law enforcement.

Vermont Attorney General T.J. Donovan filed a lawsuit Tuesday against New York-based Clearview AI, alleging the company violated the state's Consumer Protection Act and data broker law.

The state also asked the court to order Clearview to stop collecting or storing photos and facial recognition data.

Tor Ekeland, an attorney for Clearview AI, said the tool helps law enforcement catch child rapists, murderers and thieves.

Treasury bond yields



Rivers Casino launches first Illinois sports book

BY ROBERT CHANNICK

As Rivers Casino in Des Plaines took the first legal sports bet in Illinois Monday, the point spread grabbing most of the headlines was on Wall Street, where the stock market suffered its worst one-day loss since the Great Recession.

The BetRivers Sportsbook launched ahead of the potentially lucrative March Madness basketball tournament, but with growing fears over the coronavirus outbreak roiling the economy, the timing may be less than auspicious.

"We'll get through this virus," said Neil Bluhm, the Chicago real estate developer whose Rush Street Gaming built and operates Rivers Casino. "The market may go down, but ultimately it's going to go up."

Casino executives, gaming board officials and politi-

cians were on hand to watch former Chicago Blackhawks star Eddie Olczyk place the first sports bet Monday morning. But the elephant in the room was the spreading coronavirus outbreak, which triggered a stock market selloff and could damp down business as BetRivers gears up for the NCAA men's basketball tournament tipoff March 17.

Bluhm acknowledged the virus and the economic volatility could impact the sports book. But he said when Rivers Casino was granted the state's 10th casino license in 2008, the nation was mired in the Great Recession — an even more foreboding economic environment.

"When we were awarded this license, things were a lot worse," Bluhm said. "At the end of 2008, we were inches away from being in a depression."

By the time Rivers opened

in 2011, the economy had recovered and the casino quickly became the top grossing gambling facility in Illinois. Bluhm said he remains "very optimistic" about the future for BetRivers and sports betting in Illinois.

The Illinois Sports Wagering Act, passed last year as part of a broader gambling expansion bill, allows the state's 10 casinos, three horse tracks and seven of the largest sports venues to acquire a sports gaming license. Rivers was the first of six casino applicants to open its sports book, but several are imminent.

Argosy Casino Alton near St. Louis announced Monday it is planning to open its sports book on March 16 — one day ahead of the first March Madness games, though it still needs approval from the Illinois Gaming Board.

"We expect to have a soft opening prior to then," said Michael Barker, a spokesman for the Argosy Casino Alton.

The Argosy sports book will be inside a converted and expanded casino sports bar, with 40 big-screen TVs, four teller windows and 14 sports betting kiosks.

Penn National Gaming operates the Argosy Casino Alton, as well as the Hollywood Casinos in Joliet and Aurora, which are also launching sports books. Jeff Morris, a Penn National Gaming spokesman, said Monday there will be more information "soon" on the suburban Chicago sports book openings.

Illinois became the 15th state to have live sports betting. The state is projecting sports betting to generate between \$384 million and \$680 million per year in adjusted gross wagering re-

ceipts — revenue after winnings are paid, according to a report published in September. At the enacted tax rate of 15%, that would result in annual state tax revenues of between \$58 million and \$102 million.

Both Rivers and the Argosy are taking steps to assuage concerns over the coronavirus in preparation for their inaugural March Madness sports bettors.

At Rivers, there is a sign at the entrance with advice from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Inside the casino, crews are working to sanitize everything from the slot machines to the sports betting kiosks, according to Rivers spokesman Patrick Skarr.

"There are cleaning personnel on duty around the clock, cleaning the equipment and surfaces," Skarr said Monday. "We have alcohol-based sanitizing stations

throughout the facility for our team members and guests."

Bluhm said Monday Illinois sports bettors who have been wagering illegally now have a platform that is "highly regulated" and "honest." He pointed to the launch of online betting at Rivers later this year as a significant opportunity to bring sports betting to a wider audience.

While the Rivers bricks-and-mortar sports book is opening in a challenging environment, Bluhm said he is confident it will ultimately prove successful. But as to the coronavirus, the 82-year-old is not taking it lightly.

"This is an unusual virus," Bluhm said. "It isn't that lethal, except for older people. That's why I'm shaking hands with my elbow."

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Bankrupt Johnson Publishing reaches settlement in Ebony defamation lawsuit

BY ROBERT CHANNICK

Bankrupt Johnson Publishing reached a \$500,000 settlement in a defamation lawsuit brought by the family of two Georgia high school students alleging they were falsely implicated in the 2013 death of a black classmate by a series of articles that appeared in Ebony.

The agreement, filed Monday and pending approval by a Chicago bankruptcy judge, would mark the end of a controversial chapter in the history of Johnson Publishing, the former publisher of Ebony and Jet magazines, which is liquidating its assets to pay off creditors after declaring Chapter 7 bankruptcy in April.

In 2014, FBI agent Richard Bell and his wife, Karen, filed a \$5 million defamation lawsuit in a Georgia federal court against Chicago-based Johnson Publishing for articles they alleged indirectly linked their sons to the death

of Kendrick Johnson, who was found lifeless inside a rolled-up gym mat at his high school.

State medical examiners concluded that the death of 17-year-old Johnson was accidental asphyxiation after he became trapped while trying to retrieve a shoe that fell into the large mat. Ebony subsequently ran a series of articles suggesting Johnson's death was no accident, and pointing an accusatory finger at the Bell brothers, the defamation lawsuit alleged.

The racially charged case — Johnson was African American and the Bells are white — gained national media attention after Ebony published 10 stories by author Frederic A. Rosen between August 2013 and April 2014, which developed the theory that Johnson was murdered by blunt force trauma and placed inside the mat. The series referred to fictitious brothers "Chris and Clark Martin," whose father was identified as an



The former Johnson Publishing building is pictured at 820 S. Michigan Ave. in Chicago.

FBI agent, as possible suspects.

The Bells' lawsuit claimed that many students, teachers and coaches believed Chris and Clark Martin were pseudonyms for their sons, Brandon and Brian Bell.

In 2016, a Justice Department investigation found insufficient evidence to support federal criminal charges in Johnson's death.

Long an influential African American lifestyle magazine, Ebony was first published in 1945. Family-owned Johnson Publishing sold Ebony and its sister

publication, Jet, to a Texas private equity firm in 2016, and filed for bankruptcy protection last year.

Brandon Bell, 25, and Brian Bell, 22, would receive a \$500,000 payment from Johnson Publishing's insurer, Federal Insurance Co., under the terms of the proposed settlement, which is scheduled for a March 31 hearing in Chicago bankruptcy court. If approved, it will settle all claims by the Bell family against Johnson Publishing.

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Flights

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in April. Delta Air Lines is reducing capacity on international routes by as much as 25% and on domestic routes by as much as 15%.

Airlines also said they're instituting cost-saving measures.

United CEO Oscar Munoz and president Scott Kirby will forgo their base salaries through at least June 30. United also said it was postponing "non-critical" projects requiring capital expenditures, got a \$2 billion loan from a group of banks and expects to incur a first-quarter loss.

Southwest Airlines CEO Gary Kelly said he would take a 10% pay cut in a message to employees Monday and Delta said it is instituting a hiring freeze, taking some planes out of service and retiring older aircraft.

Airlines have extended policies waiving change fees meant to reassure travelers about booking trips amid uncertainty

about where the outbreak may spread or the risk that airlines would cancel more flights.

United, American and Delta are all letting travelers make a change to domestic or international tickets purchased before April 30 at no fee.

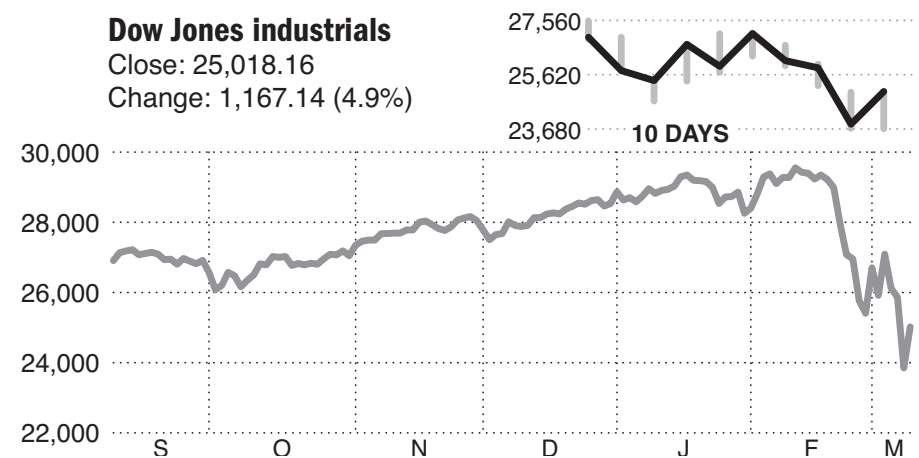
Business travel, in particular, has faced a hit from the spread of COVID-19. Trade shows and conventions have canceled events, including four that would have drawn almost 100,000 visitors to Chicago, and a growing number of companies are instituting broad restrictions on employee travel.

The Global Business Travel Association reported 13% of member companies said they canceled or suspended all or most domestic trips in a survey conducted last week, up from 2% in a similar late February survey. Far more reported calling off all or most international trips — 41% compared with 7% in the earlier survey.

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MARKET ROUNDUP

Dow High: 25,020.99 Low: 23,690.34 Previous: 23,851.02



Nasdaq +393.58 (+4.95%)

Close: 8,344.25 High: 8,347.40 Low: 7,930.43 Previous: 7,950.67

S&P 500 +135.67 (+4.94%)

Close: 2,882.23 High: 2,882.59 Low: 2,734.00 Previous: 2,746.56

Russell 2000 +37.46 (+2.85%)

Close: 1,350.90 High: 1,351.48 Low: 1,288.93 Previous: 1,313.44

10-yr T-note +.26 to .75%

Gold futures -15.40 to \$1,659.10

Yen +3.06 to 105.14/\$1

Euro +.0129 to .8856/\$1

Crude Oil +3.23 to \$34.36

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
-3.47	-3.91	-4.03	-14.54	-13.43	-14.16	-2.10	+9.92	+3.25

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 20	524.25	526.75	519.25	526.75	+4.50
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 20	379	381.50	377.50	380	+5.75
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Mar 20	874.25	879.50	871.50	873	+9.50
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Mar 20	27.62	28.19	27.41	27.67	+1.3
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Mar 20	301.00	301.00	295.90	295.90	-1.50
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Apr 20	30.37	35.02	30.20	34.36	+3.23
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Apr 20	1.835	1.955	1.794	1.936	+1.58
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Apr 20	1.1284	1.2348	1.1199	1.1571	+0.023

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	80.88	+3.86	Dover Corp	N	100.53	+6.78	Littelfuse Inc	O	150.31	+8.34
AbbVie Inc	N	87.53	+2.26	Envestnet Inc	N	69.69	+6.68	McDonalds Corp	N	199.88	+13.00
Allstate Corp	N	99.26	+3.65	Equity Commonwealth	N	30.06	+3.38	Middleby Corp	O	92.74	-.56
Amgen Inc	N	94.00	+7.04	Equity LifeStyle Prop	N	74.25	+2.36	Mondelez Intl	O	54.91	+9.7
Aptargroup Inc	N	103.99	+2.54	Equity Residential	N	79.93	+5.46	Morningstar Inc	O	135.29	+3.87
Arch Dan Mid	N	37.12	+1.82	Exelon Corp	O	43.12	+1.21	Motorola Solutions	N	170.73	+5.04
Baxter Intl	N	82.98	+4.58	First Indl RT	N	36.89	+1.41	NiSource Inc	N	28.52	+8.3
Boeing Co	N	231.01	+3.84	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	59.36	+3.19	Nthn Trust Cp	O	74.36	+3.53
Brunswick Corp	N	44.51	+2.41	Gallagher AJ	N	97.56	+3.42	Old Republic	N	18.82	+2.0
CBOE Global Markets	N	110.90	-.87	Grainger WW	N	279.62	+23.79	Packaging Corp Am	N	90.08	+5.04
CDK Global Inc	O	41.77	+1.02	GrubHub Inc	N	48.73	-.99	Payload Holdings	O	116.03	+1.2
CDW Corp	O	104.09	+5.88	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	90.31	+1.30	RLI Corp	N	79.39	+3.24
CF Industries	N	30.73	-.44	IAA Inc	N	41.29	+2.60	Stericycle Inc	O	55.46	+6.6
CME Group	O	207.01	+2.10	IDEX Corp	N	144.45	+8.76	TransUnion	N	86.48	+5.07
CNA Financial	N	41.10	+1.33	ITW	N	164.62	+10.10	US Foods Holding	N	30.26	+1.65
Cabot Microelect	O	122.00	+4.71	Ingredion Inc	N	82.34	+2.34	Ultra Salon Cosmetics	O	239.06	+3.36
Caterpillar Inc	N	106.49	+2.42	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	144.97	+8.25	United Airlines Hldg	O	52.56	+5.78
Cabot Brands Inc	N	27.86	+3.4	Kemper Corp	N	73.56	+3.22	Ventas Inc	N	43.94	-.98
Deere Co	N	154.99	+4.99	Kraft Heinz Co	O	24.50	+5.4	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	49.16	+7.2
Discover Fin Svcs	N	57.69	+2.93	LKQ Corporation	O	27.58	+1.68	Zebra Tech	O	202.19	+16.93

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Chesapck Enrgy	.16	+0.01
Bank of America	23.61	+1.68
Occid Petl	14.34	+1.83
Marathon Oil	4.40	+7.7
Ford Motor	6.26	+3.6
Gen Electric	8.85	+6.4
Energy Transfer LP	7.63	+2.6
Vale SA	9.40	+1.43
Callon Petrol	.49	+0.8
Halliburton	8.66	+5.1
Exxon Mobil Corp	43.41	+1.55
Transocean Ltd	1.82	+3.1
Ambev S.A.	3.12	+0.4
AT&T Inc	35.85	+1.16
Petrobras	8.01	+7.5
Sthwnt Energy	1.47	-.06
Carnival Corp	24.02	+2.28
MGM Resorts Intl	20.79	+2.91
Nokia Corp	3.32	+0.1
Opvint Inc g	2.98	+7.6
Schlumberger Ltd	18.19	+8.8
Pfizer Inc	35.08	+2.60
Yamana Gold Inc	34.59	+8.3

LARGEST COMPANIES

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
AT&T Inc	35.85	+1.16
Alibaba Group Hldg	206.39	+8.73
Alphabet Inc C	1280.39	+64.83
Alphabet Inc A	1275.17	+59.38
Amazon.com Inc	1891.82	+91.21
Apple Inc	285.34	+19.17
Berkshire Hath B	202.73	+9.60
Facebook Inc	178.19	+8.69
HSBC Holdings pRA	25.79	+2.6
Home Depot	225.70	+15.24
JPMorgan Chase	100.70	+7.26
Johnson & Johnson	141.64	+5.20
MasterCard Inc	280.57	+18.56
Microsoft Corp	160.92	+10.30
Procter & Gamble	120.55	+4.49
Taiwan Semicon	54.51	+2.68
Unitedhealth Group	280.00	+6.56
Visa Inc	182.60	+11.43
WalMart Strs	119.79	+7.67

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AmrcnBalA	m	26.98	+5.4
American Funds CptWldGrncA	m	646.02	+1.72
American Funds CptInclBldrA	m	57.72	+1.03
American Funds FdmTlnvSA	m	54.81	+2.37
American Funds GrfAmrcA	m	47.18	+2.03
American Funds IncAmrcA	m	21.16	+5.0
American Funds InvCAMrcA	m	34.70	+1.35
American Funds NwPrspctVA	m	42.65	+1.72
American Funds WAMTlnvSA	m	42.21	+1.82
Dodge & Cox Inc		14.24	-1.0
Dodge & Cox IntlStk		34.44	+1.11
Dodge & Cox Stk		155.04	+7.79
DoubleLine TlRetBdl		11.04	-.0
Fidelity 500IdxPrm		100.30	+4.72
Fidelity Contrafund		12.80	+6.3
Fidelity InvMGrdBd		11.82	+14.05
Fidelity TlMktIdxPrm		80.36	+3.62
Fidelity USDBIdxPrm		12.34	+15.14
Franklin Templeton IncA1	m	2.09	+0.3
Metropolitan West TlRetBdl		11.47	-0.1
PIMCO IncI2		11.72	-2.1
PIMCO IncIstl		11.72	-2.1
PIMCO TlRetIns		10.71	-1.4
Schwab SP500Idx		44.22	+2.08
T. Rowe Price BCGR		111.27	...
T. Rowe Price GrStk		65.38	...
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl		265.69	+12.50
Vanguard BalIdxAdmrl		37.26	+8.4
Vanguard DivGrnv		28.08	+1.17
Vanguard GrlxAdmrl		88.81	+4.63
Vanguard HCAmrl		82.47	+2.25
Vanguard InTrnGdAdmrl		10.30	-.09
Vanguard InTrTEAdmrl		14.78	-1.0
Vanguard InslIdxIns		259.87	+12.23
Vanguard InslIdxInsPlus		60.97	+2.75
Vanguard IntlGrAdmrl		94.06	+3.25
Vanguard MDCpIdxAdmrl		189.77	+8.18
Vanguard PrmCpAdmrl		125.84	+6.26
Vanguard SInvmGrdAdmrl		10.62	-.04
Vanguard SInvmGrdAdmrl		65.39	+2.34
Vanguard TrgrTrt2020Inv		30.92	+4.8
Vanguard TrgrTrt2025Inv		18.60	+3.7
Vanguard TrgrTrt2030Inv		33.72	+7.4
Vanguard TrgrTrt2035Inv		20.56	+5.3
Vanguard TlBMDIdxIns		11.47	-1.5
Vanguard TlBMDIdxIns		11.47	-1.5
Vanguard TlBMDIdxIns		23.29	-0.5
Vanguard TlBMDIdxIns		34.95	-0.8
Vanguard TlBMDIdxIns		11.65	-0.2
Vanguard TlBMDIdxIns		25.40	+7.5
Vanguard TlBMDIdxIns		101.58	+2.99
Vanguard TlBMDIdxInsPlus		101.61	+3.00
Vanguard TlBMDIdxIns		15.18	+4.4
Vanguard TlBMDIdxIns		70.77	+3.19
Vanguard TlBMDIdxIns		70.78	+3.19
Vanguard TlBMDIdxIns		70.73	+3.18
Vanguard WngntAdmrl		69.93	+1.61
Vanguard WsllyncAdmrl		64.82	+3.6
Vanguard WndsrAdmrl		55.25	+2.65

NASDAQ STOCK MARKET

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Aytu BioScience Inc	2.05	+1.70
Novan Inc	.70	+1.9
Adv Micro Dev	45.38	+2.11
Inovio Pharmaceut	5.70	-4.13
Apple Inc	285.34	+19.17
Microsoft Corp	160.92	+10.30
American Airlines Gp	17.00	+2.2

OBITUARIES

VERNE CHURCHILL 1932-2020

Firm's former CEO 'showed wisdom in making decisions'

By **BOB GOLDSBOROUGH**

Verne Churchill led the Arlington Heights-based market research firm Market Facts Inc. for 12 years.

"He was such a fun-loving, outgoing person and everyone really liked him, but behind closed doors, he always showed wisdom in making decisions both in the corporation's best interests and also taking into account the human impact," said retired Market Facts CEO Thomas Payne, who succeeded Churchill.

Churchill, 87, died of sepsis Jan. 30 at NorthShore University HealthSystem Evanston Hospital, said his son, Gary. A Northbrook resident for 60 years, Churchill had congestive heart failure, his son said.

Born and raised in Chicago, Churchill graduated from Foreman High School on the Northwest Side and received a bachelor's degree in 1954 from Ripon College in Wisconsin, where he played varsity basketball.

"He was a standup guy



FAMILY PHOTO

Verne Churchill

who under any circumstance you could count on to do the right thing," said Ned Lufano of Chicago, a Ripon classmate.

After earning an MBA from Indiana University in 1956, Churchill took a job in marketing for Parker Pen Co. in Janesville, Wisconsin. Three years later, Market Facts hired him as an analyst, and he moved to Northbrook.

Churchill rose within

Market Facts, and was named to the company's board in 1967. He became a vice president and then executive vice president, and in 1982 he was named Market Facts' president and chief operating officer.

In 1984, Churchill became Market Facts' CEO. Churchill increased the company's revenues, and the company was generating more than \$64 million in sales by the time he retired in 1996.

Churchill was named president of the Chicago chapter of the American Marketing Association — a one-year post — in 1974.

Churchill's first wife, Gloria, died in 2001. His second wife, Shirley, died in 2009.

In addition to his son, Churchill is survived by his wife, Lori; a daughter, Elizabeth Curry; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services were held.

Bob Goldsborough is a freelance reporter.

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ON MARCH 11 ...

In 1810, Emperor Napoleon of France was married by proxy to Archduchess Marie Louise of Austria. (Their church wedding was April 2.)

In 1861, the Confederate convention in Montgomery, Ala., adopted a constitution.

In 1865, during the Civil War, Union forces under Gen. William Sherman occupied Fayetteville, N.C.

In 1888, the "Blizzard of '88" struck the northeastern United States, resulting in about 400 deaths.

In 1917, British forces captured Baghdad in World War I.

In 1930, former President and Chief Justice William Howard Taft was buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

In 1931, Rupert Murdoch, who would become one of the world's most prominent media magnates, was born in Melbourne, Australia.

In 1936, Antonin Scalia, who would become a U.S. Supreme Court justice, was born in Trenton, N.J.

In 1938, German forces entered Austria.

In 1941, President Franklin Roosevelt signed into law the Lend-Lease Bill, providing war supplies to countries fighting the Axis.

In 1942, as Japanese forces continued to advance in the Pacific during World War II, Gen. Douglas MacArthur left the Philippines for Australia, vowing: "I shall return." (He kept that promise nearly three years later.)

In 1943, during World War II, the British 8th Army repulsed heavy German counterattacks in Tunisia.

In 1954, the U.S. Army charged that Sen. Joseph McCarthy, R-Wis., and his subcommittee's chief counsel, Roy Cohn, had exerted pressure to obtain favored

treatment for Pvt. G. David Schine, a former consultant to the subcommittee.

In 1959, the Lorraine Hansberry drama "A Raisin in the Sun" opened at New York's Ethel Barrymore Theater.

In 1976, President Richard Nixon acknowledged he ordered the CIA to try to keep Marxist Salvador Allende from becoming president of Chile in 1970.

In 1977, more than 130 hostages held in Washington by Hanafi Muslims were freed after ambassadors from three Islamic nations joined the negotiations.

In 1982, Sen. Harrison Williams Jr., D-N.J., resigned after 23 years in the Senate rather than face expulsion in the wake of his Abscam conviction.

In 1985, Mikhail Gorbachev was chosen to succeed the late Soviet President Konstantin Chernenko.

In 1986, the state of Georgia pardoned Leo Frank, a Jewish businessman who had been lynched in 1915 for the murder of 13-year-old Mary Phagan. (The pardon came less than a year after the death of a witness who came forward in 1982 to say that he had seen another man carrying the girl's body.)

In 1990, the Lithuanian parliament voted to break away from the Soviet Union and restore the republic's independence.

In 1993, Janet Reno was unanimously confirmed by the Senate to be attorney general.

In 1995, Gerry Adams, leader of the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party, arrived in the United States for a St. Patrick's Day visit.

In 1997, rock star Paul McCartney was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II.

In 2000, Ricardo Lagos was sworn in as president of

Chile, the second socialist to take the post since Salvador Allende was killed in a 1973 coup.

In 2002, two columns of light soared skyward from ground zero in New York as a temporary memorial to the victims of the Sept. 11 attacks.

In 2003, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, the leader of Turkey's governing party, was named prime minister.

In 2004, 10 bombs exploded in quick succession across the commuter rail network in Madrid, killing 191 people and wounding more than 2,000 in a terrorist attack.

In 2005, a judge, court reporter and sheriff's deputy were shot and killed at an Atlanta courthouse; Brian Nichols, suspected of killing them and a federal agent, surrendered a day later.

In 2006, former Serb leader Slobodan Milosevic was found dead of a heart attack in his prison cell in the Netherlands, abruptly ending his four-year U.N. war crimes trial for orchestrating a decade of conflict that had killed a quarter of a million people; he was 64.

In 2008 the top U.S. military commander for the Middle East resigned amid speculation about a rift over U.S. policy in Iran; Defense Secretary Robert Gates said that Adm. William J. Fallon had asked for permission to retire and that Gates agreed.

In 2011, a 9.0-magnitude earthquake struck in the Pacific Ocean off northeastern Japan, spawning tsunami waves that devastated the area around Sendai and sparking a nuclear crisis after damaging and knocking out cooling systems at nuclear reactors in nearby Fukushima prefecture. At least 18,000 were killed.

In 2012, Army Staff Sgt. Robert Bales allegedly left his base in southern Afghanistan and shot 16 Afghan civilians to death in the Panjwai district of Kandahar province.

In 2013, former Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick was convicted of two dozen federal charges of corruption and bribery from 2001-08. **Also in 2013** North Korea declared it had "completely scrapped" the 1953 armistice that ended the Korean War.

In 2016, Republican presidential front-runner Donald Trump cited security concerns when he abruptly canceled a rally at the University of Illinois at Chicago Pavilion, triggering skirmishes between his supporters and protesters inside the arena and on the streets outside.

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Barthel, Romona

Romona Barthel (nee Budnik), 76, died March 5, 2020. She was born January 25, 1944 in Chicago and was a former resident of Libertyville, where she had been a member of St. Joseph Parish. Beloved wife of Richard, loving mother of Lisa (Mark) Godsel and Michael (Wendy) Barthel. Proud grandmother of Mathew (Hannah) Barthel, Emily Barthel, Brendan, Richard and Kathleen Godsel. Romona will be deeply missed by her family, friends and all who knew her. Mass of Christian Burial 10:30 AM March 13th at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 121 E Maple Ave, Libertyville where there will be a visitation one hour prior to Mass. Interment Ascension Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital www.stjude.org would be greatly appreciated. Funeral arrangements by **McMurrough Funeral Chapel** 847-362-2626, please sign the guestbook at Libertyvillefuneralhome.com
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Beam, Ruth Agnes

Ruth Agnes Beam passed away peacefully on Saturday, March 7, 2020, at Belmont Village, Carol Stream, Illinois, in her 93rd year. She is survived by her beloved brother Kenneth Beam of London, Ontario, and is predeceased by her dear brother William Beam, and her cherished sister Dorothy Hooker. She will be missed by her nephews Bradley, David, Jeff and Glen, by her nieces Joanne, Jackie and Lisa, and by many cousins and their families.



Ruth was born in London, Ontario, Canada on March 14, 1927, the eldest child of Blake Beam of Humberstone, Ontario, and Agnes Rachel (Mann) Beam, of Ipswich, Suffolk, England. Ruth developed a love for writing and speaking, and a desire for Christian service. She graduated with a Bachelor of Religious Education from London Bible Institute and Theological Seminary, then completed a B. A. in English Literature in 1956 at Wheaton College, Illinois. She then received her M. A. (with Honors) in Christian education from Wheaton College in 1965.

Ruth had a long and illustrious career as a Professor of Communications at Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, first teaching Speech and Oral Interpretation, followed by English Composition and Literature. She wrote articles for journals, published book reviews, and was a curriculum contributor for Scripture Press.

Upon her retirement in 1992, Ruth stated that "by God's kind grace, you can see how He led at every turn. He gave me thousands of students to challenge and teach. In return, these scholars kept me young for 36 years." In retirement, she enjoyed photography, writing and "establishing in-depth relationships with God's creative persons."

Much appreciation to Ruth's many supportive friends from Wheaton College, Moody Bible Institute, and Wheaton Bible Church where Ruth was a faithful member and servant for many years. Special thanks to the staff at Windsor Park Manor and Belmont Village, both in Carol Stream, Illinois, and the staff at Suncrest Hospice, for their wonderful, compassionate care.

A time of remembrance for Ruth will take place at Forest Lawn Funeral Home and Cemetery, 2001 Dundas Street East, London, Ontario, on Saturday, March 14, 2020. Visitation will begin at 12 noon, followed by a service of celebration at 1 p.m. A reception will follow the service.
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Bellizzi, Jacqueline F.



Jacqueline F Bellizzi, nee Walker, 81, long time resident of Edison Park. Beloved wife of the late Joseph F. Bellizzi, CPD. Loving mother of Frank (Jamie) Bellizzi, Laura Mortensen, Joanne (the late Kevin) Moran and John (Sheila) Bellizzi. Proud grandmother of Nicole Santos, Jennifer (Charles) Sullivan, Marisa, Cristina, Joseph and Jacob. Great grandmother of Nicholas and Carmine. Dear sister of the late Dottie Walker and the late Richard Walker. Sister-in-law of Lucille Gorney, Richard Bellizzi and Rosemary Hansen. Dear aunt of many nieces and nephews.

Visitation Friday, March 13, 2020 at the M J Suerth Funeral Home, 6754 N. Northwest Hwy. Chicago from 10:00 AM until time of prayers 11:00 AM. To St. Juliana Church, 7201 N Oketo (at Touhy). Mass 11:30 AM. In lieu of flowers memorials appreciated to National Foundation for Transplants, info@transplants.org. For more information 773-631-1240 or www.suerth.com.



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Brettingen, Virginia Scriba

Virginia Brettingen (née Scriba), 85, passed away peacefully with her family by her side, March 5, 2020 after a three year journey with lung cancer. She is preceded by her husband, David Lowell Brettingen; parents John and Bernice Scriba (née Shears); sister, Catherine Dodson (George). She is survived by her loving daughters, Ciel Brettingen (Don Switalski), Anne Brettingen, Kara Boyd (Patrick); sister, Pat Foreman (Larry); grandchildren, Kailyn Murray (Bill), Alana Griffin, Anika Boyd, Alec Boyd; great grandchildren, Billy and Faraday Murray. Virginia, a resident of Jacksonville, Florida, was born and raised in Wagoner, Oklahoma and was a long time resident of Homewood, Illinois (Chicago).
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Crook, Joanne C.

Joanne C. Crook nee Gach. Beloved wife of Tom. Loving mother of Tom (Christine) and Tammy (the late Kenneth). Cherished grandmother of Matthew and Madeline. Visitation for Mrs. Crook is Thursday March 12th 3:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. at PETERSON-BASSI CHAPELS 6938 W. North Avenue. Funeral prayers Friday 9:15 a.m. at funeral home to St. Celestine Church for Mass of Christian Burial 10:00 a.m. Interment Maryhill Cemetery.



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Cutinello, Carl F.

Carl F. Cutinello, age 48, passed away suddenly March 7, 2020. Devoted father of Lorenzo, Vincenzo, Sophia and Naila Cutinello. Beloved son of Concetta "Connie" and Carl R. Cutinello. Loving brother of Cynthia (Rick) Wilkinson, Cheryl (Eddie) Sansosti, Christy Comin and Char (Phil) Plaia. Dear uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Friday March 13th from 2:00 to 9:00 pm (Funeral Service will be Friday at 8:00 pm) at **Adolf Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Ltd.** 7000 S. Madison St; Willowbrook. The services will conclude Friday evening. Information: 630-325-2300 or adolfservices.com



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Dauparas, Joseph S

Age 83 C.P.D. Ret. Beloved husband of Sonja M. Dauparas (nee Povich). Loving father of Judy Dauparas, Janet (Tom Palubinskas) Dauparas, Joyce (Harry) Price, John Dauparas, Jim (Jane) Dauparas, Jerry (Stephanie) Dauparas and the late Joseph Dauparas and Joan Dauparas. Cherished grandfather of 19 and great grandfather of 1. Dear brother of the late Ray (Carol) Dauparas. Fond uncle of many nieces. Visitation Thursday 3-9 p.m. Funeral Friday 9:15 from the **Robert J. Sheehy & Sons Funeral Home**, 4950 W. 79th Street, Burbank, IL to St. Bede the Venerable Church, Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment St. Casimir Cemetery. www.sheehyfh.com 708-857-7878

Robert J.

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Dolan, Dolores R.

Dolores R. Dolan formally of Morton Grove was called home to God on March 8, 2020 at the age of 90. Beloved wife of the late Thomas. Loving mother of John (Susan) and Joy (Harry). Loving Grandmother of the late Mark, Kelly, Greg, Dan, Jim and Steve. Special Great Grandmother of Tori, Emma and Abby. Keeping with Dee's giving spirit her remains have been donated to Science. At her request no service will be held at this time. Please celebrate Dee's life with prayer.
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Dour, John J.

John J. Dour, 94, of Chicago, IL, passed away peacefully at home March 10, 2020. Beloved husband of the late Mary C. Dour; loving father of Bonnie Terry, Michael (Mary Alice) Dour, Patrick Dour and the late Lenore Piper; admired father-in-law of Charley Piper; treasured grandfather of Sondra Terry, Ryan and Jason (Terri) Dour; cherished great-grandfather of McKayla Dour; loyal brother of Mary Lou Day. Visitation: Friday, March 13, 2020, 3-8 pm at **Lakeview Funeral Home**, 1458 W. Belmont Ave. Chicago 60657. Funeral Mass Sat. March 14, 2020, 10 am at St. Alphonsus Catholic Church 1429 W. Wellington Ave., Chicago 60657. Inurnment: Calvary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to: www.parkinson.org. Info: (773)472-6300 www.lakeviewfuneralhome.com



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Dytrtch, Robert James

Robert James Dytrych, 90, of Des Plaines, Illinois passed away peacefully on March 4, 2020 surrounded by his loving family. Bob was born in Chicago to Joseph and Julia (Vyhanek). He graduated from Michigan State University. After serving two years in the U.S. Army, Bob began his 25-year career as an investigator with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. He was an avid tennis player, golfer and fisherman and in retirement enjoyed his ten years as a volunteer at the Shedd Aquarium. He was a member of the St. Francis of Assisi senior choir that travelled throughout Europe in 2005 to perform at Catholic Churches. He and his wife of 24 years, Georgiann, enjoyed traveling the world to destinations far and wide including his homeland of the Czech Republic. Recent family reunions in California and New Buffalo, Michigan were especially heartwarming for Bob. He enjoyed spending time with his beloved dog, Hudson.

Bob is survived by his loving wife, Georgiann, along with sons William (Nellie), Thomas, Peter (Kathleen), daughter, Barbara Harpling (Brian) and stepsons, Steve (Rebecca) and Marc. Bob is the loving grandfather of Samuel, Brittany, Elysia, Rachel, Hannah, Jack, Brett, Becky and Sam. He was preceded in death by daughter Mary Michelle. Bob is also survived by his sister Laverne Riley, and nieces Kathy (Tim) Fanning and Nancy (Mark) Rich and nephews Rick (Joanne) Riley and Bob (Christina) Riley.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in the name of Robert James Dytrych to Benedictine College in Atchison Kansas or St. Rita High School in Chicago. A memorial mass will be held Monday March 16 at 11:30 a.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 15050 South Wolf Road in Orland Park Illinois. Visitation will begin at 11:15 a.m.
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Gergolla, Paul

Paul Gergolla, 76, of Glen Ellyn passed on February 28, 2020. Memorial service will be Saturday, March 14, 2020 at Holy Cross Lutheran Church 802 Geneva Road, Wheaton, IL. Visitation 9am - 10:30am and the memorial service at 10:30, to be followed by a luncheon. Contributions to be made to Holy Cross Lutheran Church.



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Hamilton, Ph.D., Robert Wilson

Robert Wilson Hamilton, Ph.D., age 80 of Forest Park, formerly of Wheeling, IL and Davenport, IA; loving father of Torri (Matthew Hobbs) Hamilton, Angie (Ben Zlotucha) Hamilton, Amanda (Daniel) Schmidt and Jenna (Frank) Quatraro; silly and fun grandpa to Charlie and Emyln Zlotucha, Sophia, Samantha and Maxwell Schmidt, and Libby and Maisy Quatraro; dear brother of the late Thomas (Gayle) Hamilton; fond uncle of Sheila and Thomas Hamilton, Jr.; devoted son of the late Burley "Joe" and Adrienne Vera Hamilton; Bob is also survived by his other "brother," cousin, Jack (Carole) Hamilton. Dr. Hamilton was a professor of biology and entomology (insects) at Loyola University, Chicago for 43 years before retiring in 2012. Visitation Thursday 4 to 8 p.m. at **Drechsler, Brown & Williams Funeral Home**, 203 S. Marion St., Oak Park. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday at LaSalle Street Church, 1136 N. LaSalle Dr., Chicago. In lieu of flowers, donations to World Wildlife Federation (worldwildlife.org). Funeral info: drechslerbrownwilliams.com or 708-383-3191. Link to full obituary: <https://www.drechslerbrownwilliams.com/obituaries/Robert-W-Hamilton-PhD?obid=12384420#/obituaryinfo>
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	Mega Millions jackpot: \$75M
	Pick 3 midday: 152 / 5
	Pick 4 midday: 1019 / 7
	Lucky Day Lotto midday: 01 02 04 07 16
	Pick 3 evening: 475 / 0
	Pick 4 evening: 9898 / 9
	Lucky Day Lotto evening: 01 15 20 30 31
	March 11 Powerball: \$110M
	March 12 Lotto: \$5M
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March 10	
	Pick 3: 021
	Pick 4: 6871
	Badger 5: 05 12 22 23 25
	SuperCash: 05 06 16 21 31 32

INDIANA	
March 10	Daily 3 midday: 343 / 7
	Daily 4 midday: 8767 / 7
	Daily 3 evening: 749 / 1
	Daily 4 evening: 0404 / 1
	Cash 5: 04 05 07 15 31
MICHIGAN	
March 10	
	Daily 3 midday: 578
	Daily 4 midday: 1292
	Daily 3 evening: 462
	Daily 4 evening: 6580
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Hegedus, Maria

Maria Hegedus, age 78, formerly of Schaumburg. Beloved wife of the late Tony; dear mother of Sue (Scott) Geib and Judy (Charles) Crout; loving sister of Anna Vajda. Visitation, Saturday, March 14, 2020, from 9 a.m. until time of Prayers, 10:15 a.m., at **HABEN Funeral Home & Crematory**, 8057 Niles Center Rd., Skokie. Funeral Mass, 10:30 a.m., at St. Peter Catholic Church, Skokie. Interment, All Saints Catholic Cemetery, Des Plaines. Funeral info: 847.673.6111 or www.habenfuneral.com to sign guestbook.



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Howaniec, Stanley J. "Stash"

Devoted husband of Margaret, nee Emmerick, for 48 years; Loving father of Amy (late Jimmy) Steele, Bobby (Angela), Maggie (Dan) Phillips, and Anne Howaniec; Proud grandpa of Joey, Abby, Andrew, Eddie, Raegan, Johnny, Aiden, Owen, Olivia, and Evelyn; Beloved brother of Patricia (late Frank Mikuta) (late Frank Morrison), and Richard (JoAnn) Howaniec; Dear brother-in-law of the late Mary Fran (late Jerry) Bogdanic, Patricia (Leon) Skly, and JoAnne (Thomas) Davey; Fond uncle, cousin, and friend to many; Proud U.S. Army Veteran; Visitation Thursday 3:00 to 9:00 p.m.; Funeral Friday 9:00 a.m. from **Curley Funeral Home**, 6116 W. 111th Street, Chicago Ridge to Our Lady of the Woods Church, 10731 W. 131st Street, Orland Park; Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery; In lieu of flowers, donations to Mercy Home for Boys and Girls, www.mercyhome.org would be appreciated; For Funeral info 708-422-2700, or www.curleyfuneralhome.com.

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Kahler, Jean A.

Jean A. Kahler, nee Phillips, age 101, of Oakbrook, formerly of Edison Park in Chicago. Beloved wife of the late Joseph A. Kahler; fond mother of Ronald J. (Susan) Kahler. Visitation Friday, March 13, 2020, 3 P.M. to 8 P.M. and Saturday, March 14, 2020, 9:15 A.M. to 9:45 A.M. at **Hitzeman Funeral Home, Ltd.**, 9445 W. 31st Street, Brookfield, IL 60513. Funeral Saturday 9:45 A.M. to St. Hugh Church, Lyons, IL, Mass 10:30 A.M. Entombment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials appreciated to Touched by an Animal, P.O. Box 59067, Chicago, IL 60659 or West Suburban Humane Society, 1901 Ogden Ave, Downers Grove, IL 60515. Information 708-485-2000 or www.HitzemanFuneral.com



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Kany, Betty

Betty Kany, nee Krc, age 91, of Hillside, formerly of Carillon of Plainfield and The Springs at Monarch Landing. Beloved wife of the late Robert L. Kany; fond mother of Dr. Robert J. Kany and Elizabeth (Mark) Rouch; loving grandmother of John and Lauren; dear sister of the late John (Dolores) Krc. Betty was a lifelong member of Sts. Peter and Paul Lutheran Church as well as a member of the Dorcas Society. Betty had many lifelong friends and adored Cubby. Visitation Thursday, March 12, 2020 from 3 P.M. to 8 P.M. at **Hitzeman Funeral Home, Ltd.**, 9445 W. 31st Street, Brookfield, IL 60513. Lying in State Friday, March 13, 2020 from 10:30 A.M. to Time of Service 11 A.M. at Sts. Peter and Paul Lutheran Church, 250 Woodlawn Road, Riverside, IL 60546. Interment Woodlawn Cemetery, Forest Park. Memorials appreciated to Sts. Peter and Paul Lutheran Church. Information 708-485-2000 or www.HitzemanFuneral.com



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Kaplan, Lester J.

Lester J. Kaplan, age 76; U.S. Navy Retiree and Viet Nam veteran; beloved husband of Barbara nee Sandacz and the late Sherry; loving father of Amy, Jason (Kristin) and Jami; proud grandfather of Eric, Rebecka, Ethan and Alexa ; fond brother of Barry and Beth; loving uncle and friend of many. Funeral service and military honors Thurs., March 12, 2020, 12 Noon at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL. In lieu of flowers memorials to the American Cancer Society appreciated. Info: Matz Funeral Home, Mt. Prospect, 847/394-2336 or matzfuneralhome.com.

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Kelderhouse, Robert J.

Robert J. Kelderhouse, age 79, passed away on March 3, 2020. Beloved husband of Barbara, nee Mroz; loving father of Karen (Mark) Vargas, Donna (Andrew) Szostak, and Michael (Lisa) Kelderhouse; proud grandfather of Joshua, Haley, Taylor, Matthew, Daniel, Grant, and Alec; and dear brother of George (Florida), Barbara (the late George) Murphy, and Judy. A lifelong Chicago native, Bob retired after 32 years of service at People's Energy. Bob proudly served his country in the United States Navy. A private family Memorial Service will be held in Naples, Florida at St. Agnes Catholic Church.

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Kirchberg, Richard J

Richard J. Kirchberg, 84, of Chicago passed away on March 7, 2020. Loving husband of Elizabeth Kirchberg nee Barsano. Father of Michael (Colleen) Kirchberg and John (Alicia) Kirchberg. Grandfather of Molly, Caroline and Jack Kirchberg. Visitation Thursday March 12, 4-8pm at **Lakeview Funeral Home** 1458 W Belmont, Chicago. Mass St Clement Catholic Church Friday, March 13th 10:30am. For information www.lakeviewfuneralhome.com 773.472.6300



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Klaskin, William L.

William L. Klaskin, age 91. Loving brother of Richard (the late Judith) Klaskin. Dear uncle of David (Karin) Klaskin, Karen (fiancé John Morrone) Janatka and Catherine Wolf. Proud great-uncle of Andrew, Jillian, Annabel, Sam, Lily, Jonathan and Katie. Service Thursday 12:30PM at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 8851 Skokie Blvd., (at Niles Center Road), Skokie. Interment Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in his memory to PAWS Chicago, 1977 N. Clybourn Ave., Chicago, IL 60614, www.pawschicago.org. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cj-finfo.com

Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in his memory to PAWS Chicago, 1977 N. Clybourn Ave., Chicago, IL 60614, www.pawschicago.org. Arrangements by **Chicago Jewish Funerals** - Skokie Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cj-finfo.com



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Kozie, Shirley A.

Kozie, Shirley A. March 5, 1930 - March 8, 2020. Wife of the late Lee J. Kozie, DPM. Loving mother of 5, Grandmother of 6, and Great Grandmother of 5. Sister of Jean Porter. Sister in law to Jerome Kozie and Diane Sundblom-Kozie. Mass of Christian Burial March 13, 2020 at 12:30 PM St. John's Catholic Church 701 N. Lake Ave. Twin Lakes, WI. Visitation March 13, 2020 from 10:30 until 12:15 at Haase-Lockwood Funeral Home 620 Legion Dr. Twin Lakes, WI. Burial St. John's Cemetery. Online condolences HaaseLockwoodffhs.com. More information and Memorials can be found on the haaseLockwoodffhs.com

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Lacalamita, Pearl Valerie

Pearl V. Lacalamita (nee Dziedzic) age 91 passed away on March 7, 2020. Beloved wife of the late John. Loving mother of Thomas (Patty), Carl, Dale (Tom) O'brien and the late Dean. Cherished grandmother of Kelly (Dan) and Tom (Kate). Proud great grandmother of Lexis, Logan, Lucas and Henry. Dear sister of Mary Ann (George) Ancona, the late Norman (Joanne) Dziedzic and the late Dorothy Pilat. Visitation on Friday, March 13, 2020 beginning at 10:00 a.m. until time of service at 12:00 Noon at **G.L. Hills Funeral Home**, 745 Graceland Avenue, Des Plaines, Illinois 60016. Interment in St. Adalbert Cemetery, Niles, Illinois. For information please call (847) 699-9003 or gllhillsfuneralhome.com

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Lombardo, Frank

Frank Lombardo, age 92; U.S. Army Korean War veteran; beloved husband of the late Angela, nee Cortina; loving father of Therese (Michael) Samelson, Michael and Lise Lombardo; proud grandfather of Matthew Samelson; fond brother of the late Jenny Ribando, Natale Lombardo, Vita Dellegrazio, Frances Lombardo and Grace Jops. Visitation Thurs., Mar. 12, 2020, 3-9 PM at Matz Funeral Home, 410 E. Rand Rd., Mt. Prospect. Funeral Fri., 9:30 AM to St. Emily Church. Mass 10 AM. Interment All Saints. In lieu of flowers memorials to St. Vincent de Paul Society appreciated. 847/394-2336.

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Maier, Richard F.

Beloved husband of the late Maripat (nee Gilligan); loving father of Jean (Robert) Macek, Rick, and David (Matt McGrane); dear grandfather of Amy and Julie. Visitation will be held on Thursday from 3:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. at **Cooney Funeral Home** located at 625 Busse Hwy. in Park Ridge. Funeral Friday, prayers at 9:30 a.m. to St. Paul of the Cross Church for Mass at 10:00 a.m. Interment private. For information please call 847-685-1002 or visit www.cooneyfuneralhome.com

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Malatesta, Sr. Anthony R.

Anthony R. Malatesta, Sr, age 96, of Huntley, formerly of DesPlaines. Beloved husband of Grace, nee ScarPELLI; loving father of Anthony R. Malatesta Jr; fond brother of Esther (Leonard) Grzenia, the late Jerry Malatesta, the late Joe Malatesta, and the late Mario Malatesta; uncle of many nieces and nephews. Proud WWII Army/Air corps veteran, credited with 35 sorties in the European Theater. Member of Knights of Columbus, American Legion, Italian American Club, and Motorola Retiree's Club.

Visitation Thursday, March 12th, 3-9 PM at **Knollcrest Funeral Home**, 1500 S. Meyers Rd. (3 blks. So. of Roosevelt Rd) Lombard. In State Friday 9:30 AM at St. Alexander's Church, 300 S Cornell Ave, Villa Park. Mass 10:15 AM. Entombment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Memorials to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital and Leukemia and Lymphoma Society are appreciated. Funeral Info: www.knollcrest.net or 630-932-1500.

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Mann, Thomas M

Thomas M. Mann, 85, is at peace March 9, 2020. Husband of the late Janice Mary Mann. Loving father of Dianna Mann, Laura (and the late Joe) Patterson, and the late Thomas Jr. Adored grandfather to six and great grandfather to seven. Son of the late Marie and Raymond Mann. Brother of six. Uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Thursday, March 12, 2020, 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm at Kelley Spalding Funeral Home, 1787 Deerfield Road, Highland Park, IL 60035. Mass Friday, March 13, 2020, 10:00 am at Immaculate Conception Church, 770 E. Deerfield Road, Highland Park, IL, 60035. In lieu of flowers, donations may be to, Special Olympics Illinois, 800 Roosevelt Rd., Suite 220, Glen Ellyn, IL, 60137, or to your favorite charity. Interment Memorial Park Cemetery, Skokie, IL. Info: 847-831-4260



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Mawicke, Barbara 'Happy'

Barbara "Happy" Mawicke nee Klee, age 80. Barbara was born in Rochester, NY. Lived in Kenilworth, Illinois for 44 years. A graduate of the University of Wisconsin where she was the social chairman of the Pi Beta Phi Sorority. Beloved wife of Henry Edward Mawicke for 53 years. Loving mother of John (Jane) Mawicke, Christine (John) Andrie, M'Liz (Tim) Simonds, and Megan (Stu) Bradley. Proud grandmother of Jay, Grace, and Anna Mawicke; Stanley and Henry Andrie; Reilly, Nick, Finn, and Tuck Simonds; Jack and Luke Bradley. Barbara was heavily involved in the North Shore area she loved so much. She was consistently one of the top real estate producers and was the first realtor to reach One Billion in Sales on the North Shore. She was a perennial member of the Chairman's Circle and multi-year National Award Winner. Barbara was known by her tag line: "It's not just my business... it's my neighborhood." She was an active and enthusiastic member of the community. Barbara was the Chairman of multiple Winnetka Community Nursery School benefits, served on the Joseph Sears School Foundation Board and was Chairman of the School benefit. She embraced the mission of Boys Hope Girls Hope while serving as long standing board member and received the Super Senior award by the North Shore Senior Center. Visitation Wednesday, March 11, 2020, 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at **Donnellan Family Funeral Home**, 10045 Skokie Boulevard, at Old Orchard Road, Skokie, IL 60077. Funeral Mass Thursday, March 12, 2020, 10:00 a.m. at Saints Faith, Hope & Charity, 191 Linden Street, Winnetka, IL 60093. Interment All Saints Cemetery, Des Plaines, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to: JDRF, Illinois Chapter, 1 N. LaSalle St., Ste. 1200, Chicago, IL 60602 or Christ The King Jesuit, College Preparatory School, 5088 W Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60644. Info: www.donnellanfuneral.com or (847) 675-1990.



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Mayer, Lois Levin

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

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Medlicott, Roberta J.

Roberta J. Medlicott, nee Balkus. 76 years of age, at rest March 7, 2020. Proud lifelong resident of Berwyn. Loving wife of the late Robert. Dear mother of Lisa (Edgar) Massini, Brian (Becky), Carl (Sue), Kim (Lew) Kortas and Robert Jr. (Mary) Medlicott. Grandmother of Kimberly, Adam, Ben, Charlie, Jack, Robert, Grace, Luna, Maria and Bobby. Sister of Randy (Jan), Ricky, Ronald (Donna) Balkus and the late Roseann Lewis. Best friend of Sharmay Buck. She enjoyed late night gatherings with her friends and neighbors. Services are Friday, March 13, 2020, 10:00 am at **Adolf Funeral Home, Ltd.**, 2921 S. Harlem Ave., Berwyn. Interment Mt. Auburn Cemetery. Visitation is Thursday, March 12th from 3:00 pm until 9:00 pm. Info at 708-484-4111 or www.adolf-services.com.



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Monteith, Philip G. 'Phil'

Philip G. "Phil" Monteith, age 92, World War II U.S. Navy veteran, a resident of Naperville, IL and longtime of Centre, AL, passed away peacefully on Friday, March 6, 2020 at Maple Glen Memory Care Community in Glen Ellyn, IL. He was born June 6, 1927 in Dallas, TX.

Arrangements by **Friedrich-Jones Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Naperville, IL**. For a complete obituary, please visit www.friedrich-jones.com or call (630) 355-0213 for more information.



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O'Connor, Wayne M.

Wayne M. O'Connor, age 83, passed away at AMITA Health Adventist Medical Center Hinsdale on March 6, 2020. U.S. Air Force Veteran. He had been in Pipefitters Local 597 for 50 years and served as a Field Superintendent for Ideal Heating Co. located in Brookfield, IL (formerly of Chicago, IL). He was born November 9, 1936, in Chicago, IL attended St. Columbanus Catholic grade school and Chicago Vocational High School. He also volunteered his time to many local causes including Chicago's St. Patrick's Day Parade, The League of Women's Voters and the Olympia Fields Park District. Mr. O'Connor served as a commissioner of the Olympia Fields, IL Park District Board and as a Director of the Harbor Landing Condominium Association in New Buffalo, MI. He dedicated his life to being a loyal, trusted and committed servant and loved his relationships with key life mentors and colleagues, including Cook County Commissioners, the late Dan, and Ruby Ryan, the late Judge Dwight McKay and the late Ed W. Usher, former President of Ideal Heating. He was born and raised in the Greater Grand Crossing on Chicago's South Side and never forgot where he came from. Wayne also enjoyed his family and friends at gatherings, boating and sharing rich perspective based discussions. Beloved husband of Phyllis (nee Pletcher). Father of John (Karl) O'Connor, and Elizabeth. Grandfather of Gianna Maire, Rian Christopher, Shae Elisabeth, Meara Rose, Ava, and Kevin O'Connor. Loving son of the late Virginia, nee Carls and John "Jack" O'Connor. Brother of the late Roger, late Gregory, and Dennis O'Connor. A dear companion and trusted friend of many. Resting at St. John of the Cross Catholic Church, 5005 Wolf Road, Western Springs, IL. A funeral mass will be Friday, March 13th, 2020 at 11 am. Interment private. As an expression of sympathy and to memorialize Wayne, donations may be St. Columbanus Parish Donation Program, To Teach Who Christ Is (St. Columbanus) <http://www.stcolumbanus.org> Arrangements by **Brian Powell Funeral Directors of Hinsdale**, 630-703-9131 or www.powellfuneraldirectors.com



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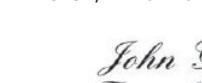
Onesto, Harold V.

Harold V. Onesto, beloved husband of Paola Onesto; loving father of Irene Onesto, Marie (James) Beagle and Jennifer (Garrett) Jennings; cherished grandfather of Garrett, Ava and Benjamin Jennings; preceded in death by dear siblings Rose Onesto, Joseph (Serene) Onesto, Arthur (Jean) Onesto, Fred (Gloria) Onesto, Ted (Erminia) Onesto, Clarendra (George) Gaudio and Louise (John) Zazula; fond uncle and great uncle of many nieces and nephews. Funeral Saturday beginning at St. Thomas of Villanova Church, 1201 E. Anderson Drive, Palatine, 60074 with Visitation from 9:00-10:00 a.m. followed by Mass at 10:00 a.m. Visitation on Friday from 3:00-9:00 p.m. at **Salerno's Rosedale Chapels, Sciaraffa Funeral Directors**, 450 W. Lake Street (3/4 mile west of Bloomingdale/Roselle Road) Roselle, 60172. Entombment St. Michael the Archangel Cemetery. For Information call: (630) 889-1700.

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Pagratiss, Peter S.

Peter S. Pagratiss, age 92, passed away on Thursday, March 5, 2020. He was born in Chicago, Illinois, to the late Rose Desila and Peter Pagratiss of Corfu, Greece. He served in the U.S. Navy aboard the U.S.S. Commencement Bay, stationed in Pearl Harbor, in World War II. In 1959 he received his B. S. in Industrial Engineering from the Illinois Institute of Technology. He worked for the Crane Company in Chicago for 25 years, serving as Midwest Regional Sales Manager. From the Crane Company he focused on his second career, beginning in the early 1970's, in Chicago area real estate development. He became an award-winning broker and pioneered successful condominium conversion in the metropolitan Chicago area. He was dear brother to the late Lily (the late George) Pagratiss Venson of Chicago. Fond uncle, grand uncle and friend. All services private. Arrangements by JOHN G. ADINAMIS FUNERAL DIRECTOR, LTD. 847-375-0095



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Pastos, Spero Vasilios

Spero Vasilios PASTOS, February 18, 1937 - February 17, 2020, 82 son of the late Vasilios(William) and Gregoria Pastos, treasured soul surviving brother of Anna(late Samuel) Katskes, special brother of the late Peter, Constantine(Gus)(Audrey) and Johnny(Carol) Pastos. Caring Uncle of Rosanna Gregoria Katskes, Georgina Koula(Bob) David Connie(Jim) Rogers, Billy Pastos, Alex(Karen) Pastos, John(Lizzy) Pastos, Nikos Pastos, Melina Pastos, Andrea(Chris) Okland, the late Nicolette Pastos, Zarah-Alana Pastos, favored Cats Sophia and Christina, Grand Uncle to 14. Beloved Cousin to the Sofios, Strategos and Poteres Families. Spero, a Chicagoan, attended Amundsen High and Northwestern University, earning a Bachelor of Science degree on 8-31-59 with a major in English plus Speech(School of Communication) and a Masters Degree. Retired after 24 years of teaching from the Glendale Unified School System, CA. A man of multiple interests, Spero was a devotee of fine arts; creative singer, recording artist, guitarist and xylophonist (1st place) dancer (winner w Nancy Freese in Jitterbug division at Harvest Moon Festival) actor, real estate investor, member of Academy Award group, biographical author of 2 books, connoisseur and collector of fine art, world traveler including Greek ancestral home on Kythera Island, Greece where His roots were, Yoga practitioner for years. Visitation Wednesday, March 11, 2020, from 9AM until the time of Service 12PM, at Montclair-Lucania Funeral Home, 6901 W. Belmont, Chicago, IL; Interment immediately after at Elmwood Cemetery, River Grove, IL; info 773-622-9300 or go to www.Montclair-LucaniaFuneral.com.

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Pighini, Sauro 'Spike'

Sauro "Spike" Pighini of Lake Barrington, Illinois, passed away peacefully March 7, 2020. He was born in Lucca, Italy on November 1, 1938. During WWII, Spike and his mother sheltered those who were persecuted, including American soldiers and Jewish families. With the assistance of one of these American soldiers, Spike, at the age of 12, and his mother were able to join the rest of the family in the United States. He attended Lane Tech High School in Chicago, and received his Bachelor's degree from DePaul University. Spike was a true entrepreneur, who owned three successful businesses during his lifetime. He had a knack for being one step ahead of the competition, knowing what people needed before they knew it. Spike was passionate about wildlife, foraging for mushrooms, rebuilding rare sports cars, and repairing and creating things by hand. You could always count on him for projects big and small, from teaching his children how to make a whistle out of twigs to installing a state of the art water softening system. His family will always be grateful for the times they've spent together in his childhood home of Italy, instilling an appreciation for his heritage and culture. Spike is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Mary (Foti) Pighini; children, Cynthia, Michael (Laurie), Richard (Alexa), and Steven (Holly); grandchildren, Lorenzo, Isabella, Alexander, Sebastian, Olivia, Jakob, Mia and Abby; and many other family members. Visitation will be Sunday, March 15, from 3-8 PM at Davenport Family Funeral Home, 149 W. Main St, Barrington, Mass will be 11 AM with visitation starting at 10 AM on Monday, March 16, at Holy Family Parish, 2515 W. Palatine Rd, Inverness. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be sent to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation at jdrf.org. Please visit www.davenportfamily.com to leave online condolences.

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Pompilio, Frank R.

Frank R. Pompilio, 83, of Lake Barrington passed away peacefully on March 9, 2020. He was born in Chicago to Mary and Louis Pompilio. He is survived by his loving wife, Angela; children, Louis, Mary Ann and Peter (Ann); grandson, Kevin; sister, Rosemarie Colella; and brother-in-law, Vincent Sansonetti. Frank was a hard-working man and an ambitious entrepreneur. He started Pompilio Trucking in the 1960s which today is a successful business run by his children. He really enjoyed fishing, boating, golfing and spending time at his second home in Clearwater Beach, FL. Visitation will be Thursday, March 12, 3PM until 9PM at **Davenport Family Funeral Home**, 149 W. Main St. Barrington. Mass will be Friday, March 13, at 10:30 AM with a visitation starting at 9:00 AM at St. Anne Catholic Community, Barrington. Burial will follow at All Saints Cemetery. Leave online condolences at www.davenportfamily.com.



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Prusak, Raymond L.

Raymond L. Prusak, 64, proud father of Iris [Kelly] Kanapaux, Sydney and Jake Prusak, loving grandfather to the young Quinn Kanapaux, passed away on March 7th. A criminal defense attorney with a soft spot for the underdog, Ray dedicated his life to representing people across Illinois, working his hardest to get them a second chance. After practicing law for 30 years, Ray's new career was devoted to those battling addiction and mental health issues amidst the opioid crisis, most recently as a senior coordinator at Norwegian Hospital. As always, working for people during the lowest times of their life. Ray was as Chicago as they come. Born and raised a southsider to immigrant parents, he was educated at Loyola, and later raised his own family in La Grange and Northbrook. During his rich life he was the fullest expression of charisma and charm. His personality would light up any space he entered. Always the life of the party, he entranced people, inviting them into his world through his storytelling, bright intellect, and dry wit. Throughout the various pursuits he traversed in his life, he always made a lasting and meaningful impression on those he encountered. People loved Ray. He will be missed dearly by all that knew him. A memorial visitation will be taking place on Friday, March 13, 2020 beginning at 3:00 p.m. until time of service at 6:00 p.m. at **G.L. Hills Funeral Home**, 745 Graceland Avenue, Des Plaines, Illinois, 60016. Memorials may be made to AATOD www.aatod.org For information please call (847) 699-9003 or gllhills-funeralhome.com

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Putz, Charles "Charlie"

Charles Putz, loving husband of deceased Anita (nee Barnard), passed away at age 93 on February 5. Fond father of Nancy, Mary Anne Lustig (Joseph), the late Barbara Gordon, the late William, and Kenneth (Debby). Brother of the late Raymond Putz (Cecelia). Loving grandfather of Zachary Gordon, Sarah Hinton, Todd Lustig, and the late Matthew Lustig. Great grandfather of Macie, Charlie, and David.

Charles was a graduate of De La Salle High School, a graduate electrical engineer of Illinois Institute of Technology, IIT, a 38-year employee of Peoples Gas Light and Coke Co., and served 2 years in the Navy. Charles loved to play golf and dance to the swing music of the 1940s. He was also an avid fan of the White Sox and Bears. Donations may be made to Make-A-Wish, 630 N LaSalle Blvd., Ste 280, Chicago, IL 60654. Interment was private.

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Quaranta, Anna

Anna Quaranta, 88, of Mt. Prospect; loving wife to the late Vito; beloved mother to Louis, Michael (Merry), Phyllis (Steven) Krupa and Catherine (William) Nagle; Cherished grandmother to nine and great-grandmother to three; fond sister to Mary (the late Cal) Ohlson; and dear aunt to several nieces and nephews. Anna worked for the Chicago Public School System for 25 years. Visitation Thursday, March 12, 2020 from 3pm until 8pm at Glueckert Funeral Home Ltd., 1520 N. Arlington Hts. Rd., Arlington Hts., IL 60004. Prayers 9:15am Friday, March 13, 2020 at the funeral home proceeding to St. James Catholic Church, 831 N. Arlington Hts. Rd., Arlington Hts., IL 60004 for a 10am Funeral Mass. Entombment at All Saints Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials may be given to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital at www.stjude.org Funeral Information and condolences can be given at www.GlueckertFuneralHome.com or (847) 253-0168.

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Rezabek, Verne Edward

Verne Edward Rezabek, of LaGrange Park, age 69; beloved husband of Diane; loving father of Alison (Brian) Higgins; proud Deda of Samuel and Nora; dear brother of Linda (the late Frank) Schoensiegel, JoAnne (the late Ron) Blume, Don (the late Suzanne) Rezabek, & Dale (Margit) Rezabek; dear uncle, cousin, & friend of many. Memorial visitation Saturday, March 14 at **Hallowell & James Funeral Home**, 1025 W. 55th St., Countryside, from 10 a.m. until time of Memorial Service at 12 p.m. Interment private. Memorial donations in Verne's name to the American Cancer Society or a charity of your choice. Funeral info: (708) 352-6500 or hjfunerals.com

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Salk, Evelyn 'Evy'

Evelyn Salk passed away February 26 at 96 years young. Her husband Erwin Salk passed away in 2000. They were married for 45 years. Children include Justin, Anthony and Jonathan (Ellie). Grandchildren Samantha (Jason), MacKinley (Teresa), Garrett, Meredith (Phil), Max, Paige and Charley. Great grandchildren Grace, MJ, Jack and Miles.



"Evy" was the Salk family matriarch. She had an amazing memory remembering details no matter how long ago. And her laugh. It was the best. Even when you said something not particularly funny, she made you feel like it was. She was admired and respected and you just wanted to spend time with her. She lived an incredibly active, impactful, generous and benevolent life. A wonderful blend of brains and heart.

Outside of her family, her second love was theatre. She co-founded Northlight Theatre 45 years ago. Her drive and commitment got it started. The Ghost light, which sits on its stage and illuminates the theatre when everyone is gone, is named after her. Appropriate in that she brightened and lit our way for all these years.

To Mom, Grandma, Bobbie – you are an amazing woman, wonderful mother, caring, loving and giving. You will be greatly missed and you made this world a much better place. Donations in her memory to Northlight Theatre, Skokie, Illinois.

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Schroeder, Joan Marianne

Joan M. Schroeder nee Stein, age 88, passed away March 8, 2020. Beloved wife of the late George H. Schroeder. Dear Sister of Dick (Debbie) Stein and the late Betty McCarthy. Loving mother to Lori (Bob) Leible and cherished grandmother to Eric Leible. Fond Aunt to Janna Stein and Karen Peterson. Avid fan of DePaul men's basketball as well as Chicago and Democratic politics.

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Shanahan, Bridget

(nee Joyce) Beloved wife of the late Sean; loving mother of Betty (Bob Nuber), Kathleen, and John (Cathleen) Shanahan; fond grandmother of Bridget (fiance Kevin) Herrick, and Meghan Shanahan; dear sister of the late Sr. Brendan, Jackie, Mattie, Michael, Nodie, and Vincent; fond aunt and great aunt of many nieces and nephews. Donations to Mercy Home for Boys and Girls 1140 W. Jackson Blvd. 60607 appreciate. Visitation Thursday 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Funeral Services Friday 8:30 to 9:15 a.m. at **Michael Coletta Sons Funeral Home** 544 W. 31st St. (Chicago) to Old St. Mary's Church Mass 10 a.m. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. For info (312)225-8500 or colettasonsfuneralhome.com

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Stoddard, Carole A.

Carole A. Stoddard, 77, of Kenosha, passed away on Monday, March 9, 2020, at Froedtert South – Pleasant Prairie.



Born in Chicago, IL, on October 25, 1942, she was the daughter of the late Mitchell and Catherine (Stegmann) Villano. She graduated from Roosevelt High School in Chicago.

On January 4, 1969, she married Thomas T. Stoddard in Chicago.

Carole dedicated her life to caring for her family. She loved BINGO and even ran the St. Eugene's BINGO every Monday, for 20 years.

Surviving Carole are her three sons, Richard (Renee) Stoddard, Thomas (Lynn) Stoddard Jr., and James (Sharon) Stoddard; two grandchildren, Dylan and Emily; and three siblings, Bruce (Nancy) Villano, Russell (Sandi) Villano, and Michelle (Richard) Hernandez. She is further survived by many nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

She is preceded in death by a brother, Leonard Villano.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, March 12th, at Proko Funeral Home from 3:00 p.m. until the time of the service at 5:00 p.m. Interment will be private.

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Visit & Sign Carole's Online Memorial Book at: www.prokofuneralhome.com

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Thompson, John L. 'Jack'

John L. "Jack" Thompson, age 81, passed away peacefully at his home in Prospect Heights, IL on Friday, March 6, 2020.



Jack was born in Chicago on November 5, 1938. He was a 1956 graduate of Williams Bay High School in Wisconsin.

Jack was a United States Army Veteran. Longtime owner of Thompson Mechanical Corporation, a Chicago area commercial refrigeration and HVAC contracting firm.

Survived by his wife of 60 years, Gisela, nee Zasowski; sons Tevin (Janet) and Tony; grandsons Kyle and William (Lauren); and sisters Jill (Jim) Kaphengst and Janice (Tim) O'Brien. Fond uncle of many. He was preceded in death by his parents Raymond and Lavonne (nee Archer) Thompson, and his sister Joan Bulgrin.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, March 21, 2020 at 10:00 am at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1624 E. Euclid Ave, Mount Prospect, IL. A memorial service will follow at 11:00 am. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, www.cancer.org or American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22478, Oklahoma City, OK 73123. Information call 847-255-7800 or www.friedrichsfh.com

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Tyne, John Joseph

Age 81, passed away Friday, March 6, 2020. He was born April 18, 1938 in Chicago, IL, the son of John and Margaret Beverly Tyne. He married the late Barbara O'Connor Marks Tyne on April 19, 1986 in Cincinnati, OH. He is survived by his stepchildren, many cherished grandchildren, and great-grandchildren; one sister, Joan O'Rourke of Hanford, CA; several treasured nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, Peggy Stoia and Mary Lou Ganschow. Visitation will be held at St. Bartholomew Church, 9375 Winton Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45231 on Friday, March 13, 2020 from 10 a.m. until Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to GSD Rescue and Sanctuary Indy at www.GermanShepherdRescueIndy.com Condolences at HodappFuneralHome.com

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Vavra, Sr., Deacon Robert J.

Deacon Bob Vavra is survived by his wife of 64 years, Elizabeth (nee Abt), sister Mary Anne (Thomas) Nichol, sons Robert Jr. (Terri), Terrence (Kris) and Timothy (Ellen), daughters Barbara Keeton (Craig) and Maribeth Polizzi, 13 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents Joseph P. and Anne (nee Kamin) Vavra. Visitation will be held Thursday, March 12, 2020 at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church, Aurora, IL. from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Additional visitation will be held Friday, March 13, 2020 at 9:00 am until the time of Mass of Christian burial at 10:00 am. Interment, Resurrection Cemetery, Romeoville, IL. In lieu of flowers, donations are requested to the Needy Deacons Fund, of the Joliet Diocese, to Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Church in Aurora and to the St. Vincent DePaul Society. Info: 630-922-9630 or www.beidelmankunshchf.com

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Vick, Regina V.

Regina V. Vick, nee Selbach, age 93, beloved wife of the late Michael; loving mother of Gerry Ann (Thomas) Krull, Betty Jo, Randy, David and the late Cindy (Bradley) Baise; cherished grandmother of Eric Krull, Lauren Krull, Maddie Baise, Andrew Baise and Justin Baise; preceded in death by 7 brothers and sisters; loving aunt to many nieces and nephews and great-nieces and great-nephews. Funeral Friday 9:15 A.M. from **Modell Funeral Home**, 7710 South Cass Avenue, Darien, to Saints Cyril and Methodius Church, Mass 10:00 A.M. to Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Visitation Thursday 3 to 9 P.M. In lieu of flowers, donations to Joliet Hospice or the American Cancer Society appreciated. For info: (630) 852-3595 or www.modelldarien.com

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Wyszynski, Richard

Richard Chester Wyszynski, 87, died in Chicago on March 4. Wyszynski was a virtuoso flutist who honed his craft under the tutelage of the legendary Marcel Moyse. He was also a conductor, composer and educator who made it his life's work to bring classical music to broad audiences. Wyszynski began promoting Chicago classical music while earning degrees in music performance and education from DePaul and Northwestern universities. He developed music criticism skills in Los Angeles under a Rockefeller Foundation grant in the 1960s. He subsequently became the music critic for Chicago's "Old Town Voice." He hosted a radio broadcast at the University of Chicago and appeared with Studs Terkel on WFMT. He was born in 1933 in Chicago's Ukrainian Village neighborhood. He is a graduate of De La Salle High School. In the 1990s through the early 2000s, he staged concerts with union musicians at the Harold Washington Library featuring the music of great but lesser-known American composers such as Alec Wilder and Robert Muczynski. His boyhood friend, Muczynski dedicated the publication of his Fantasy Trio for cello, clarinet, and piano to Wyszynski. Wyszynski became first a pupil of former Chicago Symphony Orchestra flutist Arthur Kitti, then Moyse. Wyszynski was principal flute in the 1960s for the Shreveport and North Carolina Symphonies, and performed in the touring companies of "Camelot" and "Man of La Mancha," where he was also assistant conductor. A Quixotic figure in and out of Chicago's orchestral music scene, Wyszynski lived by e.e. cummings' principle: "An intelligent person fights for lost causes, realizing that others are merely effects." Wyszynski never married and leaves no immediate survivors. His parents, John and Victoria, and half-sister Eleanor (Chester) Balaam of Michigan preceded him in death. A public memorial is being planned.

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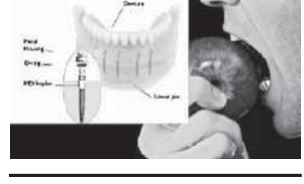
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ADVERTISEMENT DATE: March 11, 2020

DESCRIPTION: Group 1 -2017 (Rebid) Lake Cook Road and Bartlett Road Bridges Section: 17-A5022-00-BR Cook County Contract No.: 2028-18064

BID DEPOSIT: Each bid shall be accompanied by a bid bond, cashier's check or a properly certified check for not less than 5% of the amount of the bid on this contract.

MBE GOALS: 24% WBE GOALS: 10%

PRE BID CONFERENCE: Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at 11 a.m. Cook County Department of Transportation and Highways 69 West Washington St. Room 2200-B Chicago, IL 60602

BID OPENING DATE: Wednesday, April 8, 2020 - 10:00 a.m. Office of the Chief Procurement Officer 118 North Clark Street, Room 1018 Chicago, IL 60602

CONTACT: ctb.ncg@cookcounty.il.gov

PROPOSAL DOCUMENT AVAILABLE AT: https://legacy.cookcountyll.gov/purchasing/bids/list/ALBids.php

LOCATION OF IMPROVEMENT

The proposed improvement is part of the public highway system in the County of Cook, State of Illinois, located by section and route before mentioned, and is indicated on the map showing the County Highway System on file in the office of the County Clerk and also in the office of the Illinois Department of Transportation, Division of Highways, Springfield, Illinois. The proposed improvement to the Lake-Cook Road Bridge over Middle Fork is located approximately 0.5 miles west of Lee Rd. in Northfield Township, in the Northeast quadrant of Section 3, T43N,R12E of the Third Principal Meridian. The proposed improvement to the Bartlett Road Bridge over Poplar Creek is located approximately 0.1 miles south of Golf Rd. in Hanover Township, in the Northwest quadrant of Section 14, T43 N,R9E of the Third Principal Meridian.

DESCRIPTION OF IMPROVEMENT

The proposed improvement of the Lake-Cook Road Bridge over Middle Fork includes removal and replacement of the existing strip seal expansion joint, structural repair of concrete, deck and approach slab repair, and collateral and auxiliary work as needed to complete the project. The proposed improvement of the Bartlett Road Bridge over Poplar Creek includes removal and replacement of the existing strip seal expansion joint, structural repair of concrete, deck and approach slab repair, and collateral and auxiliary work as needed to complete the project. 3/11/2020 6629232

NOTICE OF CANCELLED ILLINOIS STATE CHARTER SCHOOL COMMISSION MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Illinois State Charter School Commission Meeting has been cancelled for Tuesday, March 17, 2020. The next regularly scheduled Commission Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 12, 2020 from 3:00pm to 6:00pm. All members of the public are welcomed to attend. For more information call (312) 814-1258 or direct inquiry to State Charter Commission@illinois.gov 3/11/2020 6628420

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Filing of Evidence Regarding Reconciliation of Revenues and Costs under ComEd's Environmental Cost Recovery Adjustment Rider (Rider ECR)

To patrons of Commonwealth Edison Company

Commonwealth Edison Company ("ComEd") hereby gives notice to the public that on February 28, 2020 it filed with the Illinois Commerce Commission ("ICC") evidence (annual report and direct testimony) regarding the reconciliation of revenues collected from its customers under its Rider ECR, with costs incurred in connection with certain environmental remediation activities associated with former manufactured gas plant sites in Illinois.

A copy of such evidence may be inspected by any interested party at ComEd's office located at Three Lincoln Center in Oakbrook Terrace, Illinois.

All parties interested in this matter may obtain information with respect thereto either directly from ComEd or by addressing to Chief Clerk of the Illinois Commerce Commission, 527 East Capitol Avenue, Springfield, Illinois 62706.

COMMONWEALTH EDISON COMPANY By: Verónica Gómez Senior Vice President & General Counsel 3/4, 3/11/2020 6622478

LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

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

IN THE INTEREST OF Kah-Niyah Turner MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Chasity Turner (Mother)

JUVENILE No.: 19JA00742

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, Chasity Turner (Mother), respondents, and to All Whom It May Concern, that on July 15, 2019, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by KIM FOXX in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge Shannon O'Malley in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 110 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON 03/31/2020, at 10:00 AM in CALENDAR 6 COURTROOM F, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have this minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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

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

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

DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS January 23, 2020 6615623

PROJECT BASED VOUCHER WAIT LIST OPENING VILLAGE PARK APARTMENTS IN WAUKEGAN

The Housing Authority of Cook County (HACC) will be opening site-based wait lists for one, two, and three bedroom project-based voucher (PBV) units at the Village Park Apartments located at 2520 Village Park Drive in Waukegan IL. The PBV Program is a rental assistance program where the resident pays 30% of his/her income towards the rent to the owner and the HACC subsidizes the remainder.

To be eligible for the Village Park Apartments PBV units, applicant's total household income may not exceed the very low income limit (50% AMI), which is \$31,200 for a 1 person household; \$35,650 for a 2 person household; \$40,100 for a 3 person household; \$44,550 for a 4 person household; \$48,150 for a 5 person household; and \$51,700 for a 6 person household.

Priority preference will be given to applicants who are currently on the HACC's Housing Choice Voucher (HCV) wait list. Preferences may also be given to families who are literally homeless; who are Veterans; who are disabled; or who are victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, or stalking (referred to as VAWA collectively). Applicants claiming a preference must be able to demonstrate they qualify for the preference when requested. Preferences are assigned a point value and applied cumulatively before the time/date of application.

Applications will be available beginning on Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 10:00am. To apply, applicants need to log onto the HACC's website at www.thehacc.org and then click on the link "See our Open Wait Lists" on the HACC's Home Page. Applications must be submitted electronically through the website; no other form of application will be accepted. The wait list will close at 4:00pm on Monday, March 16, 2020.

If you need assistance or require a reasonable accommodation, please send an email to pbvwaitlist@thehacc.org, with Village Park Reasonable Accommodation as the subject. 03/11/20 6629717

PUBLIC HEARING - LEGAL NOTICE Lincolnshire-Prairie View School District 103 will hold a Public Hearing regarding a Resolution to Adopt an E-Learning Program in lieu of the District's Scheduled Emergency Days at the District Office located at 111 Barclay Boulevard, Suite 100, Lincolnshire, Illinois on Friday, March 20, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. 3/11/2020 6629456

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE

The Board of Education of Evanston Township High School District 202 is seeking a 2020 SPED Transportation Contract and LATE TRUST COMPANY TRUST #110458 DATED 3/14/2002. CITY OF CHICAGO: ROBERT JOHNSON; UNKNOWN OWNERS-TENANTS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; et al., Defendants, Case No. 20 CH 681. The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you Robert Johnson, Chicago Title Land Trust Company Trust #110458 dated 3/14/2002, Unknown Owners-Tenants and Non-Record Claimants, defendants in the above entitled suit has been commenced in the IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION, by the said plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: BLOCK 3 AND LOTS 1 TO 28 IN BLOCK 4 IN WEST AUBURN SUBDIVISION OF BLOCKS 1 TO 4 AND 13 TO 16 IN SUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 38 NORTH RANGE 14, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN (EXCEPT THE NORTH 99 FEET THEREOF) IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 936-944 W. 76TH STREET, CHICAGO, IL 60610 PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NO: 26-29-404-034-0000, and which said Mortgage was made by ROBERT JOHNSON, as Mortgagor(s), to Premier Mortgage Funding, Inc., as Mortgagee, and recorded as document number 062404151, and the present owners) of the property being ROBERT JOHNSON, and for other relief that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law, and that the said suit is now pending. Now, therefore, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance in the said suit on or before April 13, 2020, A DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm for more information to select an e-filing provider. You need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp, or talk with your local circuit clerk's office. Cohen Dovitz Makowka, LLC, 10729 N. 159th Street, Orland Park, IL 60467 (708) 460-7711 Note: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that this law firm is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 3/11, 3/18, 3/25/2020 6628810

NOONAN & LIEBERMAN, LTD. (Firm ID: 38245) Attorneys 105 West Adams Street, Suite 1800 Chicago, Illinois 60603 STATE OF ILLINOIS, COUNTY OF COOK, ss IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION, BAYVIEW LOAN SERVICING, LLC A DELAWARE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY, PLAINTIFF, vs. CHICAGO TITLE LAND TRUST COMPANY TRUST #110458 DATED 3/14/2002; CITY OF CHICAGO: ROBERT JOHNSON; UNKNOWN OWNERS-TENANTS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS; et al., Defendants, Case No. 20 CH 681. The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given to you Robert Johnson, Chicago Title Land Trust Company Trust #110458 dated 3/14/2002, Unknown Owners-Tenants and Non-Record Claimants, defendants in the above entitled suit has been commenced in the IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION, by the said plaintiff against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of a certain Mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: BLOCKS 3 AND LOTS 1 TO 28 IN BLOCK 4 IN WEST AUBURN SUBDIVISION OF BLOCKS 1 TO 4 AND 13 TO 16 IN SUBDIVISION OF THE SOUTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 29, TOWNSHIP 38 NORTH RANGE 14, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN (EXCEPT THE NORTH 99 FEET THEREOF) IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 936-944 W. 76TH STREET, CHICAGO, IL 60610 PROPERTY IDENTIFICATION NO: 26-29-404-034-0000, and which said Mortgage was made by ROBERT JOHNSON, as Mortgagor(s), to Premier Mortgage Funding, Inc., as Mortgagee, and recorded as document number 062404151, and the present owners) of the property being ROBERT JOHNSON, and for other relief that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law, and that the said suit is now pending. Now, therefore, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance in the said suit on or before April 13, 2020, A DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGMENT ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT. Dated, Chicago, Illinois, February 24, 2020. Clerk of the Cook County Circuit Court. THIS IS AN INTERESTED PARTY NOTICE PURSUANT TO THE FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT AND ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. Last known addresses: Robert Johnson, 2314 Midtown Terrace, Apt. 1177, Orlando, FL 32839; 1245 W. Michigan Avenue, Suite 222, Chicago, IL 60606; 634 Hubbard St., Chicago, IL 60649. Chicago Title Land Trust Company Trust #110458 dated 3/14/2002 - 10 S. LaSalle Street #2750, Chicago, IL 60603 Unknown Owners-Tenants and Non-Record Claimants - 936-944 W. 76th Street, Chicago, IL 60610 2/26, 3/4, 3/11/2020 6614411

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STATE OF ILLINOIS FIRM No: 40446 COUNTY OF COOK IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS - CHANCERY DIVISION - WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, INC. NOT IN ITS INDIVIDUAL CAPACITY BUT SOLELY AS TRUSTEE OF HOME PRESERVATION PARTNERSHIP TRUST Plaintiff, vs. THOMAS QUINN, AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR EMMA M TAYLOR, DIANE ELEM; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF EMMA M TAYLOR; CITY OF CHICAGO, THE SECRETARY OF HOME PRESERVATION PARTNERSHIP TRUST; UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS Defendant(s). Case No. 2019 CH 10394 Cal: 58 Property Address: 11736 S STATE ST, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60628 NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is hereby given you, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF EMMA M TAYLOR AND UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS, defendants in the above entitled cause, that suit has been commenced against you and other defendants in the Circuit Court for the Judicial Circuit by said plaintiff praying for the foreclosure of a certain mortgage conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: LOT 28 AND THE NORTH HALF OF LOT 29 IN BLOCK 4 IN FALLS AND GANO'S ADDITION TO PULLMAN SAID ADDITION BEING A SUBDIVISION OF THAT PART LYING EAST OF THE WEST 49 ACRES OF THE EAST QUARTER OF SECTION 21, TOWNSHIP 37 NORTH, RANGE 14, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS, COMMONLY KNOWN AS: 11736 S STATE ST, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60628 Property Index Number: 25-21-412-044-0000 and which said Mortgage was made by EMMA M TAYLOR as Mortgagor(s) to SENIOR INCOME REVERSE MORTGAGE CORPORATION as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds as Document Number 98205543 and for other relief; that Summons was duly issued out of the above Court against you as provided by law and that said suit is now pending. NOW THEREFORE, unless you, the said above named defendants, file your answer to the complaint in the said suit or otherwise make your appearance therein, in the Office of the Clerk of the Court at Cook County on or before April 13, 2020, a default may be taken against you at any time after that date and a judgment entered in accordance with the prayer of said complaint. This communication is an attempt to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Dated: March 4, 2020. Genslra Bacl, Attorney Eric Feldman & Associates, P.C. Firm No: 40466. Eric Feldman & Associates, PC | Attorneys for Plaintiff 123 W. Madison, Suite 1704 | Chicago, IL 60602 P: 312.344.3529 F: 877.571.4228 Firm No: 40466 | paralegal@efitalaw.com 3/11, 3/18, 3/25/2020 6629288

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - CHANCERY DIVISION TCF NATIONAL BANK vs. BETINA JEMISON, JERON JEMISON, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OR DEVICES OF BETTY JEAN JEMISON A/K/A BETTY J. JEMISON A/K/A BETTY JEMISON, U.S. BANK, N.A., SUCCESSOR IN INTEREST TO PARK NATIONAL BANK F/K/A PULLMAN BANK AND TRUST COMPANY, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS, et al., as SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR BETTY JEAN JEMISON A/K/A BETTY J. JEMISON A/K/A BETTY JEMISON, CASE NUMBER: 20 CH 00046 NOTICE BY PUBLICATION NOTICE IS GIVEN TO YOU, UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW AND LEGATEES OR DEVICES OF BETTY JEAN JEMISON A/K/A BETTY J. JEMISON A/K/A BETTY JEMISON AND UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS That this case has been commenced in this Court against you and other defendants, praying for the foreclosure of certain Mortgages conveying the premises described as follows, to-wit: LOT 18 IN BLOCK 37 IN THE BLUE ISLAND LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY'S SUBDIVISION OF WASHINGTON HIGHWAY, SECTION 18 AND 19, TOWNSHIP 37 NORTH, RANGE 14, EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, IN COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS. Permanent Index No.: 25-18-412-012-0000 Commonly known As: 10857 S. HERMOSA AVENUE, CHICAGO, IL 60643 and which said Mortgages were made by: FELIX JEMISON JR. A/K/A FELIX JEMISON AND BETTY JEAN JEMISON A/K/A BETTY J. JEMISON A/K/A BETTY JEMISON EXECUTED THE MORTGAGE PLAINTIFF SEEKS TO FORECLOSE HEREIN; HOWEVER, BOTH MORTGAGORS ARE DECEASED AND THEREFORE, ARE NOT NAMED AS DEFENDANTS HEREIN the Mortgagor(s), to TCF National Bank, as Mortgagee, and recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds of Cook County, Illinois, as Document No. 0825508121 and as Document No. 0825508124; and for other relief; that summons was duly issued out of said Court against you as provided by law and that the said suit is now pending. NOW, THEREFORE, UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in the case with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Cook County on or before April 13, 2020, A DEFAULT MAY BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU AT ANY TIME AFTER THAT DAY AND A JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRAYER OF SAID COMPLAINT. E-filing is now mandatory for documents in civil cases with limited exemptions. To e-file, you must first create an account with an e-filing service provider. Visit http://efile.illinoiscourts.gov/service-providers.htm for more information to select an e-filing provider. You need additional help or have trouble e-filing, visit http://www.illinoiscourts.gov/FAQ/gethelp.asp, or talk with your local circuit clerk's office. Cohen Dovitz Makowka, LLC, 10729 N. 159th Street, Orland Park, IL 60467 (708) 460-7711 Note: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act you are advised that this law firm is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. 3/11, 3/18, 3/25/2020 6628810

TO: Ricky Zhuo Jiang; Occupant, 1111 Bellwood Ave., Bellwood, IL 60104; Bellwood Chinese Restaurant; KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COUNTY CLERK; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED No. 2020COTD000104 FILED: 1/9/2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 5/9/2018 Certificate No.: 16-0010361 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2016 Sold for Special Assessments of (Municipality): N/A Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 1111 Bellwood Avenue, Bellwood, ILLINOIS 60104 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 15-16-124-007-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 7/6/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 7/6/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 7/15/2020 in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 7/6/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 CIB INVESTMENTS LLC Purchaser or Assignee Dated: March 3, 2020 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 3/10, 3/11, 3/12/2020 6624920

TO: Michael D. Mitchell; Sylvia Mitchell; Krel Laboratories, Inc.; Krel Laboratories, Inc., c/o Christopher T. Nowotarski, Reg. Agt.; Krel Laboratories, Inc., c/o Robert H. Olejnyk, President; Occupant, 381 N. Avers Avenue, Chicago, IL 60624; KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COUNTY CLERK; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED No. 2020COTD000107 FILED: 1/9/2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 5/9/2018 Certificate No.: 16-0010363 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2016 Sold for Special Assessments of (Municipality): N/A Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 701-711 S. PULASKI ROAD, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60624 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 16-14-305-001-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 7/6/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 7/6/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 7/15/2020 in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 7/6/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 SMM-TAX, INC. Purchaser or Assignee Dated: March 4, 2020 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 3/10, 3/11, 3/12/2020 6626212

TO: Michael D. Mitchell; Sylvia Mitchell; Krel Laboratories, Inc.; Krel Laboratories, Inc., c/o Christopher T. Nowotarski, Reg. Agt.; Krel Laboratories, Inc., c/o Robert H. Olejnyk, President; Occupant, 381 N. Avers Avenue, Chicago, IL 60624; KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COUNTY CLERK; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED No. 2020COTD000107 FILED: 1/9/2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 5/9/2018 Certificate No.: 16-0010363 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2016 Sold for Special Assessments of (Municipality): N/A Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 701-711 S. PULASKI ROAD, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60624 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 16-14-305-001-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 7/6/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 7/6/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 7/15/2020 in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 7/6/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 SMM-TAX, INC. Purchaser or Assignee Dated: March 4, 2020 Balin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 3/10, 3/11, 3/12/2020 6626212

TO: Juanita Purtle a/k/a Juanita Pirtle; Duwell Medical Center; Occupant, 701 S. Pulaski Rd., Chicago, IL 60624; JW Salton; Occupant, 705 S. LaSalle Street, Chicago, IL 60624; KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COUNTY CLERK; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED No. 2020COTD000098 FILED: 1/9/2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 5/9/2018 Certificate No.: 16-0010363 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2016 Sold for Special Assessments of (Municipality): N/A Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 701-711 S. PULASKI ROAD, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60624 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 16-14-305-001-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 7/6/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 7/6/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 7/1

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TO: CDCT Land Co LLC River East, L.L.C. f/k/a CityFront Center, L.L.C., Reg Agent: Pevlaviak & House, Chicago Dock & Canal Tr. River East, L.L.C. f/k/a CityFront Center, L.L.C., River East, Inc., Manager CityFront Center, L.L.C., c/o Illinois Secretary of State River East, Inc., c/o Illinois Secretary of State River East, L.L.C. f/k/a CityFront Center, L.L.C., c/o Illinois Secretary of State River East, Inc., c/o Delaware Secretary of State River East, Inc., Reg Agent: The Corporation Trust Company River East Plaza, L.L.C., Reg Agent: Corporate Service Company River East Plaza, L.L.C., c/o Illinois Secretary of State River East Plaza, L.L.C., Reg Agent: David Grossberg River East Plaza, L.L.C., Manager: MCL Companies of Chicago, Inc. The Chicago Dock and Canal Company, c/o Illinois Secretary of State The Chicago Dock and Canal Company, Reg Agent: David A. Grossberg The Chicago Dock and Canal Company, Daniel E. Mclean CDCT Land Company, L.L.C., Reg Agent & Manager: Charles R. Gantner ABM Janitorial Services - Midwest, LLC, c/o Illinois Secretary of State ABM Janitorial Services - Midwest, LLC, Reg Agent: C T Corporation System ABM Janitorial Services - Midwest, LLC, ABM Janitorial Services, Inc., Manager ABM Janitorial Services, Midwest, LLC, Reg Agent: The Corporation Trust Company River East Plaza Management, Inc., c/o Illinois Secretary of State River East Plaza Management, Inc., Reg Agent: David A. Grossberg MCL Management Corporation, Daniel Mclean, President Law Offices of Hall Adams, LLC, Reg Agent & Manager: Hall Adams, Esq., Borwin Udell, Pomerantz & Delrahim, Ltd., Reg Agent & President: Michael Delrahim, Esq. The Chicago Dock and Canal Company, c/o Illinois Secretary of State American Heritage Investment, LLC, Reg Agent: Matthew O'Kane American Heritage Investment, LLC, Co-Manager American Heritage Investment, LLC, Karen O'Kane, Co-Manager AH-River East, LLC, Reg Agent: Matthew O'Kane AH-River East LLC, Manager: American Heritage Investment II, LLC, Reg Agent: Matthew O'Kane AH-River East II, LLC, c/o Illinois Secretary of State AH-River East II, LLC, Reg Agent: Matthew O'Kane Brian J. Pleviak East Water Place Homeowners' Association, Reg Agent: Stuart A. Fullitt East Water Place Land Company, c/o Illinois Secretary of State East Water Place Land Company, L.L.C., Reg Agent: David C. Dunkin East Water Place Land Company, L.L.C., Manager: East Water Place, Inc. 6517 211 East Water Place, L.P., c/o Illinois Secretary of State Ogden Partners North, Inc., Reg Agent & President: Mark R. Ordover Ogden Partners North, Inc., Fenton C. Booth, Secretary East Water Place, L.P., Reg Agent: Mark R. Ordover The Equitable Life Assurance Society of the United States AXA Equitable Life Insurance Company Equitable Financial Services, LLC, Reg Agent: Corporation Service Company Commonwealth Edison Company, Reg Agent: Corporate Creations Network, Inc. Commonwealth Edison Company, Terence R. Metten, President United States Energy, N/A, Illinois, United States Energy Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago Illinois Attorney General City of Chicago, City Clerk US Army Corps of Engineers, Chicago District US Army Corps of Engineers, City of Chicago, Corporation Contact The Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company, Reg Agent: Corporate Creations Network Inc The Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company, Charles R. Matthews, President The Peoples Gas Light and Coke Company, Margaret C. Kelsner Chicago Title Land Trust Company, c/o Illinois Secretary of State #67050 dated May 1, 1986, Reg Agent: C T Corporation System Chicago Title Land Trust Company, c/o Illinois Secretary of State #67050 dated May 1, 1986, John A. Wunderlich, President Chicago Title Land Trust Company, c/o Illinois Secretary of State #67050 dated May 1, 1986, Michael L. Gravelle, Secretary John T. Pownen, Esq. The Chicago Dock and Canal Trust River East Plaza, LLC Michael E. Gosman, Esq., Whyte Hirschboeck Dudek S.C. NCB Asset Management, LLC, Reg Agent: Equities Asset Management, LLC, c/o Illinois Secretary of State NCB Asset Management, LLC, Reg Agent: Carleen L. Schreder NCB Asset Management, LLC, Reg Agent: Equities Asset Management, LLC, NCG Group, LLC, Manager Cindy O'Drobink, Senior Director of Asset Services, CBRE CBRE, Inc., Reg Agent: C T Corporation System CBRE, Inc., Robert E. Sulentic, President CBRE, Inc., Laurence H. Midler, Secretary First Interstate Mortgage Company of Illinois, Reg Agent: Prentice Hall Corporation Chicago Title Land Trust Company, c/o Illinois Secretary of State #104210-06 dated December 11, 1987, Reg Agent: C T Corporation System Chicago Title Land Trust Company, c/o Illinois Secretary of State #104210-06 dated December 11, 1987, John A. Wunderlich, President Chicago Title Land Trust Company, c/o Illinois Secretary of State #104210-06 dated December 11, 1987, Michael L. Gravelle, Secretary First Interstate Mortgage Company of Illinois, Reg Agent: Prentice Hall Corporation Chicago Title Land Trust Company, c/o Illinois Secretary of State #104210-06 dated December 11, 1987, Reg Agent: Illinois Corporation Service C Mozart Electric, Inc., c/o Illinois Secretary of State Mozart Electric, Inc., Reg Agent: Daniel R. Fusco Mozart Electric, Inc., Eva M. Sheehy, President Daniv D. Orr, County Clerk; Parties in Occupancy or actual possession of said property; Unknown owners or persons interested in said land or lot. TAX DEED NO. 2020COTD000644 FILED February 21, 2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 1/13/2020 TAKE NOTICE No. 175-0009740 and 175-0009741 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2016-2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) and special assessment of (Municipality) N/A Inst. No. N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at the south 50 feet of that portion of the Ogden Slip in Chicago, Illinois. As detailed by the Sidwell Map available in the Cook County Clerk's Office of the Department of Legal Description or Property Index No. 17-10-222-004-0000 and 17-10-222-005-0000 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on July 24, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before July 24, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this county in Chicago, Illinois on August 21, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. In Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois 60602 You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before July 24, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645. Alleen Dirascala Purchaser or Assignee. Dated February 28, 2020. Reiter Law Offices, Ltd. 208 W. Washington St., #2113 Chicago, IL 60606 3/10, 11, 12/2020 6625723

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TO: Adrian Tarau; Occupant, 1604 W. Monroe Ave., Unit Comm 3, Chicago, IL 60607; KAREN A. YARBROUGH, COUNTY CLERK; Persons or tenants in actual occupancy or possession of said property; Unknown owners or parties interested in said property. TAX DEED NO. 2020COTD000145 FILED: 1/13/2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook Date Premises Sold: 5/9/2018 Certificate No.: 16-0010930 Sold for General Taxes of (year): 2016-2015 Sold for Special Assessments of (Municipality): N/A Warrant No.: N/A Installment No.: N/A THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 1604 W. MONROE AVE., UNIT COMM 3, CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60607 Legal Description or Property Index No.: 17-18-208-002-1019 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on 7/6/2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the county clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before 7/6/2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Chicago, Illinois, on 7/15/2020 in Room 1704 of the Richard J. Daley Center at 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before 7/6/2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT THE COUNTY CLERK ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 RDIA INVESTMENTS, INC. Purchaser or Assignee Dated: March 3, 2020 Ballin Law, P.C. Attorneys at Law 100 N. LaSalle, Suite 1200 Chicago, IL 60602 (312) 345-1111 Firm #58864 3/10, 3/11, 3/12/2020 6624926

TO: Stanford Marks, Trustee under Trust Number 142, c/o Phoenix Bond & Indemnity Company; Anwar Zaki; Judgment Creditors, And Decree Creditors, if Any of The Above Described As to the Actual Possession of Said Property; Unknown Owners Or Persons Interested In Said Land Or Lot. TAX DEED NO. 2020COTD000162 FILED: January 15, 2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook State of Illinois Date Premises Sold: May 9, 2018 Certificate No. 16-0009732 Sold for General Taxes of: 2016 and prior years 2000, 2006, 2007, 2008-First installment, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable. And Special Assessment No. Not Applicable. Warrant No. Not Applicable. Inst. No. Not Applicable. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 3325 S. GILES AVE., Chicago, Illinois Legal Description or Property Index No. 17-34-122-070-0000 Vol. 525 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on July 21, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before July 1, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois on 7/15/2020 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before July 1, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk. Address: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, IL 60602 Telephone: (312) 603-5645 AMADOU LAM, purchaser or assignee Dated: February 28, 2020. Ludm. Harris #5134 933 West Van Buren, Suite 304 Chicago, IL 60607 312-795-9600 harrislaw@sbcglobal.net 3/10, 3/11, 3/12/2020 6620680

TO: Ruth Kopald, heir to the Estate of Gordon Kopald Trust; Wendy Kopald, heir to the Estate of Gordon Kopald and successor trustee of Gordon E. Kopald Trust; Larry Kopald, heir to the Estate of Gordon E. Kopald and successor trustee of Gordon E. Kopald Trust; Candice Chacon, heir to the Estate of Gordon Kopald and successor trustee of Gordon E. Kopald Trust; Randye Lordon; Maria Lowenthal; Judgment Creditors, And Decree Creditors, if Any of The Above Described As 'Unknown Owners'; David D. Orr, Cook County Clerk; Parties in Occupancy or Actual Possession of Said Property; Unknown Owners or Persons Interested In Said Land Or Lot. TAX DEED NO. 2020COTD000161 FILED: January 15, 2020 TAKE NOTICE County of Cook, State of Illinois Date Premises Sold: May 9, 2018 Certificate No. 16-0009734 Sold for General Taxes of: 2016 and prior years 2007-Second Installment, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 Sold for Special Assessment of (Municipality) Not Applicable. And Special Assessment No. Not Applicable. Warrant No. Not Applicable. Inst. No. Not Applicable. THIS PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD FOR DELINQUENT TAXES Property located at: 756 E. 37th St., Chicago, Illinois Legal Description or Property Index No. 17-34-410-037-0000 Vol. 527 This notice is to advise you that the above property has been sold for delinquent taxes and that the period of redemption from the sale will expire on July 1, 2020. The amount to redeem is subject to increase at 6 month intervals from the date of sale and may be further increased if the purchaser at the tax sale or his or her assignee pays any subsequently accruing taxes or special assessments to redeem the property from subsequent forfeitures or tax sales. Check with the County Clerk as to the exact amount you owe before redeeming. This notice is also to advise you that a petition has been filed for a tax deed which will transfer title and the right to possession of this property if redemption is not made on or before July 1, 2020. This matter is set for hearing in the Circuit Court of this County in Room 1704, Richard J. Daley Center, 50 W. Washington Street, Chicago, Illinois on 7/15/2020 at 9:30 a.m. You may be present at this hearing but your right to redeem will already have expired at that time. YOU ARE URGED TO REDEEM IMMEDIATELY TO PREVENT LOSS OF PROPERTY Redemption can be made at any time on or before July 1, 2020 by applying to the County Clerk of Cook County, Illinois, at the Office of the County Clerk in Chicago, Illinois. For further information contact the County Clerk ADDRESS: 118 N. Clark Street, Room 434, Chicago, Illinois 60602 TELEPHONE: (312) 603-5645 AMADOU LAM, purchaser or assignee Dated: February 28, 2020. Ludm. Harris #5136 933 West Van Buren, Suite 304 Chicago, IL 60607 312-795-9600 harrislaw@sbcglobal.net 3/10, 3/11, 3/12/2020 6620667

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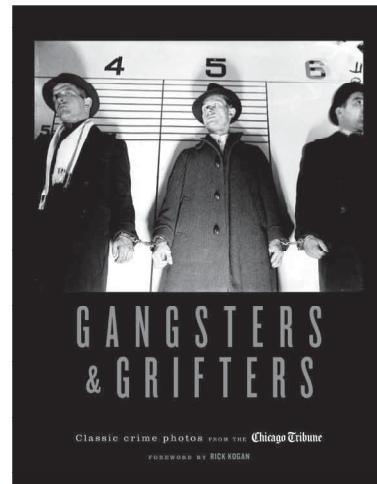
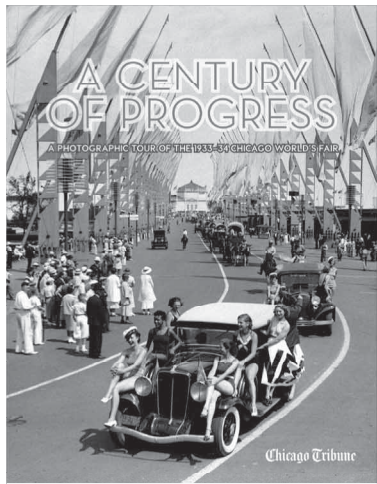
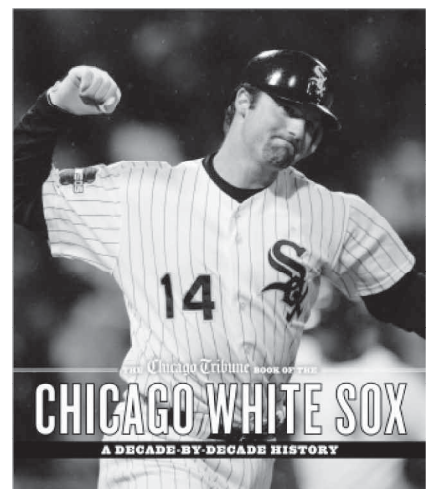
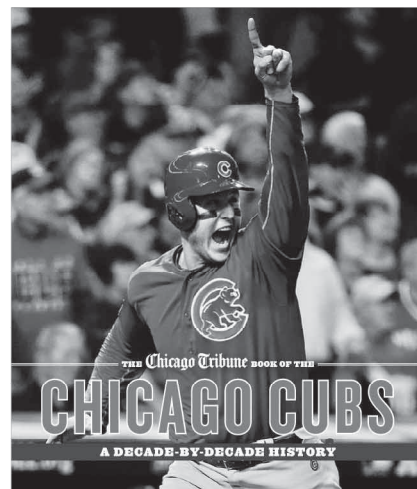
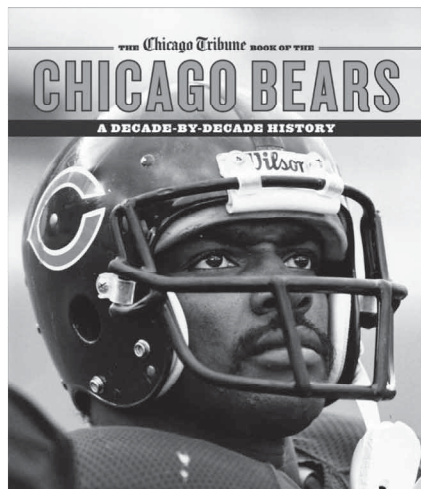
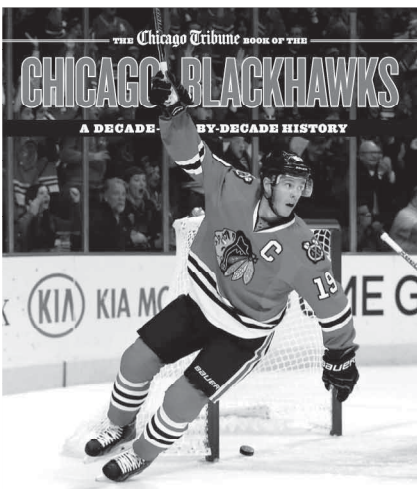
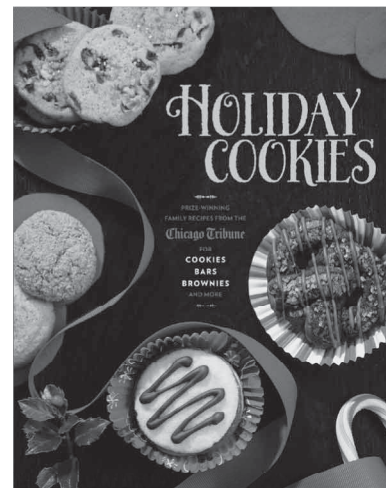
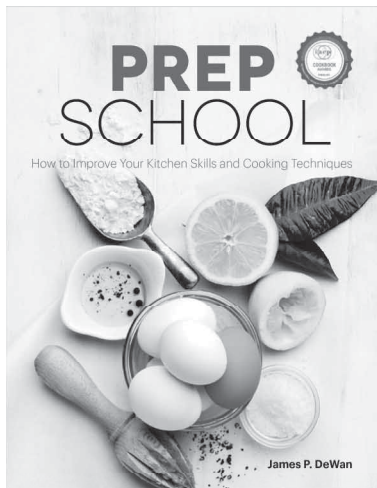
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Kopecch bringing serious heat

Recovering pitcher tops 100 mph on radar gun in 1st game

BY LAMOND POPE

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Michael Kopecch walked behind the mound at Camelback Ranch and picked up a baseball before Tuesday's start against the Rangers. Third baseman Yoan Moncada ran by and gave the White Sox pitcher an encouraging pat.

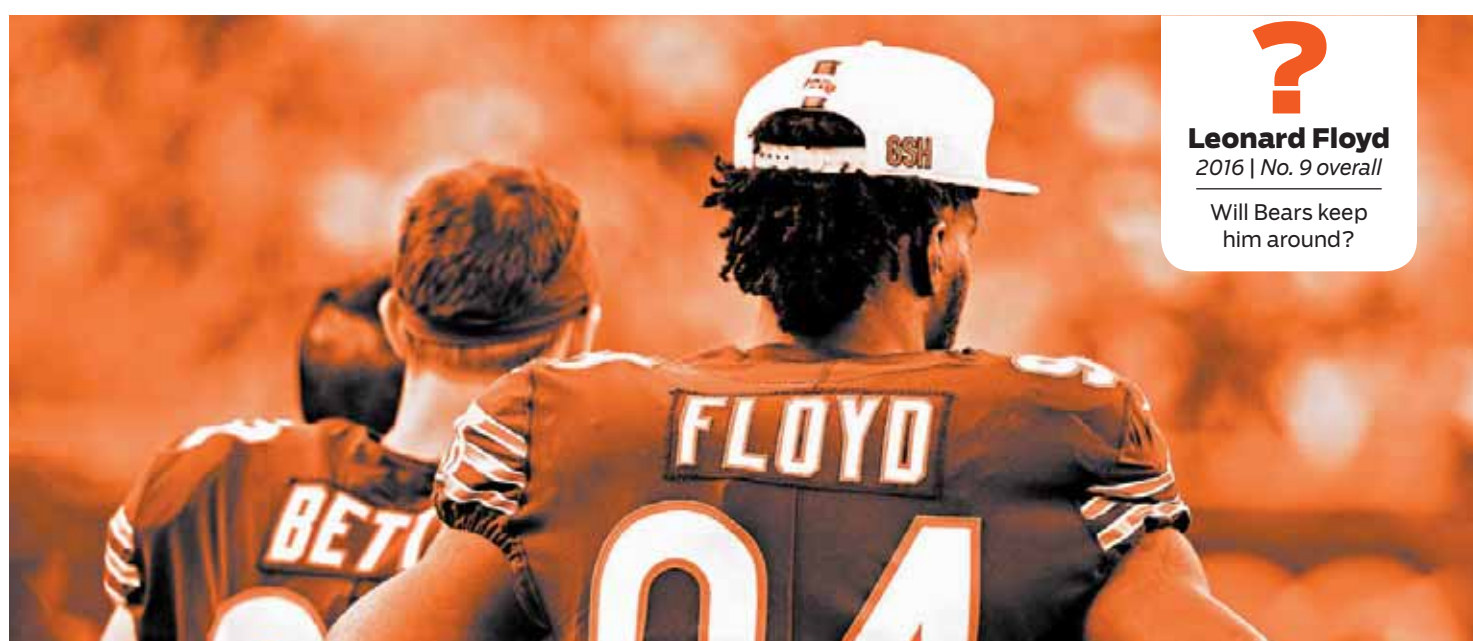
Kopecch was back in a familiar setting. And he brought the heat in his first Cactus League game.

The 23-year-old right-hander, who missed all of 2019 recovering from Tommy John surgery, retired the side in order in his only inning.

"It feels nice to be able to compete again," Kopecch said. "Eighteen months out (from surgery), I feel like I haven't really had a chance to compete the way I like to and know I can, and having that ability (Tuesday), even in a short stint, it's relieving."

"I feel like I'm a part of a team again. For the most part I never really felt like I was not part of it, but when you're not competing, a lot of times you become more like a fan. So to get the high-fives and stuff like that and the greetings when I come out of the game, it's a good feeling."

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Leonard Floyd
2016 | No. 9 overall
Will Bears keep him around?

CUBS

Thoughts of empty stadiums unreal

Cubs can't fathom games without fans because of virus

BY MARK GONZALES

MESA, Ariz. — Anthony Rizzo is following medical advice as he and his Cubs teammates take preventive measures against the coronavirus.

But the thought of playing in front of empty seats doesn't sit well with the Cubs first baseman as the March 26 opener against the Brewers approaches.

"I would definitely fight against it," Rizzo said Tuesday in the media work room, where reporters had to conduct interviews because of new MLB guidelines restricting clubhouse access. "Just because we play for the fans. We're employed because of fans and everything they bring for us and the energy."

"(Games) would still be aired and we'd be able to put on a show for those watching TV. The experience that fans bring for us in a game, especially at Wrigley Field, is an advantage. But if it comes down to it and that's what we have to do, that's what we'll have to do."

Manager David Ross spoke with his players Tuesday about the new clubhouse guidelines and common protocol, a few days after a member of the team's medical staff reviewed precautions such as washing hands and being careful when coughing and sneezing.

"We're trying to have our own pens ready when we do sign autographs, just taking that extra step to be smart, not contaminate each other," Ross said.

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Time to decide on Floyd's future



BRAD BIGGS
On the Bears

Before the Bears launch into free agency March 18, a period in which they are expected to address their lackluster offense, it's worth keeping an eye on what they decide to do with a key defensive player.

The status of 2016 first-round draft pick Leonard Floyd is being closely watched around the league. Some believe the Bears might part with the outside linebacker, which would clear his \$13.2 million salary and identical cap hit from the books.

General manager Ryan Pace has spoken highly of Floyd's talent and versatility, but the Bears' actions will tell us how they feel about him at that pay level, a figure generated by the fifth-year option in his contract. His salary is guaranteed only for injury at this point, but if he's on the roster when the new league year begins March 18, it would become fully guaranteed.

"We're like every team," one source said. "Our personnel team puts together a list of players that could be cap casualties, and his name popped up. He's probably on the same list all around the league."

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Flub 4?

Bears general manager Ryan Pace has swung and mostly missed on his quartet of first-round draft picks — all top-10 selections. With NFL free agency set to begin March 18, Pace must decide whether to keep Leonard Floyd for a fifth season — or whether Floyd will officially join Kevin White as another first-round disappointment.

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Jury still out on talented linebacker

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BY TEDDY GREENSTEIN

Ramsey where he belongs

Northwestern's new quarterback wanted to wear purple all along. Peyton Ramsey "camped" at Northwestern, in recruiting parlance, before his junior year in high school. He performed well enough to receive a scholarship offer the next day.

From Illinois — not Northwestern. Northwestern coaches preferred a different quarterback in the 2016 class, one they deemed more athletic and who happened to be ranked 20 spots higher than Ramsey among pro-style recruits in the 247Sports composite.

That recruit was Aidan Smith, who lost the job last season.

Oops. This time around, Ramsey held the pocket aces. He put up terrific numbers in 32 games for Indiana, improving his completion percentage each season from 65.4% to 66% to 68%.

His Hoosiers teammates raved about him. Receiver Nick Westbrook said, "I love that man to the death of me," while top receiver Whop Philyor offered: "He's tough as nails. You see him out there and he's taking hits and everything for us."

And Ramsey graduated from Indiana with a 3.6 GPA, making him immediately eligible as a graduate transfer.

After he entered the NCAA transfer portal, many schools envisioned him as their Joe Burrow, with Boston College, North Carolina State, Washington, Virginia and Fresno State among those hoping Ramsey would visit.

Over breakfast Sunday morning at Farmhouse in Evanston with Wildcats coaches Pat Fitzgerald, Mike Bajakian and Louis Ayeni, Ramsey was asked if he had any more questions.

According to his father, Doug, Ramsey replied: "No, I just want to let you know I enjoyed it and I don't want to take any more visits. I want to play here."

That was exactly what Fitzgerald wanted to hear after telling Ramsey, "We didn't offer you the first time, but give us a chance."

Ramsey was told he still would have to earn the starting job against TJ Green, who is recovering from a broken foot. Andrew Marty and Hunter Johnson, who transferred from Clemson with high hopes. Each begins the season on equal footing with Bajakian entering his first season as Northwestern offensive coordinator.



JUSTIN CASTERLINE/GETTY

Peyton Ramsey will play for Northwestern this fall as a graduate transfer.

Per NCAA rules, Wildcats coaches cannot comment on Ramsey until he submits a deposit or signs a scholarship agreement, likely over the summer.

One coach who can, though, is Doug Ramsey. He's the head coach at football power Elder High School in Cincinnati. Ramsey named his three sons after quarterbacks: (Joe) Montana, Peyton (Manning) and Drew (Bledsoe). He played quarterback for one year at Louisville, and his favorite all-time signal callers are Fran Tarkenton and Dan Marino.

Doug describes Peyton as a typical coach's kid: "Smart, tough and competitive and all those things that coaches expect from their players."

And he's fine with Northwestern not promising Peyton the starting job because "as a coach that's what I'm telling people. Nothing is handed to you."

Considering the mobile, 216-pound Ramsey posted a 147.7 passing efficiency rating with a 13-to-5 touchdown-to-interception ratio

— while Northwestern quarterbacks combined for a national-worst 84.5 rating and 6-to-15 ratio — winning the job should not be a problem.

One misconception Doug Ramsey wanted to clear up: Last season Peyton lost his starting spot to Michael Penix Jr., only to re-emerge after Penix was injured during the Hoosiers' breakthrough eight-win season.

A healthy Penix, everyone figured, would resume as the starter this fall.

That's not the case, Doug said. "To be honest with you, he is not leaving Indiana because he wasn't going to be the starter," Doug said. "Peyton met with (coach) Tom Allen right before Christmas and was told he'd start. He's not running away. He went into the portal because there were some things he didn't have control over. It was the right time for him to see what was out there."

What's out there is Northwestern. Which is where Ramsey should have been all along.

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BULLS 108, CAVALIERS 103

Bulls share wealth in win over Cavaliers

Coby White led the Bulls with 20 points in his first NBA start as they defeated the Cavaliers 108-103 on Tuesday night at the United Center. White added five rebounds and five assists but also had nine turnovers as he replaced Tomas Satoransky in the lineup. Wendell Carter Jr., above, had his best offensive game since returning from an ankle injury with 17 points on 7-of-9 shooting, and Lauri Markkanen, Denzel Valentine and Otto Porter Jr. scored 15 apiece. Collin Sexton led the Cavaliers with a game-high 26 points, and Andre Drummond added 21. For more, go to chicagotribune.com/sports

Precaution is the word in NBA

Growing concern over coronavirus forces changes

BY JAMAL COLLIER

When Bulls coach Jim Boylen walks into the United Center on game days, he usually greets the security guard near the door with a fist bump. Before Tuesday's game against the Cavaliers, they replaced their greeting with an elbow tap.

Such is the new reality of interactions around the league as concerns about the coronavirus continue to sweep the globe. The NBA limited locker-room access before Tuesday's game to players and essential team personnel, and teams have created 6- to 8-foot distances between players and media during interviews outside of locker rooms.

Teams in Major League Baseball, Major League Soccer and the NHL have taken the same steps to limit media access.

"It gets scary because it's unknown," Bulls guard Zach LaVine said. "Obviously if we're taking precautions like this, it's getting more and more serious. I just hope everybody is staying safe, staying healthy, staying clean, washing hands and things like that."

"The main thing is it's unknown for sports and entertainment people, our little circle, and how it could be affected because you're around so many people, you go on flights all the time, have so many interactions. You see how easy it spreads, so you just want to make sure everyone is safe and doing the right thing. It's scary being in an unknown situation."

Restricting locker-room access was among the first changes but probably won't be the last.

The league previously suggested players limit physical interactions with fans, switching from handshakes to fist bumps, limiting open-hand touching and staying mindful of what they touch to sign autographs.

The NBA is planning a conference call Wednesday afternoon with team governors to discuss the possibility of more drastic precautions, according to ESPN, which could include playing games in



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A hand sanitizer dispenser stands outside of a bathroom at the United Center.

arenas with only essential personnel in attendance.

"I'm a germaphobe," Bulls guard Coby White said. "So I'm the type to shake your hand, then go straight to the bathroom and wash them."

The NBA is not the only sports league affected by growing concerns over COVID-19, eight new cases of which were confirmed in Illinois on Tuesday, bringing the total number reported in the state to 19.

Italy has halted all sports until April. Some NCAA basketball conference tournaments have been canceled or will be played with limited attendance. The BNP Paribas Open tennis tournament in Indian Wells, Calif., was called off. Japan has delayed the start of its pro baseball season.

While the NBA has yet to take more drastic steps, players have responded with their own precautions, mainly more fist bumps and hand sanitizer.

LaVine's home state of Washington has been the hardest hit in the United States and one of his best friends plays in Italy, so the impact has felt close to home for him.

White said he has found himself spend-

ing a lot of time talking about the issue because he's curious how to stop a disease that has seemingly spread so quickly. The Bulls showed players a league-issued PowerPoint presentation last week in Minnesota.

Cavaliers coach J.B. Bickerstaff, who received a four-year contract extension Tuesday, noticed a line in the bathroom near the sink before the team's walk-through Tuesday morning.

"There's definitely a heightened awareness," Bickerstaff said. "You've seen guys with their own sanitizer. Fist bumps and elbow bumps, those type of things ... you can tell that they're paying attention."

While there were pockets of empty seats Tuesday night at the United Center, fans still packed into the arena as usual for the Bulls-Cavs game. What remained unclear is how much longer they would be allowed to do so.

"It's just weird. It's weird," White said from the podium pregame. "Like, this is just different. They're taking precautions. I'm glad they're doing that. ... I didn't imagine my first NBA season like this, but whatever."

Taking steps to play it safe

Hawks aren't sharing pens for autographs as a precaution

BY PHIL THOMPSON

Jonathan Toews stepped to a lectern in a room full of reporters after practice Tuesday at Fifth Third Arena, where normally he would field questions surrounded by media in front of his locker.

"What do you think about the league restricting media access because of the coronavirus," Toews was asked.

"You guys in this room? That's a great idea," Toews said with a sly smile.

Toews' joke aside, the arms-length distance athletes sometimes keep from reporters became a literal reality for the Blackhawks a day after the NHL, NBA, Major League Baseball and Major League Soccer issued a joint statement limiting locker-room and clubhouse access to "players and essential employees of teams and team facilities until further notice."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 647 U.S. cases of COVID-19 had been confirmed or were under investigation as of Tuesday afternoon. Eight new cases brought Illinois' total to 19. Globally, the World Health Organization reported more than 113,000 confirmed cases.

"I'm not an expert on coronavirus details," Toews said, "but it is alarming when you see how fast it can spread around the whole world. It definitely makes you think."

The outbreak raises the specter of the NHL taking more drastic precautions, such as playing games without fans present.

Though Commissioner Gary Bettman said last week the league wasn't planning on playing games without fans, he added, "We understand that things may evolve or change, and we also understand that we're going to have to react to it in a timely and sensible basis."

In fact, the league has been working on options with the San Jose Sharks, the Hawks' opponent Wednesday at the United Center, after the Santa Clara County (Calif.) Public Health Department requested organizers of large public gatherings cancel those events. The Sharks' home arena is in that county.

The International Ice Hockey Federation canceled the World Women's Championship, scheduled for later this month in Halifax and Truro, Nova Scotia. Swiss hockey leagues played games in empty arenas late last month after the government banned events with more than 1,000 people.

On Monday, after consulting medical and government leaders, United Center officials said they "decided to increase our cleaning capabilities with additional staff and protocols" such as using hospital-grade disinfectant to continually wipe down surfaces and adding hand-sanitizer stations at all entrances and high-traffic areas.

If the scenarios worsen, Hawks players contemplated what it would be like to play in an empty United Center.

"I hope that it will never have to get to that point," Toews said. "That would be pretty disappointing. But people's health is pretty important, so you can't under-appreciate that."

Asked about the prospect of playing in an empty United Center, Hawks coach Jeremy Colliton said he "played on some Tuesday nights in the American League," a humorous reference to sparsely attended games during his playing days with the AHL's Bridgeport Sound Tigers.

"It's not ideal," Colliton said. "The fans are a huge part of what makes the game and the league special, particularly in Chicago. But that's why we have experts who are educated and make those decisions."

Connor Murphy said it was "crazy to hear" about the NBA's contingency plans for a coronavirus spread, including the possibility of playing games without fans.

"It would be crazy to hear an anthem at the United Center without the cheers," Murphy said. "But that's out of our control. We play under whatever circumstances, but that would be really hard because the fans are the most important part."

Another component is at stake for Hawks players: personal risk.

The NHL was hit by outbreaks of the mumps twice in recent years: during the first half of the 2014-15 season and again in February 2017. Murphy didn't recall the mumps outbreak being treated with the same level of concern COVID-19 has generated but said, "I remember teams were having guys have their own water bottles and telling us to be careful with not sharing towels."

The life of an NHL player lends itself to some protections, such as showering a lot and taking chartered planes, Murphy said. He doesn't think the physical contact between players during games is a big concern either.

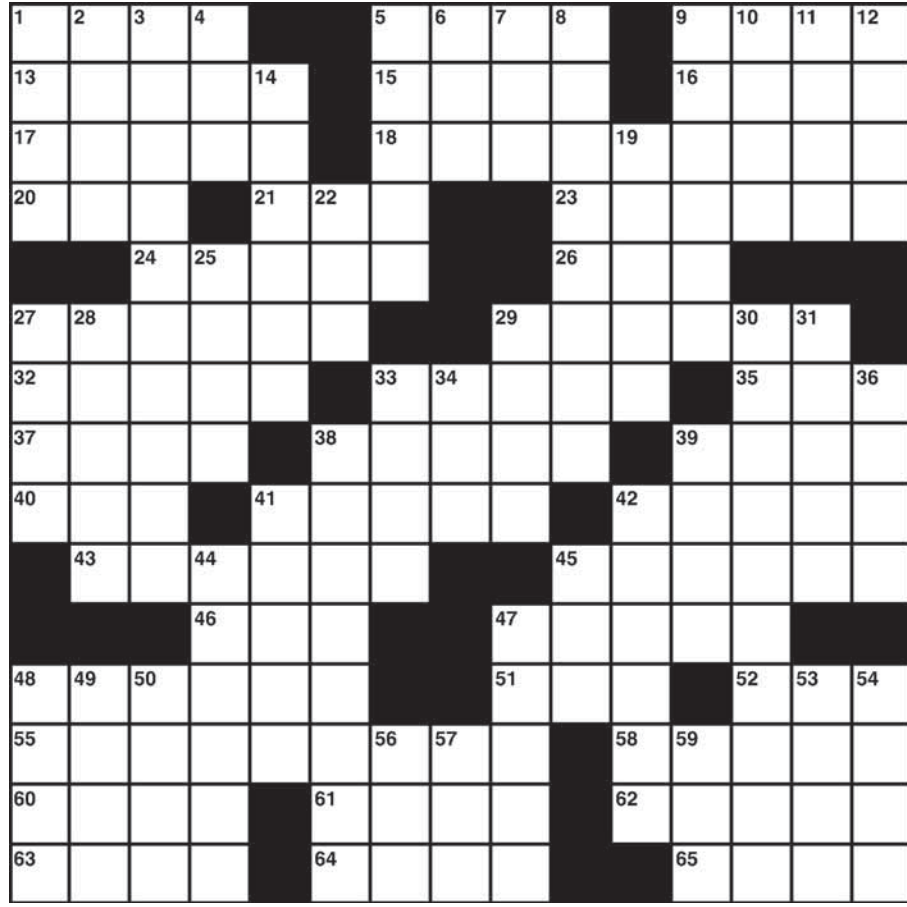
"I'm not too worried, to be honest," he said. "When we can, (we need) to be clean and not picking our nose too much."

Dylan Strome noted that players have attended fan events over the past month, such as Brent Seabrook's charity bowling event, without incident.

"We've got our own markers (for autograph signing)," Strome said. "We've talked about that as a team ... just bring your own markers and be sanitary, use hand sanitizer, be clean. That's really all you can do at this point."

"I don't think there's a reason to be standoffish and rude and just avoid everyone. That's a little bit over the top. But you've got to be safe, got to do as they say. (If) people that are in power are telling you do something, you've got to listen."

Crossword



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- ACROSS**
- 1 Insincerely smooth
 - 5 Swiss skier's milieu
 - 9 Cellphone problem
 - 13 Appointed
 - 15 Fisherman's need
 - 16 Finish third
 - 17 More than sufficient
 - 18 Surgery
 - 20 Undersized
 - 21 TV's "___ and Stacey"
 - 23 Make ___; beg pardon
 - 24 Cacophony
 - 26 Anguish
 - 27 Prickly shrubs
 - 29 All ___; klutzy
 - 32 State-run game
 - 33 Clip wool
 - 35 "___ a Small World"
 - 37 Ice ___; cold periods
 - 38 Sheep's cry
 - 39 "Fiddlesticks!"
 - 40 Hot dog holder
 - 41 Smooth & shiny
 - 42 Terra-___; orangish clay
 - 43 Engraved
 - 45 One of Santa's reindeer

- 46 ___ Angeles
 - 47 Mountaineer's safeguards
 - 48 Finds appalling
 - 51 Name for a candy bar
 - 52 Little child
 - 55 Gorgeous
 - 58 Ruth's mother-in-law
 - 60 Come to shore
 - 61 Boxer's target
 - 62 Pyle or Kovacs
 - 63 On pins and needles
 - 64 ___ up; prepare
 - 65 New York team
- DOWN**
- 1 Chew like a beaver
 - 2 Cripple
 - 3 Not a bit sorry
 - 4 TV's "The Fresh Prince of ___-Air"
 - 5 Dwelling
 - 6 Drink like Rover
 - 7 Lemon meringue ___
 - 8 Panama
 - 9 Respect highly
 - 10 Goatee's place
 - 11 Parka feature
 - 12 Possesses
 - 14 Actor Robert ___
 - 19 Parisian love
 - 22 Curvy mountain road

Solutions



- 25 Cheerios ingredients
- 27 Spill the beans
- 28 Scoundrel
- 29 Good wood for ships
- 30 One's special gem
- 31 Virginia, for one
- 33 Winter toy
- 34 TV's "___ Haw"
- 36 Guide for the Magi
- 38 Consecrating
- 39 Rx label info
- 41 ___-tempered; irritable
- 42 Gangster known as "Scarface"
- 44 Weather forecast
- 45 Adams or Johnson
- 47 Measuring stick
- 48 Isn't ___ to; can't
- 49 Rosary piece
- 50 ___ around; stay for awhile
- 53 Leave out
- 54 ___ up; evens the score
- 56 Enemy
- 57 3rd most populous nation: abbr.
- 59 Phonograph part

BASEBALL



DARRON CUMMINGS/AP

Anthony Rizzo says he and his teammates are taking precautions.

Cubs

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As of now, Ross doesn't anticipate the start of the season will be delayed.

"I know there are some people thinking about that," Ross said. "I'm going to prepare as if opening day is March 26 and will continue to prepare that way until I hear otherwise."

Rizzo expects more precautionary measures if the virus spreads.

He noted the Japanese and Korean baseball leagues have delayed the start of their seasons.

"As far as I'm living, you can't live scared," said Rizzo, a Hodgkin's lymphoma survivor. "I'll continue to wash my hands more and take the precautions. I'm still going to live my life."

Rizzo believes normalcy eventually will return.

"My experience in life with all these different diseases, and I'm not making light of them, will probably fade in six weeks," Rizzo said. "The media probably is going to get sick and tired of it, and I hope that's the case and hope we find a cure for it."

"But with all the diseases, the Zika virus, it's so crazy to see all this. You just wish that we do find a way to settle it and hope it's sooner rather than later."

Rizzo said the lack of reporters and other visitors in the clubhouse was different, "but Major League Baseball is going to do everything they can to protect us. We appreciate that as players. They're taking this very seriously. And they want to protect everyone they can."

The Cubs media relations department compensated for the lack of clubhouse access by bringing Ross to the media room before the team's pregame workout and Rizzo and outfielder Steven Souza Jr. shortly after their pregame work concluded.

Souza was more concerned for his family and community about five minutes from the nursing home in Kirkland, Wash., that has seen 18 residents die because of a coronavirus outbreak.

"I don't change my day," Souza said. "I don't avoid people. I see the concern. Obviously, there have been some deaths from it. It's a very serious thing. I don't think there's enough stuff out there to warrant panic here in the U.S."

Souza said he's not looking forward to possibly playing in an empty stadium — "I think Cubs fans are excited for opening day as much as we all are" — and he empathized with reporters in light of the latest precautions.

"I value the media," Souza said. "I still think we'll find a way to get you guys the message to the fans, and hopefully it all works out."

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BASEBALL

CUBS TAKEAWAYS

No pain
a big gain
for Souza Jr.

BY MARK GONZALES

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Here are four takeaways from Cubs spring training Tuesday.

1. Steven Souza Jr.'s knee has passed several tests.

Outfielder Steven Souza Jr., who missed all of last season with the Diamondbacks because of three torn ligaments in his left knee, has played in consecutive games twice and felt pain-free the next day.

"I'd be lying if I didn't say how pleased I am," Souza said Tuesday. "There's little stuff, normal spring training stuff, that I'm trying to work through. I feel I'll be ready once we break (camp)."

Souza, who will serve as a backup outfielder for the Cubs, started in right field March 2 and 3.

"I could have played another one," he said. "That was a big test. I asked if I could do that. And I felt fine waking up and the day after."

During Sunday's loss to the Diamondbacks, Souza said he never thought about his knee or hesitated as he broke toward left-center and made a diving attempt to catch a drive by Jake Lamb.

Souza said a blister near his left palm has nearly healed, and he expects to play again soon.

2. Tyler Chatwood is cementing the fifth rotation spot with more than fastballs.

Tyler Chatwood pitched his most impressive outing of the spring with 3²/₃ innings against the Giants, striking out four with no walks in 63 pitches.

Chatwood relied on his curve and change-up to strike out Evan Longoria, Hunter Pence and Jaylin Davis in the second.

Manager David Ross told reporters last weekend that Chatwood is the leader for the fifth spot in the rotation, a compliment Chatwood didn't take for granted.

"I've still got to go out there and pitch and get ready for a big-league season," said Chatwood, who lost his permanent spot in the rotation in July 2018. "It's cool to have them say that, but I'm still going to go about my routine the same way as I've been doing."

Chatwood has allowed two runs and struck out 11 in 9²/₃ innings this spring.

"He came into camp as locked in as anyone and continues to pitch that way," Ross said.

Yu Darvish, who is lined up to start the March 26 opener against the Brewers, will face the Padres on Wednesday night at Sloan Park.

3. A vote of support for Rowan Wick.

Rowan Wick isn't in danger of losing his spot in the bullpen despite a wobbly performance.

"I'm not worried about Rowan at all," David Ross said before Wick worked out of a jam in the seventh.

Ross said Wick has worked on specific areas rather than focusing on results. Wick posted a 2.43 ERA in 31 games in 2019, his first full major-league season.

"The metrics say he's fine," Ross said, "so we'll continue to let him go about his process and understand you do have to prove yourself each and every year."

Wick hung a curve that Pablo Sandoval smacked for a double and walked Darin Ruf on four pitches. But he rebounded to get Chadwick Tromp to fly to shallow center and struck out Zach Green on a breaking pitch to end the inning and lower his ERA to 17.36 in five appearances.

4. Adbert Alzolay and Miguel Amaya are among the latest cuts.

David Ross intimated that Miguel Amaya, the Cubs' top catching prospect, is ready for the majors from a defensive standpoint.

"I told him: 'You can back up in the big leagues right now with your catching ability. But I think you have higher goals than that,'" Ross said before Amaya was optioned to Double-A Tennessee. "He's going to be a real impact catcher in the major leagues at some point."

Amaya, 21, batted .160 in 25 at-bats but received ample praise from Ross for his attentiveness and maturity behind the plate.

Opponents batted .304 against Adbert Alzolay this spring, but Ross told Alzolay the Cubs will need him at some point this season.

Alzolay, pitcher Colin Rea and infielder Zack Short were optioned to Triple-A Iowa.



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Kopech

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His first four pitches, according to the scoreboard at Camelback Ranch, were 100, 101, 100 and 101 mph. Six of his 11 pitches were clocked at either 100 or 101.

"Yeah, I might have been a little geeked," Kopech said. "First two pitches I felt a little out of control. Third pitch I kind of took a breath and I settled back in. I still had quite a bit of adrenaline going. I felt really good. I was able to command my fastball after those first two, and then aside from that, was happy to get it under my belt."

Kopech, the No. 3 prospect in the organization according to MLB.com, got Eli White and Isiah Kiner-Falefa on grounders to second, then struck out Greg Bird looking to end the inning. His final pitch registered 101 mph.

"The adrenaline was a big factor," Kopech said. "I don't think I'm typically going to be throwing as hard as I did (Tuesday). I don't want to take anything away from what I did. I'm proud of it. I'm excited. But moving forward I'm not going to try to be a power pitcher, I'm going to try to be a pitcher."

He wrapped up the day by throwing 10 more pitches in the bullpen.

"My pregame bullpen, I was kind of shaky and inconsistent," said Kopech, whose next scheduled start is Sunday against the Mariners in Peoria, Ariz. "So they wanted me to touch up on some stuff and make sure I was repeating what I was doing."

He used a modified windup Tuesday.

"I felt like I had too many moving parts and my head moved a lot before," Kopech said. "I'm comfortable doing it that way. No one has really said if they like it or dislike it, so I'm going to take it as they like it for now. But if there's anything we need to modify moving forward, we'll do that."

Kopech made four starts for the Sox in

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— Michael Kopech, above, whose first four pitches were clocked at 100 mph and up on Tuesday

2018 after they called him up from Triple-A Charlotte in August. He allowed only one run in 11 innings over his first three starts but gave up seven runs on nine hits, including four home runs, in 3¹/₃ innings on Sept. 5. He was diagnosed with a torn right ulnar collateral ligament the next day and underwent surgery Sept. 18.

He had thrown bullpen sessions and live batting practice against teammates this spring before Tuesday's start.

"Certainly the best teacher you are going to have in any sport or anything you do is actually performing and participating," Sox manager Rick Renteria said before the game. "We don't want him to get overly anxious, and I think he's managed his emotions and controlling everything very, very well. He understands ... there is a process and he has to take every step necessary."

"The organization has done a great job of (putting) him in a really good place moving forward. The time will come and we will all be happy when it ultimately plays itself out to where he's on the South Side."

Kopech isn't pressing the team for a timeline.

"They have a plan in mind, and if I don't fit into it right away, then I hope to fit into it at some point," he said. "Right now I'm just going to do what I do, and hopefully they get me there at the right time."

WHITE SOX TAKEAWAYS

Mercedes may
drive his way
onto roster

BY LAMOND POPE

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Zack Collins had a single and an RBI for the White Sox in Tuesday's 9-2 loss to the Rangers at Camelback Ranch.

Reliever Drew Anderson allowed three earned runs on four hits with three strikeouts in 2¹/₃ innings. Codi Heuer allowed two runs in two-thirds of an inning, and Bryan Mitchell allowed two runs in two innings. Carson Fulmer struck out three in 1²/₃ scoreless innings.

Here are three takeaways from Tuesday.

1. Yermín Mercedes has a message for White Sox fans.

Yermín Mercedes got behind 1-2 in the ninth inning Monday against the Reds. The Sox catcher then crushed a long solo home run to left-center to tie the score at 3.

"I try to hit the ball far away, trying to tie the game," Mercedes said Tuesday. "Just thinking, 'Hit the ball to the middle of the field! I know I had that homer right there, but I was just trying to make contact!'"

After the game, Mercedes sent a message to Sox fans on Twitter: "See you soon Chicago."

"I'm working hard for that," he said. "Every time I post on Twitter or Instagram, I say, 'See you in Chicago,' ... because I want to be there with my teammates."

Mercedes is one of the options for the 26th roster spot. He has showcased his power this spring with a team-leading four home runs and is second on the team with nine RBIs.

"If I don't make it, (I'll) just go to Triple A, keep working hard, do my job," said Mercedes, who is batting .381.

"He likes big moments," Sox manager Rick Renteria said. "Gets a pitch out over the strike zone and he's not afraid to swing it. He has power. He's been around the game a little bit, and he's got an opportunity to show everybody what he brings to the table. And he continues to shine in moments here in the spring where they are pretty impressive."

2. Nick Madrigal updated the bruise above his left eyebrow.

Second baseman Nick Madrigal left Monday's game with a bruise above his left eyebrow after getting hit by a grounder in the eighth.

Madrigal wore sunglasses while meeting with reporters outside the Sox facility Tuesday and said he's "a little sore" but overall feels "good."

"Nothing serious right now," Madrigal said. "I've gone through some tests, everything looks good. Just one of those plays that might have hit a little bad hop, got me in the face. Just part of the game. I'm kind of bummed right now, but I'll be good probably (Wednesday) or the next day."

The Sox said there were no signs of a concussion, and Madrigal said there weren't any vision issues.

"I was thankful it didn't hit my eye," he said. "A little bit lower, it could have been pretty bad."

Madrigal is hitting .222 in 11 games.

"I'm starting to feel more comfortable in the box," he said. "I've worked on things here and there. Ultimately, I'm trying to get ready for opening day. My legs feel good, my body feels good."

He said he hasn't felt any added pressure this spring as he attempts to make the roster.

"I've always tried to show these guys what I can do," he said. "I know a lot of people have asked me that because things haven't been going the best out there, but I feel good. I'm seeing the ball well, I just haven't gotten the results I've wanted. I'm not doubting my game or anything like that."

"Ultimately, I've got to be ready for opening day. That's where it really counts."

3. Michael Kopech enjoyed working with Yasmani Grandal.

Michael Kopech got a kick out of working with new Sox catcher Yasmani Grandal for the first time Tuesday.

Kopech missed all of 2019 recovering from Tommy John surgery and made his first start of the spring Tuesday, pitching a scoreless inning. He described working with Grandal as "easy."

"He gave me the reins and said that if I wanted to shake anything or throw anything, it's up to me, just go out there and be comfortable," Kopech said. "I didn't want to shake, so that's a good sign."

"Aside from that, he's like butter back there, so it's pretty easy to throw to a guy like that."

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The Bears aren't necessarily down on Floyd, but it's possible Pace and the coaching staff believe they can replace him with a substantially cheaper starter at a position where the club lacks depth — perhaps with a player who offers more pass-rushing ability. That would allow the Bears to earmark leftover resources for other areas of need.

Asked about Floyd's production in relation to his 2020 salary, Pace backed Floyd when he spoke at the end of last season.

"We're happy with Leonard," Pace said. "I know the stats don't always say that, but Leonard does a lot of things that may be a little bit undervalued. The versatility that he provides, the things he can do in coverage, there aren't a lot of outside linebackers that can provide (that). Would we like more production from him? Yeah. Would he like that? Yeah. But there's a lot of things that he does that we like.

"As far as his contract, we're never going to get into those things, but we like Leonard. We're glad he's here."

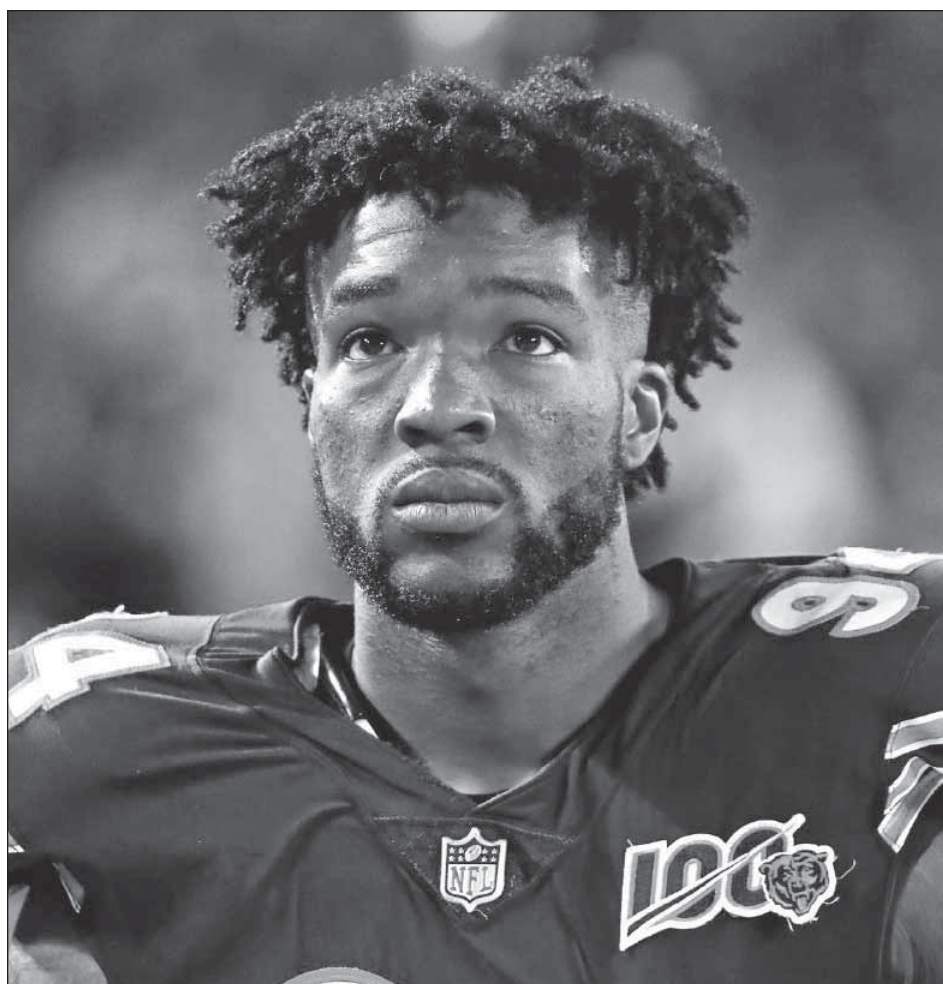
At the scouting combine last month, Pace reiterated the value the Bears place on Floyd's versatility.

"He's close in a lot of areas when you look at the pressures and those things," Pace said. "He just needs to finish a little better on the quarterback. But when you're evaluating him, you have to factor in everything: his run defense, his ability in coverage. We consider him our Sam outside linebacker, so we value what he can do in coverage and think sometimes that goes a little underrated ... for a guy of his stature. Not many outside linebackers can drop in coverage like he does."

As much as the Bears appreciate Floyd's versatility in coverage and run defense, can his 11½ sacks over the last three seasons justify his salary, knowing he could depart in free agency a year from now?

Cutting Floyd would not be controversial from the standpoint that he hasn't played up to his draft status as the ninth pick in 2016, when the Bears traded up two spots to get him, presumably to prevent the Giants from taking him at No. 10. The last thing the team wants is to turn him loose and then watch his career take off elsewhere. But Floyd has played under two defensive staffs now and has not been a consistent edge rusher.

Pace already has had one top-10 pick leave. Wide receiver Kevin White, the No. 7 pick in 2015, appeared in only 14 games in four seasons, producing 25 receptions and no touchdowns. He left after his contract expired in 2018. While Floyd surely would find a market if he enters free agency,



JOHN J. KIM/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Has linebacker Leonard Floyd done enough for the Bears to keep him long term?

White is out of football after the Cardinals cut him last August.

Embattled quarterback Mitch Trubisky and inside linebacker Roquan Smith are Pace's only other first-round picks. The Bears declined to say if they will exercise Trubisky's fifth-year option, perhaps with the goal of making them appear open to all possibilities at the position. A decision on that option is not due until late May, and the team's pursuit of a veteran in free agency or via trade will be the biggest offseason news for the Bears.

Floyd had seven sacks as a rookie in 2016, breaking out with two sacks and a fumble recovered for a touchdown in Week 7 in Green Bay. He has been at his best against the Packers, totaling 7½ sacks, seven tackles for a loss and 10 quarterback hits in eight games.

He has failed to match that production against other opponents, and the expected boost with the arrival of Khalil Mack never happened. Floyd's failure to capitalize on opportunities Mack created has to be most vexing for the Bears. He had one sack over the final 15 games last season.

Still, it's the cost of the fifth-year option that creates the dilemma. Floyd's cap hit

for 2020 ranks ninth among NFL linebackers, ahead of many players who are significantly more productive when it comes to getting to the quarterback.

His cap hit would make it difficult to trade Floyd as a one-year rental. Another source suggested the Bears might try to work out a deal for Floyd to play for less money, but that's not a proposition he's likely to accept. There is the possibility of a multiyear extension, but Floyd would be better served to negotiate that type of contract after a breakout season.

The Bears don't have good depth at the position as Aaron Lynch — their third option — is a pending unrestricted free agent. But free agency does offer a handful of possibilities.

Top options such as Jadeveon Clowney, Yannick Ngakoue, Matt Judon, Shaquil Barrett and Bud Dupree likely will be too expensive for the Bears if their current teams don't re-sign or franchise-tag them. But Markus Golden, Kyle Van Noy and Vic Beasley, whom the Falcons took one pick after White in 2015, are free agents the Bears could consider. Pace also could try to solidify the position in the draft.

But for now, the clock is ticking for Floyd.

Bears pick up compensatory draft pick

By BRAD BIGGS

The Bears' long drought without a compensatory draft pick — a sign of how reliant the team has been on free agency and how poorly it has drafted — has ended.

The NFL awarded the Bears a fourth-round compensatory pick Tuesday, ending a 10-year span in which the Bears were shut out, the longest active stretch in the league.

The extra pick — No. 140 overall — will come at the end of Round 4 on April 25 and gives the Bears eight picks in 2020, with six coming on Day 3. The Bears own two picks in the top 100: Nos. 43 and 50, both in Round 2.

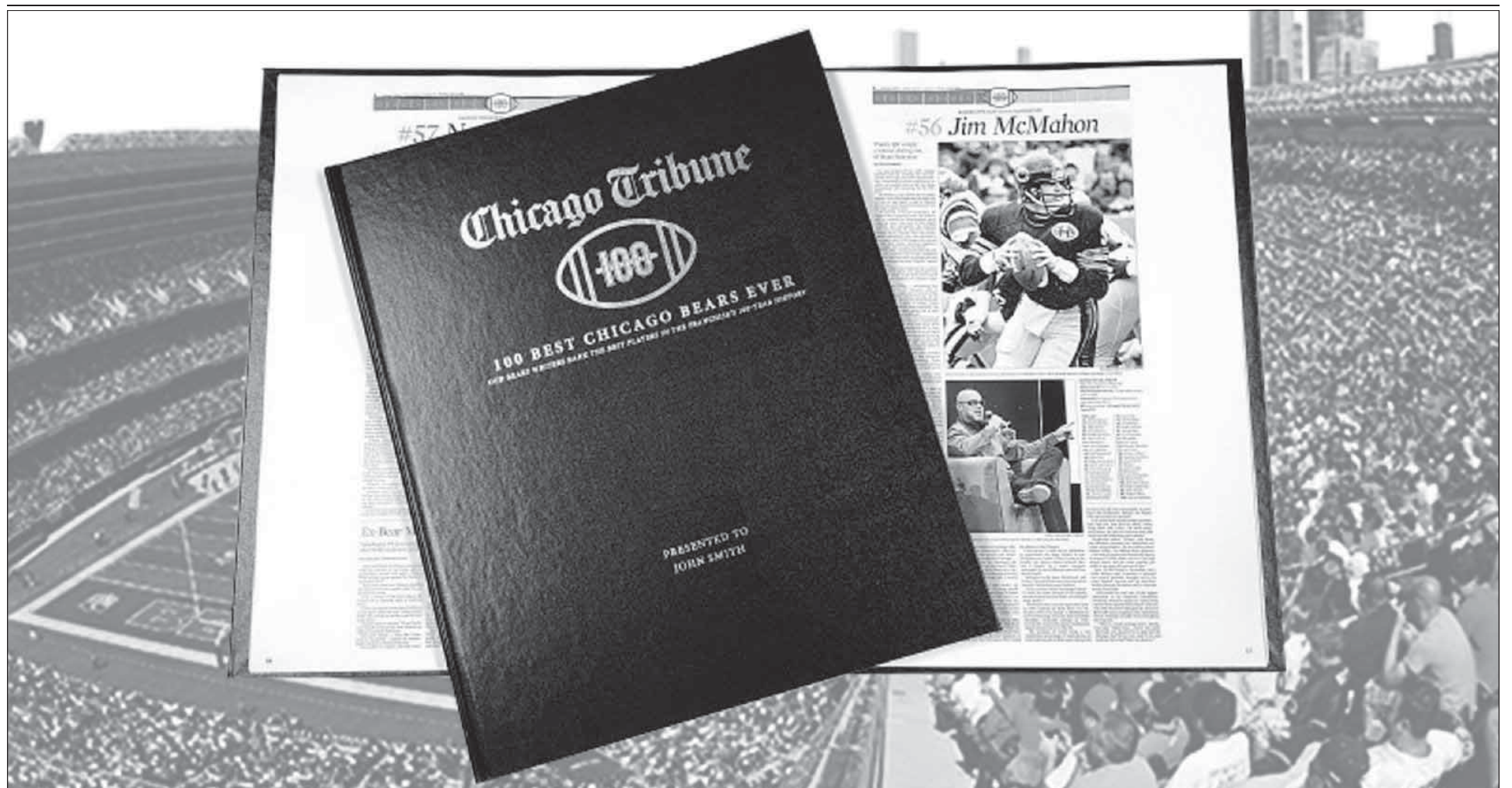
The Patriots were the biggest winner with four compensatory picks — two at the end of Round 3 and two at the end of Round 6. The Texans, Giants, Seahawks, Steelers, Eagles, Rams, Vikings and Ravens each picked up a third-round pick.

Compensatory draft picks are distributed based on net gains and losses in free agency. The Bears got one by virtue of losing safety Adrian Amos to the rival Packers. To ensure they gained a pick, the Bears cut running back Mike Davis before their Week 10 game against the Lions. Davis had signed a two-year, \$6 million contract in free agency last March.

The Bears have been active free-agent shoppers dating to the end of general manager Jerry Angelo's tenure, through the Phil Emery era and continuing with current GM Ryan Pace. That, combined with the team's struggle to draft and develop players, has left the Bears on the outside looking in when it comes to compensatory picks, which gained more value in 2017 when the league changed the rules to allow teams to trade them.

"I can't wait until we're to that point where we can do that," Pace said two years ago. "I can't wait until we are in a situation where guys are leaving and we're saying, 'Hey, good for them,' because that would mean we're doing a lot of good things in the draft."

The last time the Bears earned compensatory picks was 2009, when they received two that netted them wide receiver Juquan Iglesias in the third round and guard Lance Louis in the seventh round. In that 10-year span, 18 teams received at least 10 compensatory picks, led by the Ravens (21), Bengals (20), Packers (18) and Patriots (17).



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EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	PCT	GB
x-Toronto	46	18	.719	
Boston	45	21	.672	3
Philadelphia	38	26	.594	8
Brooklyn	30	34	.469	16
New York	20	45	.308	26½

SOUTHEAST	W	L	PCT	GB
Miami	41	23	.641	—
Orlando	30	35	.462	11½
Washington	24	40	.375	17
Charlotte	22	42	.344	19
Atlanta	20	46	.303	22

CENTRAL	W	L	PCT	GB
x-Milwaukee	53	12	.815	—
Indiana	39	26	.600	14
Chicago	22	43	.338	31
Detroit	20	45	.308	33
Cleveland	19	46	.292	34

WESTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	PCT	GB
Houston	40	24	.625	—
Dallas	39	27	.591	2
Memphis	32	33	.492	8½
New Orleans	28	36	.438	12
San Antonio	27	36	.429	12½

NORTHWEST	W	L	PCT	GB
Denver	43	21	.672	—
Utah	41	23	.641	2
Oklahoma City	40	24	.625	3
Portland	29	37	.439	15
Minnesota	19	45	.297	24

PACIFIC	W	L	PCT	GB
x-L.A. Lakers	49	14	.778	—
L.A. Clippers	44	20	.688	5½
Sacramento	28	36	.438	21½
Phoenix	26	39	.400	24
Golden State	15	50	.231	35

x-clinched playoff spot
TUESDAY'S RESULTS
 Boston 114, Indiana 111
 Washington 122, New York 115
 Houston 117, Minnesota 113
 Chicago 108, Cleveland 100
 San Antonio 119, Dallas 109
 Orlando 120, Memphis 115
 Portland 121, Phoenix 105
 Brooklyn 104, L.A. Lakers 102
 L.A. Clippers 131, Golden State 107

WEDNESDAY'S GAMES
 Detroit at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
 Charlotte at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
 New York at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
 Denver at Dallas, 7 p.m.
 Utah at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.
 New Orleans at Sacramento, 9:30 p.m.

BULLS 108, CAVALIERS 103

CLEVELAND: Love 5-16 5-17, Osman 4-16 1-1-9, Drummond 8-14-5-9 21, Dellavedova 3-3-0-0, Sexton 12-16-2-2 26, McKinnie 2-7 2-2 6, Nance Jr. 6-6 2-4 16, Mooney 0-2-0-0. Totals 40-80 17-23 103.
CHICAGO: Harrison 3-7 2-2 8, Markkanen 6-13 0-0 15, Carter Jr. 7-9 3-4 17, Valentine 6-12 0-0 15, White 7-17 4-5 20, O.Porter Jr. 6-11 1-1 15, Young 3-6 1-2 8, Gafford 2-2 1-1 5, Satoransky 2-7 0-0 5. Totals 42-84 12-15 108.

Cleveland	29	23	26	25	—103
Chicago	27	27	24	30	—108

3-Point Goals—Cleveland 6-24 (Dellavedova 2-2, Nance Jr. 2-2, Love 2-13, McKinnie 0-2, Osman 0-4), Chicago 12-34 (Valentine 3-6, Markkanen 3-9, O.Porter Jr. 2-5, White 2-7, Young 1-2, Satoransky 1-3, Harrison 0-2). **Fouled Out**—None. **Rebounds**—Cleveland 35 (Love 8), Chicago 46 (Harrison 10). **Assists**—Cleveland 29 (Dellavedova 8), Chicago 23 (Satoransky, White 5). **Total Fouls**—Cleveland 15, Chicago 21. **A**—17,837 (20,917)

BENCH SCORING

TEAM	LAC	GS	Char	34.0	
Was	49.8	LAL	39.1	Atl	33.9
Det	46.0	Chi	38.3	Cle	33.7
SA	45.0	Min	37.9	Tor	32.0
NY	41.7	NO	37.0	Utah	31.9
Mia	41.5	Sac	36.5	Phi	31.3
Mem	41.5	Orl	36.4	Phx	30.4
Dal	39.7	Den	36.1	Hou	27.9
OKC	39.4	Brk	35.2	Bos	27.4
Mil	39.4	Ind	34.7	Por	26.7

PLAYER	TM	GP	MIN	PPG
Dennis Schroder	OKC	62	30.8	19.0
Montrezl Harrell	LAC	60	27.6	18.5
Lou Williams	LAC	52	28.6	17.8
Goran Dragic	Mia	52	28.3	16.4
Davis Bertans	Was	49	28.6	15.4
Jordan Clarkson	Utah	63	24.2	15.1
Terrence Ross	Orl	62	27.3	14.6

through Monday; nba.com

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
Boston	44	14	12	100	227	174
Tampa Bay	43	21	6	92	245	195
Toronto	36	25	9	81	238	227
Florida	35	26	7	78	231	228
Montreal	31	31	9	71	212	221
Buffalo	30	31	8	68	195	217
Ottawa	25	33	12	62	189	240
Detroit	17	49	5	39	145	267

METRO.

W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA	
Washington	41	20	8	90	240	215
Philadelphia	41	21	7	89	232	196
Pittsburgh	40	23	6	86	224	196
Carolina	38	25	5	81	222	193
Columbus	33	22	15	81	180	187
N.Y. Islanders	35	23	10	80	192	193
N.Y. Rangers	37	28	4	78	232	219
New Jersey	28	29	12	68	189	230

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL	W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA
St. Louis	41	19	10	92	221	191
Colorado	41	20	8	90	234	189
Dallas	37	24	8	82	180	177
Nashville	35	26	8	78	215	217
Winnipeg	36	28	6	78	212	201
Minnesota	35	27	7	77	220	220
Chicago	31	30	8	70	206	216

PACIFIC

W	L	OT	PTS	GF	GA	
Vegas	39	24	8	86	227	211
Edmonton	37	24	9	83	223	213
Calgary	36	27	7	79	210	215
Vancouver	36	27	6	78	228	217
Arizona	33	29	8	74	195	187
Anaheim	29	32	6	67	185	222
San Jose	29	35	5	63	180	220
Los Angeles	28	35	6	62	175	210

2 pts for win, 1 pt for shootout/OT loss
TUESDAY'S RESULTS
 Boston 2, Philadelphia 0
 Pittsburgh 5, New Jersey 2
 Toronto 2, Tampa Bay 1
 Nashville 4, Montreal 2
 Carolina 5, Detroit 2
 N.Y. Rangers 4, Dallas 2
 Anaheim 5, Ottawa 2
 Vancouver 5, N.Y. Islanders 4 (SO)
WEDNESDAY'S GAMES
 San Jose at Chicago, 7 p.m.
 Winnipeg at Edmonton, 8 p.m.
 N.Y. Rangers at Colorado, 9 p.m.
 St. Louis at Anaheim, 9 p.m.
 Ottawa at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

BRUINS 2, FLYERS 0

Boston	0	1	1	—2
Philadelphia	0	0	0	—0

FIRST PERIOD:

None. **Penalties:** Wagner, Bos (Tripping), 6:20; Marchand, Bos (Holding), 16:06; Provorov, Phi (High Sticking), 19:50.

SECOND PERIOD: 1, Boston, Grzelczyk 4 (Pastrnak, Krejci), 18:39 (np).

Penalties: Marchand, Bos (Holding), 14:12; Braun, Phi (Interference), 16:55.

THIRD PERIOD: 2, Boston, Bergeron 31 (Marchand, Chara), 14:40.

Penalties: Laughton, Phi (High Sticking), 15:00.

SHOTS ON GOAL:

Boston 8-6-15—29. Philadelphia 12-12-36.

POWER PLAYS:

Boston 1 of 3; Philadelphia 0 of 3.

GOALIES:

Boston, Rask 26-8-6 (36 shots-36 saves). Philadelphia, Hart 24-13 (29-27).

A: 19,689 (19,543). **T:** 2:15.

Referees: Jake Brenk, Kevin Pollock.

Linesmen: Scott Cherrey, Pierre Racicot.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

HOW MEN'S AP TOP 25 FARED

1. Kansas (28-3) did not play.
 Next: vs. Oklahoma State or Iowa State, Thursday.
2. Gonzaga (31-2) beat Saint Mary's (Cal) 84-66. Next: NCAA Tournament.
3. Dayton (29-2) did not play. Next: vs. UMass or VCU, Friday.
4. Florida State (26-5) did not play. Next: vs. Clemson or Miami, Thursday.
5. Baylor (26-4) did not play. Next: vs. TCU or Kansas State, Thursday.
6. San Diego State (30-2) did not play. Next: NCAA Tournament.
7. Creighton (24-7) did not play. Next: vs. St. John's or Georgetown, Thursday.
8. Kentucky (25-6) did not play. Next: vs. Tennessee or Alabama, Friday.
9. Michigan State (22-9) did not play. Next: vs. Ohio State or Purdue, Friday.
10. Duke (25-6) did not play. Next: vs. ACC Tournament, Thursday.
11. Villanova (24-7) did not play. Next: vs. DePaul or Xavier, Thursday.
12. Maryland (24-7) did not play. Next: Big Ten Tournament, Friday.
13. Oregon (24-7) did not play. Next: vs. Utah or Oregon State, Thursday.
14. BYU (24-8) did not play. Next: TBA.
15. Louisville (24-7) did not play. Next: ACC Tournament, Thursday.
16. Seton Hall (21-9) did not play. Next: vs. Marquette, Thursday.
17. Virginia (23-7) did not play. Next: vs. Notre Dame or Boston College, Thursday.
18. Wisconsin (21-10) did not play. Next: vs. Rutgers or Michigan, Friday.
19. Ohio State (21-10) did not play. Next: vs. Purdue, Thursday.
20. Auburn (25-6) did not play. Next: vs. Texas A&M or Missouri, Friday.
21. Illinois (21-10) did not play. Next: Big Ten Tournament, Friday.
22. Houston (23-8) did not play. Next: vs. SMU or Temple, Friday.
22. West Virginia (21-10) did not play. Next: vs. Next: vs. Oklahoma, Thursday.
20. Butler (22-9) did not play. Next: vs. Providence, Thursday.
25. Iowa (20-11) did not play. Next: Big Ten Tournament, Thursday.

TOURNAMENTS

America East

Tuesday's semifinals
 Vermont 81, UMB 74
 Hartford 64, Stony Brook 58

Atlantic Coast

Pittsburgh 81, Wake Forest 72
 North Carolina 78, Virginia Tech 56

Colonial Athletic

Hofstra 79, Northeastern 61

Horizon League

N. Kentucky 71, Ill.-Chicago 62

Metro Atlantic Athletic

Manhattan 61, Fairfield 43

Iona 70, Canisius 60

Niagara 56, Martist 54

Mid-Eastern Athletic

Delaware State 68, Md East Shore 64e

Howard 70, SC State 63

Northeast

Robert Morris 77, Saint Francis (Pa.) 67

Southwestern Athletic

Prairie View 82, Alabama A&M 60

Southern (NO) 67, Alabama State 63

Texas Southern 75, Grambling State 62

Jackson State 69, Alcorn State 52

Summit League

North Dakota State 89, North Dakota 53

West Coast

Gonzaga 84, Saint Mary's (Cal) 66

NCAA AUTOMATIC BIDS

Belmont, Ohio Valley
 Bradley, Missouri Valley
 ETSU, Southern
 Gonzaga, West Coast
 Hofstra, Colonial Athletic
 Liberty, Atlantic Sun
 North Dakota State, Summit
 Northern Kentucky, Horizon
 Robert Morris, Northeast
 Utah St., Mountain West
 Winthrop, Big South
 Yale, Ivy League (reg. season)

Patriot League, Wednesday
 America East, Saturday
 Atlantic Coast, Saturday
 Big East, Saturday
 Big Sky, Saturday
 Big 12, Saturday
 Big West, Saturday
 Conference USA, Saturday
 Metro Atlantic Athletic, Saturday
 Mid-American, Saturday
 Mid-Eastern Athletic, Saturday
 Pacific-12, Saturday
 Southland, Saturday
 SWAC, Saturday
 Western Athletic: Saturday
 Atlantic 10, Sunday
 Big Ten, Sunday
 American Athletic, Sunday
 Southeastern, Sunday
 Sun Belt, Sunday

GOLF

PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP

HOLE #17 TPC Sawgrass balls that have found the water

2019: 45	2018: 53	2017: 69
2016: 36	2015: 45	2014: 28
2013: 29	2012: 39	2011: 40
2010: 39	2009: 32	2008: 64
2007: 93	2006: 67	2005: 68

source: pgatour.com; theplayers.com

PGA TOUR FEDEX CUP LEADERS

#	GOLFER	PTS	W	T10
1	Sungjae Im	1,458	1	5
2	Justin Thomas	1,403	2	6
3	Rory McIlroy	1,179	1	6
4	Brendon Todd	1,110	2	3
5	Webb Simpson	1,083	1	4
6	Patrick Reed	1,077	1	4
7	Marc Leishman	1,059	1	3
8	Lanto Griffin	1,026	1	3
9	Sebastian Muñoz	1,006	1	3
10	Hideki Matsuyama	869	—	4
11	Kevin Na	827	1	2
12	Xander Schauffele	804	—	3
13	Cameron Smith	787	1	2
14	Tyrell Hatton	751	1	3
15	Cameron Champ	727	1	1
16	Bryson DeChambeau	721	—	4
17	Joaquin Niemann	704	1	2
18	Nick Taylor	692	1	2
19	Scottie Scheffler	691	—	4
20	Adam Scott	685	1	1
21	Jon Rahm	657	—	

COLLEGE BASKETBALL



MICHAEL CONROY/AP

UIC's Marcus Ottey, right, had 12 points, but the Flames couldn't overcome Trevon Faulkner and Northern Kentucky.

HORIZON LEAGUE TOURNAMENT

UIC's magic ride comes to sad end

By Chicago Tribune staff

UIC's unexpected run to the Horizon League championship game ended one step short of the program's fourth NCAA Tournament berth. The fourth-seeded Flames fell behind No. 2 seed Northern Kentucky by 10 points at halftime and couldn't catch up in a 71-62 loss Tuesday night in Indianapolis.

Tarkus Ferguson led UIC (18-17) with 15 points, Michael Diggins scored 13 and Marcus Ottey added 12. The Flames had reached the cusp of their first NCAA Tournament since 2004 with a 73-56 rout of top seed Wright State in Monday's semifinals. They went on a 9-0 run, capped by Ferguson's 3-pointer, to cut the Northern Kentucky lead to 42-38

with 14:01 to play. But the Norse (23-9) responded with an 11-0 run of their own to restore a 15-point lead with 7:25 left. UIC never got closer than eight after that. Tyler Sharpe scored 16 to lead Northern Kentucky, which will make its third NCAA Tournament appearance in only four seasons of eligibility after moving up from Division II.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL NOTES

Gonzaga reclaims WCC tourney title

Associated Press

Drew Timme scored 17 points, Filip Petrushev had a double-double and No. 2 Gonzaga beat rival Saint Mary's 84-66 to reclaim the West Coast Conference tournament title Tuesday night in Las Vegas. The top-seeded Zags (31-2) bounced back from a middling performance in the semifinals to win their eighth WCC tournament title in 10 years. Playing in its 23rd straight WCC title game, Gonzaga raced away from the Gaels in a dominating second half — and all but guaranteeing itself a No. 1 seed in the NCAA Tournament. Petrushev finished with 10 points and 14 rebounds to help the Zags outscore Saint Mary's 48-22 in the paint. Joel Ayayi also had 17 points. Saint Mary's (26-8) upset Gonzaga in last year's title game to earn the WCC's automatic NCAA Tournament bid and kept pace with the Zags in an entertaining first half this time. Jordan Ford and Malik Fitts combined to score Saint Mary's first 34 points to keep the Gaels close, but Gonzaga tightened up defensively in the second half to pull away. Ford finished with 27 points and Fitts 17 for the Gaels, who should be in decent shape to make the NCAA Tournament despite the loss. The Zags and Gaels eked their way into their 11th title-game meeting. Gonzaga struggled putting away San Francisco in an 81-77 and Saint Mary's advanced in the second semifinal with a 51-50 victory over No. 14 BYU on Ford's last-second shot. The Zags won the two regular-



JOHN LOCHER/AP
Corey Kispert celebrates during Gonzaga's victory Tuesday night.

season meetings between the rivals by a combined 40 points on their way to claiming an eighth-straight WCC regular-season title. **Other NCAA bids:** Senior guard Eli Pemberton scored 12 of his 19 points in the second half and top-seeded Hofstra came from behind to beat Northeastern 70-61 and win the Colonial Athletic Association Tournament in Washington and return to the NCAA Tournament for the first time since 2001. ... Top-seeded North Dakota State led from start to finish and overwhelmed North Dakota 89-53 in the Summit League Tournament championship game in Sioux Falls, S.D., and secured the program's fifth NCAA bid. ... Robert Morris used a second-half surge to beat Saint Francis 77-67 and win the Northeast Conference Tournament in Moon Township, Pa. It's the top-seeded Colonials' first NCAA bid since 2015.

NCAA punishes Siena: Siena College was handed a three-year probation and a \$5,000 fine for violations an NCAA investigation of the program found under former coach Jimmy Patsos. The NCAA found that Patsos provided impermissible benefits, including payments to players. According to the NCAA Committee on Infractions, Patsos gave cash to student-athletes in the locker room after several games over the final three years he served as head coach. Payments ranged from \$60 to \$100 or more. The committee said the former coach didn't seek guidance from the school's compliance staff but he acknowledged some of the violations and said he misunderstood NCAA rules. Siena, a private Catholic school outside Albany, N.Y., self-reported the violations a year and a half ago. The NCAA said that during the probation Siena has to disassociate itself with an unnamed booster who interfered in the probe. Punishment for the Level II violations vacates 46 wins from the final three seasons Patsos was coach. He resigned after the 2017-18 season amid a wide-ranging investigation by the school that unearthed allegations of problems ranging from abusive conduct to financial improprieties within the program. The NCAA also levied a three-year, show-cause order against Patsos. The committee announced its findings Monday, on the eve of the Metro Atlantic Athletic Conference Tournament in Atlantic City, New Jersey. Siena is the top seed after winning the regular-season title. The school has two weeks to respond to the NCAA.

Big-time prospects in Big Ten Tournament

By TEDDY GREENSTEIN

The Big Ten is a conference of fantastic teams. Dare say otherwise, and Illinois coach Brad Underwood might come after you with his 5-iron. It is not, however, a conference of great individual talent. At least not next-level talent. The first Big Ten player might not get taken in the top 20 in the NBA draft. CBS Sports' Kyle Boone has Michigan State forward Xavier Tillman coming off the board at No. 21 and teammate Cassius Winston at No. 29. An NBA evaluator told the Tribune, however, that he deems Maryland forward Jalen Smith and Minnesota big man Daniel Oturu as the most attractive prospects. NBAdraft.net projects Oturu going seventh and Smith 25th with Tillman not among the 60 draft picks. So to summarize: It's a crapshoot. Here are 10 NBA hopefuls to watch in this week's Big Ten Tournament — roughly in order of how the league might value them — with a mix of comments from a Big Ten coach, a Big Ten Network broadcaster and the aforementioned NBA evaluator.

1. Daniel Oturu
Minnesota center
"He is a live body and relentless on the glass ... at 6-10, he handles the ball reasonably well and can take you outside and shoot it ... he is where the NBA game is going ... a really intriguing combination of length and athleticism with the ability to shoot ... people think he is the best pro prospect in the league ... there have been some questions about his motor."

2. Jalen Smith
Maryland power forward
"A no-doubt pro ... he gets up and down the floor really well ... a double-double machine who has developed a really good outside shot ... his nickname is 'Stix' but he has put muscle on to his lower body ... he has good mobility but still needs to get stronger ... at 6-10, he projects to be a stretch-four ... Oturu is bigger and stronger, a better shot blocker, while Smith can take people outside."

3. Xavier Tillman
Michigan State power forward
"An elite defender, very smart and capable of making an open shot ... undersized (6-8) as an NBA post player but really physical with a great motor ... always in the right place at the right time ... can be a solid rotation guy because of his defense ... look at what he did against (Iowa's) Luka Garza and (Penn State's) Lamar Stevens ... he's a great young man, married with two kids."

4. Cassius Winston
Michigan State point guard
"Will he be an NBA superstar? I doubt it, but he could find a niche in the right situation ... he's a great shooter and really good on pick-and-rolls ... a great leader who understands the game and passes well ... not a great athlete or defender ... does not have great tools ... I love him as a college player but see him as a second-round pick."

5. Ayo Dosunmu
Illinois combo guard
"I love him; he's a winner through and through who plays hard ... has long arms and a strong 12- to 17-foot game with floaters and pull-ups ... Illinois has moved him off the ball and he has been effective, but he doesn't shoot it well enough to be an NBA two-guard ... he's a hard one (to judge) because he can create off the bounce and has pretty good size (6-5), but the shooting is a concern ... he'll be all over the board ... it wouldn't shock me if he goes in the 20s or the 40s ... his shot is way better than last year; who's to say he won't keep improving?"

6. Lamar Stevens
Penn State forward
"Not a great outside shooter but has an NBA body, a chiseled 6-8 ... a really good athlete who will have no trouble guarding in the NBA ... can get to where he wants to ... a physical presence and a testament to staying in college (for four years) to get better ... has a chance to be an NBA utility guy."

7. Luka Garza
Iowa center/forward
"Offensively, he has every post move in the book ... he's an incredible shooter and he's been dominant (in college) ... how does he fit in with how the NBA is played? He's not really a five (center), probably an NBA four (power forward) at 6-11 ... it wouldn't surprise me at all if he comes back because Iowa could be a Final Four team next year."

8. Aaron Henry
Michigan State guard/forward
"He has had an OK season, better lately ... he shows flashes of being great but not often enough ... he is really skilled and has everything you'd want — good length (at 6-6), he can defend and shoot it — but he hasn't dominated the Big Ten by any stretch ... he is the third most impactful player on his own team."

9. Anthony Cowan Jr.
Maryland point guard
"Undersized (at 6 feet) but has a huge heart and hits big shots ... has virtually unlimited range, can go 3, 4 feet behind the 3-point line ... an assists guy who sees the court well, a Cassius Winston Light ... doesn't shoot it quite as well (as the NBA wants, 30.3% from 3-point range), but, man, he is a winner."

10. Trayce Jackson-Davis
Indiana power forward
"Some people really like him, but I think he should go back to school ... his dad is Dale Davis and because of his size, athleticism and pedigree, he will get a look ... 6-9 and bouncy ... he plays hard but needs to improve his skill."

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No. 7 Ohio State (21-10) vs. No. 10 Purdue (16-15), 5:30 p.m.
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No. 2 Michigan State (22-9) vs. 7-10 winner, 5:30 p.m.
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COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Spartans find edge, title again

Despite struggles, top player Winston powers Michigan State to another Big Ten championship



By BOB WOJNOWSKI | The Detroit News

EAST LANSING, Mich. — They've felt the pain all season, physical and otherwise, fleeting and lingering. So one more time in the Breslin Center, the Spartans and Cassius Winston did what they've been molded to do — they turned the pain into something else.

Forged by unforeseen forces, Michigan State ended up where it often does, with a Big Ten championship, back on track perhaps for something even larger. This was the day Winston said goodbye to the home crowd, and the celebration was as boisterous as you'd expect, right to the final kiss.

Few ovations have been as thundering and heartfelt as this, with 94 seconds left in an 80-69 beating of Ohio State on Sunday, when Winston subbed out and delivered the traditional farewell. He dropped to the floor at center court and planted his final seal on an astounding home career, with more remarkable things still possible.

This was about Winston, one of the program's all-time greats, perhaps behind only Magic Johnson, but the season has become about so much more. It's about a third straight Big Ten championship, shared with Wisconsin and Maryland, the 10th conference title in Tom Izzo's 25 seasons. It's about a team forced to toughen during hard times, given incentive to do so by Winston's grace and grit after the death of his brother, Zachary.

When the game was over, Winston climbed into the stands to hug his father and mother, Reginald and Wendi, and his youngest brother, Khy. They smiled and it was a long time coming. Winston vowed he wouldn't cry and he didn't, more acutely aware tears are better suited for grief.

"I don't cry during happy moments," Cassius said. "There were a couple of emotional moments just because it's obvious you're missing one crucial piece, a huge piece, to the celebration. But this is something to be proud of. It's an emotional night, and it did take a lot to go out there and play. It's what I love to do, love to put a smile on my parents' face and my brother's face. Even (Zachary), I know he's here with me. I know he's watching. If I went out and played bad, I'm pretty sure he'd be turning over saying, I need better from you."

'Figure out a way'

Once again, every time the Spartans (22-9) needed him, Winston was there. The Buckeyes made it tight for a while, tying it 44-44, and then Winston went back to work, finishing with 27 points on 10-for-14 shooting. There were low moments during the season but the big moments have become Winston's, as Michigan State churns to the Big Ten tournament with victories in six of seven games.

Somehow, the Spartans found a steely-eyed edge after a midseason lull, and look as primed as ever. Xavier Tillman Sr., who recently welcomed his second child into the world, has gone from sleepless nights to relentless ferocity. As effective as he is scoring inside — 15 points Sunday — he's become an interior defensive monster. When it's time for pain in the paint, Tillman is there, and teammates are following him.

Remember when everyone wondered whether Michigan State could find a third option to boost Winston and Tillman? The candidates keep popping up now, retreating, then popping up again. Rocket Watts has been lethal shooting and defending, and his decision-making has improved. Same with Aaron Henry, who remains the X factor alongside the Xavier factor.

"It's one of those funny years, you ask me how good we are and I still don't know, but we're getting better," Izzo said. "Going back to where we were, this has to go down as one of the great memory-making moments. Some of it is because Cassius is getting more and more people involved. He's getting guys shots, spreading the court, has a little hip in his hop. I can say, I couldn't do what he did, yet it's my job to push him to do more."

It's trite to say winning heals, or basketball heals, but time certainly heals. Nothing could heal Joshua Langford, who took part in the postgame senior ceremonies, although he's been sidelined all year with a foot injury and could return next season.

But as Winston coped with the suicide of his brother on Nov. 9, Izzo and his teammates coped around him. And now more and more, Winston is able to reveal how he did it.

"There were points in the season where my brain was just stretched thin," Cassius said. "You never really understand how much it is to carry a team and lead a team, and try to love your family, make sure they're straight, make sure your little brother is straight. It's hard to get on (a teammate) for making a mistake when it's not the biggest thing on your mind. . . I was taking it one day at a time, and to be here still standing, it says things can work out, you just gotta figure out a way."

'Easier to find joy'

It's a profound example of how life and sport can intertwine, with many of the same challenges and lessons. On Feb. 8, the Spartans were 16-8, losers of three straight, and at times Winston was unfocused, while Izzo was unsure how to handle it. They had their uncomfortable moments, and after meeting with Izzo about three weeks ago, Winston recognized he had to play harder and demand more from teammates.

Since then, The Spartans have beaten Illinois, Maryland and Penn State on the road, and Winston has helped Watts' confidence grow.

"I didn't do a very good job the first three months, in my humble opinion, just because I didn't know how to handle it," Izzo said. "The greatest thing, somehow, somehow, is Cash's parents reached out and helped me understand. It's the most difficult year I've had, but probably the most rewarding as a coach, as a father, as a friend. There were times I didn't know if we had enough left in us, and I didn't know where Cash would be."

Winston often wasn't sure where he needed to be — at practice, in the locker room, with his parents, with his little brother. It has been painful to watch such an endearing, caring guy, one of the most thoughtful leaders a program could have, struggle to find peace.

On this day, it was uplifting to watch him seize a piece of it.

"Recently, it's been easier to find joy," Winston said. "There was a point where you couldn't be happy, you felt bad about being happy. But recently, there have been moments like this, being together, and you can sense genuine happiness, people not faking it, being happy with the ones you love."

It was a long time coming for Winston, and a tough time getting here for the Spartans. They just captured a Big Ten title that seemed probable when the season started, then wholly improbable midway through, then perfectly probable at the end. On a journey to learn how much can be endured, especially by Winston, the answer was emphatic — more than he could ever imagine.

With a heavy heart, Cassius Winston led Michigan State to share of its third consecutive Big Ten championship.

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— eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE —



ANDY MANIS/AP

Wisconsin coach Greg Gard was named Big Ten Coach of the Year for the first time Monday. The Badgers have won eight straight and are the No. 1 seed in the league tourney.

‘That’s the COACH OF THE YEAR right there’

Wisconsin’s Greg Gard gets just that honor from the Big Ten

By JIM POLZIN | The Wisconsin State Journal

At the end of an emotional news conference Saturday afternoon at Indiana, the three men sitting to the left of University of Wisconsin men’s basketball coach Greg Gard put in some plugs for their boss.

“That’s the coach of the year right there,” Joe Krabbenhoft said.

“Yessir,” Dean Oliver responded.

“He’s got my vote,” Alando Tucker said. “Twice, if I can.”

Call those three UW assistant coaches biased, if you will, but they weren’t on an island with those opinions. On Monday, Gard was named Big Ten Coach of the Year by both his peers and media members from around the conference.

The award came two days after the Badgers clinched a share of their first Big Ten title in five years with a 60-56 victory over the Hoosiers. Michigan State and Maryland joined UW atop the Big Ten standings a day later, but the Badgers (21-10) will be the No. 1 seed at the conference tournament this week in Indianapolis.

UW, which moved up six spots to No. 18 in this week’s Associated Press Top 25 poll, was picked to finish sixth in a conference that could end up with double-digit entries in the NCAA tournament.

“The depth and the parity have never been like this,” said Gard, who was an assistant at UW for 14 full seasons before taking over the program when Bo Ryan retired midway through the 2015-16 campaign. “So to be able to say you’ve been one of the champions of this league, argu-

ably the deepest and the most competitive it’s ever been, is a great compliment to our team and to our players and how they’ve rallied together and my coaching staff and everybody that’s had their fingerprints on this. There have been a lot of people who have helped and been a part of this success.”

While Ryan was named Big Ten Coach of the Year four times during his legendary career, this is the first time Gard has been honored.

Gard’s best coaching job prior to this season arguably came in his rookie campaign, when he took over a team that was 7-5 under Ryan and had lost at home to Western Illinois and UW-Milwaukee. The Badgers were 9-9 overall and 1-4 in Big Ten play early in Gard’s tenure, but they rallied to win 11 of their next 12 games to continue the program’s NCAA tournament streak and

earn Gard the full-time job.

As remarkable as that run was, what Gard and Co. have done this season has been even more impressive.

They’ve dealt with heartbreak since late May, when assistant coach Howard Moore and his family were involved in a tragic car accident in May. Moore’s wife Jennifer and 9-year-old daughter Jaidyn died as a result of the crash, while Howard Moore sustained serious burns and later had a heart attack. He’s on medical leave from his job and was replaced on an interim basis by Tucker in the late summer.

UW started the season 5-5 while playing without junior forward Micah Potter, who had transferred from Ohio State last December. Potter’s battles with the NCAA — he had a series of appeals denied — played out publicly as the Badgers struggled to form an identity in November and December with an undermanned frontcourt.

Just when it seemed UW might build some momentum after Potter joined the lineup, it faced a series of challenges in late January and early February. Kobe King, the Badgers’ second-leading scorer at the time, left the program following a 70-51 loss at Purdue on Jan. 24; junior guard Brad Davison was suspended for a game by the Big Ten and faced loads of criticism nationally; and strength and conditioning coach Erik Helland was forced to re-

sign Feb. 6 for using a racial epithet in front of players a month earlier.

The Badgers were 13-10 overall and 6-6 in Big Ten play following a 70-52 loss at Minnesota on Feb. 5 — the day before Helland lost his job — but haven’t lost since that point. Gard’s assistants credited him for righting the ship while UW was going through choppy waters.

“I think he had great preparation for the coaching aspect of it from our former coach and his former boss,” Krabbenhoft said. “But what life threw at us in May, nothing can prepare you for that.”

“He never got caught up in all the hoopla that this world gives you at times and this sport does. He stays true to who he is, from Cobb, Wisconsin, and when we went through coach Moore’s accident, he handled it just the way he should. He cared about the people and made it about the players.”

Both Krabbenhoft and Tucker played at UW while Gard was an assistant under Ryan. Tucker said it’s been impressive to have a front-row seat to the job Gard has done leading the program through trying times.

“Put basketball Xs and Os aside,” Tucker said. “To be able to stay strong when everything is against you and be able to still lead those guys in that locker room and have trust in us, that takes a lot. He’s been there for me from day one even as a player.”

Oliver agreed.

“You talk about this team’s resiliency, and it starts right here,” said Oliver, nodding at Gard. “Whenever we’ve gone through anything, he’s stayed the course. He’s never got distracted from what we’re trying to do, always kept everybody calm, always kept us on the same path. He deserves the way we’re playing right now.”

When asked on the Big Ten Network’s awards show how the Badgers didn’t collapse after King’s shocking departure, Gard credited the unselfishness shown by his remaining players.

“I think they came together,” Gard said, “and they understood that the whole was greater than the sum of the parts.”

Notably, the Badgers didn’t place any players on the All-Big Ten first and second teams. According to UW, that’s the first time that’s happened to a Big Ten regular-season champion since the conference began choosing these honors in 1948.

UW junior forward Nate Reuvers was named to the All-Big Ten third team by both the coaches and the media. Junior point guard D’Mitrik Trice was named to the coaches’ third team and earned honorable mention from the media.

Gard was happy to share his award with his players and staff.

“This is a team award,” he said. “You’re not in this position if you don’t have a really good team.”

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— Assistant Dean Oliver on Gard



JOHN PETERSON/AP

A longtime Wisconsin assistant, Gard took over for College Basketball Hall of Famer Bo Ryan during the 2015-16 season.



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"One of my strengths is that I can find things funny when they're difficult," says Miriam Shor.

MY WORST MOMENT

Making a big misstep on dance audition

'Younger's Shor recalls embarrassing situation in front of Twyla Tharp

By NINA METZ

On "Younger," TV Land's joyously delightful confection of a show that will enter its seventh season later this year, Miriam Shor plays the tightly wound if always fashionable publishing house PR expert Diana Trout. Her character's clothing and statement jewelry go a long way toward defining the character.

"Coming from the theater, I've always felt that on such a basic level," Shor said. "You literally figure out what shoes your character is going to wear because it changes how you move through the world. I've worn some incredibly heavy jewelry for this character and I've bled and I've been bruised just because it's so right for Diana."

Shor takes on an entirely different kind of role in the new Netflix movie "Lost Girls," adapted from the 2013 true crime book of the same name by Robert Kolker.

"The character I play is based on a real person who lost her daughter," Shor said. "Her daughter was a prostitute on Craigslist, like many of the victims of this particular crime, and therefore utterly dismissed and ignored by anybody who should have cared to find out what happened to these women."

From comedy to drama and back again — that's been a consistent trend in Shor's career, which also includes a number of musicals, notably originating the role of Yitzhak in the off-Broadway production of "Hedwig and the Angry Inch."

"I've had lot of unique experiences," Shor said, "which is what I keep striving for."

That includes a disastrous but memorable theater audition, which is what came to mind when asked about a worst moment in her career.

"You need to understand when I say I'm not a dancer, I mean it," she said. "I am not a dancer. Let's just start with that."

My worst moment ...

"I was asked to audition for Twyla Tharp (the highly respected choreographer and director behind "Come Fly Away" and the Billy Joel musical "Movin' Out"). This was for her Bob Dylan show, "The Times They Are a-Changin'" (from 2006), which did end up happening without me — I was not in the show — but this was when it was still in the workshop stage.

"Again, I am not a dancer. This is very important. And everybody understood. They wanted me to go sing for her, and that was fantastic — that I can do. So I go and sing 'Hallelujah,' the Leonard Cohen version and we had a really good time.

"Now Twyla is intimidating. She is a powerful human being. Her presence is inspirational and terrifying. And she was exactly how you might picture her to be: She's small in stature and giant in presence.

"Then I get a call saying, 'She loved your audition. Now she

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Jennifer Ehle as Dr. Ally Hextall in "Contagion." The 2011 thriller is back in the iTunes Top 10, thanks to the new coronavirus.

VIRAL THRILLERS

How 'Panic in the Streets' and 'Contagion' speak to the coronavirus moment



MICHAEL PHILLIPS
 Talking Pictures

Some pandemics have all the bad luck: Everything's going their way, and then a clear-thinking American hero comes along to save the human race.

In Elia Kazan's superb, pungent 1950 thriller, "Panic in the Streets," the U.S. Public Health Service doctor played by Richard Widmark faces a 48-hour deadline to stop the spread of pneumonic plague, bubonic's even more serious relation. He's up against a skeptical police chief; a phalanx of fearful citizens and craven politicians; and a killer, played by Jack Palance (then Walter Jack Palance) in his film debut.

If the plague spreads, Widmark's character warns early on, "the result will be more horrible than any of you can imagine." He also says the thing a lot of people are thinking right now, in

early March 2020, as we watch, wash our hands again and wait to see how rough the worldwide coronavirus gets with us:

"Whoever's carrying it is still wandering around."

The public health medic in Kazan's film noir is a spiritual grandfather to the unsung heroine played by Jennifer Ehle in another key pandemic scare picture. In director Steven Soderbergh's scarily plausible 2011 drama "Contagion," which an awful lot of people are streaming these days, Ehle portrays Dr. Ally Hextall of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, racing against time to create a vaccine against the virus wiping out millions. The virologist Hextall risks her life for the sake of others, but no less astonishingly, in Ehle's hands she says things like, "I can see some structures on the surface that look like glycoproteins, but there's nothing morphologically pathognomonic," as if *anyone* could.

So many movies, old and new, feed our collective nightmares of pandemics and paranoia. The walking dead of "Night of the Living Dead," George A. Romero's seminal 1968 war-at-home

allegory, morphologically transformed into the running, screaming victims of a "rage virus," as exploited in the comics-derived "28 Days Later," followed by its superior sequel, "28 Weeks Later." We're 10 seasons into the zombie apocalypse with "The Walking Dead," another graphic novel adaptation. They're hard to keep straight. There's always a zombie apocalypse on the entertainment calendar.

Right now, we wait, and some prepare, while others tell us to stay calm in notably agitated tones. In the current, wait-and-see-how-bad phase of the COVID-19 outbreak, millions continue to go about their business — and continue to go to the movies for escapism, not yet giving in to the social distancing concept.

But if escapism's really what we crave, how do you explain the shelf life of a cold-creeps offering such as "Contagion"? The 9-year-old pandemic movie, as of Sunday, remains at No. 8 on the iTunes Top 10, just behind "Jojo Rabbit" and just ahead of "Parasite."

The resurgence of the Soderbergh-

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COMMENTARY

Why it's so important the new 'Bachelorette' star is 38 years old



ABC

Clare Crawley will be the oldest Bachelorette at 39 when the season begins.

Clare Crawley can help change perception of older single women

By AMY KAUFMAN
 Los Angeles Times

When her season of "The Bachelorette" premieres in May, Clare Crawley will be 39 years old.

That means she will be the oldest star the reality show has ever had, and by a serious margin: Attorney Rachel Lindsay was 32 when she embarked on her quest for love in 2017. The program's most recent lead, Hannah Brown, was barely out of college when she was the bachelorette at 24.

I don't say this to age-shame. I say this because Clare's age is actually deeply meaningful to me.

First, a quick primer on our new leading lady, who revealed Monday on "Good Morning America" that she will succeed Brown for the gender-flipped spinoff's 16th season.

Clare is no stranger to "The Bachelor" franchise. The Sacramento hairstylist first turned up on the show in 2014, when she set out to compete for the affection of bachelor Juan Pablo Galavis. Her turn on the season instantly turned her into a

Bachelor Nation legend.

After a consensual late-night romp in the ocean, he implied that Clare had somehow forced him into a hookup that would make him look bad on TV to his young daughter. Fans rallied to her defense, calling out the slut-shaming, and she only endeared herself to the audience further when she exited the show as runner-up.

When Galavis rejected her at the finale podium, she didn't go quietly: "What you made me go through? I'd never want my children having a father like you," she said, shedding nary a tear.

Next, she did two stints on "Bachelor in Paradise" before turning up on the one-off "Bachelor Winter Games" in 2018. She actually got engaged on the Olympics-themed spin-off, but her relationship with Benoit Beausejour-Savard was not long for this world.

The fact that Clare has been named the bachelorette after all of this is, frankly, powerful.

She is a 38-year-old woman who has unabashedly spoken about her intense desire to be married and have children. She has tried to find love and has failed. But by casting her as the lead, the show has made a

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Yvette Nicole Brown, left, and Andie MacDowell at the Women Making History Awards event last weekend.

Actresses sing praises of women

Actresses Andie MacDowell and Yvette Nicole Brown were among those celebrated at an International Women's Day event last weekend in Los Angeles. The National Women's History Museum's eighth annual Women Making History Awards honor women who have made significant contributions to their field and serve as inspiration to women everywhere.

MacDowell spoke about ageism: "Young people (are) shocked when I tell them when I turned 40 that the biggest question I got from female journalists too was 'How does it feel to turn 40 and know you're not going to work anymore?'" she said. "And the only way that I could fight that question was to answer it in a way which strengthened me. I feel like I'm more beautiful now. I have more sex appeal now. ... It did not happen to men. It happened to women."

"I think what makes a woman more beautiful in her 60s or 70s is not only her appearance but her spirit," MacDowell said. "When I turned 60, I started thinking, you know, what, 'What do I want my legacy to be?' I don't want to have accomplished so much in my life and not make a difference in the world."

Brown was on the same page. "I learned very young to be an action citizen," she said while accepting her honor. "You can be an activist every single day in everything you do. When you see something wrong you need to say something."

She also shared that even though Elizabeth Warren — the Democratic candidate she'd been stumping for — dropped out of the race on March 5, she's not giving up hope of seeing a woman president. "Like who got to decide that only men get to be president?" Brown said. "I want all women to support each other."

— *Variety*

March 11 birthdays: Singer Bobby McFerrin is 70. Actor Elias Koteas is 59. Actor Wallace Langham is 55. Actor John Barrowman is 53. Singer Lisa Loeb is 52. Actor Terrence Howard is 51. Actor Johnny Knoxville is 49. Actress Thora Birch is 38. Actor Rob Brown is 36. Actress Jodie Comer is 27.



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The following have joined the growing list of canceled events due to coronavirus concerns:

Pearl Jam (Eddie Vedder, above) is postponing the North American leg of its Gigaton world tour. Seventeen U.S. and Canadian performances, March 18 through April 19, have been indefinitely postponed, according to the band's website. "The levels of risk to our audience and their communities is simply too high for our comfort level," a band statement said.

Madonna canceled the last two stops of her latest tour in France after the country said it was banning events of more than 1,000 people. A statement on her website says her March 10-11 shows in Paris would no longer take place.

Miley Cyrus, pulled out of the World Tour Bushfire Relief benefit concert in Melbourne, Australia, so the Friday event was canceled. "I am so disappointed to not be there, but I have to do what is right to protect the health and safety of my band and crew," Cyrus wrote on Twitter. "I will still be making a donation to help the victims of the Australian bush fire. I'm sorry ... but I will be back soon."

Neil Young wrote a letter on his website saying he has put ticket sales on hold for a long-awaited tour with his band Crazy Horse. "We are all super ready to go, and the last thing we want to do is put people at risk, especially our older audience," he wrote. "So here we are together, watching to see how it goes, how long it will last, and how many more of our planet's people and animals will be affected."



ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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Sexual infidelity causes complications

Dear Readers: Every year I step away from my daily column to work on other creative projects. I've gathered some topical "Best of" columns from 10 years ago. Today's compilation deals with questions related to sexually unfaithful partners. I'll be back in two weeks with fresh columns.

Dear Amy: My husband is almost 70 years old. He is a doorman in an apartment building. I just found out that he has been fooling around with other women who work in the building for almost 20 years.

We live near where he works, so everyone knows he's married. He says it means nothing — that it's just "free booty in the elevator." He doesn't want to break up our marriage and said he would die without me. He comes straight home after work and says he is happy in our marriage, and I'm trying to stay in the marriage.

I'm under a doctor's care and trying to cope. He won't change, and I know he'll never leave me! What kind of woman accepts this type of relationship?
— *Sad Wife*

Dear Sad: I can imagine wanting to stay in a long marriage where there is a tremendous emotional investment. There are also valid, practical reasons to stay in a marriage. However, your husband is not only unrepentant about his elevator booty calls, but also according to you, he lacks the intention and ability to change.

I disagree. Any of us is capable of change, given the proper motivation. You should supply him with this motivation.

Your husband is sleazy and unethical on the job. His behavior could (and should) lead to him losing his job. He should be given a clear directive about his options. He should also agree to meet with you and a professional counselor.

While you're working things out, you should consider stepping up your presence in his professional life. If you're available, you might want to bring him coffee at unexpected times and perform your own unannounced elevator inspections.

Dear Amy: I am a 53-year-old man engaged to a wonderful woman several years younger. She is honest, sweet and attractive. She has a goodness that few others possess.

My problem is that even though I love her, I am not in love with her. We have not been intimate for a long time because I just do not feel that way about her.

Instead, I have sought and found intimacy with others. These other women were just fulfilling a need. But about a year ago, I met someone special. She knows about my fiancée and has pressured me to break off the engagement. But I cannot find the way to end it because I know it would devastate my fiancée.

She is much too kind and sweet to be hurt in that way. We have talked about us not being intimate, and I make excuses (such as made-up medical problems causing impotency).

How should I handle this?
— *Perplexed in Pittsburgh*

Dear Perplexed: There is

an old saying: "The truth will set you free." Well, in this case, the truth will set your fiancée free.

I frequently suggest scripts for people to use as blueprints for challenging conversations. Here's yours: "Honey, I am a lying, skeezy horn dog. I don't deserve you. I know that people often say that, but in this case, it's really true. I really don't deserve you."

Tell her what you've been up to. Then apologize to her, to all of the people who suffer from actual sexual dysfunctions (whose maladies you've made a mockery of), and to anyone whom you might have used sexually and perhaps emotionally misled in order to fulfill your own needs. You also should suggest that your fiancée get tested for STDs.

If you want to make things easier on her, don't sugarcoat this. Tell her everything. Her relief at being done with you will ease her devastation.

Dear Amy: I hope you remind those wives whose husbands cannot be monogamous that they should be tested occasionally for sexually transmitted diseases. This would truly be a valuable public service announcement.
— *Williamsburg Nurse*

Dear Nurse: I agree that anyone in a sexual relationship should be tested for STDs, whether or not they suspect their partner of cheating. Thank you for this healthy reminder.

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IN PERFORMANCE

Violinist Koh unveils a seductive new concerto

'Syzygy' a triumph for Sinfonietta, composer, soloist

By HOWARD REICH

The Chicago Sinfonietta took a considerable risk in co-commissioning a violin concerto from an emerging composer who never had written one.

But that gambit paid off dramatically Monday

night, when violinist Jennifer Koh played what conductor Mei-Ann Chen termed "the downtown premiere" of Courtney Bryan's "Syzygy" in Orchestra Hall (the first performance was Saturday night at Wentz Concert Hall in Naperville). Koh co-commissioned the work as part of her New American Concerto project, a multiseason venture in which she "seeks to



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Jennifer Koh, shown in 2018, played Courtney Bryan's "Syzygy" with the Chicago Sinfonietta on Monday evening in Orchestra Hall.

engage with and reflect the diversity of America through the traditional form of the violin concerto," according to her

website.

"Syzygy" proved there's plenty of life left in this grand old form, even after the monumental fiddle concertos of Brahms and Beethoven, Tchaikovsky and Barber.

Composer Bryan, born in New Orleans in 1982, has written a pervasively lyrical work, but one that never descends into saccharine sentimentality. It contains more than enough harmonic interest, structural surprise and instrumental ingenuity to support and counterbalance its soaring melodic lines.

Each of its three movements, played without interruption, represents the composer's response to a specific art work: Alma Thomas' "The Eclipse" (1970), Frida Kahlo's "Tree of Hope, Keep Firm" (1946) and Maya Ying Lin's "Eclipsed Time" (1994). But you didn't need to know these pieces to recognize the high craft and tonal beauty of Bryan's concerto.

The work opened with Koh playing a simple line that soon blossomed into a rhapsodic solo. Here the music ascended to the violin's highest register, producing otherworldly effects. Before long, the

solo violin engaged in beguiling interplay with the orchestra's winds in some of this movement's most engaging passages. By this point, listeners realized they were in the hands of a skilled composer of considerable imagination.

The soulfulness and sensuousness of the middle movement came as a balm in an era when so much contemporary music is consumed with making noise. Bryan went in quite the other direction, this movement's lazy rhythms and luxuriant orchestral textures addressing the ear gently.

Though greater expressive urgency drove the finale, via some rhythmic agitation and solo virtuosity, for the most part Bryan here clung to songlike writing.

The work's only distraction came in the form of certain percussion effects that seemed either extraneous or underdeveloped. If Bryan wishes these bursts of color to be part of the cohesive whole, they should be more than just occasional utterances. If they were dropped in their entirety, the concerto would lose nothing.

Koh played the piece with obvious authority,

reveling in its openly expressed emotion and dispatching technically complex passagework with apparent ease. Quite a triumph for composer, soloist and the Sinfonietta.

The program opened with a decidedly less effective work, Adam Schoenberg's "Finding Rothko," a four-movement orchestral tone poem inspired by paintings of Mark Rothko. The music proved pleasant but innocuous — a series of pastels with scant harmonic or rhythmic interest, the orchestral equivalent of easy listening.

Mussorgsky's "Pictures at an Exhibition," in Ravel's orchestration, closed the concert, conductor Chen and the Sinfonietta producing a solid performance of an orchestral showpiece. Though a tenuous, troubled tuba solo marred the "Bydlo" ("Cattle") movement, the bluesy saxophone solo in "The Old Castle" made up for it.

But the evening's highlight remained Bryan's "Syzygy," a work that deserves future hearings and a recording. Perhaps with the Sinfonietta?

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directed, Scott Z. Burns-scripted drama, much of which was shot and set in the Chicago area, sparked a BuzzFeed interview last week with veterinary pathologist Tracey McNamara, a scientific adviser on the project. “If people are watching it again, and if federal and state officials are watching it again, I hope they’re realizing that the movie was really about what can happen with a novel pandemic threat ... I wish people had paid closer attention to it when the film came out, because it really was a warning to the federal government that this could happen and you need to prepare.”

In one scene, Kate Winslet’s “Contagion” character, a CDC Epidemic Intelligence Service expert, barks out four words we’ve heard a lot lately. In a politically divisive time, with the White House under fire for what many scientists and medical experts characterize as a sluggish and factually shaky response to the COVID-19 outbreak, those four words may be the only four words everyone can agree on:

“Don’t touch your face.”

In contrast to the faces in “Contagion,” which are often cast in a sickly digital glow whether we’re in Hong Kong or Minneapolis, the faces in “Panic in the Streets” go nose to nose in tight, threatening black-and-white compositions.

“Foreigner, huh?” one detective asks another at the start of the movie, when the body of the first plague victim is discovered. Yeah, comes the reply. “Something like that.” From one angle, “Panic in the Streets” (originally titled “Port of Entry,” later replaced by “Outbreak,” then “Panic in the Streets”) plays the nativist fear-mongering card, blaming the plague outbreak on an Armenian who hopped a steamer to New Orleans. He may have caught the plague from a rat on board the steamer. Or he may have had a bad piece of shish kabob at a Greek diner.

By the end, though, thanks to Kazan’s deft location work, we see the setting of “Panic” the way the Widmark character sees it: a vulnerable American community like any other, or any city anywhere in the world, connected to every other city in the world. This was a positively progressive outlook at the 20th-century’s midpoint. Kazan complicated the scapegoating, at least. He didn’t give his studio a hit; shooting “Panic” in New Orleans was expensive. But he gave us a movie that holds up and makes us twitch at every hand-to-shoulder con-

tact.

In “Contagion,” global connectivity doesn’t need a speech to explain it. The origin point of the fictional pandemic that kills millions may be a mystery, at least until the epilogue, but it isn’t really the point of Soderbergh’s chilling depiction of a fast-moving crisis — a cure-hunt, as opposed to a manhunt. My favorite close-up in “Contagion” is utterly still: Ehle’s Dr. Hextall staring, smiling, at a lab monkey, a monkey that may hold the key to the population’s survival. It’s a weirdly prescient image of social distancing: two creatures in isolation, but connected. And, perhaps, more germane to our near-future lives than we realize.

No film exists in a vacuum. The context today for dread-watching “Panic in the Streets” or “Contagion” is inescapably political. Though both films are full of skeptics and cynics in the press, distrustful of what government officials may or may not be telling the public, there’s no sense of larger federal incompetence at work.

“Panic” did, however, enter the cultural bloodstream at a time when the House Un-American Activities Committee, with the purported aim of uprooting Communist espionage, treated left-leaning American citizens as plague victims at best, ideological viruses at worst. It was 1950 when the Communist sympathies (though he was never a Communist Party member) of a writer such as Abe Burrows, for example, could cost the Broadway musical “Guys and Dolls” its Pulitzer Prize.

With their painstaking location work and sharply dramatized real panic, on real streets, “Panic” and “Contagion” resemble bulletins from a past that feels like the present. When so much of the current administration’s disaster preparedness and wishful-thinking public-information campaigns play like clumsy fiction, it’s no wonder these movies hold up: They seem more plausible than real life.

“The next few weeks will change the complexion in this country,” former Food and Drug Administration head Scott Gottlieb said on “Face the Nation” Sunday. We’ll see if our appetite for escapism changes along with it.

“Contagion” and “Panic in the Streets” are currently streaming for \$3.99 and up on YouTube, Amazon Prime, Vudu, iTunes, Google Play and other platforms.

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IN PERFORMANCE

Theater founder Taylor makes her personal plea for ‘Healing’

By Chris Jones

When I saw the newest performance at Black Ensemble Theater last Thursday, the title in the program read “Legends the Musical (A Civil Rights Movement).” By Tuesday, Jackie Taylor, the writer, director and founder of the theater, had gotten in touch to tell me that the previous title was not working and that her self-penned piece was being retitled “Healing.”

Unusual. But unquestionably a more accurate description of what Taylor has prepared for her loyal, longstanding audience.

Like many of us, Taylor has clearly become disturbed by the many problems endemic to this nation. Her theater, which I’ve been reviewing for a quarter-century now, has the eradication of racism as its mission statement and Taylor is, in essence, asking her audience to come together to try to solve these issues in a context that’s more of a workshop or a seminar than a traditional show, although she has composed some songs.

As she and her ensemble cast tell it here, that means listening to the painful, detailed truth about past racial injustices, especially



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The Black Ensemble Theater cast of “Legends the Musical (A Civil Rights Movement).” Now its title is “Healing.”

those that resulted in the loss of young and vital life; understanding one’s own complicity in these still-prevailing attitudes; asking for spiritual and ethical forgiveness; and then moving forward to a better place, bringing along all our fellow citizens. The names of perished African Americans are held up, one by one, as are the achievements of those that survived. And Taylor invites her diverse cast to tell their own personal stories as part of the work.

The piece comes with risks to a company that traditionally has staged shows featuring the great African American songbook; it strikes me as likely

that a portion of the African American audience will think of this show as not especially for them, and that a section of her white audience will not want to hear what is being said.

But while the theater was not full at opening, the piece did find receptive hearers, especially those of us who can see this is a capstone statement.

Taylor, of course, is among this city’s most indefatigable cultural entrepreneurs and, as such, she operates from a place of enormous respect. She also is lucky enough to run her own theater, giving her the opportunity to say whatever it is she wants to impart. Good for her. I’ve always

found what she has to say worth hearing, not least because of her understanding that America makes change when as many Americans as possible are brought along. Not all of us; that would be impossible. But Taylor wants as many of us as she can coax out from behind our defenses.

“Healing” is not a traditional piece of theater in any way, and I could point you to a least three plays on offer in Chicago right now that express these same themes, and even name some of these same names, in a dramatic circumstances that go beyond first-person entreaty.

But young playwrights don’t come with the moral authority of Taylor. If your workplace is working on issues of diversity, or equity, or reconciliation, you might consider a field trip for a piece where Black Ensemble Theater is really trying to change Chicago.

“Healing” plays through April 12 at Black Ensemble Theater, 4450 N. Clark St.; 773-769-4451 and blackensembletheater.org

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Bachelorette

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progressive move. It’s a choice that flies in the face of societal expectations for straight women, positioning an unmarried woman in her late 30s not as desperate but as desirable and worthy of love.

“I feel like a lot of people put (the age) out there as this negative thing, but for me it just is more years under my belt, more learning and knowing what I want, what I don’t want and what I won’t settle for,” Crawley said on “Good Morning America.”

Before I get too carried away, I’ll pause to say: This is still “The Bachelorette.” Clare is conventionally attractive — thin and blond and curvy. She’s also white and heterosexual. And I’m willing to bet that the dudes who show up at the mansion in a bid for her heart won’t be sporting dad buns.

In other words, “The Bachelor” franchise still has a very long way to go when it comes to accurately representing its viewership. But I’d also be lying if I didn’t say that for the first time since I started watching this show, I feel seen by it.

At 34, I’m a few years younger than Clare, but I can very much relate to her yearning to find a partner.

Most weekends, I’m out on a date with some new prospect I’ve met on Bumble or Hinge. And while I’m not ready to declare just yet that I’m dying alone, I do sometimes fall prey to bouts of self-pity as I turn up at my friends’ weddings and baby showers. With every year that passes, that quiet drumbeat of worry intensifies: At what age will being single signify to the world that I am, in some way, defective?

I hate writing these words about myself because it’s 2020, and I know I’m far more than a ring on my finger. I know that in theory because that’s what strong women have been taught to believe. But in practice? That’s not the world I necessarily see reflected around me, especially during late-night scrolling binges on Instagram.

And that’s why Clare’s casting is such a big deal. Even if you think “The Bachelor” is vapid garbage, millions of people still watch it. And that kind of pop culture seeps into the public consciousness.

Clare knows that better than anyone. There have been moments on the franchise when other women have called out her age, branding her pathetic for daring to put herself out there past 35. When I interviewed her for my book about the series, “Bachelor Nation,” a couple of years

ago, Clare spoke defiantly about such taunts.

“I wouldn’t trade my age to go back to a younger age for a second because I am who I am today because of the (crap) I’ve gone through,” she said. “When people take low blows like that, to me it shows extreme insecurity. I’m not some old, decrepit, withered, pathetic woman. Give me a break.”

As confidently as Clare came across in that interview, she also said some things that now make me anxious about her turn as the bachelorette.

For one, she swore she was done with the show, retiring from the franchise because it had done her wrong. She said she hated how its editors had treated her cruelly, making her appear crazy. On “Bachelor in Paradise,” for instance, she was made to look like she confided in a raccoon she met on the beach.

“I was so naive in my mentality going into the show,” she admitted. “I thought: ‘If I’m a good person and I treat people good and I have integrity, they can’t make me look bad, right?’”

She also expressed grievances with the show’s producers. She acknowledged that she became “super close” with the behind-the-scenes team, considering them to be her de facto therapists. But when she felt betrayed by

how she was portrayed on the show, those same producers were unsympathetic, telling her: “That’s how it goes. You know what you signed up for.”

“The whole process makes you so raw and so vulnerable, and that’s why it works,” she explained. “You don’t have any outside distraction, so they’re your people.”

“At the end of the day, I’m a person who builds friendships. I had to keep reminding myself — and to this day I still have to remind myself when they call me — that this is their job. And I have to make peace with that. ... This show either builds you or breaks you, and I’m not going to let it break me because they’re making money off of people like me. I’ll be damned if they, or anybody else, chooses how my life goes.”

So yes, I’m thrilled that Clare is our bachelorette and excited for what that could mean to single women in their 30s. But I’m also trepidatious. As Clare herself stated, she is not, ultimately, in control of the narrative that will be portrayed about her on television. The show made a positive decision in casting her — now I can only hope that it treats her with some long overdue respect.

Times staff writer Christi Carras contributed to this report.

Moment

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would like you to go to her apartment and dance for her; to which I just laughed hysterically because that’s not going to happen.

“Fear and bile was rising up. They said, ‘She just wants to see you move,’ and I was like, ‘No she does not. She’s a dancer; this will ruin her life.’ I was ready to say no, but then another part of me was like you’re going to go in there and it’s going to be horrible, then it’s going to be an amazing story. I mean, I’m an actor for exactly this reason.

“Now going to someone’s apartment to audition, that is not a normal thing that has ever been asked of me. I thought I was going to be hanging out in her living room, like move the coffee table out of the way to make room so we could dance. But it turns out she has a dance studio in her apartment.

“So I went to this beautiful apartment building, up to a beautiful, beautiful, tasteful and amazing apartment, through the living room and into the dance



Miriam Shor (right) with “Younger” co-stars Sutton Foster (left) and Hilary Duff.

studio, and there was Twyla Tharp and the lead male dancer from the American Ballet Theatre, who I would be dancing with. I’m not even making that up.

“And Twyla Tharp was going to, on the spot, choreograph a dance to a Bob Dylan song. It was ‘I’ll Be

Your Baby Tonight.’ It’s not a song I listen to anymore because it’s been seared into my brain because of this humiliation. I don’t know if you know this about Twyla, but she only choreographs in French. And loudly. So again, I want to say: I am not a dancer. I

do speak French, but that didn’t help me to know dance steps in French.

“I wish this had been captured on film, not for anybody else but me, just so I could see what was happening because I was having a full out-of-body experience with Twyla Tharp

yelling at me in French and this poor dancer guy — I mean, there were lifts. He was very strong because he was lifting my dead weight.

“I have a great deal of respect for him; he really was trying to help me. I have a vague memory that we were also singing, and he was terrified, as a dancer, to be asked to sing. So we were both experiencing our worst nightmares.

“One of my strengths is that I can find things funny when they’re difficult. That helps a lot in life. But it’s not what you want to do when Twyla Tharp is yelling at you in French while choreographing. I should not have been laughing, but I could not help it. It was either that or disintegrate into liquid form. So there was eventually hilarity, if only on my part.

“And then it ended, our beautiful pas de deux, and Twyla — I don’t know what her face at rest looks like, but she seemed to enjoy my company the first time we were together and that was definitely gone. It was as if she was thinking, ‘I’d like this presence to be exorcized from any part of the air near me.’”

How long was the audition in the apartment?

“(Pause) Like three months. Most of my life. I just got back.

“No seriously, I couldn’t tell you. Time stood still.”

The takeaway ...

“I can’t tell you how grateful I am that I got to have that experience. When you have a really horribly embarrassing moment I realize that it’s doable. You get perspective.

“I find myself in embarrassing situations a lot and it’s kind of exhilarating because even though it’s terrifying, you’re not actually in danger. You’re going to be fine. And what kept me going throughout was the feeling of, ‘This will be an unbelievable story! Stay present so you can remember it! It’s horrible and humiliating and you might die — but if you don’t, this is great!’

“And I’m right. I’m literally telling someone who is going to write this down in the newspaper. I was right! And so was Twyla. Maybe she was trying to give me that moment.”

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Let's talk about 'Hillary'

Former first lady and presidential candidate candidly surveys her ups and downs

BY JAKE COYLE
Associated Press

PARK CITY, Utah — Since losing the 2016 election to Donald Trump, Hillary Clinton has released a memoir about that defeat, launched a political action committee and penned another book about “gutsy women” with her daughter, Chelsea. But Clinton's most prominent return to the public eye has come in the form of a new, candid, four-hour documentary series.

Some, Clinton is aware, thought she would slink away after 2016.

“Yes, they did, didn't they?” she says. “Well, that was never an option.”

Nanette Burstein's “Hillary,” which Hulu will debut Friday, is a more direct and long-form portrait of Clinton than has ever been done on camera. You might say it's a bid for Clinton to reassert her legacy, to tell the story of a career and life that, she feels, has often been falsely distorted.

Still, Clinton isn't ready to contemplate her legacy. What she thinks important is situating her story in a larger narrative.

“What Nanette does really well is to place my story in the larger arc of women's lives, women's history, women's movement, and also the political system,” said Clinton, speaking alongside Burstein, in an interview at the Sundance Film Festival in January. “It seems to me that part of the reason I became controversial is because I was thrust into the public spotlight as a different kind of first lady.”

“And particularly when I took on the work of health care reform, trying to get us to universal, affordable health care, I was being burned in effigy, which I had forgotten. But she found footage of it, which says more about the times and the expectations about what women and certainly first ladies should or shouldn't do.”

Clinton's return to the spot-

light, in the midst of a competitive Democratic primary, has already caused waves. In the documentary, she disparages Sen. Bernie Sanders, saying, “Nobody likes him. Nobody wants to work with him.” It's a small moment — 15 seconds, Clinton points out — from some 35 hours of conversation recorded more than a year ago when she wasn't thinking about the 2020 election. She was thinking about the 2016 election.

“I will do whatever I can to support that person, because that wasn't my experience in 2016,” says Clinton.

Though Clinton stumped for Barack Obama after he won the nomination on delegates (but, Clinton reminds, not in votes), Sanders' support for Clinton, she feels, was minimal after their race.

“That didn't happen in 2016,” said Clinton. “And I'm just trying to sound the alarm that we need to unify if we're going to defeat Donald Trump and what he stands for and the danger he poses to undoing so much of what we as a nation have achieved through lots of struggle over 235 years.”

That Sanders has become the most headline-grabbing part of “Hillary” is ironic. For Burstein, one of the focal points of “Hillary” is to not only represent Clinton as a human being, rather than a political caricature, but to contextualize her, and the polarizing effect she has inspired, in the politics of gender.

“There is this criticism that she's always known and calculated that she's going to be president. Which, A, is not a bad thing, and, B, is actually not true,” Burstein said. “There is an interview in the film with one of her colleagues at Yale Law School who says that in the early '70s the idea that a woman could be president was just so off the radar.”

Clinton's mind, at least in January, was mainly on the upcoming election. She said she'll “absolutely” endorse a candidate, but



MARKUS SCHREIBER/AP

Hillary Clinton poses for photos at the premiere of the documentary “Hillary” at the Berlin Film Festival.

hasn't done so yet. One of her chief concerns is that the vote won't be carried out properly.

“It is a concern because once the Supreme Court gutted Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act, they took away one of the most useful tools for holding states and local jurisdictions accountable for what they did around elections,” Clinton said. “And I was the first candidate running for president on the Democratic side who faced both the gutting of the Voting Rights Act and Citizens United. So I saw firsthand the concerted effort to purge voters and suppress voters. That's still going on.”

Clinton, who beat Trump in the popular vote, favors the abolition of the Electoral College.

“The person who gets the most votes should win,” she said. “The Electoral College is an anachronism that foils the rights of the majority of Americans to choose

our leaders.”

Clinton also cited the role of social media platforms and, in particular, Facebook, in a potential repeat of Russian interference.

“The attacks on the fundamental right to vote and run our elections free from illegal, unconstitutional and certainly foreign interference is going to be even more sophisticated today than it was four years ago,” Clinton said.

“Hillary” includes other voices, including some critical commentators (although Burstein says most right-wing politicians declined to participate). Along with a survey of Clinton's life, it spends a lot of time on the 2016 election and the Monica Lewinsky scandal. That section includes Bill Clinton voicing his regrets, as well as Clinton saying she didn't speak to her husband for weeks after he admitted the affair.

Clinton, who earlier revisited the 2016 election in her 2017 memoir “What Happened,” also analyzes that crushing defeat. The 2020 election, though, she thinks will be different.

“I think there's a story now to be told. Before (Trump) was a blank slate. He was a guy that people saw on their TVs. As you know, he was a reality TV star,” Clinton said. “Now I think there's a record that he's going to have to be held accountable for.”

In “Hillary,” all questions were on the table, Burstein said. Clinton grants she never expected to star in her own documentary.

“I am a little bit surprised to be sitting here talking about a documentary of four hours about my life and my times,” said Clinton, laughing. “But I'm really glad I did it. I am incredibly grateful. But I also think a lot of what's in it is relevant to today.”

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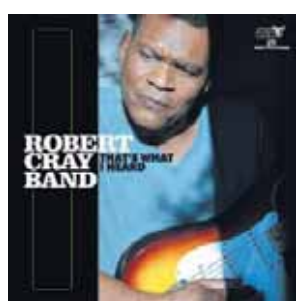
New shots of Cray's vigor, Caribou's unpredictability

Robert Cray and Steve Jordan continue their fruitful partnership on “That's What I Heard,” a collection where the guitarist and singer's original songs blend seamlessly with a strong set of less-than-famous covers.

Cray and Jordan, who produces while also adding drums and percussion, have collaborated on several albums, including Cray's excellent previous record where he was joined by musicians who played for Hi Records.

On “That's What I Heard,” Cray is back in the studio with his longtime band, including redoubtable bass player Richard Cousins, keyboardist Dover Weinberg and new drummer Terence F. Clark.

The band's sound explodes right out of the gate on “Anything You Want,” another of Cray's typically unresolved relationship songs. Clark's performance is especially crisp. Then,



‘That's What I Heard’

Robert Cray Band (Nozzle/Thirty Tigers)

the romantic is followed by the devout with a take on the Sensational Nightingales' traditional “Burying Ground.”

Among the other Cray originals, “Hot” is exactly what the title says; “This Man” is a deep groove with topicality; while “To Be With You” and “Can't Make Me Change” are blues with a lean-and-

clean guitar sound.

Cousins co-wrote “A Little Less Lonely,” and “You're the One” is from the Bobby “Blue” Bland songbook. “You'll Want Me Back” was written by Curtis Mayfield and recorded by the Impressions.

The tearful “Promises You Can't Keep” includes Steve Perry on backing vocals, with Ray Parker Jr. playing guitar on album closer “Do It,” a rarity from Billy Sha-Rae that sounds like Marvin Gaye borrowing some of Mitch Ryder's Detroit Wheels.

Cray, at 66, is no longer the new kid on the scene, but his youthful looks match his vigorous performances on “That's What I Heard,” an album that expertly balances blues, R&B and soul and keeps up his streak of strong and extremely pleasing efforts.

— Pablo Gorondi, Associated Press

Caribou is Canadian musician and mathematician Dan Snaith, and “Suddenly” is his first album since 2014's dreamy “Our Love.” His latest record is a vibrant collage of choice samples, warped production, taut instrumentation and delicate but assured vocals.

Two introspective torch songs bookend the record. In between, transition is the only constant. Thoughtful meditation gives way to a bombastic drum-fill. A pool of tranquil piano is stomped on by a flossing battle rapper.

Each song is an aural expedition. “You and I” is all riveting pulse, bass throb and digital glitter that begins with Snaith singing, “It's a lie/I can always count on.” An amped cheerleader, guitar theatrics and tenor sax



‘Suddenly’

Caribou (Merge Records)

coalesce for the finale. “Magpie” starts out like vintage Boards of Canada until Snaith's fey voice blooms the way the synths start to flutter away.

Courtesy of an ace Gloria Barnes sample, “Home” plays like a lost soul gem unearthed from a tossed record crate. A dusted break, plush strings, harp

and an assist from Four Tet's Kieran Hebden take it to another dimension.

And you can dance to it. The sultry, cowbell-laced “Never Come Back” is pure heat. The prismatic banger “Ravi” will also move bodies, as Snaith captures an overriding communal feeling.

What stands out is how seamlessly everything comes together. Disparate parts morph organically in a mastery of counterbalance. It's inside that equilibrium where “Suddenly” resides. The sudden shifts are exhilarating.

The record seems to be about grasping the moment. Embracing the flow. Learning from your past by never looking back. And those suspended seconds when you suddenly feel more alive.

— Jake O'Connell, AP



GRAVITAS VENTURES

Anna Akana, a YouTube celebrity in her first movie lead, stars in “Go Back to China.”

‘GO BACK TO CHINA’ ★★

YouTube celeb, comic takes lead in fish-out-of-water tale

BY DENNIS HARVEY
Variety

MPAA rating: Not rated

Running time: 1:37

Those hungry for more of the East/West culture-clash terrain of “Crazy Rich Asians” and “The Farewell” may savor the slightly downsized pleasures of “Go Back to China,” which offers up some of the first film's lifestyle glamour plus the second's more earnest family drama.

Emily Ting's second scripted feature is essentially a freely fictionalized revamp of her 2008 documentary, “Family Inc.,” in which she charted her own reluctant but ultimately rewarding move from New York City to Hong Kong, where she trained to run her hot-tempered father's plush toy factory.

Here, Ting's alter ego is the more caricatured Sasha Li (YouTube celebrity and comedian Anna Akana, in her first movie lead), a Los Angeles party girl whose main occupation seems to be clubbing with her posse of similarly glam 20-some-things.

She graduated from fashion school a year ago, but has failed to find a job. In fact, she has no work experience of any kind, having been supported in style her whole life by the Chinese father who left

her mother (Kelly Hu) long ago.

They're more or less estranged, save in financial ties. But that changes when dad Teddy (Richard Ng) abruptly cuts off the cash flow, demanding she work a year at his factory in Shenzhen before receiving any further support. This is unwelcome in many ways, not least because the thoroughly American Sasha barely understands or speaks Chinese. But once her rent check bounces, she has little choice but to comply.

Daddy has been a busy man, not just in the business realm: His imposing manse houses numerous previously unmet half-siblings by other ex-wives, including bratty juvenile twins named Christian (Tiger Ting) and Dior (Aviva Wang), plus his latest, much younger mistress (Kendy Cheung). But the first lady of the household is Sasha's eldest half-sister, Carol (Lynn Chen). She was also raised in the U.S., but has been here for a decade as dad's factory next-in-command.

That's a somewhat thankless job, as Sasha

soon discovers. Teddy is well-meaning, but also almost childishly temperamental, taking out his frequent frustrations on all underlings. The new arrival's design expertise comes in handy when foreign buyers reject his latest, all-important Christmas toy line as old-fashioned; Sasha whips off a few trendier ideas that briefly make her daddy's golden girl. But once her inexperience results in a costly mistake, their tentative reconciliation may be torched for good.

The tired lifestyle satire of the opening reel lacks teeth, so things look up when Sasha proves resourceful and even somewhat inspired by her dreaded new factory gig. Even there, however, the director's script leans too heavily on easy, contrived solutions to worker-management conflicts and other real-world issues.

Nonetheless, if there's not much depth to the family drama or socioeconomic insights here, “Go Back” remains likable as a familiar fish-out-of-water tale in a novel setting. The capable cast and brisk pacing keep attention held toward a happy ending that pleases even if it is a bit pat, not to mention inevitable.

WATCH THIS: WEDNESDAY



Kennedy McMann

“Nancy Drew” (8 p.m., CW): Nancy (Kennedy McMann) manages to unravel the series of events that unfolded the night Lucy died — through a combination of forensic clues, astute observation and interrogation of those who knew the victim — in the new episode “The Haunting of Nancy Drew.” Unfortunately, all that detective work also uncovers a shattering revelation. Scott Wolf, Leah Lewis, Maddison Jaizani, Tunji Kasim and Alex Saxon also star.

“Modern Family” (7 p.m., ABC): This long-running, Emmy-winning sitcom airs its series finale next month, but as part of ABC’s send-off, the network airs a “Modern Marathon” of viewer-favorite episodes — as chosen recently in online voting via Twitter — on this night. Planned from the start to kick off the evening, though, is the 2009 series “Pilot” that started it all by introducing crusty patriarch Jay Pritchett (Ed O’Neill) and his very large blended family.

“Elysium” (7 p.m., 10:02 p.m., IFC): Writer-director Neill Blomkamp (“District 9”) continues his vision of a bleak future Earth with a bigger budget and more star power in this effective 2013 sci-fi tale. Matt Damon plays a worker drone on the overcrowded terra firma, which sits beneath a space station where the elite live an idyllic lifestyle. He’s desperate to get aboard, and a dangerous mission could put him there. Jodie Foster and “District 9” alum Sharlto Copley also star.

“Bride & Prejudice: Forbidden Love” (9 p.m., 1:01 a.m., Lifetime): Blair and Chris confront Blair’s stubborn mother about her obvious prejudice against their relationship, resulting in a shocking discovery about the older woman’s own husband, in the new episode “Think of the Children.” Elsewhere, religious matters are the main objections Willi and Cameron must overcome with their families.

“The Funny Dance Show” (9:30 p.m., E!): We’ve had “Dirty Dancing” and “Flirty Dancing,” so why not funny dancing? In this very offbeat new comedy competition, each episode features two teams of comics vying in dance-offs. The dance routines performed are “inspired by pop culture,” created by professional choreographers and performed with back-up dancers before a live club audience.

“The Cold Light of Day” (9:51 p.m., Starz): If your father is played by Bruce Willis, and he’s supposedly a worker drone, chances are he’s keeping some big secrets. That’s what the character played by Henry Cavill finds out in this 2012 melodrama. During a vacation in Spain, the Wall Street employee played by Cavill is distraught when relatives are kidnapped, forcing him to turn to his father for help.

TALK SHOWS

“Conan” (10 p.m. 11:30 p.m., TBS): Actor Norman Reedus.*

“The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon” (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actor Aaron Paul; actress Angela Bassett; comic Isabel Hagen.*

“The Late Show With Stephen Colbert” (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actor Hank Azaria; actress Suzy Nakamura.*

“Jimmy Kimmel Live!” (10:35 p.m., ABC): Actor David Spade; actress Eiza González; Grace VanderWaal performs.*

* Subject to change

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WEDNESDAY EVENING, MAR. 11

	PM	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00
BROADCAST	CBS	2	Survivor: “The Buddy System on Steroids.” (N) ©	(8:01) SEAL Team: “Ob-jects in Mirror.” (N) ©	S.W.A.T.: “Knockout.” (N) ©	News (N) ♠		
	NBC	5	Chicago Med: “I Can’t Imagine the Future.” ©	Chicago Fire: “Buckle Up.” ©	Chicago P.D.: “Informant.” ©	NBC 5 News (N) ♠		
	ABC	7	Modern Family ©	Modern Family ©	Modern Family ©	(8:31) Modern Family ©	Modern Family ©	Modern Family ©
	WGN	9	black-ish ©	black-ish ©	Last Man Standing ©	Last Man Standing ©	WGN News at Nine (N) ©	WGN News at Ten (N) ©
	Antenna	9.2	It’s a Living ©	3’s Comp. ©	Family Ties ©	Growing Pains ©	Designing Women ©	Murphy Brown ©
	Court	9.3	† Closing Arguments (N)		Closing Arguments with Vinnie Politan ©			
	PBS	11	Chicago Tonight (N)		The Best of Trains Around North America ©			Encore Programming ♠
	CW	26.1	Riverdale (N) ©		Nancy Drew (N) ©		Broke Girl ©	Broke Girl ©
	The U	26.2	Dr. Phil ©		Tamron Hall (N) ©		The Steve Wilkos Show ©	Cops ©
	MeTV	26.3	Andy Griffith ©	Andy Griffith ©	Gomer Pyle ©	Green Acres ©	Hogan Hero ©	Hogan Hero ©
	H&I	26.4	Star Trek: “Amok Time.” ©		Star Trek: Next ©		Star Trek: Deep Space 9 ©	Star Trek ©
	Bounce	26.5	Today You Die (R,’05) ***	Steven Seagal, Treach. ©			Cradle 2 the Grave (R,’03) ***	Jet Li. ♠
	FOX	32	The Masked Singer (N) ©		(8:01) LEGO Masters (N) ©		Fox 32 News at Nine (N) ©	Modern Family ©
	Ion	38	Blue Bloods ©		Blue Bloods ©		Blue Bloods ©	Blue Blood ♠
	TeleM	44	† Exatlón EE. UU. (N)		La Doña (N) ©		Operación Pacífico (N) ©	Chicago (N) ©
	MNT	50	Chicago P.D. ©		Dateline ©			Chicago ♠
	UniMas	60	Enamorádonos ©				Noticiero (N) ©	Esta historia me suena ©
	WJYS	62	Salem Baptist Church ©		Joyce Meyer ©	Robison ©	Coach’s Cor. ©	Paired Prog. ©
	Univ	66	Ringo (N) ©		Amor eterno (N) ©		Sin miedo a la verdad ©	Noticias (N) ©
CABLE	AE	PD Cam (N) ©	PD Cam (N) ©	America’s Top Dog (N) ©		PD Cam ©	PD Cam ©	PD Cam ♠
	AMC	Speed (R,’94) ***	Keanu Reeves, Dennis Hopper. © (SAP)			(9:35) Deep Impact ***		
	ANIM	I Was Prey: Under Attack (N)				To be announced		TBA ♠
	BBCA	Braveheart (R,’95) ***	Mel Gibson. A Scottish rebel rallies his countrymen against England. ©					
	BET	† Madea’s Family Reunion		Tyler Perry’s Sistas (N)		Twenties (N)	Boomeran. ©	Sistas ♠
	BIGTEN	Basketball	College Basketball (N)				Postgame	BIG Show
	BRAVO	Housewives of NJ (N)		Summer House (N) ©		Housewives of NJ ©		Watch (N)
	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 (N)		Cuomo Prime Time (N)		CNN Tonight (N)		Tonight (N) ♠
	COM	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	South Park	Nora (N)	Daily (N) ♠
	DISC	Expedition Unknown: “The Warrior Queen’s Treasure.” (N) ©						Expedition ♠
	DISN	Bunk’d ©	Gabby ©	Sydney-Max ©	Roll With It ©		Coop ©	Sydney-Max ©
	E!	† (6:30) 17 Again (PG-13,’09) **	Zac Efron. ©				The Soup (N)	Funny Dance (Series Premiere) (N)
	ESPN	† NBA Basketball: Pistons at 76ers (N)					NBA Basketball: Pelicans at Kings (N) ♠	
	ESPN2	† College Basketball (N)		College Basketball: ACC Tournament, Second Round: Teams TBA. (N)				
	FNC	Tucker Carlson (N)		Hannity (N) ©			The Ingraham Angle (N)	Fox News
	FOOD	Guy’s Grocery Games		Guy’s Grocery Games (N)			Tournament (N)	Grocery ♠
	FREE	The Blind Side (PG-13,’09) ***	Sandra Bullock, Tim McGraw. ©					700 Club (N)
	FX	Pitch Perfect 3 (PG-13,’17) **	Anna Kendrick. ©				Pitch Perfect 3 (PG-13,’17) **	† ©
	HALL	Love on the Menu (NR,’19)	Autumn Reeser. ©				Falling for You (NR,’18)	Taylor Cole. ♠
	HGTV	Extreme Makeover (N)		100 Day Dream Home (N)			Property Brothers (N)	Hunt Intl (N)
	HIST	Forged in Fire (N)		Forged in Fire (N)			(9:03) Forged in Fire ©	Forged ♠
	HLN	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic	Forensic
	IFC	Elysium (R,’13) ***	Matt Damon, Jodie Foster. ©				Year (N)	Elysium (R) ♠
	LIFE	Married at First Sight: “Anniversaries and Secrets.” (N)					Bride & Prejudice (N)	Married ♠
	MSNBC	All In With (N)		Rachel Maddow Show (N)			The Last Word (N)	11th Hour (N)
	MTV	Catfish: The TV Show (N)		True Life Crime ©			Ridic. (N)	Ridiculous. ©
	NATGEO	Locked Up Abroad ©		Locked Up Abroad (N) ©			Borderforce USA (Season Premiere) (N) ©	Border. ♠
	NBCSCH	Gymnastics		Sports (N)			Poker Night ©	Blackhawks Postgame (N)
	NICK	SpongeBob	SpongeBob	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©
	Ovation	† (6) Lethal Weapon 3 (NR,’92) ***		Lethal Weapon 4 (R,’98) **			Mel Gibson. ♠	
	OWN	20/20 on OWN		20/20 on OWN			20/20 on OWN	20/20 ♠
	OVX	Snapped: “Taylor Marks.”		Snapped ©			Snapped: “Rachel Wade.”	Snapped ♠
	PARMT	† (6:30) Four Brothers (R,’05) **	Mark Wahlberg. ©				68 Whiskey (N) ©	Independ ♠
	SYFY	† (6:05) Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2					The Magicians (N) ©	After Earth ♠
	TBS	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Big Bang	Full (N)	Conan (N)
TCM	Fireman Save My Child		(8:15) Elmer the Great (NR,’33) ***			(9:45) Alibi Ike (’35) ***		
TLC	My 600-Lb. Life: “Tommy’s Story.” (N)					Dr. Pimple Popper	Save-Skin ♠	
TLN	Baptist	King	Focus on	The Three		Life Today	Exalted	
TNT	All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite (N) (Live) ©					Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen ♠		
TOON	Home Movie	Burgers	Burgers	Rick, Morty		Amer. Dad	Amer. Dad	
TRAV	Paranormal Ca. (N)		Paranormal Ca. (N)			The Alaska Triangle (N)	Paranorm. ♠	
TVL	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond		Two Men	Two Men	
USA	WWE NXT (N) (Live) ©					(9:05) John Wick: Chapter 2 (R) ***		
VH1	Black Ink Crew (N) ©		Wild ‘n Out	Wild ‘n Out		Wild ‘n Out	Wild ‘n Out	
WE	Law & Order ©		Law & Order: “D-Girl.” ©			Law & Order ©	Law ♠	
WGN America	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	Cops ©	
PREMIUM	HBO	The Outsider ©		Fast Five (PG-13,’11) **	Vin Diesel. ©			Avenue 5 ♠
	HBO2	Women of Troy ©		Avenue 5	The New Pope ©		(9:45) The Outsider ♠	
	MAX	In Time (PG-13,’11) **	Justin Timberlake. ©				(8:50) Replicas (PG-13,’18) * ♠	
	SHO	Captive State (PG-13,’19) **	John Goodman. ©				Species (R,’95) **	Ben Kingsley. ©
	STARZ	† (6:19) The Intruder * ©		(8:04) Miss Bala (PG-13,’19) *	Gina Rodriguez.			Cold Light ♠
STZENC	† (6:27) Jack and Jill *		The Sorcerer’s Apprentice (PG,’10) **	Nicolas Cage.			Tron Lgcy ♠	



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Devin France in a scene from the film “Wendy.”

‘WENDY’ ★★ 1/2

A wild spin on Peter Pan from ‘Beasts of Southern Wild’ folks

BY LINDSEY BARR
Associated Press

A Peter Pan story told from Wendy’s perspective sounds either too precious to be true or ripe for a skewering. But in the hands of the filmmakers behind “Beasts of the Southern Wild,” “Wendy” resides — ever so delicately — in the space between. It is an achingly earnest, feral, transporting and (very) loose reimagining of the classic J.M. Barrie tale about not wanting to grow up.

Gone are the outdated mores and fancy window

MPAA rating: PG-13 (for brief, violent images)

Running time: 1:42 minutes.

dressings of Barrie’s story, however. Here, the Darlings are a raggedy American family living in the Deep South and surviving by slinging eggs and coffee in a diner full of characters with weathered faces and hearty laughs. In the opening scene, Wendy, a rosy-cheeked toddler who is already getting a taste of labor helping her mom crack eggs over the stove,

watches a young boy flee from his plate of bacon and the horrifying life sentence of possibly growing up to be a “broom and mop man.” He spots a shadow figure of a child on a train speeding by and follows it out of town, away from the unromantic realities around him to where he might just have a chance of being a pirate.

Years go by, and Wendy, played by newcomer Devin France, grows up a little bit. She’s become obsessed with the fantasy of what she saw, illustrating stories about the boy who left and intently watching the

trains outside her window. Then one day the figure appears again and she and her twin brothers (Gage and Gavin Naquin) make a mad dash for the freedom they presume lies at the other end of the tracks.

The shadow figure, of course, is Peter Pan (Yashua Mack), who is closer to birth than he is to even being a teenager. Wearing a tattered red prep school blazer and no shirt, he has a mischievous grin, an insatiable thirst for danger and a complete disregard for (or plain ignorance of) consequences, which will reach a

particularly disturbing climax later. His island is lush, mythic and full of wonders and perils, both real (like rusty, wrecked ships) and imagined (like aging, which is shown to be grotesque and sad). The Darlings delight in letting their wild sides take over and fear only getting older.

Director Benh Zeitlin, after “Beasts” in 2012 went from a Sundance gem to a four-time Oscar nominee (including best picture), spent much of the interim working on this follow-up, which he wrote with his sister Eliza Zeitlin.

There is much of

“Beasts” in the DNA of “Wendy,” and Zeitlin’s aesthetic is no less enchanting, nor is his magic with novice child actors. Yet “Wendy” comes up short compared with “Beasts.” There is a lack of that manic spark that made his breakout so undeniable.

And yet it’s so sincere that it’s hard to pick on “Wendy” for some wheel-spinning, or even the sullen whimsy of it all. It’s headed somewhere good and worthwhile: This ending could warm the hearts of even the most grown-up grown-ups in the audience.

Horoscopes



Today's birthday (March 11): Win with teamwork this year. Regular practice strengthens your game. A community venture succeeds before new romantic directions evolve. Career adaptation this summer comes before someone enchants your heart.

Manage a challenge with home and family before a professional surge. Grow stronger together.

Aries (March 21-April 19): Today is an 8. Collaborate to get farther. Let go of petty differences or grudges. The actions you take now can have long-lasting benefit.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): 5. Keep practicing. Not everything you try works. Refine your methods and techniques. Handle practical priorities. Postpone worry or anxiety.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): 7. Continue to advance a romantic dream. Patience and persistence matters. Don't give in to despair, fears or anger. Take one practical step at a time.

Cancer (June 21-July 22): 5. Clean a mess at home. Beautify you space for greater support to realize your creative dreams and visions. Keep bargains, especially with family.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): 7. You may not find the words you're looking for. Get started anyway. Write a rough first draft. Plot your course, schedule actions and make your deadlines.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 9. Handle financial matters. Pay bills and keep your bargains. Avoid frivolous or impulsive expenses. Keep it simple. Research purchases for best value. Prioritize practicalities.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 9. It's in your self-interest to take care of business despite abundant distractions. Stay in action. Prioritize practical moves. Get excellent advice from someone you love.

Scorpio (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 7. Your past work speaks well for you. Plan your moves before making them. Consider long-term impacts and potential consequences.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 9. Network and connect to keep the momentum on a team project. Adapt to changing conditions. Listen to all considerations. Learn from each other.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 9. A path to career advancement lies before you. Take logical actions rather than letting emotional reactions dictate. Process it later.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 9. Run full speed ahead on the open road. Discover new views through personal experience or another's perspective. Prioritize logic over emotion.

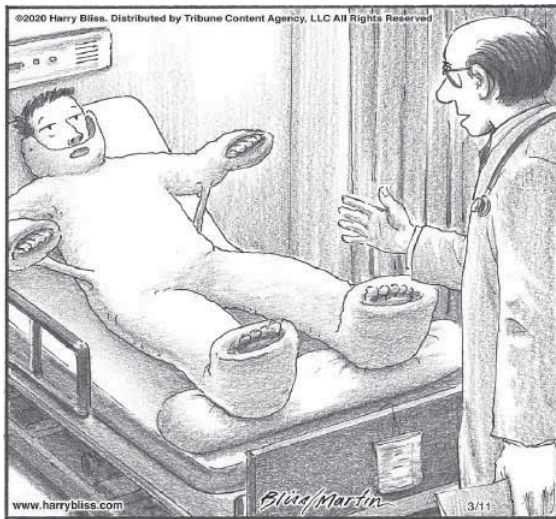
Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): 5. Invest for the future. Well-considered financial actions taken now can have far-reaching impact. Avoid arguments or controversy. Handle paperwork, insurance, taxes and payments.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

The Argyle Sweater By Scott Hilburn



Bliss By Harry Bliss



Bridge

East-West vulnerable, East deals

North	South	East
♠ J73	♠ K104	♠ K104
♥ 10874	♥ AJ9	♥ AJ9
♦ J10	♦ A843	♦ A843
♣ K987	♣ Q62	♣ Q62
	♠ AQ9652	
	♥ 5	
	♦ 65	
	♣ AJ103	

One of the most notable people in the world of bridge today is Norway's Boye Brogeland. He has made many contributions to the game, but he first caught our attention as an expert player. He was South, in today's deal.

West continued with another heart at trick two, ruffed by Brogeland. The missing diamond suit posed a riddle. On inquiry, Brogeland learned that East would have opened one diamond if he held five of them, so it looked like West was 5-5 in the red suits. West might have led, or shifted to, a singleton club if he had one, so

The bidding:

East	South	West	North
1♣*	1♠	2♥	2♠
3♥	4♠	Db1	All pass

*Usually a weak no trump, but other hands are possible

Opening lead: King of ♥

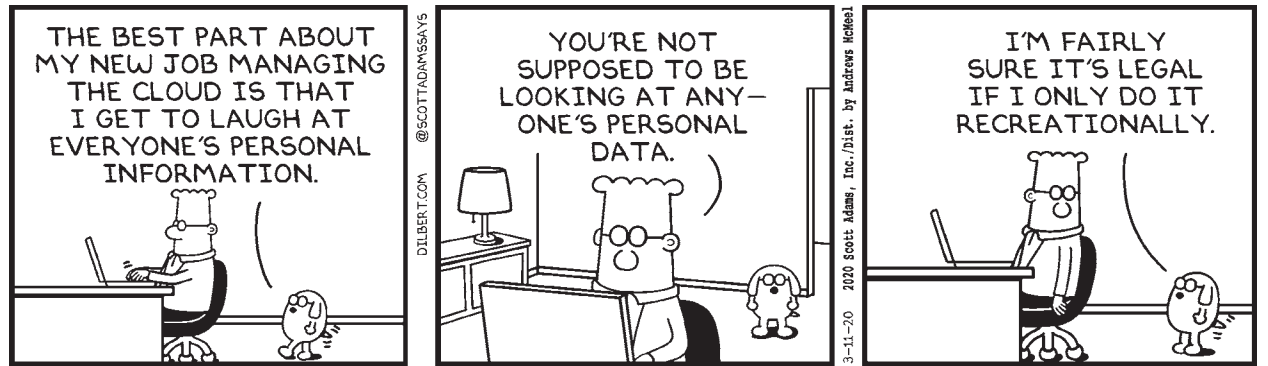
Brogeland decided to play West for an original distribution of 1-5-5-2. Brogeland exited with a diamond, which West won with his queen to lead a third heart. Brogeland ruffed and led his last diamond.

West ducked the second diamond and East won with his ace. East had no hearts at this point and he couldn't lead a black suit safely, so he led another diamond, giving Brogeland a ruff-sluff. Good idea, as Brogeland had no loser to sluff, but it gave him a chance to untangle his entry problems.

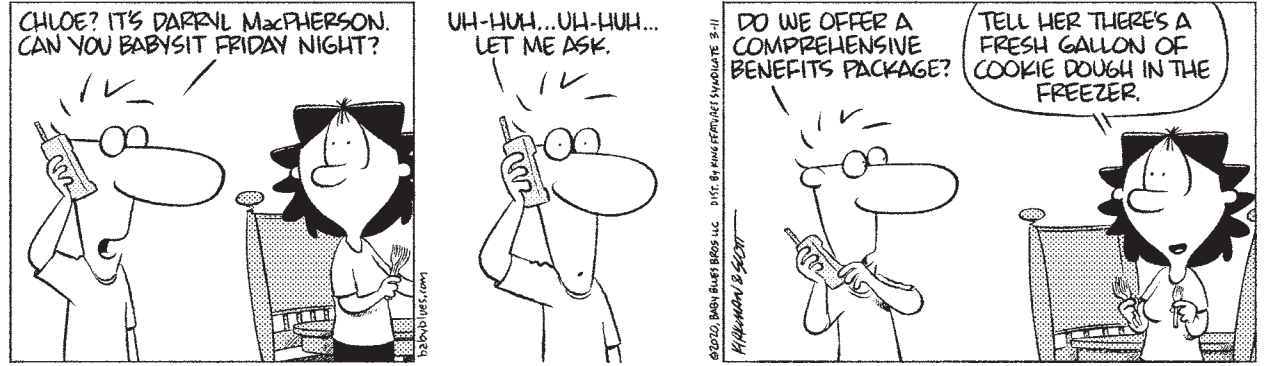
Brogeland discarded the 10 of clubs from his hand, ruffed in dummy, and led the jack of spades to the king and ace. He now led the jack of clubs and overtook it with dummy's king. He successfully ran the nine of clubs, resolving the club problem and then led a spade to his nine. A wonderfully played hand!

— Bob Jones
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Dilbert By Scott Adams



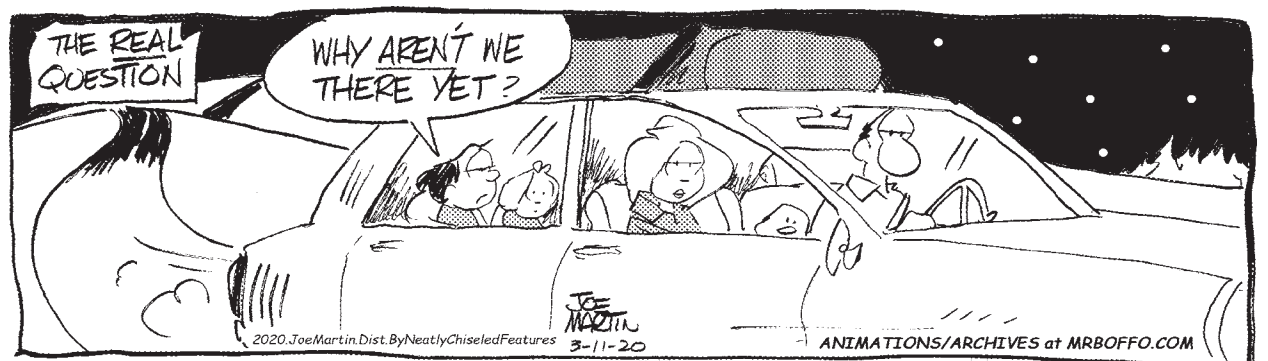
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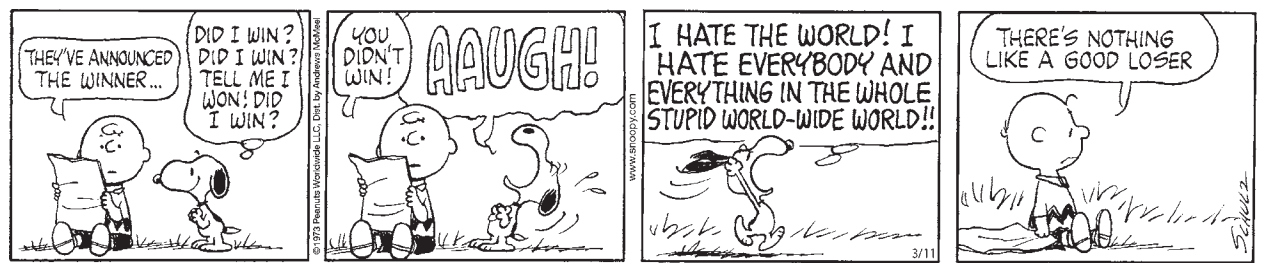
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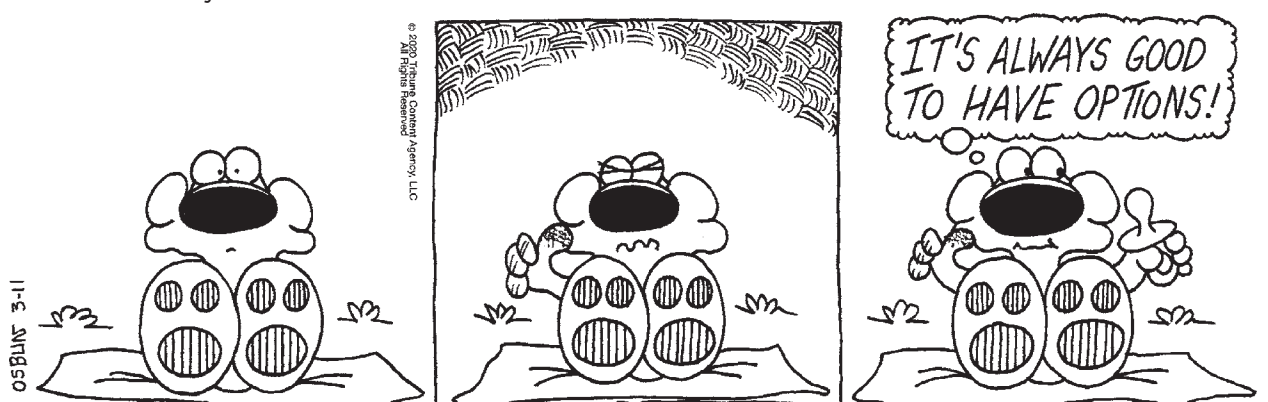
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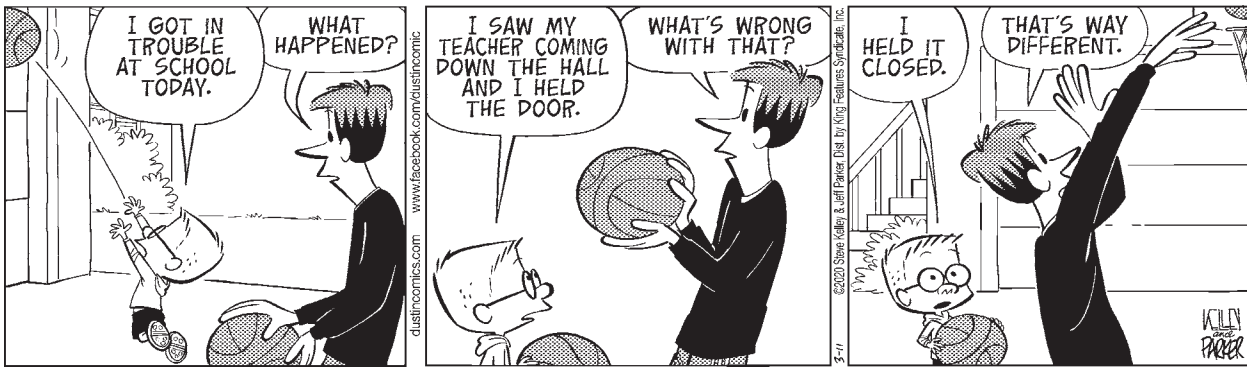
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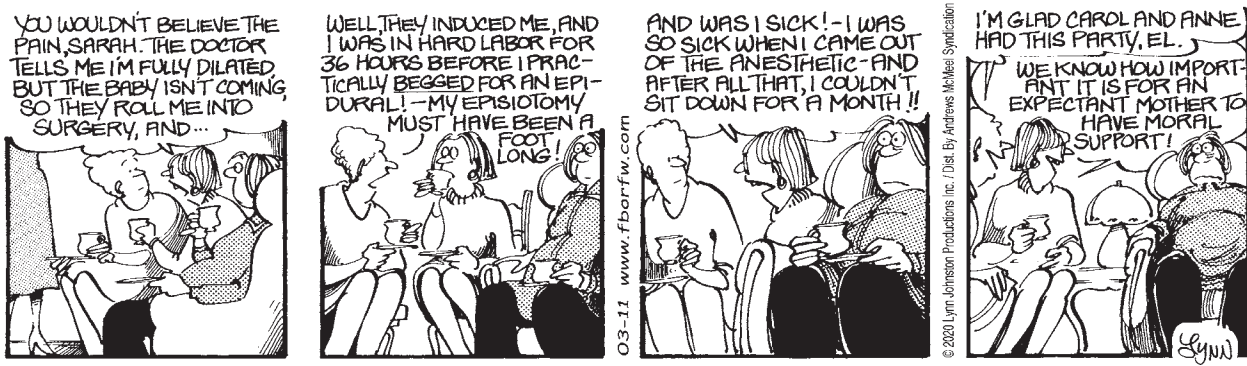
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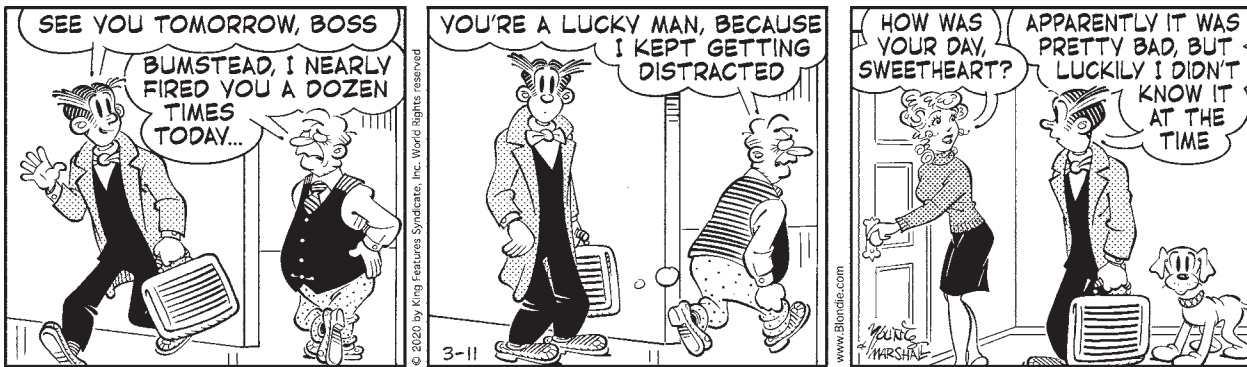
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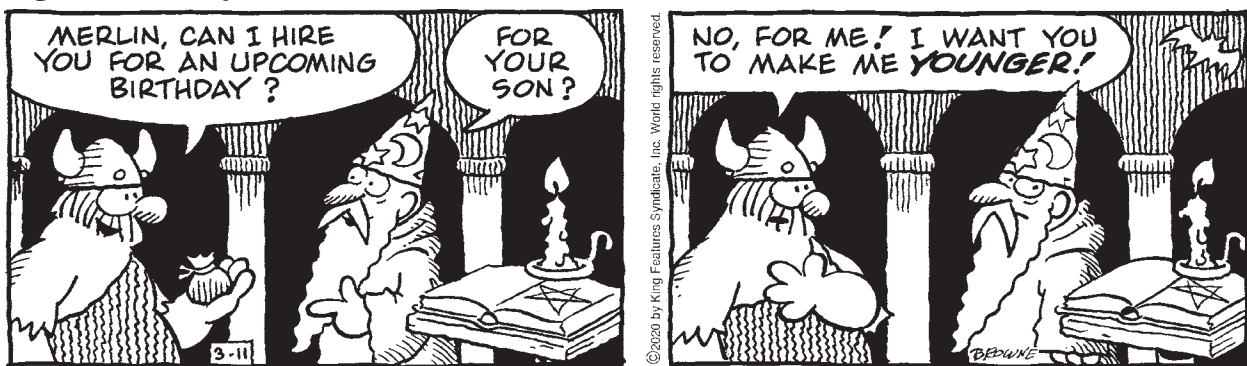
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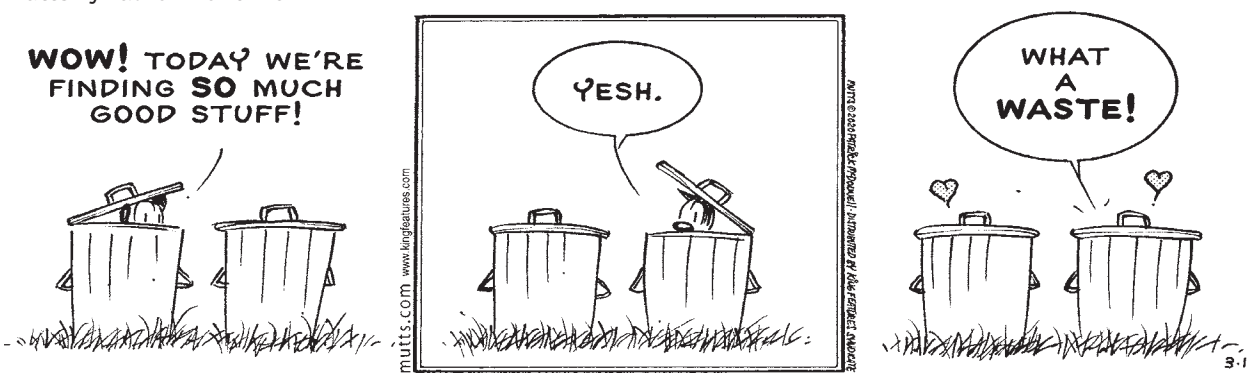
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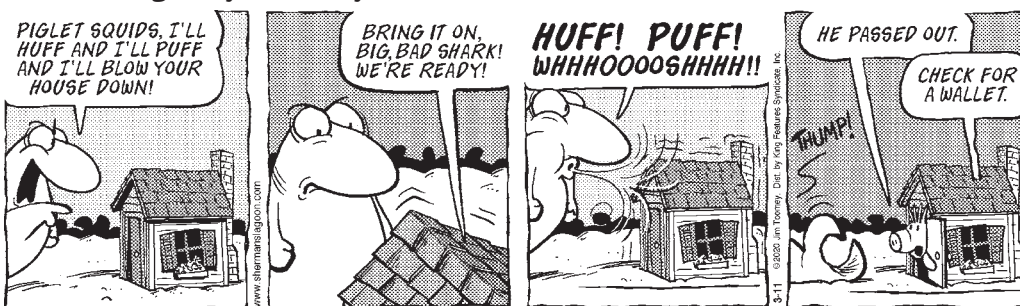
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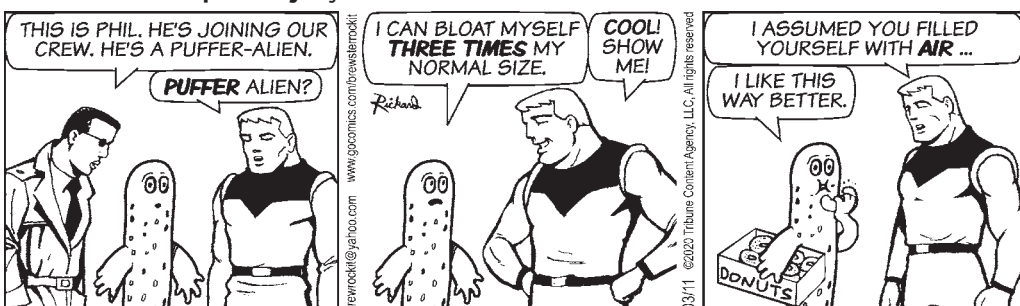
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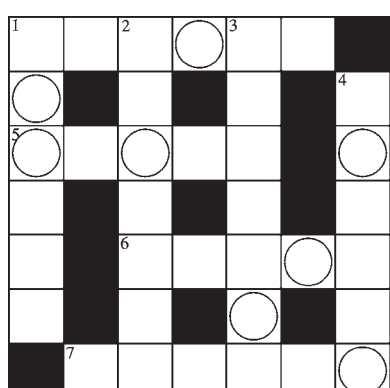


Trivia Bits

What city is the capital of Jamaica?
A) Havana
B) Kingston
C) Montego Bay
D) Negril

Tuesday's answer: Pelican pouches may turn blue during mating season.

Jumble Crossword



3-11-20

CLUE: _____ graduated from Harvard in 1740.

BONUS ○○○○ ○○○○○○

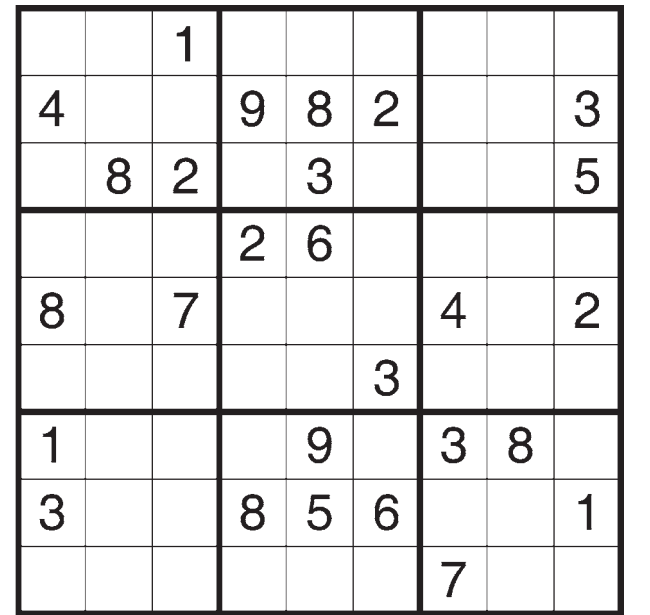
- ACROSS**
- 1. Tooth coating
 - 5. Little
 - 6. Silicate mineral
 - 7. Bud
- DOWN**
- 1. _____ Sunday
 - 2. Power _____
 - 3. Loop
 - 4. In a play
- ANSWER**
- MEALEN
MLALS
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NIEFDR
- ANSWER**
- SREETA
DAERATP
LESLEPI
EMAADZ

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.

ANSWERS: 1-A. Enamel 5-A. Friend 6-A. Topaz 7-A. Friend 10-A. Topaz 11-A. Friend 12-A. Topaz 13-A. Friend 14-A. Topaz 15-A. Friend 16-A. Topaz 17-A. Friend 18-A. Topaz 19-A. Friend 20-A. Topaz 21-A. Friend 22-A. Topaz 23-A. Friend 24-A. Topaz 25-A. Friend 26-A. Topaz 27-A. Friend 28-A. Topaz 29-A. Friend 30-A. Topaz 31-A. Friend 32-A. Topaz 33-A. Friend 34-A. Topaz 35-A. Friend 36-A. Topaz 37-A. Friend 38-A. Topaz 39-A. Friend 40-A. Topaz 41-A. Friend 42-A. Topaz 43-A. Friend 44-A. Topaz 45-A. Friend 46-A. Topaz 47-A. Friend 48-A. Topaz 49-A. Friend 50-A. Topaz 51-A. Friend 52-A. Topaz 53-A. Friend 54-A. Topaz 55-A. Friend 56-A. Topaz 57-A. Friend 58-A. Topaz 59-A. Friend 60-A. Topaz 61-A. Friend 62-A. Topaz 63-A. Friend 64-A. Topaz 65-A. Friend 66-A. Topaz 67-A. Friend 68-A. Topaz 69-A. Friend 70-A. Topaz 71-A. Friend 72-A. Topaz 73-A. Friend 74-A. Topaz 75-A. Friend 76-A. Topaz 77-A. Friend 78-A. Topaz 79-A. Friend 80-A. Topaz 81-A. Friend 82-A. Topaz 83-A. Friend 84-A. Topaz 85-A. Friend 86-A. Topaz 87-A. Friend 88-A. Topaz 89-A. Friend 90-A. Topaz 91-A. Friend 92-A. Topaz 93-A. Friend 94-A. Topaz 95-A. Friend 96-A. Topaz 97-A. Friend 98-A. Topaz 99-A. Friend 100-A. Topaz

Sudoku 1 2 3 4

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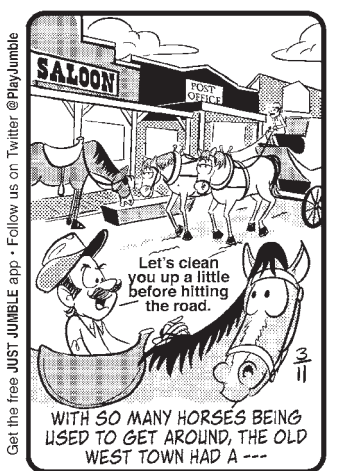
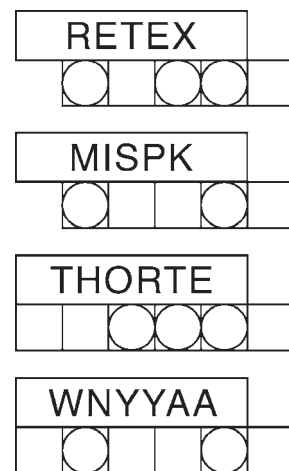
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Tuesday's solutions

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Jumble

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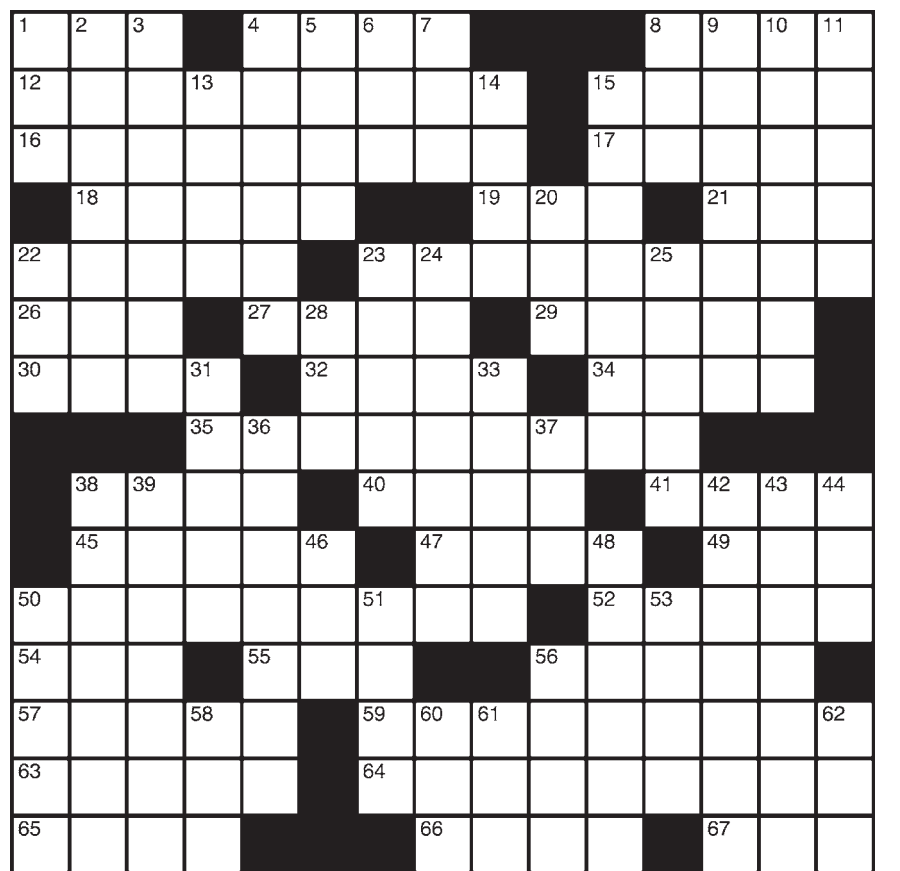
Tuesday's answers

Jumbles: DOUGH LUNGE FRUGAL SCORCH
Answer: With so many students, the sign language teacher had — HER HANDS FULL

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Crossword

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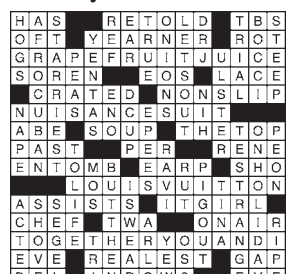
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- 1 School of thought
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- 8 Landlocked African country
- 12 Sense of balance
- 15 Half of a folk-rock duo
- 16 *Orson Welles' role in "The Third Man"
- 17 Public square
- 18 Court answers
- 19 Org. promoting fluoridation
- 21 State of calm attentiveness
- 22 Fair-haired
- 23 *James T. Kirk player, in recent "Star Trek" films
- 26 Kareem, once
- 27 Deli order
- 29 Police trickery
- 30 Koala's hangout
- 32 Crest container

- 34 "Bus Stop" playwright
- 35 Dollar bill, e.g. ... and what the ends of the answers to starred clues have in common
- 38 Curly top
- 40 Landlocked Asian country
- 41 "Elephant Boy" boy
- 45 Jigsaw unit
- 47 Color printer refills
- 49 "What's shakin'?"
- 50 *Pogo" cartoonist
- 52 Finds the right words, say
- 54 Step into character
- 55 It may need massaging
- 56 Crouch down
- 57 Word with ice or cookie
- 59 *"Damn Yankees!" star
- 63 Wetland birds
- 64 Pushing to the limit
- 65 "Put a tiger in your tank" brand
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- 67 LP successors

- 10 Cough drop
- 11 Absurd
- 13 WWII light machine gun
- 14 Class ring number
- 15 Acting fitfully
- 20 Talk smack about
- 22 Deli order
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- 24 Boot stud
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- 28 French summer
- 31 "Snowy" bird
- 33 Black shade
- 36 Houston NBA team
- 37 "Try me"
- 38 Cochise followers
- 39 Instagram overlays
- 42 Like some lions
- 43 Rifle handle
- 44 Good times
- 46 Brain scan inits.
- 48 Costume spangle
- 50 Fritter away
- 51 They may be drawn
- 53 Country duo Brooks & —
- 56 Bandleader Artie
- 58 Rock producer Brian
- 60 DOJ division
- 61 Bikini half
- 62 Some NFL linemen

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HEALTH & FAMILY



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Elizabeth Mooney, 14, with her mother Amy Mooney, in her bedroom at home in Riverside. Elizabeth was diagnosed with chronic fatigue syndrome five years ago.

Fatigue goes undiagnosed

BY DARCEL ROCKETT

Megan Nakamoto's daughter Emma was a dancer, a straight-A student and a cheerleader. But in eighth grade, Emma began to feel dizzy and exhausted by the end of each day, to the extent that she dropped out of her favorite activities.

After years of searching for an answer, Emma, now 18, was diagnosed with myalgic encephalomyelitis (ME), also known as chronic fatigue syndrome (CFS) — a debilitating neuroimmune condition that leaves one depleted of energy.

And according to a January study from DePaul University, most children living with the illness have not been diagnosed. Together with Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago, researchers screened more than 10,000 children in the Chicago area aged 5 to 17 for myalgic encephalomyelitis.

Ultimately, the study found the prevalence of myalgic encephalomyelitis among children to be 75 in 10,000, and less than 5% of children with ME/CFS were previously diagnosed. The study also showed children of African American and Latinx descent were twice as likely to be living with undiagnosed ME.

"There's a lot of problems with finding diagnoses in treatment settings, so this is something that parents are going to struggle with," said study co-author Leonard Jason. "I don't know of any illness that is as scarce in terms of resources for

Study finds many youths are living with syndrome, and black and Latino children are twice as likely to suffer

families who have sick children as this — that's a national disgrace."

Jason, a DePaul psychology professor who has studied myalgic encephalomyelitis in adults for 30 years, led the seven-year study along with Dr. Ben Katz, a pediatric infectious disease specialist at Lurie's.

"In our health care system today, it might be harder to diagnose ME with assessments of 10 to 15 minutes, but that's sometimes all you get with a number of practitioners," Jason said. "And those who don't have the resources to keep pushing for a diagnosis or to take their child to top-of-the-line assessment sites — that are probably out of the state — are going to be at a disadvantage for diagnoses."

Symptoms of ME include feeling drowsy regardless of the amount of sleep; worsening of symptoms after minor physical or mental activity, with symptoms that lasts for days or weeks; difficulties with concentration; and dizziness when standing up.

ME impacts one's ability to do daily tasks like going to school and focusing and, per the nonprofit disease organization Solve ME/CFS Initiative, ME's effects leave 1 in 4 patients housebound or bedridden.

ME can come on suddenly or gradually. The disease was in the spotlight a few years ago

when Jennifer Brea, stricken with the disease in 2011, made the documentary "Unrest" from her bed. The film captured the experiences of those living with ME around the world.

"The most important thing for children is to be accepted by their peers and if you don't have the energy to socialize and do things with them and develop those friendships, that is a real obstacle," Jason said. "If they don't have the energy to prepare for class or to stay focused in the classroom, they can get picked on by people who say you're lazy, off task, not trying."

"There are a lot of potential barriers that these children can be exposed to, from peers, to teachers, to medical staff and even the family members who don't understand."

Myalgic encephalomyelitis is a difficult disease to tackle, in part due to scarcity of resources, few physicians with the expertise to make a clear diagnosis, and a lack of a diagnostic test, Nakamoto said.

The Lincoln Park mother of two remembers her eldest daughter as "active and vibrant" before she started to get dizzy, get migraines and feel so tired by the end of the school day that the school nurse brought it to Nakamoto's attention.

Trips to the pediatrician, a neurologist, an allergist and an

eye doctor yielded no definitive diagnosis. Meanwhile, Emma ceased dancing and cheerleading, and she transitioned to a school environment that catered to her increasing health needs, Nakamoto said.

"We were going to these appointments, but still not getting answers," Nakamoto said. "As a parent, you're struggling. When you have a sick child, your child doesn't get to experience all the normal things that a teenager should experience. Other people don't understand exactly what you're going through — and you hope that they never have to."

It wasn't until the Nakamotos sent Emma's medical records to a New York physician that Emma was diagnosed with myalgic encephalomyelitis. Nakamoto believes overlapping infections, like Epstein-Barr virus and Lyme disease, are at the root of what triggered Emma's ME. Emma is taking medication for her symptoms, but her energy is usually exerted after three hours.

"When your child is exhibiting all these different symptoms, you have to look for a root cause," Nakamoto said. "I think any parent whose child is really sick, who exhibits signs of ME, keep looking for a root cause and never stop looking."

Amy Mooney's daughter Elizabeth was diagnosed with myalgic encephalomyelitis

when she was 9 years old. Now, at age 14, Elizabeth's energy is maxed out after 15 minutes.

Mooney said her daughter needs help dictating her work and pushing through cognitive fogs. A tutor comes to their Riverside residence to do bedside lessons once a week.

Mooney said as time goes on, symptoms have worsened and taken a toll on the teenager's body. Elizabeth's health is so fragile, Mooney is afraid every time they go to a hospital, they won't let her daughter leave. Both moms took to the Internet to find resources for their children. It was a doctor in North Carolina, who has since retired, who diagnosed Elizabeth.

"When an adult has ME, they can speak for themselves. But for a child, they're not speaking for themselves at a doctor's office," Mooney said. "Kids have to be mature enough to be able to describe what they're feeling to the parent, and then the parent has to have enough understanding of what those symptoms are to relay them to a medical provider. So, it's convincing the parents that these are real, valid symptoms."

Nakamoto advised parents to advocate for their children, push to see specialists and research their conditions on blogs or by contacting doctors in different locations.

"There's a wealth of information and resources for parents," she said. "I learned a tremendous amount."

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Parents should ask their kids about virus teasing



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Balancing Act

I help run a writing club at my son's school, and late last week we took a slight departure from our

regularly scheduled programming.

"Has anybody noticed any teasing or bullying about coronavirus?" I asked the group of mostly fourth and fifth graders.

Chicago Public Schools has been sending email updates about COVID-19 risk factors and safety procedures for the past couple of weeks. In one of last week's notes, this paragraph stood out:

"Finally, COVID-19 does not distinguish between race, nationality or geographic borders. Stigma and discrimination against the afflicted discourages early reporting of symptoms and further perpetuates community spread. If you believe your child has been the victim of discrimination, please contact the Office of Student Protections and Title IX (OSP) by phone at 773-535-

4400 or email at osp@cps.edu."

Every hand in my writing club shot up in response to my question. Some kids stood up and bounced until I called on them. I promised them their stories wouldn't leave the room, so I'm not going to repeat them here. But every kid had a story — about being teased, about witnessing a classmate being teased, about losing sleep because they worry

about being teased.

It was a little bit heartbreaking and a little bit therapeutic and, mostly, it made me want to go around and whisper to every grown-up I know, "Ask the kids in your life about coronavirus, especially about teasing."

"Parents sometimes worry that asking about something puts it on

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Is chiropractor best bet for low back pain?

Researchers find slight improvement

By **ROBERT H. SHMERLING, M.D.**
Harvard Health Letters

If you've ever seen a doctor for back pain, you're not alone. An estimated 85% of people experience back pain severe enough to see a doctor for at some point in their life. Yet despite how common it is, the precise cause of pain is often unclear. And a single, best treatment for most low back pain is unknown. For these reasons, doctors' recommendations tend to vary. "Standard care" includes a balance of rest, stretching and exercise, heat, pain relievers and time. Some doctors also suggest trying chiropractic care. The good news is that no matter what treatment is recommended, most people with a recent onset of back pain are better within a few weeks — often within a few days.

What's the role of chiropractic care?

Some doctors refer back pain sufferers to a physical therapist right away. But many people with back pain see acupuncturists, massage therapists or a chiropractor on their own. Experts disagree about the role of chiropractic care, and there are not many high-quality studies to consult about this approach. As a result, there are a number of questions regarding the role of chiropractic care: Should it be a routine part of initial care? Should it be reserved for people who don't improve with other treatments? Are some people more likely to improve with chiropractic care than others?

The answers to these questions go beyond any academic debate about how good chiropractic



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A 2018 study examined the pros and cons of chiropractic care in the treatment of lower back pain.

care is. Estimates suggest that low back pain costs up to \$200 billion a year in the U.S. (including costs of care and missed work), and it's a leading cause of disability worldwide. With the backdrop of the opioid crisis, we badly need an effective, safe and non-opioid alternative to treat low back pain.

A 2018 study published in JAMA Network Open is among the latest to weigh in on the pros and cons of chiropractic care for treating low back pain. Researchers enrolled 750 active-duty military personnel who complained of back pain. Half were randomly assigned to receive usual care (including medications, self-care and physical therapy) while the other half received usual care plus up to 12 chiropractic treatments.

After six weeks of treatment, those assigned to

receive chiropractic care: reported less pain intensity, experienced less disability and more improvement in function, reported higher satisfaction with their treatment and needed less pain medicine.

While no serious side effects were reported, about 10% of those receiving chiropractic care described adverse effects (mostly stiffness in the joints or muscles). Five percent of those receiving usual care had similar complaints.

All studies have limitations

And this one is no exception. While this study suggests that chiropractic care may be helpful for low back pain, some aspects of the study make it hard to be sure. For example:

■ It lasted only six weeks. As mentioned, most new-

onset back pain is better by then regardless of treatment. For those with more long-lasting back pain, we'll need more than a six-week study.

■ The differences in improvement between those receiving chiropractic and usual care were small. It's not clear how noticeable such a difference would be, or whether the cost of chiropractic care would be worth that small difference.

■ The study included a mix of people with new and longer-standing low back pain and a mix of types of pain (including pain due to a pinched nerve, muscle spasm or other reasons). If this study had included only people with muscle spasm, or only people who were obese (rather than military recruits), the results might differ. So, it's hard to generalize these results to everyone with

back pain.

■ Most of the study subjects were young (average age 31) and male (77%). All were generally healthy and fit enough to pass military fitness testing.

■ Study subjects knew which treatment they were receiving. This creates potential for a placebo effect. Also, the added time and attention (rather than the spinal manipulation) might have contributed to the response. Then again, these factors may not matter to a person who just wants relief.

■ This study only included people who were willing to receive chiropractic care.

Even within the two groups, the care varied — that is, not everyone in the usual care group received the same treatment, and this can also be said for the chiropractic group.

If any of these factors

had been different, the results might have been different. For example, it's possible that if an older population of people with chronic low back pain had been studied, "usual care" might have been the better treatment.

Bottom line

This new study lends support for chiropractic care to treat low back pain. But it's important to recognize the limitations of this trial, and keep in mind that treatment side effects were more common among those receiving chiropractic care. In addition, chiropractic treatments aren't free (although, fortunately, insurance coverage for chiropractic care is becoming more common).

This won't be — and shouldn't be — the last study of chiropractic care for low back.

Stevens

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their kids' radar or increases their fear," educator and author Michelle Icard told me. "By talking about it, you're going to be a release valve and decrease some of the fear and pressure they're feeling."

It was clear from the writing club stories that a lot of kids are trying to turn a scary thing into a funny thing. Coronavirus has become, in effect, the modern-day cooties.

"Adults make jokes when they're nervous too," I told them. "That's pretty much the definition of Twitter. And 'Saturday Night Live.'"

What we have to be careful about — and this applies to adults, too, of course — is not trying to get laughs at someone else's expense.

Kids approaching or in middle school are just beginning to switch from concrete thinking to abstract thinking, Icard said, which makes them a perfect age for conversations about humor and its nuances.

"Making a joke is a way to ease anxiety, but kids need some instruction about what kind of jokes help and what kind of jokes hurt," said Icard, who wrote "Middle School Makeover: Improving The Way You and Your Child Experience The Middle School Years." "You can explain to them the difference between punching up and punching down — jokes that punch down at other people and make them feel bad aren't good for anyone. Jokes about someone's identity or where they're from are off-limits. Making fun of someone for being different is off-limits."

Icard said adults often encourage kids to be upstanders when they witness someone being ostracized or bullied, which is great, in theory. But for kids who are already walking around feeling anxious — or ostracized themselves



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— it can feel like a daunting ask.

"It's a lot to ask a kid to speak up in front of a crowd, and most kids at that age aren't ready," Icard said. "One thing you can encourage a kid to do is go up to someone who's been teased later and say, 'I heard what those kids were saying and I just want you to know that's not true.' It can help a kid to know the whole school doesn't feel that way."

We talked in writing club about grabbing a nearby adult to intervene if you don't feel up to the task of upstanding.

"It's really important for kids to know that the way to stop othering from spreading is for just one person to say something," Icard said. "And it doesn't even have to be something dramatic. I can be as simple as, 'That's not true.'"

Icard cited the Solomon Asch study of conformity, which she likes to show middle school kids when she gives presentations about bullying.

In 1958, Asch gathered groups of students from Swarthmore College and presented them with a visual test comparing the length of lines that had an obvious correct answer. He planted assistants in each group and instructed them to say the wrong answer out loud and measured how frequently that caused the students to also say the wrong answer, in an attempt to conform.

In 37 out of 50 cases, students gave the obvious wrong answer. When Asch interviewed them about

their answers later, most told him they didn't believe the answer they offered, but they went along with the crowd to avoid being ridiculed.

"The tendency to conformity in our society is so strong that reasonably intelligent and well-meaning young people are willing to call white black," Asch wrote.

In some of the groups, however, Asch placed an "ally" — someone he instructed to say the correct answer out loud. In the presence of a single ally, the students were far less likely to conform.

Sometimes the truth just needs allies.

"Just like grown-ups, kids want to feel like they're doing something proactive when there's a potential crisis," Icard said. We can (and should) tell them to wash their hands and stop touching their faces and cough into their elbows.

But we can also tell them to be mindful of the mood and the vibe they're experiencing, and maybe contributing to, at school. Maybe that proactive thing is being the kid who — quietly or loudly — hits pause on the coronavirus teasing.

There's a lot we can't control right now. But we can make sure the kids in our lives aren't alone in their fear and confusion, and we can arm them with some tools to be allies for truth and kindness.

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Q&A

Pregnancy may trigger thyroid disorder symptoms

Mayo Clinic

Q: I'm five months pregnant and was just diagnosed with hypothyroidism. I've never had thyroid problems before. Could this diagnosis be connected to my pregnancy? Will the hypothyroidism go away after I have my baby?

A: It's likely that the hypothyroidism was triggered by your pregnancy, but the underlying cause of the condition probably isn't the pregnancy itself. Some women have a thyroid disorder that doesn't show any symptoms until they become pregnant. Once symptoms appear, it's important to receive treatment and continue to receive follow-up care for six to nine months after the baby is born. You'll also need periodic checkups after that to monitor your thyroid function, especially if you become pregnant again.

Your thyroid is a small, butterfly-shaped gland at the base of the front of your neck. The hormones that the thyroid gland makes — triiodothyronine, or T3, and thyroxine, or T4 — affect all aspects of your metabolism. They maintain the rate at which your body uses fats and carbohydrates, help control your body temperature, influence your heart rate and help regulate the production of proteins.

Research has shown that about 10% of young women have a thyroid disorder that, although it doesn't cause any problems before pregnancy, flares up and produces symptoms during pregnancy. Women who have a thyroid disorder often are found to have high concentrations of anti-thyroid antibodies in their bodies, a condition known as chronic thyroiditis,



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Research has shown that about 10% of young women have a thyroid disorder that can flare up and produce symptoms for the first time during pregnancy.

Hashimoto's disease or autoimmune thyroid disease. After childbirth, the antibody level usually increases and may lead to temporary altered thyroid function. This may also occur during pregnancy.

As in your case, this thyroid disorder often leads to hypothyroidism, a condition caused by low levels of thyroid hormones in the body. Some common symptoms of hypothyroidism can be hard to spot during pregnancy because they mimic signs of pregnancy, such as weight gain, fatigue and constipation. Other symptoms of hypothyroidism that may be more obvious during pregnancy include increased sensitivity to cold, dry skin, a puffy face, muscle weakness, hoarseness, joint pain or stiffness, and difficulty with concentration or memory.

For someone in your situation, treatment for hypothyroidism with thyroid hormone (levothyroxine) is crucial because untreated hypothyroidism can affect fetal development and maternal health during pregnancy. You'll need to be carefully monitored throughout your pregnancy, including blood tests to check your

thyroid function every four to eight weeks.

In some women, this condition also results in a disorder known as postpartum thyroiditis after pregnancy. This disorder can lead to hypothyroidism or hyperthyroidism, which is a condition caused by high levels of thyroid hormones in the body.

Hyperthyroidism after pregnancy often resolves on its own without treatment. If hypothyroidism develops after childbirth, however, treatment typically is needed for about six to 12 months. It usually can be discontinued after that.

Keep in mind, though, that even when treatment successfully eliminates hypothyroidism in a case like yours, the underlying thyroid disorder remains. That means if you get pregnant again, the likelihood is high that you will develop hypothyroidism again.

— Robert Smallridge, M.D., Endocrinology, Mayo Clinic, Jacksonville, Florida

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Study: Despair remains acute for high schoolers coming out

BY RITA GIORDANO
Philadelphia Inquirer

The proportion of high school students who identify as a sexual minority — lesbian, gay, bisexual or questioning — doubled in the past several years, according to a new study.

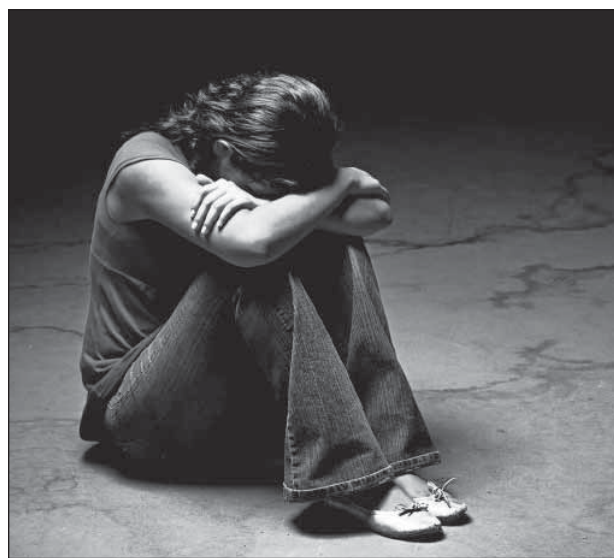
Yet those greater numbers have not necessarily meant they have found greater acceptance or peace. The study, based on data from a federal survey, found that those teens attempted suicide at a rate nearly four times higher than their heterosexual peers.

The research, published in the journal *Pediatrics*, was based on data from the Youth Risk Behavioral Surveillance Survey from 2009 to 2017. The findings were based on survey information from Delaware, Illinois, Massachusetts, Maine, North Dakota and Rhode Island, the only six states that continuously collected sexual orientation data for all those years.

These new findings, particularly the disproportionate rate of suicide attempts, dramatically point out the need for increased efforts to assist and support these young people, according to the researchers.

“Large disparities in suicide attempts persisted even as the percent of students identifying as LGBQ increased. In 2017, more than 20% of LGBQ teens reported attempting suicide in the past year,” said lead study author Julia Raifman, an assistant professor with Boston University’s School of Public Health.

“It’s critical that health and educational institutions have policies and programs in place to protect and improve LGBQ health, such as medical school curricula and high school health curricula that are inclusive of sexual minority health,” Raifman



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said.

According to the study, 14.3% of U.S. teens identified as a sexual minority in 2017, compared with 7.3% in 2009. Adolescent girls in 2017 were twice as likely as boys to identify as a sexual minority.

The research also found that many more high schoolers are engaging in or at least experimenting with same-sex sexual contact. Their numbers increased from 7.7% of teens in 2009 to a little over 13% in 2017.

The sexual contact numbers were based on data from Delaware, Connecticut, Illinois and Rhode Island, the four states that continuously collected that information from 2009 to 2017.

As troubling as the high rate of suicide attempts for sexual minority teenagers compared with heterosexual kids is, the rate at the beginning of the study period was even worse.

In 2017, a little over 20% of the high schoolers who identified as sexual minorities reported attempting suicide, compared with 26.7% in 2009. The reported suicide attempt rate for heterosexual kids was about 6% for both those years.

“Our paper indicates

that an increasing number of teenagers are identifying as LGBQ and will be affected by anti-LGBQ policies that may elevate these already very high rates of suicide attempts,” Raifman said.

Raifman said previous research she was involved in shows a correlation between public policies and LGBQ suicide attempts and mental health.

In one 2017 study, Raifman and colleagues found a 7% reduction in suicide attempts in high school students, particularly those identified as sexual minorities, in states that allowed same-sex marriage. A 2018 study led by Raifman found increased mental health distress among sexual minority individuals in states where there had been publicized cases of anti-gay discrimination.

Suicide is the second leading cause of death for young people ages 10 to 24.

In addition to Boston University, the study authors include researchers from Boston Children’s Hospital, Harvard Medical School and the School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins School of Medicine, Brown University’s School of Public Health and medical school, along with other hospitals.

PEOPLE’S PHARMACY PRESCRIPTIONS AND HOME REMEDIES

Beta blockers may quell fear of public speaking

BY JOE GRAEDON AND TERESA GRAEDON
King Features Syndicate

Q: I have a crippling fear of speaking in public. Nothing I’ve done has worked to overcome it. Are there any medications for this?

A: Doctors sometimes prescribe a beta blocker such as propranolol or metoprolol for performance anxiety. Such drugs have been Food and Drug Administration-approved for high blood pressure and heart problems, but not stage fright.

They work in part by blocking the effects of adrenaline (epinephrine) on the body. When people are under stress, they may experience symptoms such as sweating, tremor, dry mouth, rapid pulse, shallow breathing and a tight throat. Musicians, athletes, public speakers and test takers have been known to take beta blockers to calm the jitters.

Sadly, though, there are not many well-controlled trials to test this class of medicines for stage fright. Some people may react to beta blockers by developing insomnia, disorientation, asthma and impaired performance.

If your doctor prescribes a beta blocker for public speaking, make sure to test-drive the drug beforehand. You might also consider cognitive behavioral therapy or a group such as Toastmasters to overcome your anxiety.

Q: When my hemoglobin A1c hit 13, I realized I needed to make some changes. I started eating a high-fat, low-carb and moderate-protein diet. Within days, my blood sugar dropped to normal.

A: At my next appointment, my doctor, who



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had been planning to put me on insulin, took me off my oral diabetes medicine completely. (I’m so grateful to have a doctor who listens.)

My blood sugar remains well-controlled. I am not on a keto diet. I have up to about 100 grams of carbs a day, but almost all from vegetables, no grains. The only fruit is berries. My fats are from avocado oil, coconut oil, meats, full fat dairy, eggs, olive oil and chocolate.

My last lab tests all were within normal range, and the cholesterol numbers are impressive. The HDL is no longer low.

I don’t understand why some people say that it’s hard to stick to such a diet. I’ve never enjoyed food so much.

A: Some people with diabetes do extremely well on the type of diet you describe. A three-month-long study in Denmark demonstrated lower HbA1c and blood sugar among people following a carbohydrate-reduced high-protein diet (*Diabetologia*, November 2019). The control group followed a conventional diabetes diet.

Q: You’ve written that you should talk to the pharmacist about your

prescriptions to avoid errors. How can I do that when my insurance company pushes me to use mail order?

I don’t have any clue who the pharmacist is, or even what state they are from. When I sent a letter asking how to take my meds, I got no answer.

A: Mail-order pharmacies often provide a phone number you can call to talk with a pharmacist. You should not be put on hold for long periods of time and your specific questions should be addressed. If the label does not provide instructions about how to take your medicine, the phone call should resolve your concerns.

You can always verify that you have received the right medicine by looking at the photos found in the pill identifier section of websites like www.drugs.com.

Q: I add sliced ginger to my coffee. It helps my arthritis and lowers my blood pressure as well. Can you tell us all about its many health benefits?

A: Not everyone would appreciate the flavor of ginger in coffee, although many people like it in tea. Ginger has been used for centuries to ease nausea, heartburn and other digestive difficulties.

In animal studies, ginger has shown cardiovascular benefits (*Natural Product Research*, September 2018). It also can lower blood pressure and improve insulin sensitivity. Ginger has long been a favorite cough remedy and has been used experimentally to prevent migraines.

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Wearing it well

Breast cancer survivors create products to help others in fight feel better

BY ANNE D'INNOCENZIO
Associated Press

Women fighting breast cancer are increasingly seeing more options for bras as well as clean beauty treatments and other products that help them look and feel better.

Many of the offerings are coming from female entrepreneurs who have battled breast cancer themselves and understand what it feels like to lose their breasts and hair and see their skin ravaged by radiation or chemo infusions.

They are survivors like Dana Donofree, a designer who in 2014 created AnaOno, a line of trendy wireless bras for women who have had breast reconstruction, a mastectomy or lumpectomy. Not sure about getting a wig? Sonya Keshwani founded StyleEsteem Wardrobe, a collection of stylish colorful head wraps.

There are also a number of women who've created their own clean beauty lines, such as Sarah Kelly, a breast cancer survivor who, along with her sister and oncology nurse Leah Robert, owns and operates SaltyGirl Beauty, an all-natural makeup brand inspired by Kelly's fight.

Many of these brands use breast cancer survivors as models and donate a portion of their proceeds to cancer charities. They sell online as well to small boutiques around the country, and some are breaking into chains such as Ulta and Credo Beauty.

Donofree started selling her designs to Chico FAS' Soma chain online and in stores in fall 2018. The brand is now in 112 Soma stores, nearly half of the chain.

"We make bras for two boobs, no boobs and new boobs," said Donofree, who founded her company after seeing only uncomfortable

or medicinal-looking bras catering to women with breast cancer.

"Every surgery yields different results," she said. "Every design I look at I think of all these different body types."

Traditional retailers have been improving their offerings to better cater to women with breast cancer. Nordstrom and Soma, for example, both provide a service that helps outfit women who had mastectomies or lumpectomies.

But these so-called "cancer entrepreneurs" say they're filling gaps in the marketplace. Melissa Berry, a seven-year breast cancer survivor and a fashion and beauty publicist, said she struggled to find bras, makeup and other accessories at traditional stores that made her feel good as she was going through chemotherapy.

"(These women) created products out of their own need," said Berry, who founded CancerFashionista, an online resource offering beauty, fashion and lifestyle tips for women being treated for breast cancer and beyond.

"They've created their own communities of women who can talk to each other. I would like to see retailers embrace smaller brands that don't have the bandwidth."

Finding the right bra:

Donofree's collection, with styles ranging from lacy to sporty, offers pocketed bras that work with prosthetics and breast forms, bras for flat chests and bras for those who had a lumpectomy or a DIEP flap reconstruction, where breasts are rebuilt from stomach fat.

The collection, which ranges in price from \$32 to \$54, incorporates four-way stretch, hidden seams and gentle fabrics such as imported modal, which don't rub against scars and are



Dana Donofree discusses one of the products offered by AnaOno, a line of wireless bras that caters to women who have had breast reconstruction, a mastectomy or lumpectomy.



Sarah Kelly and her sister Leah Robert own and operate SaltyGirl Beauty.

made from beech trees. Fit specialists are available to chat online, through email or by phone.

Soma also carries its own brand of bras for women who had breast cancer operations called Enbliss and says all of its stores offer fit specialists with this specialty training.

Wig or head scarf? Wigs

with real hair can cost at least \$3,000. The cheaper synthetic options can retail for a couple of hundred dollars. Aside from the expense, they can be uncomfortable.

Keshwani, who was diagnosed with breast cancer two years ago at 29, didn't want to bother with a wig, so she searched for head wraps on Amazon and Etsy. She thought they were too boring and dowdy, and made her look like a cancer patient.

Her solution? Create her own collection, which now features 32 different styles, priced in the \$20 to \$30 range. Her designs are mostly cotton and polyester blends.

"It's literally taking something that a woman loses and making it something amazing," she said.

Clean beauty products:

Women doing chemo or suffering from its lasting effects on their skin have more choices in organic

beauty products. Berry highlights the foundations and lip glosses from SaltyGirl that are made with shea butter and coconut oil, which are nourishing.

Breast cancer survivor Cynthia Besteman, founder of Violets Are Blue, developed a skin care line that includes an unscented, magnesium-based roll-on deodorant that's free of baking soda and aluminum — and caters to women going through treatment.

Meryl Marshall created Hynt Beauty, a nontoxic cosmetics collection that doesn't use artificial preservatives like parabens. In March, Hynt Beauty will be launched in 100 Ulta stores.

Women can also turn to The Campaign for Safe Cosmetics coalition, a project of Breast Cancer Prevention Partners. It offers tips on how to choose the best beauty products and a list of chemicals to avoid.

Credo Beauty, a retailer that carries Violets Are

Blue and another brand started by a breast cancer survivor, Vapour Organic Beauty, bans dozens of ingredients linked to health or environmental issues. It also requires all brands it sells to obtain composition statements and other documentation on ingredients.

Beauty chain Sephora offers makeup classes that specifically address the visible effects of cancer treatment.

Products that give back:

StyleEsteem donates one head wrap to a cancer patient in need for each head wrap sold. For the fourth consecutive year, AnaOno threw a fashion show with nonprofit group Cancerland in February, showcasing breast cancer survivors at all stages strutting down the runway wearing the brand's lingerie. All funds raised benefit METAvivor, a nonprofit that raises money for research for stage 4 metastatic breast cancer.

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Mayo Clinic News Network

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Children often are taught at a young age to wash their hands — before eating and after using the restroom. It's an easy and effective way to stay healthy and avoid spreading disease.

But Dr. Gregory Poland, director of Mayo Clinic's Vaccine Research Group, says adults could do much better at the sink.

"People go to the bathroom, and they run their fingers under the water. Well, that does nothing. And then they grab the dirty faucet, and they touch



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Hand-washing is one of the best ways to prevent the spread of illnesses.

the dirty handle on the way out of the bathroom."

Poland says that, in public washrooms, there are often more bacteria on those faucets than in the toilet water.

Next time you're at the sink, Poland says, "Wash your hands while singing 'Happy Birthday' to your-

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Use up St. Patrick's Day leftovers with an easy Irish Benedict breakfast featuring colcannon patties and corned beef.

An easy Irish Benedict

St. Patrick's Day leftovers get a post-holiday breakfast upgrade

BY STACEY BALLIS

St. Patrick's Day is, for me, mostly an excuse to make corned beef and cabbage, served with a pile of creamy mashed potatoes, maybe some soda bread, and a great stout or porter.

What I face the following morning is a bowl of leftover mash, a chunk of meat, a couple wedges of cabbage, and not much desire to cobble that back together into a repeat meal.

What I do have, it turns out, is the start of a terrific breakfast.

Colcannon — the traditional Irish blend of mashed potatoes and cooked vegetables often turned into a second-day mix designed to stretch leftovers — is a natural for a pan-fried patty.

And once you have that, it is only a small series of logical steps to get to an Irish Benedict. Colcannon patties topped with quickly sauteed slices of leftover corned beef, poached eggs and a super-fast creamy Irish cheddar

sauce make for a hearty and delicious breakfast or brunch.

Even if you aren't planning a corned beef-and-cabbage dinner, you can easily pull this together. Just ask your deli counter to slice the corned beef extra thick or source some Irish bacon. (And if you decide to buy mashed potatoes from the prepared food section, no one will be the wiser.)

If you don't have leftover cabbage, you can roast wedges in a 400-degree oven until they are soft, or swap in leftover cooked spinach, leeks, kale or Swiss chard.

Since I happen to think every morning meal should have a balance of salty and sweet, and scones are a terrific and traditional morning bake, it was an easy leap to making a version chock-full of sharp Irish cheddar and creamy Irish butter.

Apple and cheddar are a natural

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CRAVING Japanese food

12 most outstanding bowls of ramen in Chicago area

BY NICK KINDELSPERGER

I probably expect too much from a bowl of ramen. While the city has been packed with plenty of solid options for a while, I've been waiting patiently for the kind of mad-cap, mercurial ramen that strikes one silent after one slurp. I know the traditional view of dining celebrates mealtime as a chance to share food and discussion with your fellow diners, but when it comes to ramen, I want a bowl so transfixing I'm content to ignore everything and everyone else.

I'm happy to report that it's here. Actually, they're here. And I can't decide which place I like better.

One is Menya Goku in North Center, the latest project from Satoko Takeyama and Jee Kim, the duo behind Chicago ramen staples Wasabi and Ramen Takeya. The other is Chicago Ramen, a suburban spot run by Kenta Ikehata, a Japanese chef who spent the past few years opening acclaimed spots in Los Angeles.

What unites the two restaurants is a passion for sweating the details, and a great

bowl of ramen has an endless number of them. No place advertises how their ramen is simple to prepare. Instead, chefs lavish attention on broths that bubble for hours. Toppings must taste great and be arranged atop the bowl with an artist's attentiveness to color and symmetry. Noodles need to be both slurpable and springy to the touch. (Interestingly, almost all of my favorite places get noodles from Sun Noodle, a ramen noodle producer headquartered in Honolulu, while my least favorite make their own. Go figure.)

What is it about ramen that breeds such obsessiveness? I put the question to Hugh Amano, who recently co-authored, with illustrator Sarah Becan, the comic book cookbook "Let's Make Ramen." Amano sees a lot of similarities between comics and ramen. "The passion for comics and anime happens with ramen too," says Amano. "Americans tend to fetishize the Japanese-ness of it. For me, growing up with a Japanese father and visiting Japan

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Wendy's Breakfast Baconator is a new rival to McDonald's Egg McMuffin.

New breakfast menu at Wendy's has shortcomings

BY LOUISA CHU

Wendy's launched a new breakfast menu last week, deploying a Breakfast Baconator against the iconic McDonald's Egg McMuffin. Veterans of the fast-food wars know the battle for breakfast has seen some of the most spectacular skirmishes, with McDonald's concession to serve the meal all-day in 2015. But how do such new Wendy's items as the bacon, fried chicken biscuit, and croissant sandwiches stack up? What about that Frosty-ccino? And where are the hash browns?

We tasted the nine new breakfast sandwiches starting on the Wendy's menu, plus the chocolate iced coffee and the potato side. Here's what we thought about the most-talked-about items.

The Breakfast Baconator borrows its bacon identity from the Baconator burger, but not much more. The original includes two quarter-pound beef patties, American cheese and six strips of fried cured pork. Its morning cousin swaps the beef for a spongy, grilled sausage patty and a fried egg plus a Swiss cheese sauce that I could've sworn was nothing more than mayo. Overall the Breakfast Baconator sinks like a salty gut bomb with bacon cooked inconsistently, its colors spanning a fatty sunrise, from fleshy pink to chewy coral to crispy brown. Why would Wendy's even bother to pit it against the Egg McMuffin? They're completely different categories that appeal to opposite ends of the breakfast sandwich spectrum.

Wendy's claims to freshly crack eggs for their breakfast sandwiches, which I couldn't see to verify at the location I visited in the Kilbourn Park neighborhood on the Northwest Side. They were all surprisingly impressive in the new sandwiches I tasted, cooked thoroughly, but with a thin, luscious orange yolk layer. McDonald's take note, with your chalky yellow Egg McMuffin yolks.

When you unwrap the honey butter chicken biscuit you may wonder what's missing. A fluffy buttermilk biscuit does indeed hold a fried chicken fillet. A whiff of maple reminds you the menu photo showed a fluffy cloud of honey butter that's melted into the crispy crust. Yes, it's sweet and savory as promised, but was a hit of



LOUISA CHU/CHICAGO TRIBUNE
The new Frosty-ccino chocolate coffee.



LOUISA CHU/CHICAGO TRIBUNE
The seasoned potatoes breakfast side.

black pepper or even the option of hot sauce ever discussed?

If the Baconator, maple butter chicken and a Burger King Croissant'wich engaged in a three-parent breakfast baby experiment, then the maple bacon chicken croissant sandwich might be its progeny. Although we're living in a golden age of croissants in Chicago, this breadly mitt hearkens back to the Dark Ages.

When Wendy's first teased the return of its breakfast menu last fall, it was widely reported that the Frosty-ccino would be a version of its frozen dessert with coffee in it. If you, like me, envisioned a coffee-spiked Frosty with anticipation and delight, then brace yourself, because this watery facsimile of both won't do it.

Forget about a breakfast take on Frosty and fries, a combination so classic that it was transformed by chef Phillip Foss at his fun fine dining restaurant El Ideas in Chicago. Forget about hash browns too, though I'll concede the seasoned potatoes breakfast side stays crisp with a starchy crust hit with a touch of spice that's missing in just about everything else.

Nine new breakfast sandwiches and more started Feb. 24, but officially launched March 2 at Wendy's nationwide from 6:30 to 10:30 a.m. Dining rooms don't open until 9 a.m., so early birds can order at the drive-thru.



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The honey butter chicken biscuit sandwich at Wendy's.



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Wendy's maple bacon chicken croissant sandwich.

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Giving Rosso di Montalcino a 2nd look

BY ERIC ASIMOV
The New York Times

Back in 2014, the last time The New York Times' wine panel tried Rosso di Montalcino, one taster did not restrain himself in criticizing the wines.

"I think Chianti blows these wines away," said Chris Cannon, a veteran restaurateur and wine expert who is now the managing partner of Jockey Hollow Bar and Kitchen in Morristown, New Jersey.

I disagreed with him back then, finding a lot to like in the bottles we tasted. But after the wine panel revisited Rosso di Montalcino recently, tasting 20 bottles from the 2016 and 2017 vintages, I have been rethinking my position.

I've been drinking a lot of Chianti Classicos recently, and have been thinking about the differences between the Chiantis and the Rossos, as well as their points in common.

They are both red wines of Tuscany, and expressions of the sangiovese grape. Maybe the similarities end there.

Chianti is from the hilly region between Florence and Siena. Unlike Rosso di Montalcino and its big brother, Brunello di Montalcino, which must both be 100% sangiovese, Chianti needs only to be 80% sangiovese.

In the best Chiantis, the remainder is generally made up of local grapes like canaiolo and colorino, or the wine is entirely sangiovese.

International grapes like cabernet sauvignon and merlot are permitted, and were once common additions.

But their presence, even in small percentages, often stuck out, and their popularity in the region has faded over the last 20 years.

The Montalcino zone is to the southwest of Chianti, and tends to be warmer and drier. The Montalcino wines are often denser and



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Rossos help producers to improve their Brunellos by providing a destination for grapes that they do not want to put into their top wines, either because they are from young vines or for any other reasons.

more muscular than the generally leaner and more angular ones made in the cooler Chianti region.

In both areas, wines can range from elegant to powerful, depending on the climate and composition of the soil, particularly its fertility and the presence of clay. But the power in the Montalcino wines tends to be amplified.

Brunellos have stringent aging requirements. They must wait at least four years after harvest before they can be released, including at least two years in wood. The category of Rosso di Montalcino was invented to provide cash flow to Brunello producers during this long aging process. Rossos need to be aged only one year after harvest, including six months in barrels.

Rossos also help producers to improve their Brunellos by providing a destination for grapes that they do

not want to put into their top wines, either because they are from young vines or for any other reasons.

This is one explanation for the varying quality of Rossos: Some producers regard Rosso as an easy, delicious wine entirely apart from their Brunellos, and create their cuvées to fulfill their vision. Other winemakers use it as a dumping place for grapes or wines that they do not think measure up.

Chianti Classico, like Rosso, must age a year before it can be sold. Other categories, like Chianti Classico Riserva and Gran Selezione, must age for longer periods, though not as long as Brunello di Montalcino. In the end, straightforward Chianti Classico is not a bad comparison point for Rosso di Montalcino.

For this recent Rosso tasting, we all shared a general sense of disappointment in the wines. They

were inconsistent, which was not unexpected. After all, the 2016 and 2017 vintages were very different. In 2016, the growing season was long and moderate, and many of the wines have been described as fragrant and nuanced, while '17 was hot and dry, producing wines that were often exuberantly fruity.

Inconsistency might also be attributed to differences in microclimates, altitude and soils, with some of the wines coming from limestone, sandstone and marl, and others coming from clay-rich soils.

More telling than inconsistency, however, we found too many bottles to be unbalanced, dominated either by tannins or acidity or a lack of one or the other. And in quite a few bottles, possible intricacies were overwhelmed by richness, sweetness and power, regardless of the vintage.

That said, the wines we

did like were balanced, combining bittersweet fruit flavors with lively acidity, earthiness and the sort of structure indicating that the wines would be capable of aging for five to 10 years. None had the dusty purity, grace or transparency that I have enjoyed in so many Chianti Classicos, but those are not qualities I've often seen in Rosso di Montalcinos.

Still, we did like quite a few of the wines. Our favorite was the 2016 Uccelliera, rich and tannic, with earthy, lingering flavors of sweet and bitter red fruits. Right behind it was the sweet, spicy and floral 2017 Ciacci Piccolomini d'Aragona, which was also our best value at \$25.

Interestingly, these producers are neighbors in the Castelnovo dell'Abate zone in the southeast of Montalcino, one of the region's warmer areas. The wines are full-bodied but

Tasting notes

Uccelliera Rosso di Montalcino 2016, \$29: Rich, tannic and structured, with earthy, lingering flavors of sweet and bitter fruits.

Ciacci Piccolomini d'Aragona Rosso di Montalcino 2017, \$25: Best value. Sweet and spicy floral aromas, with clear, balanced, bittersweet red fruit and mineral flavors.

Mastrojanni Rosso di Montalcino 2017, \$27: Lively, pure and structured, with earthy flavors of ripe, red fruits.

Fonterenza Rosso di Montalcino 2016, \$48: Floral, richly textured and energetic, with firm tannins and flavors of red and dark fruits. Should improve with time.

not at all overripe or forced, to use Thera's term.

Our No. 3 bottle, the lively, pure and structured 2017 Mastrojanni, is also from the southeast.

The 2016 Fonterenza was our No. 4 bottle, but in some ways I think it had the potential to be the best in the tasting.

It came from the Sant'Angelo region in the south, but from higher-altitude vineyards, and was quite floral, textured and energetic. It was a bottle that we all felt would improve with additional aging.

In the end, despite our mixed feelings about the tasting, I resist disparaging the whole category as Cannon did at our 2014 tasting. I've had too many of these wines that I have liked.

Still, the number of unbalanced wines was unsettling. It's hard to believe in a category more than the producers themselves do.

If a thing is worth doing, as countless parents have scolded, it's worth doing well. Right now, with these wines, the potential is there, but value and pleasure are not always delivered.

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Mushroom risotto, paired with an arugula-grape salad and crusty bread, is a delicious way to use up stockpiles of pantry treasures.

A MOVING MEAL

Mushroom and truffle risotto is an irresistible excuse to clean out your pantry



JEANMARIE BROWNSON
Dinner at Home

Cleaning out the pantry in preparation for a move to a new house prompts a couple of spectacular meals. Why not use the truffles? The little tins of carnaroli rice and the pretty specialty oils? Then there's a collection of canned and dried chiles, dried mushrooms, fruity vinegars, specialty salts and stunning jams and marmalades.

The spoils from my travels and foodie gifts from friends are turned into a luxurious risotto, several delicious salad dressings, accompaniments for a cheese-and-sausage platter, a kettle of soup and fantastic bread condiments.

As for the risotto, cold days welcome a version packed with aromatic, umami-filled mushrooms and Parmesan cheese. My 2020 goal to boost the percentage of vegetables in all meals prompts the addition of green chiles and baby spinach. Both taste great and enhance the visual appeal of the final risotto.

A favorite product from Urbani Truffles, a tin of black truffle and mushrooms, boldly accentuates the mild flavor of fresh mushrooms in the risotto. The pureed sauce includes champignon mushrooms, porcini, summer truffle, olive oil, garlic and cheese. It's so good, I also use it on toast, in omelets and cooked pasta.

Alternatively, swap the pricey sauce (about \$10 for a 6-ounce can) with an ounce or two of dried mushrooms,

such as porcini or morel. Dried porcini, sold sliced, deliver big flavor for an affordable price; dried morels tend to be quite expensive, but lend an irresistible, unique flavor.

I stock small plastic containers of inexpensive dried mushrooms (sliced or broken bits) for enriching soups and broths. To use dried mushrooms, soak in just enough hot water to cover them until softened, usually about 20 minutes. Then strain the water through a fine mesh sieve into a bowl; the flavorful water can replace some of the risotto's broth. Use the mushrooms as is, or roughly chop.

The trick to risotto? Organization. I make the seasoning base in advance. Then I organize the rest of the meal: Make a salad, prepare some garlic bread and set the table. About 45 minutes before serving, heat the broth in a separate pan and enjoy the time at the stove tending to the risotto. Or, enlist a volunteer to help with the gentle stirring and broth additions.

Of course, you can adapt this recipe to an Instant Pot. Reduce the broth to 4 1/2 cups and follow the manufacturers' directions. If the risotto is too loose for your taste, simply cook it a few minutes longer without the cover on the pot.

Since the average condiment cupboard might not contain these luxury items, I've included substitutes. But the time is now — let's use up the gourmet gifts and cherished bottles of oil. The results make gray skies feel sunny and lighten the cabinet shelves.

This simple, but elegant meal deserves a bottle of red wine; I like a Beaujolais or a medium-bodied pinot noir here. No sense in moving wine to the new house — better to enjoy it now.



Easy to make and packed with flavor, this salad combines arugula, radicchio and grapes with caramelized walnuts.

Arugula, radicchio and grape salad

Prep: 15 minutes **Makes:** 4 to 6 servings

Add 1/2 to 1 cup crumbled cheese, such as goat, feta or queso fresco to the salad, if desired. Shredded cooked chicken, and/or roasted beets or carrots, turns this into a terrific main course salad.

3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil

1 tablespoon walnut oil, optional (or more olive oil)

2 tablespoons sherry vinegar or red wine vinegar

1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar, balsamic glaze or saba

1/4 teaspoon each: salt, black pepper, thyme

2 cups halved seedless red or green grapes, or a combination

1 medium head radicchio, cored, halved, thinly sliced

1 head Belgian endive, ends trimmed, halved, lengthwise, thinly sliced crosswise

3 to 4 cups baby arugula

1/4 to **1/2** cup caramelized walnuts, optional, see note

1. For the dressing, mix oils, vinegars, salt, pepper and thyme in the bottom of a large serving bowl.

2. Stir in grapes, radicchio and endive. Toss to mix. Add baby arugula. Serve sprinkled with toasted nuts if using.

Note: For caramelized walnuts, heat a small cast-iron skillet over medium heat. When the skillet is hot, add 1/2 cup broken walnut halves, 2 tablespoons sugar and 1/8 teaspoon salt. Cook and stir until the sugar melts and glazes the walnut pieces, 2 or 3 minutes. Do not walk away, as the sugar burns easily. Cool on a plate. Store in foil for a couple of days.

Nutrition information per serving (for 6 servings): 89 calories, 9 g fat, 1 g saturated fat, 0 mg cholesterol, 12 g carbohydrates, 10 g sugar, 1 g protein, 392 mg sodium, 1 g fiber

Crusty garlic bread with truffle salt

Prep: 10 minutes **Bake:** 12 minutes

Makes: 6 to 8 servings

If you don't have truffle salt, use a drizzle of a flavorful oil, such as truffle oil or nut oil, and a sprinkling of coarse salt.

1 loaf (about 20 ounces) ciabatta or Italian bread

1 stick (1/2 cup) unsalted butter, softened

2 cloves garlic, crushed

1/4 teaspoon truffle salt (or coarse salt)

2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley

1. Heat oven to 375 degrees. Slice bread horizontally in half; place cut side up on baking sheet.

2. Beat butter in a small bowl with a wooden spoon until soft. Mix in garlic and salt. Smear some of the butter (about 2 tablespoons) over both bread halves.

3. Bake until edges of bread are crusty, about 10 minutes. Sprinkle with parsley. Serve warm.

Nutrition information per serving (for 8 servings): 295 calories, 14 g fat, 7 g saturated fat, 31 mg cholesterol, 36 g carbohydrates, 2 g sugar, 6 g protein, 452 mg sodium, 2 g fiber

Mushroom and truffle risotto with green chile and spinach

Prep: 25 minutes **Soak:** 20 minutes **Cook:** 1 hour **Makes:** 6 servings

Extra risotto reheats well in the microwave. Or, heat a skillet with olive oil and add the cold, cooked risotto to heat it and crisp it at the edges.

1 to 1 1/2 ounces dried sliced mushrooms, such as sliced porcini, or small whole morel or shiitake (or a combination)

8 cups low-sodium chicken broth

2 tablespoons olive oil

3 shallots, finely chopped

4 cloves garlic, minced

8 ounces button or cremini mushrooms, ends trimmed, halved, thinly sliced

1 can (4 ounces) diced green chiles, drained

2 cups arborio or carnaroli rice

1 can (6.4 ounces) black truffle and mushroom sauce, see note

4 cups baby spinach (2.5 to 3 ounces)

1 cup finely shredded (not grated) Parmesan cheese

Salt, freshly ground black pepper to taste

Garnishes:

Large Parmesan shavings, optional

Chopped flat-leaf parsley

1 bottled truffle (about 1/2 ounce), finely chopped, optional

Truffle oil or salt, optional

1. Put dried mushrooms into a small bowl and cover with very hot water. Let stand until softened, about 20 minutes.

2. Strain mushroom-soaking water through a fine mesh sieve or coffee filter into a medium saucepan. Add broth. Roughly chop the soaked mushrooms and set aside.

3. Heat a large (3 1/2- to 4-quart) saucepan over medium heat. Add oil and shallots; saute until soft, 3 minutes. Stir in garlic; saute 1 minute. Add sliced fresh mushrooms; saute until golden, 3 to 5 minutes. Stir in soaked mushrooms and green chile. (Recipe can be made to this point up to two days in advance; refrigerate mushroom base and broth separately.)

4. Heat broth mixture over low heat to a simmer. Reduce heat to very low.

5. Reheat mushroom mixture in large saucepan over medium heat. Stir in rice; cook, stirring, to toast the grains, 2 minutes. Stir in black truffle and mushroom sauce. Heat mixture thoroughly, about 3 minutes.

6. Ladle in about 1/2 cup of the hot broth mixture. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly until the rice has absorbed the liquid. Stir in another 1/2 cup broth and repeat the process, adding about 1/2 cup broth at a time, until the rice has absorbed all of the broth and is nearly tender to the bite. The whole process takes about 25 minutes.

7. Stir in spinach and shredded Parmesan. Taste and adjust seasonings with salt and black pepper. Top with Parmesan shavings and parsley. Serve right away, garnished with truffle and truffle oil or truffle salt, if using.

Note: Urbani Truffle's black truffle and mushroom sauce is available online and at some specialty retailers. If it is not available, use an extra ounce or two of dried mushrooms as directed and an additional 4 ounces of fresh mushrooms. A little drizzle of truffle oil or sprinkle of truffle salt tastes good here, too.

Nutrition information per serving: 424 calories, 11 g fat, 4 g saturated fat, 18 mg cholesterol, 63 g carbohydrates, 4 g sugar, 20 g protein, 505 mg sodium, 6 g fiber

REVIEW Avli River North ★

Adventurous Greek fine dining

Saganaki, sans flames, likely to become a favorite

BY PHIL VETTEL

Avli, a four-month-old Greek restaurant, is an important addition to the River North dining scene. Not only is it a serious fine-dining independent in a neighborhood overrun with chain eateries and nightclubs posing as restaurants, but it's also a new Greek restaurant opening at a time when luxury housing starts are gradually pricing Chicago's Greektown out of existence.

Chef and owner Louie Alexakis is no newcomer to downtown. His father-in-law owns Greek Islands and his uncle owns Santorini — both longtime Greektown veterans — and Alexakis, in his words, “did my years of service” at both. He created his first Avli restaurant in Winnetka 11 years ago, then opened a sister property, Avli Taverna, in Lincoln Park in 2018. Last year, Alexakis jumped at the chance to take over the old Sumi Robata space to bring his dreams of Greek cuisine to the city center.

“That means I’m more stupid than you thought,” Alexakis joked.

The River North location came with challenges. It's a narrow, two-story building (plus basement), its interior space bisected by a stairwell. The first thing Alexakis did was build new stairs out over the patio space, costing him some outdoor seating but giving the interior spaces better continuity.

At street level, there's a long bar and a few white-cloth tables (and reasonably comfortable chairs); the second floor is the main dining room, with its own restrooms and service bar. Both are accessible via stairs or elevator, which is how the food arrives, although that's done so surreptitiously that most diners have no idea where the kitchen might be.

The closer Alexakis gets to the city center, the more sophisticated the food tends to be. In Winnetka, the saganaki is flamed tableside in tourist-pleasing fashion; here and in Lincoln Park, it's simply a baked triangle of cheese topped with peppered fig marmalade and honey. (It will become your favorite version.) Whole fish is filleted tableside in Lincoln Park and Winnetka; here, the lavraki (sea bass) arrives as twin, pan-seared fillets graced with lemon, garlic and oregano, alongside wild greens with a hint of ouzo.

Also unique to the River



The main dining room at Avli in the River North neighborhood of Chicago.

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The soutzoukakia features a hearty tomato sauce.



Kakazia is a flavorful fisherman's stew.

North menu are the soutzoukakia, cumin-seasoned lamb and beef meatballs in a hearty tomato sauce (“as rustic as you can get,” says Alexakis, accurately) and an equally rustic kleftiko, a main course of braised short rib, root vegetables and potatoes. (This dish needs more seasoning.) Steamed mussels are fairly ordinary, though some mastiha (an aromatic Greek liqueur) boosts the broth somewhat. Better is kakazia, a fisherman's stew containing lobster tail, sea bass, mussels and shrimp in a saffron-ouzo-tomato broth.

Start with one of the traditional spreads with pita triangles. The taramosalata, made with smoked cod roe (which gives this version more depth than the traditional preparation), is a good pick, as is the spicy feta and roasted pepper tirokafteri.

Shared plates are hit or miss. I'm a fan of the kataifi prawns, baked in shredded



A gyros dish is served as two sandwiches.

phyllo. And the plump zucchini fritters, served on a bed of smooth skordalia (garlic-potato spread), are addictive. Skewered-pork souvlakia were overcooked at my table.

Main courses include the taverna-style lamb chops, thin-cut chops that didn't do much for me, flavorwise; I'd go with the aforementioned kakazia, and the vegetarian papoutsakia

(grilled eggplant with tomatoes, onions and pepper) is delicious.

And for all the elevated tradition on Avli's menu, one of the best dishes in the house is the gyros sandwich, an irony Alexakis acknowledges. But it will still surprise.

“In Greece, gyros is pork,” he said. “Just a fact; hand-stacked pork belly and shoulder, like al pastor.

Avli River North

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Tribune rating: ★

Open: Dinner daily;
lunch Monday-Friday

Prices: Main courses
\$16-\$38

Noise: Conversation-
challenged

Ratings key: ★★★★★ outstanding; ★★★★ excellent; ★★★ very good; ★ good; no stars: unsatisfactory. The reviewer makes every effort to remain anonymous. Meals are paid for by the Tribune.

We go with 100% Berkshire pork shoulder; if Greece had Berkshire pork, they'd all be using it.”

The dish is presented as two sandwiches, two pita rounds topped with lean-but-juicy pork, some to-

matoes and raw onions and a hefty dollop of tzatziki sauce. There's so much meat that, even split in two, it's knife-and-fork eating.

There are only three desserts: vanilla ice cream with a caramel-baklava center, a chocolate cake and bougatsa, a mille-feuille stack of crisp phyllo and custard, topped with preserved sour cherries.

In addition to a short list of cocktails (the Teach Me to Dance is a fun drink), there's an all-Greek wine list that includes a few natural wines from newer, smaller producers.

One of Alexakis' goals is for servers to communicate effectively and informatively; to date, that is a goal unmet. On weekend visits, the waiters I observed were working hard to keep up with orders; time for detailed menu explanations simply didn't exist. I had my best experience sitting at the bar on a quiet night, when the bartender chatted about the dishes and offered smart wine picks. (Greek wine lists are not my strength.)

I look forward to late spring, and the opening of Avli's outdoor patio, because those 40 seats have got to be more quiet than the anvil-and-hammer rattling that goes on inside. (The proximity of the tables, which are on the small side, adds to the noise level.) If you plan to converse, try visiting earlier in the week.

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Layer up for St. Pat's Day

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I used to think there was nothing better than a tray of dense, rich, fudgy brownies. But I proved myself wrong when I topped that tray of brownies with a pillowy mint buttercream and a blanket of dark chocolate ganache.

Of course, the festive green color makes these brownies a natural fit for St. Patrick's Day celebrations, but I encourage you to make this crowd-pleasing dessert all year long.

Because each layer needs to cool and/or chill before you add the next, these triple-decker brownies require some time and a little planning.

I find it helpful to make and cool the brownie base the day before you want to serve them, then frost them with buttercream and add the ganache the day you plan to eat them.



JOE LINGEMAN

These triple-decker brownies require some time and a little planning but are worth it.

Mint brownies

Makes: 16 brownies

For the brownies:

Cooking spray or butter, for greasing the pan

½ cup (1 stick) unsalted butter

8 ounces bittersweet chocolate, finely chopped

¼ cup unsweetened Dutch process cocoa powder

1 cup granulated sugar

1 teaspoon vanilla extract

2 large eggs

½ cup all-purpose flour

½ teaspoon kosher salt

For the buttercream:

½ cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, at room temperature

2 ounces cream cheese, at room temperature

2 tablespoons green crème de menthe liquor

1 teaspoon peppermint extract

Pinch kosher salt

2 cups powdered sugar

For the ganache:

6 ounces dark chocolate, finely chopped

½ cup heavy cream

Make the brownies:

1. Arrange a rack in the middle of the oven and heat to 350 degrees. Line an 8-by-8-inch baking pan with parchment paper so that it hangs over two sides of the pan. Lightly grease the pan and parchment with cooking spray or butter.

2. Melt the butter and chocolate in a medium saucepan over low heat, stirring constantly. Remove pan from the heat and whisk in the cocoa powder, sugar and vanilla until no lumps remain. Let sit for 5 minutes so the cocoa powder can bloom.

3. Whisk the eggs in one at a time, mixing well after each addition. Add flour and salt and fold in with a rubber spatula.

4. Transfer to the prepared pan and spread in an even layer. Bake until set, 23 to 25 minutes. Cool completely in the pan.

Make the buttercream:

1. Place the butter and cream cheese in a stand mixer fitted with the paddle attachment. (Alternatively, use an electric hand mixer and large bowl.) Beat on medium speed until smooth, about 2 minutes. Beat in the crème de menthe, peppermint extract and salt.

2. With the mixer on low speed, gradually add in the sugar. Once incorporated, increase the speed to medium-low and mix until smooth and fluffy.

3. Spread in an even layer over the brownies. Refrigerate at least 30 minutes. Meanwhile, make the ganache.

Make the ganache:

1. Place the chocolate in a medium heatproof bowl. Heat the cream in a small saucepan over low heat until bubbling round the edges, then pour it over the chocolate mixture.

2. Let sit for about 10 minutes, then stir with a spatula until completely smooth. Let it cool at room temperature for about 10 minutes, then use it as soon as it starts to thicken up.

3. Remove the brownies from the refrigerator and spread the ganache in an even layer over the buttercream with an offset spatula or knife. Refrigerate for at least 30 minutes before slicing and serving.

Notes: The brownies can be baked a day in advance, covered, and stored at room temperature. Store in a covered container in the refrigerator for up to four days.

Crème de menthe alternative: To make the brownies without crème de menthe, use 2 teaspoons peppermint extract and green food coloring.

Ramen

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often, it's something I've always loved and been exposed to."

He does think that ramen has turned into an "elevated comfort food," where customers have pressured restaurants to work harder. "The food scene in general has become more elevated, so you can't get away without being the best in town," says Amano. "The eating public has become more demanding."

I certainly have been demanding. Just three years ago I wrote over 2,500 words about how my favorite ramen in the city was served by an amateur ramen enthusiast named Mike Satinover in his tiny Buena Park apartment. He's now serving that excellent ramen at pop-ups around Chicago under the name Akahoshi Ramen. (I didn't include it here because it's not open full time.)

But exciting developments have occurred since then. A surge of new openings of Japanese ramen chains raised the standard, while a few of the existing ramen restaurants decided to focus on quality. In particular, ramen in the northwest suburbs has boomed. This makes sense. According to Hideki Makino from the Consulate General of Japan in Chicago, the Japanese population in the Chicago area is 12,147, but only 2,728 live within the city limits. Instead, many reside in the suburbs northwest of O'Hare International Airport, such as Schaumburg, Hoffman Estates, Arlington Heights, Palatine and Elk Grove Village.

Over the past month I've visited 24 ramen restaurants, eventually whittling down the list to 12 essential picks. What's exciting is that these places focus on a multitude of styles. Sure, most specialize in tonkotsu, the extra thick broth made from boiling pork bones for hours. But others serve lighter broths made from chicken and dashi. When it came time to pick my absolute favorite, I couldn't I decide between two restaurants, eventually awarding a tie. Not only that, but those two each served two bowls that fought for my affection. What a pleasure it is to have too many great bowls of ramen worth worrying about eating.

Here they are, listed in ascending order to the two favorites tied at the top.

12. Ramen Wasabi

The bowl: Original tonkotsu (\$14)

Wasabi serves multiple styles of ramen, but the one that stands out is the original tonkotsu. That's probably due to the fact that the kitchen takes about 45 hours to make each batch of broth. I also love the garlic oil drizzled on top, which adds an even stronger umami punch. Owners Takeyama and Kim have gone on to open more specialized ramen restaurants, but Wasabi was the first step toward building their growing noodle empire. 2101 N. Milwaukee Ave., 773-227-8180, wasabichicago.com

11. Ramen Misoya

The bowl: Tokyo miso ramen (\$10.90)

I'm a sucker for miso ramen, and in the past had enjoyed the bowl served at Ramen Misoya's downtown location. Sadly, the ramen I recently tried was staggeringly salty and lacking in balance. The suburban outlet, however, was a completely different story. The Tokyo miso ramen put the miso flavor forward, which lets the wild complexity run rampant around your tongue. 1584 Busse Road, Mount Prospect, 847-437-4590, ramen-misoya.com

10. Benkei Japanese Tonkotsu Ramen

The bowl: Benkei ramen (\$11.99)

By the end of my ramen hunt, I had become extremely sick of tonkotsu. Each meal felt like a battle of my stomach versus the fatty, salty broth. So I wasn't too excited about visiting Benkei, which specializes in tonkotsu. Fortunately, the store cuts the porkiness with dashi, lending each sip some much needed lightness and complex fish flavor. All the other details are cared for, including great thin noodles, sweet and crunchy cabbage and an egg with a molten yolk. 23 E. Northwest Highway, Palatine, 847-221-8547, vegiitusa.com/benkei-chicago/

9. Strings Ramen

The bowl: Tonkotsu ramen (\$13.95)

Strings serves a number of different styles of ramen, but the tonkotsu is the most popular. It's easy to see why. Instead of drumming you on the head with thickness, the broth has a rich, roasted depth that almost comes across like a super dark chicken stock. The thin noodles have bounce,



Chef Kenta Ikehata prepares a bowl of ajitama tsukemen ramen at Chicago Ramen in Des Plaines.

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Goku tan tan men at Menya Goku.



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Kitakata ramen at Kitakata Ramen Ban Nai.



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High Five Ramen's signature bowl half spice.



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Pork classic at Kinton Ramen.



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Chicken paitan at Ramen Takeya.

while the ample portion of pork is beautifully tender and packed with an unexpected sweetness. 2141 S. Archer Ave., 312-374-3450, ramenchicago.com

and you'll find plump slabs of pork belly, along with a single pickled red plum. 100 E. Algonquin Road, Arlington Heights, 847-357-0286, mitsuwa.com/ch

8. Ramen Shinchan

The bowl: Tonkotsu ramen (\$11.75)

The tonkotsu broth at this Palatine shop is creamy white, rich and extra porky. Fortunately, it's seasoned in a way that brings out this meatiness without clobbering your palate. In the bowl you'll find very thin noodles, which have a good springiness to them. Instead of extra fatty meat on top, you'll get a slice of lean yet tender pork. Just know that this place fills up fast for lunch, though fortunately they have a waiting room for overflow. 1939 S. Plum Grove Road, Palatine, 847-496-4189, ramen-shinchan.com

7. Hokkaido Ramen Santouka

The bowl: Salt ramen (\$9.95)

For many years, this Japanese ramen chain situated inside the Mitsuwa Marketplace food court was the undisputed ramen champion in our state. Remarkably, its quality hasn't dipped a bit. Though it's called salt ramen on the menu, this is really a version of tonkotsu. But while the porky broth is creamy, it's never overbearing. There's also a sweet nuttiness to each sip that lures you to keep slurping. Dig around

6. Ramen Takeya

The bowl: Chicken paitan (\$13)

This West Loop project from Satoko Takeyama and Jee Kim went all in on a chicken paitan, which is made by aggressively boiling chicken bones for hours. That explains how each sip tastes like the essence of an entire chicken. Think of the best bowl of chicken noodle soup you've had, and then multiply that times 10. The noodles have a playful bite to them, and I like the addition of raw onion for the fresh crunch. Make sure to locate the incredibly tender braised pork, which is both juicy and slightly sweet. 819 W. Fulton Market, 312-666-7710, ramentakaya.com

5. Kinton Ramen

The bowl: Pork classic (\$11.95)

Japanese ramen chains are one thing, but a Canadian chain? I was a doubter until I first sipped the milky white broth, which bursts with meatiness thanks to both pork and chicken bones, but also with a faint fishiness from bonito flakes. It's creamy, but not too overly oppressive, so you don't get fatigued halfway through. The fat bouncy noodles are the perfect pairing for the

broth. Each serving comes with sizable slices of pork and a whole egg, complete with a molten yolk inside. 163 N. Sangamon St., 312-374-3942, kintonramen.com

4. High Five Ramen

The bowl: High Five signature bowl half spice (\$14.95)

High Five is not for the meek. The perpetually packed spot underneath Green Street Smoked Meats serves a bowl that's outrageously thick and heavy, thanks to a combination of a hearty tonkotsu broth and salty miso paste. Order it without any spice, and it can seem all too much. But get it with half spice (full spice goes too far) and marvel at how the chile heat does battle with that broth, pushing and shoving for attention. I also love the noodles, which are thick and wavy, and grasp onto the soup when pulled from the deep. It's kind of out of control, and definitely not for everyone; but this is Chicago's most unique bowl of ramen. 112 N. Green St., 312-344-1749, highfiveramen.com

3. Kitakata Ramen Ban Nai

The bowl: Kitakata ramen (\$8.99)

Like several places around town, this Japanese ramen chain uses a broth made from pork. Unlike most, which favor a super thick tonkotsu-style, the broth here is meaty but not creamy and overly rich. This allows you to appreciate the ample amount of chashu pork placed precisely on top. Thin slices of the absurdly juicy pork are arranged in a circle around a center of sliced green onions. Underneath, you'll find irregular wide-cut noodles, which mingle happily with the broth. 1129 N. Roselle Road, Hoffman Estates, 847-744-6425, ramenbannai.com

1. Chicago Ramen (tie)

The bowls: Tsukemen (\$10.95) and chicken ramen (\$12.95)

Though named Chicago Ramen, this new shop has zero connection to the city. It's located in Des Plaines, and it's run by

Japanese chef and Los Angeles restaurateur Kenta Ikehata. But they can call it anything they like, as long as they keep dishing out ramen this incredible. The restaurant specializes in tsukemen, a sort of deconstructed version of ramen, where the noodles and broth are served in two separate bowls. The thick and springy noodles are rinsed after cooking, leaving them cool and slippery on the tongue, yet still with a remarkable ability to latch onto liquid. The chicken-vegetable-pork broth with miso paste comes out screaming hot and as thick as gravy. Take a sip and it can seem aggressively salty and meaty. But dunk some of the noodles in and each slurp is a riveting balance of cold and hot, bouncy and creamy.

If you're not feeling up to the heft, consider the chicken ramen, which features a stunningly clear broth that's as calming and nourishing as the tsukemen is crazy and over the top.

578 E. Oakton St., Des Plaines, 224-938-9982

1. Menya Goku (tie)

The bowls: Goku tan tan men (\$14) and modern shoyu (\$14)

I took one slurp of the tan tan men ramen at Menya Goku, Takeyama and Kim's latest ramen restaurant, and I knew it I was in for something special. Each sip of the porky broth was spicy, but not incendiary, with a thick nuttiness that clung to the wire-thin, yet still springy noodles. Thanks to the addition of Sichuan peppercorns, a numbing citrus note hovered around the heat, making it feel like you just wrapped a thick sweater around your body. Is there a better bowl within the city limits?

If there is, it's the modern shoyu served at the same spot. Instead of relying on an ultra heavy tonkotsu broth, this shoyu has a base of chicken broth and dashi, the traditional Japanese seafood broth. It's clean, balanced and will taste even better in the warmer months ahead.

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Leftovers

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pairing, but fresh apple can make pastries like this a bit stodgy, and the subtle apple flavor gets lost.

Dried apple brings an intensity of the fruit flavor that can stand up to the cheddar and gives nice little nuggets of chew.

A glaze made with hard cider and apple butter enhances the apple flavor, with a tiny splash of Irish whiskey for a little extra punch.

Your guests might just kiss you — even if you aren't Irish.

Cheddar sauce

Prep: 5 minutes **Cook:** 10 minutes **Makes:** about 2 cups

This rich cheese sauce is much easier to make than hollandaise, but the sharp cheddar brings the same punch as lemon, so you get all the benefits of a creamy, tangy sauce with half the hassle. It can even be made ahead and reheated; you might need to add extra milk when reheating if it has thickened too much.

4 tablespoons unsalted butter

4 tablespoons flour

1 1/2 cups whole milk

4 ounces sharp Irish cheddar, grated finely

Salt and ground white pepper to taste

Melt the butter in a small saucepan over medium-high heat. When the butter stops foaming, sprinkle the flour over it and whisk while it cooks to remove the raw flour taste, about 1 minute. Pour in the milk and whisk to combine, then continue to cook for a couple of minutes until it thickens slightly — it should be the consistency of a crepe batter, but still fairly liquid. Stir in the grated cheese and whisk until well combined. Season to taste with salt and ground white pepper. (This is also a terrific sauce for a fast mac and cheese.)

Nutrition information per tablespoon: 38 calories, 3 g fat, 2 g saturated fat, 9 mg cholesterol, 1 g carbohydrates, 1 g sugar, 1 g protein, 27 mg sodium, 0 g fiber

Apple cheddar scones with hard cider and whiskey glaze

Prep: 40 minutes **Bake:** 15-20 minutes **Makes:** 24 small triangular scones, or 12 large squares or wedges

3 cups flour

1/2 cup granulated sugar

3 teaspoons baking powder

1 teaspoon kosher salt

1 1/2 sticks unsalted butter, cubed

7 ounces coarsely grated Irish sharp white cheddar

4 ounces dried apple rings, chopped finely

1 cup heavy cream

3 eggs

1 1/2 tablespoons demerara sugar

Glaze, see recipe

1. Heat your oven to 400 degrees. In a large bowl, whisk the flour, sugar, baking powder and salt to combine. Cut the butter into the dry mixture until you have a mix that looks like coarse breadcrumbs. Toss the cheddar and chopped dried apple into the mix until well combined. Beat two eggs with the cream until combined; stir into the mix, blending and kneading just until you have a cohesive dough, and there are no dry streaks of flour left. Be careful not to over mix or the scones will become tough.

2. On a lightly floured board, with a floured rolling pin, roll the dough into a rectangle about 8 inches wide and 10 inches long, which should be approximately an inch thick. Using a bench scraper or knife, cut into 12 squares measuring 3-by-3 inches. If you want smaller scones, cut each square on the bias into two triangles. You can also cut these out with round cutters of any size you like — just adjust baking time accordingly. If you prefer a traditional wedge look, divide your dough in half, then pat each portion into a circle about an inch thick, and cut each into 6 wedges.

3. Arrange the scones about 2 inches apart on parchment-lined baking sheets. Chill uncovered in the fridge for at least 30 minutes, or up to 3 hours, or cover and chill for up to two days. Just before baking, beat the remaining egg with a tablespoon of water, and brush the egg wash over the scones, then lightly sprinkle with the demerara sugar. Bake until the scones are lightly golden-brown and firm to the touch, 15 to 20 minutes. (Every oven is different, so start checking at 15 minutes and be sure to turn the pan about halfway through baking if you know your oven heats



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unevenly.) Let cool on the pan on a rack for at least 20 minutes before glazing. (See recipe.)

4. Serve scones with clotted cream or unsweetened whipped cream, and apple butter.

Nutrition information per serving (for 24 scones): 254 calories, 13 g fat, 8 g saturated fat, 60 mg cholesterol, 29 g carbohydrates, 16 g sugar, 5 g protein, 222 mg sodium, 1 g fiber

Cider-whiskey glaze

1 1/2 tablespoons apple butter

1 1/2 tablespoons hard cider (or regular apple cider if you prefer nonalcoholic)

1 1/2 cups powdered sugar

1 teaspoon Irish whiskey such as Jameson (optional)

Pinch of apple pie spice or cinnamon

Pinch of salt

Mix all ingredients well with a whisk until you have a pourable glaze. Drizzle the glaze over the cooled scones.

Colcannon patties

Prep: 10 minutes

Chill: 30 minutes

Cook: 6 minutes per batch

Makes: 8 servings

These little patties of leftover mashed potatoes and cabbage are a perfect foil for eggs. They can also be a wonderful light lunch with a salad, or a side dish for just about any dinner. You can even make miniature ones and top with sour cream for a canapé. It is a great dish to have in your back pocket for leftover mashed potatoes. If you have actually made colcannon, then just use 3 cups of that, and adjust seasonings accordingly.

2 cups cold, leftover mashed potatoes

1 cup leftover cooked cabbage, chopped fine

1/2 teaspoon kosher salt

1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

1/4 cup flour, plus more for dredging

1 large egg, beaten

1 tablespoons butter

2 tablespoons canola oil

To assemble:

8 slices thick-sliced corned beef, browned lightly in a skillet and halved (or 8 slices Irish bacon, cooked)

8 poached eggs, cooked to your preferred doneness

Cheddar sauce, see recipe

Chopped chives

1. Mix the cold mashed potatoes with the cooked cabbage, salt and pepper until well combined. Add the raw eggs and then the flour, mixing well to combine. Every mashed potato recipe is different, so you might need a bit more flour if you think your mix is too loose; add in tablespoons until you get a mixture that can be formed into patties. Chill this mixture for 30 minutes or up to 24 hours so the flour fully hydrates and the mix firms up.

2. Divide the mixture into eight portions; form into patties, each about 3 inches across. Dredge the patties in flour; pat off the excess. If the patties feel soft, place in the fridge to firm up, about 20 minutes. In a large nonstick skillet over medium-high heat, heat the oil and butter together until the butter stops foaming. Fry the patties until golden brown and crispy, about 3 minutes per side. If not serving right away, hold on a baking sheet in a 200-degree oven for up to an hour.

3. To assemble, place two patties on each plate, or put all eight on a serving platter. Top each with two half-slices of corned beef, or one slice of Irish bacon. Add a poached egg to each, and then a generous spoonful of the cheddar sauce. Garnish with chopped chives; serve immediately with any extra cheese sauce on the side.

Nutrition information per serving: 136 calories, 8 g fat, 3 g saturated fat, 35 mg cholesterol, 12 g carbohydrates, 1 g sugar, 3 g protein, 301 mg sodium, 1 g fiber

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