



SEN. BERNIE SANDERS and his wife, Jane, arrive onstage during a downtown rally on Sunday evening at the Los Angeles Convention Center, a campaign event that drew an estimated crowd of more than 15,000.

ELECTION 2020

With Buttigieg out, Biden sees race as a fight with Sanders

Catching second wind after South Carolina, former VP focuses on differences between him and the senator.

By MARK Z. BARABAK AND JENNY JARVIE

SELMA, Ala. — A resurgent Joe Biden worked Sunday to cast the Democratic presidential race as a two-man contest with Bernie Sanders, an effort that gained ground as Pete Buttigieg ended his candidacy and thinned the crowded competition for support from the center-left wing of the party.

Four weeks after the first ballots were cast, the contest was transformed virtually overnight as Biden won a crushing victory in South Carolina, and Buttigieg, the former mayor of South Bend, Ind., joined billionaire activist Tom Steyer in exiting the race. Both were competing against the former vice president for many of the same voters.

“Our goal has always been to help unify Americans to defeat Donald Trump and to win the era for our values,” an emotional Buttigieg told a hometown crowd Sunday night. “And so we must recognize that at this point in the race, the best way to keep faith with

those goals and ideals is to step aside and help bring our party and our country together.”

The moves came as the campaign’s single biggest day of balloting, Super Tuesday, rapidly approached, with 15 contests on the calendar and former New York City Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg competing for the first time since he began sinking hundreds of millions of dollars into his candidacy.

Coming off his victory Saturday in South Carolina, Biden took a celebratory lap on the political talk show circuit, where he tried to elbow aside rivals by focusing the contest on himself and the more liberal senator from Vermont.

“I think Bernie Sanders’ position on a number of the issues, even in the Democratic Party, are going to be, are very controversial,” Biden said on NBC’s “Meet the Press,” suggesting Sanders would have to substantially raise taxes to pay for generous programs such as “Medicare for all” and student debt forgiveness.

“We’re getting down now, everybody’s going to look at Bernie’s record as closely as [See Democrats, A7]

Comparing their climate plans

Each Democrat has a robust action agenda, but strategies do differ. **A2**



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HISTORIC CAMPAIGN ENDS

Presidential hopeful Pete Buttigieg, with husband Chasten, won the Iowa caucuses but couldn’t win over enough people of color. **NATION, A6**

Front-line casualties in war on virus

Over 3,000 Chinese health workers have been infected. At least 18 have died, some from exhaustion.

By ALICE SU

BEIJING — A woman in a hazmat suit and protective mask let out a cry as she ran after a funeral van.

Her husband, Liu Zhiming, director of Wuhan’s Wuchang Hospital and a respected neurosurgeon who’d led the institution’s coronavirus response, was inside the vehicle. A video of the moment went viral, showing Liu’s wife, Cai Liping, a nurse who had been on the front lines with him, staggering forward as his corpse was driven away to be cremated.

Cai had begged to take care of Liu after he became infected in late January, when thousands of patients began crowding into Wuhan’s overburdened hospitals. But he refused, fearing she would get sick too.

“Can you see my messages? Can I come take care of you?” she texted him from outside his ward.

“No,” Liu wrote. He died on Feb. 18. A spate of recent deaths [See China, A10]



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A DOCTOR checks on a patient in Wuhan, epicenter of China’s coronavirus outbreak, in February. State propaganda has glorified health workers’ sacrifices.

U.S. hospital staffers alarmed

By SOUMYA KARLAMANGLA

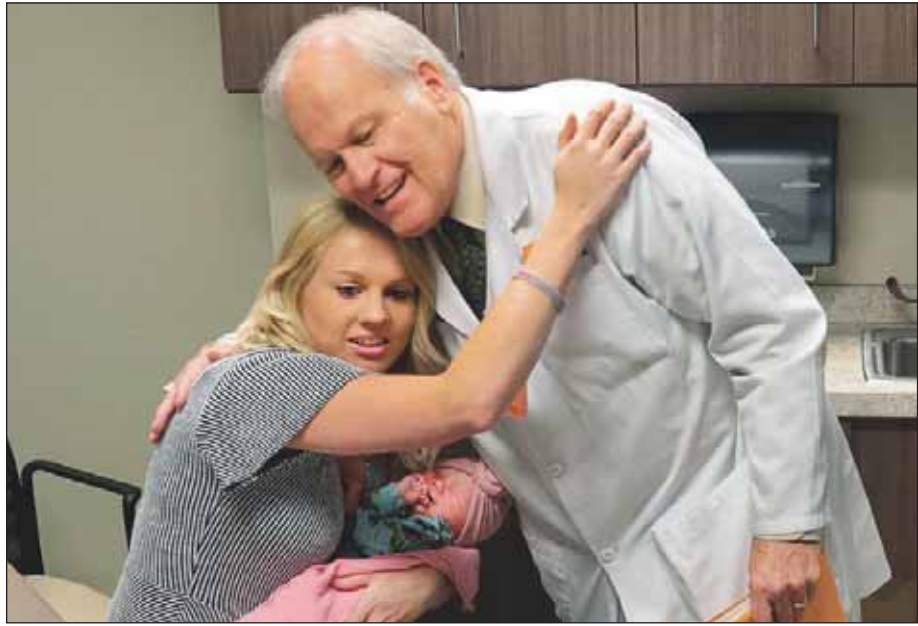
Doctors and nurses say they are alarmed by reports that multiple health workers in the United States have been sickened by a deadly coronavirus and that hospitals and other healthcare facilities appear to have be-

come hot spots for the spread of infections.

On Sunday, health officials announced that two staff members at a Northern California hospital had contracted COVID-19 from a patient. A day earlier, officials said that a health worker at a Seattle nursing home had been hospitalized with the disease and that several

more staff members would probably test positive in the coming days.

Medical workers on the front lines of an epidemic often make up a disproportionate number of cases because of their close contact with sick patients and repeated exposure to a virus. Some hospital staffers say [See Hospitals, A10]



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KAYLA DANIELL greets Dr. Craig Towers, who helped her quit drugs before giving birth. A medical group advises against detoxing for pregnant addicts.

COLUMN ONE

Weaning moms-to-be off opioids

Doctor goes against guidelines on treating addicts

By DEL QUENTIN WILBER REPORTING FROM KNOXVILLE, TENN.

In the soft glow of the ultrasound machine in the dimly lighted exam room, Dr. Craig Towers offered his patient this assessment: “Your baby is doing great!”

But Emily Lenderman barely registered the good news. The 22-year-old was miserable. A raging staph infection had

overrun the right side of her face, her skin was clammy and dark bags shadowed her eyes. Her head lolled side to side.

Towers didn’t need a drug test to confirm Lenderman, 14 weeks pregnant, was in the throes of opioid addiction, and this morning still showed the effects of having used the drug the day before. That was why Lenderman had driven 70 miles to see Towers, one of the few physicians who specializes in treat- [See Doctor, A12]

JOE COULOMBE, 1930 - 2020

Founded Trader Joe’s chain

His specialty food stores with a South Seas motif targeted sophisticated consumers.

By DENNIS MCLELLAN

He was a marketing whiz, a retail visionary whose chain of budget-minded specialty food stores, launched in the late 1960s with a distinctive South Seas trading post motif, developed a cult-like following on its way to becoming a Southern California institution.

Joe Coulombe, the founder of Trader Joe’s, died Friday after a long illness, said his son, Joe. He was 89.

Trader Joe’s, which came to be known for everything from its inexpensive Charles Shaw (“Two Buck Chuck”) wine to its use of maritime bells for in-store communication, was a quirky local retail success before spreading beyond California in the 1990s after Coulombe left the company.

Coulombe was the owner of a small chain of 18 Pronto [See Coulombe, A8]



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RETAIL VISIONARY

Joe Coulombe, shown with a painting of his granddaughter at his Pasadena home in 2011, stocked his stores with a global cross-section of offerings.

Inquiry is sought over crash photos

Vanessa Bryant’s lawyer criticizes the alleged sharing of images by deputies. **CALIFORNIA, B1**

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THE TOWN of Pacifica, just south of San Francisco, is fighting to defend its homes from coastal erosion. Rising seas and more intense wildfires have put climate change top of mind for the state's Democratic voters.

How do Democrats plan to combat climate change?

Candidates' proposals differ in how far, how fast, how much to spend

By EVAN HALPER

WASHINGTON —Wildfires, rising seas, and roll-backs by the Trump administration that undermine California's authority to pursue pioneering environmental policies have put climate change top of mind for the state's Democratic voters. Every one of the party's presidential candidates has a robust climate action agenda.

It is a rare area in this primary where candidates are marching mostly to the same beat. They almost universally support a Green New Deal. They all vow to immediately reenlist the U.S. in the Paris accord to fight global warming.

Each of them would scrap all of the Trump roll-backs and set a firm deadline for moving the nation to net zero emissions, the point at which any greenhouse gas emissions caused by humans are balanced by carbon sinks in the environment or technologies that remove carbon from the atmosphere.

The differences lie in how far, how fast and how much to spend. Are they calling for the phaseout of all fossil fuels by a certain date? Do they see nuclear energy as part of a zero-emissions future? Are they looking to immediately ban fracking? We break down where they stand and what climate policy would look like under the vision offered by each of the Democratic hopefuls.

Joe Biden

Former Vice President Joe Biden unveiled a bold \$17-trillion plan for climate action that belies his brand of "incremental" progressivism. He doesn't go as far as some of his rivals, but the Biden vision is hardly incremental.

During the Obama administration, Biden was at the forefront of pushing the world to embrace bolder climate action and the Paris accord on global warming. Faced with a hostile Congress, the Obama White House moved forward with aggressive administration actions aimed at cleaning up power plant emissions and moving the nation's vehicle fleet toward significantly higher fuel efficiency.

Biden recognizes that the Obama plans were ambitious but also that merely picking up where the last Democratic administration left off would not fully address the urgent warnings of climate scientists.

He is calling for much further-reaching action and arguing that his deep experience in diplomacy makes him uniquely qualified to reposition the U.S. as the world leader in confronting global warming.

"On Day One, Biden will sign a series of new executive orders with unprecedented reach that go well beyond the Obama-Biden administration platform and put us on the right track," the candidate's plan vows.



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THE THOMAS fire reaches the 101 Freeway north of Ventura in late 2017 during an extremely dry season.

Michael Bloomberg

Former New York Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg's environmental agenda, unlike those of many of his opponents, does not advocate for a ban on fracking and would establish a moratorium on, instead of a complete ban on, all new fossil fuel leases on federal land. The billionaire has donated millions to environmental groups such as the Sierra Club Foundation, and last year he partnered with the group to launch Beyond Carbon, an initiative that advocates for green policy changes.

In the 2017 book he co-wrote, "Climate of Hope," Bloomberg acknowledges that he isn't a "stereotypical" environmentalist. "I don't want to ban fracking (just do it safely) or stop the Keystone pipeline (the oil is coming here one way or another) and I support nuclear power," he wrote. But he said he wanted to fight climate change "to save and improve lives."

His plan aims to cut emissions by 50% across the entire U.S. economy in 10 years and increase funding for research and development in clean energy and a clean grid to at least \$25 billion each year. Bloomberg has not released an estimated cost of his entire climate change plan.

He has chafed at the massive spending linked to the Green New Deal plan as envisioned by its authors in Congress. He said in a speech in New Hampshire early last year, as the proposal was unveiled, that he is tired of "things that are pie in the sky, that we never are going to pass, are never going to afford." He drafted his own, narrower Green New Deal proposal.

Tulsi Gabbard

The environmental vision of U.S. Rep. Tulsi Gabbard of Hawaii is aggressive but also incomplete. Unlike most of her rivals, Gabbard has not presented a fleshed-out blueprint for climate action. But she has written a measure in Congress called the Off Fossil Fuels Act for a Better Future that would move the nation to 100% clean electricity and transportation by 2035. It also would halt new fossil fuel projects and end some subsidies. The measure is enthusiastically endorsed by environmental groups.

Gabbard has said she backs the Green New Deal and won't support nuclear power as it exists now.

"I do not support 'leaving the door open' to nuclear power unless and until there is a permanent solution to the problem of nuclear waste," Gabbard says on her website. "I believe we need to invest in 100% renewable and safe energy sources like wind, solar and geothermal."

It is unclear how much government investment Gabbard would commit to a green energy transition. Her campaign's lack of a detailed plan moved Greenpeace to call on her to "recommit" to taking a leadership role on climate in this race, as she has in Congress.

Amy Klobuchar

Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar is running as a moderate alternative to the progressive firebrands in the race. As such, her climate plans are more modest than those of some of her rivals.

Klobuchar seems to chafe at the multitrillion-dollar price tag and the radical transitions mapped out in the Green New Deal as proposed by its original drafters. The government spending she talks about is in the hundreds of billions of dollars, not trillions. The senator says she supports the Green New Deal ideas more as things to aspire toward than as workable, concrete plans. She favors development of advanced nuclear energy technologies and pollution-capturing innovations that could allow a future for the coal industry in a green economy.

"As the granddaughter of a miner who worked 1,500 feet underground, Sen. Klobuchar understands the hard work and sacrifice of those who built and powered our country," her climate plan says. "She is committed to supporting and creating new opportunities for workers and communities that have depended on the fossil fuel industry."

The Klobuchar agenda looks more like a resumption of the Obama-era climate policies than the shift toward the much more aggressive climate action that many candidates are promoting. But Klobuchar is also a longtime ally of climate activists and talks frequently on the stump

about restoring the voice of science in federal decision-making and has written clean energy legislation in the Senate.

Bernie Sanders

Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders prides himself on advancing the most far-reaching and aggressive plans in several major policy areas. Climate is no exception.

The Sanders plan has the biggest price tag at \$16.3 trillion over 15 years, the biggest expansion of government and the most ambitious targets. He sets an end date for fossil fuels. And the spending he outlines for investment in green technology, natural resource protection and expansions of public land dwarfs that proposed by any other candidate.

The blueprint most closely reflects the goals laid out in the Green New Deal as drafted by progressive firebrand Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez of New York and Sen. Edward J. Markey of Massachusetts.

Whereas other candidates talk about creating a few million jobs, Sanders is talking about 20 million. He is calling for cuts in military spending and "massive" tax hikes on fossil fuel income. There would be big investments in everything from high-speed rail to resiliency programs focused on such things as fighting wildfire and drought.

Sanders promises that "climate change will be factored into virtually every area of policy, from immigration to trade to foreign policy and beyond."

Elizabeth Warren

Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren's climate plan is very much in step with her broader brand. It calls for big government investment and takes aim at what she says is corruption in the energy economy. "To really bend the curve on climate, we'll need sustained big, structural change across a range of industries and sectors," the plan says.

Warren was the first candidate to vow to stop new drilling on public land in the first day of her administration, and she is an enthusiastic proponent of the Green New Deal. She was also the first candidate to sign the No Fossil Fuel Money Pledge, rejecting campaign contributions from fossil fuel companies.

Warren argues that her broader anti-corruption plans will "end lobbying as we know it" and remove the clout fossil fuel companies hold over the nation's energy policies.

Her investment in green energy is geared toward creating new union jobs in the sector. She vows to spend at least \$3 trillion, with a third of it going to "front-line communities" to "remediate" what she says are historic environmental injustices.

Times staff writer Melissa Gomez contributed to this report.

THE WORLD

Afghans walk
a tightrope of
hope and fear

Deal between U.S.
and the Taliban fuels
aspirations for peace.
But some remain
unconvinced.

By STEFANIE GLINSKI

KABUL, Afghanistan — Loud laughter erupts as Murtaza, 2, and his cousins chase one another through the living room, a bright space with cushions lining the walls and a black-and-white television set in the corner, playing an ad about the hopes for peace in Afghanistan.

Murtaza is now an only child; his older brother was killed in a suicide attack.

On Saturday, the United States and the Taliban signed a landmark deal in Qatar's capital, Doha, calling for all U.S. troops to withdraw from the war-torn country within the next 14 months.

The Central Asian country has seen more than four decades of conflict, nearly half of them since the U.S.-led invasion in response to the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks in New York and Washington planned by Al Qaeda terrorists based in Afghanistan. Since then, tens of thousands of Afghans have been killed, as well as 3,500 troops from the U.S. and allied nations.

The peace agreement is contingent on Taliban militants preventing Al Qaeda and other terrorist groups from again using Afghan territory to threaten the U.S. —

and on the Taliban negotiating a power-sharing agreement with the U.S.-backed Afghan government in Kabul.

With those talks due to begin March 10, Afghans are caught between hopes and fears.

“Peace is the big word right now,” said Habibullah Baloch, 68, grandfather to Murtaza and Mustafa, 6, who was killed in a November attack in Kabul that targeted an armored vehicle. Eleven others also died. Both the Taliban and the militant group Islamic State carry out such attacks, but no group claimed responsibility for the one that took the child's life.

Last year alone, more than 10,000 civilians were killed and injured in Afghanistan, and casualties caused by the Taliban rose by 21%, according to the United Nations.

“I'm happy the U.S. and the Taliban signed a deal. Maybe it will finally stop the explosions and maybe there is hope,” Baloch said, his voice drowned out by a helicopter flying over the house, shaking its frail windows.

The boys' mother, Rahima Baloch, 25, agreed. “We have lost our child, but maybe others can be saved. Of course we can't expect anything from the Taliban, but part of me hopes that the deal could bring an end to this violence.”

The members of the family watched Saturday's ceremony — the agreement being signed by U.S. Special Representative Zalmay Khalilzad and Taliban political leader Mullah Abdul



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FORMER Taliban fighters prepare to hand over weapons as part of a peace process in Jalalabad, Afghanistan.

Ghani Baradar — as they sat cross-legged on the floor, their eyes glued to the TV screen.

“It was a positive moment,” Rahima Baloch said.

Across the street, a family that has suffered from the tragedy voiced disagreement.

“Throughout my life, I've never seen peace, I've never had a good life and I don't think a deal between America and the Taliban will change this,” Mina Seddiqi, 27, said, her eyes welling with tears.

She didn't bother watching Saturday's ceremony and she doesn't believe that peace is in the cards for Afghanistan.

Seddiqi's niece Dunya, 10, and nephew Hadis, 7, were on their way to school with their neighbor Mustafa when the car bomb struck. Dunya and Hadis perished along with Mustafa.

“If the Taliban comes back, I want my children out of the country,” said Seddiqi, the mother of a toddler girl and a newborn boy. “I lived under their regime as a child, I don't want to go back

— and I definitely don't want my children to grow up that way.”

Saturday's agreement stated that the U.S. would downsize its troops from about 12,000 to 8,600 in the next 135 days, while the Taliban agreed to not host foreign terrorist groups on Afghan soil.

The morning after the deal was signed, Afghan President Ashraf Ghani assured the nation that a weeklong reduction in violence, observed ahead of the signing ceremony in Doha, would continue. “Our objective is to turn it into a permanent cease-fire,” he said.

But as direct negotiations approach, obstacles remain. The Taliban does not recognize the Afghan government as a legitimate entity and Ghani, who was reelected to another five-year-term just days ago, is entangled in a dispute with his rival, Abdullah Abdullah, who considers the results fraudulent and has declared himself the winner. Among other things, the two men also are divided over the ne-

gotiating team that is due to meet the Taliban for direct talks.

Ghani announced Sunday that he did not plan to release 5,000 Taliban prisoners ahead of the intra-Afghan talks.

“There is no commitment on the release,” he said, adding that it would take a long time to release even 100 prisoners.

President Trump, who called Ghani on Sunday, said he believes the Taliban wanted to do something to show “we're not all wasting time.”

“If bad things happen, we'll go back with a force like no one's ever seen,” Trump said.

Such words do nothing to sway many Afghans who lived during the iron-fisted rule of the Taliban, ousted in the 2001 U.S.-led invasion.

“I'm worried,” said Zarifa Ghafari, 26, mayor of Wardak province's capital, Maidan Shahr, and a political activist. “The Taliban is still a group of terrorists. I hope the international community will not let anything happen to the future and the

social and political accomplishments of Afghanistan.”

Kabul's streets remained quiet Sunday morning, as many in the nation's capital held their breath. Peace is desirable, they say, yet an underlying fear is tangible.

“This was the easy part,” Laurel Miller, Asia director of the International Crisis Group, said of the deal. “The negotiations among the Afghan parties that are supposed to start in a matter of days will have to tackle much more difficult issues of who gets to wield power in the country and how the government is going to be organized.”

Back on the quiet street of Murtaza's home, his mother acknowledges that it's been hard trying to tell her 2-year-old where his brother went.

“He seems happy, but a heavy burden lies on our family,” Rahima Baloch said. “We are afraid, but we also hope. Our hearts are heavy, but we cannot give up.”

Glinski is a special correspondent.

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The “Bernie/Trump Problem”

Throughout much of 2019 **Bernie Sanders** (I believe the **least** likely to beat Trump) was losing ground in the polls, while for most of 2019 Joe Biden (I believe the **most** likely to beat Trump) held a commanding lead in the polls. However, late in 2019 Bernie started spending large amounts of campaign funds (\$50 million spent in late 2019, with a stunning \$25 million raised in Jan. 2020). Bernie's surge of funding was supposedly from small donors - but government officials recently informed Bernie that Russian efforts are being made to help Bernie win the Democratic nomination. However, it was not specified if that help was financial or otherwise. I believe that Russian help may be because Trump has an excellent chance of beating Bernie, but little chance of beating Biden. Irrespective of the source of Bernie's funds, his big spending has likely helped make Bernie the front runner in the Democratic primaries and caucuses.

This brings us to the “**Bernie/Trump Problem**” - which many are aware of, but good solutions have not been forthcoming. The crux of that problem is that because Bernie is so far to the left, many moderates (Democratic, independent, & Republican) would likely sit out the election rather than vote for either Trump or Bernie. Therefore, if Bernie wins the Democratic nomination, then odds are high that Trump will easily beat Bernie in the 2020 presidential election because Bernie will lose many of the moderates, while Trump will still have virtually all of his right-wing Republican base. Such a win by Trump will allow Trump to continue his program to circumvent the checks and balances that are the essential core of our rule-of-law democracy, thereby allowing Trump to subvert our democracy into a Trump dictatorship. (see: **www.Lets-Dump-Trump.com**)

If the current trends in the Democratic primaries and caucuses continue, there is good reason to expect that Trump will win a second term as president, and will use that time to complete his ongoing subversion of our democracy - with the goal of replacing our democracy with a disastrous Trump dictatorship.

More specifically, if the current Democratic campaigns continue as they have been:

- a) Bernie will win the Democratic nomination;
- b) Trump will easily beat Bernie in the 2020 presidential election; and,
- c) Trump may succeed in becoming the undisputed dictator of our country.

Alternatively, there is a **simple solution** to the “Bernie/Trump Problem” that will likely give a far more desirable outcome (for those who value freedom and democracy):

- a) Joe Biden and Amy Klobuchar join forces to form the 2020 ticket “Biden for president/Klobuchar for vice president”;
- b) the Biden/Klobuchar ticket will win the Democratic nomination in a landslide;
- c) the Biden/Klobuchar ticket will win the presidential election in a landslide;
- d) the deep divisions from Trump's divisive presidency will start to heal;
- e) Joe and Amy will go down in history for saving our democracy from Trump;
- f) Amy will go down in history as
 - i. our country's first woman Vice President (elected 2020); and,
 - ii. our country's first woman President (elected 2024 and 2028).

We need your help to bring this **simple solution** to the attention of Biden and Klobuchar.

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Buttigieg ends uphill, historic campaign

The youthful, gay candidate vaulted to top tier but ultimately failed to draw enough black, Latino voters.

By MATT PEARCE

Pete Buttigieg dropped out of the Democratic presidential race Sunday, ending an improbable and historic campaign that cemented the gay former South Bend, Ind., mayor as one of the party's young stars, but which struggled with the candidate's short political resume and his lack of popularity with voters of color.

He narrowly won the Iowa caucuses and finished a close second in the New Hampshire primary. But poor showings in the next two contests, in Nevada on Feb. 22 and Saturday in South Carolina, suggested there was no plausible route to the nomination.

Buttigieg announced the decision Sunday night in a speech to supporters and staff in South Bend.

His departure just two days before Super Tuesday will probably boost other moderate candidates' hopes of finally assembling a coalition large enough to compete with the progressive base backing Sen. Bernie Sanders of Vermont.

"The truth is the path has narrowed to the close for our candidacy," Buttigieg said in his suspension speech, adding that to defeat President Trump, "We must recognize that at this point in the race the best way to keep faith with [our] goals and ideals is to step aside and help bring our party together."

It had been an uphill climb from the beginning for Buttigieg, 38, who launched



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FORMER SOUTH BEND, Ind., Mayor Pete Buttigieg announces he is ending his presidential campaign, saying he had no viable path to the nomination.

his candidacy from relative obscurity from South Bend, a Rust Belt city of about 100,000 people that had been on an economic upswing since the start of his eight-year tenure in 2012.

Not since the nomination of diplomat and Solicitor General John W. Davis in 1924 has the Democratic Party selected a candidate who had not previously won a statewide election as either governor or U.S. senator. Buttigieg had previously run for Indiana state treasurer in 2010 and for chair of the Democratic National Committee in 2017 and lost both races handily.

But the Republican Party's nomination and election in 2016 of Donald Trump, who had no experience as a public servant, had broadened voters and experts' perspectives on what was possible in a presidential nominee. The Democratic Party, still reeling from the loss, was undergoing an identity crisis and had no

clear leader, which ultimately led more than 20 candidates to plunge in.

Buttigieg surged past multiple governors and senators through successful early media appearances on CNN and the liberal podcast "Pod Save America," where the former Rhodes scholar and Navy intelligence officer impressed many listeners with the nimble and clear speaking style that would become the hallmark of his public appearances.

Buttigieg's youth presented a stark contrast to the septuagenarians leading the Democratic field. He pitched himself as a liberal who was moderate enough to bring in independents and disaffected Republicans disgusted by Trump's brash presidency.

The fact that he was a gay man from conservative Indiana lent historical weight to his presidential candidacy, which was a first for the Democratic Party; his husband, Chasten, a public

school teacher, would become a cultural figure in his own right.

"I told Pete to run because I knew there were other kids sitting out there in this country who needed to believe in themselves too," Chasten Buttigieg said at his husband's suspension speech Sunday night.

Buttigieg's advisors sensed his unique biography and self-discipline would be a strength on the campaign trail, and — in contrast to candidates such as former Vice President Joe Biden — they made the South Bend native as accessible to journalists as possible.

The strategy helped boost his media profile on the cheap, and campaign contributions followed as big-dollar Democratic donors were particularly taken by Buttigieg, whose endorsers included Hollywood celebrities such as Kevin Costner and Mandy Moore. He also drew the support of prominent LGBTQ

entertainers such as George Takei and Ellen DeGeneres.

The donations enabled Buttigieg's campaign to swell to hundreds of paid staff and compete against his higher-profile and well-financed opponents, but also marred his image as the Midwestern mayor-next-door after images leaked of a posh campaign fundraiser in a Napa Valley wine cave.

The fact that Buttigieg was even accepting large donations and holding private fundraisers in the first place marked an ideological departure from his fellow millennials, who were increasingly turning toward the kind of economic populism espoused by Sen. Bernie Sanders of Vermont and who became some of Buttigieg's harshest critics.

Buttigieg struck increasingly moderate positions as the campaign wore on, criticizing big left-wing ideas such as universal free college and a single-payer "Medicare for all" healthcare system, which Buttigieg rebranded as a less aggressive "Medicare for all who want it" public option. His campaign defended him from attacks from progressives by arguing that he was running to the left of Hillary Clinton's 2016 platform.

His political inexperience also drew concern, particularly from critics who wondered if a woman with a similarly short resume would have gotten similar attention and credibility. "Could we be running with less experience than we had? I don't think so," Sen. Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota told the New York Times. "I don't think people would take us seriously."

Ultimately, perhaps the issue that did the most damage to his campaign was Buttigieg's failure to draw support from voters of color,

not just nationally, but in his hometown. Although many black leaders in South Bend expressed their support for Buttigieg's presidential candidacy, he had also been distrusted and outright disliked by some residents for his handling of the city's police department.

Shortly after arriving in office in 2012, Buttigieg fired the city's black police chief, who was accused of improperly recording police colleagues who were allegedly making racist remarks. The number of black officers in the department dwindled dramatically during Buttigieg's tenure.

Those tensions exploded into the open during Buttigieg's campaign in June 2019, when a white officer shot a black man who the officer said threatened him with a knife. The officer's body camera wasn't on, leaving the incident shrouded in uncertainty.

Buttigieg stayed in the race and won a very narrow victory in Iowa over Sanders and came in second in New Hampshire.

For months, Buttigieg's campaign had proceeded with the theory that his problem with voters of color was not dislike or distrust, but a lack of name recognition or excitement. They hoped that strong performances with white voters in Iowa and New Hampshire would swing open the door to Latinos in Nevada and, hopefully, black voters in South Carolina.

But by Saturday, it was clear that the campaign's grand strategy had failed. Sanders won the Latino vote in a decisive victory in Nevada, and Biden gave a similarly commanding performance in South Carolina, where it was estimated that Buttigieg had support from only 2% of black voters.

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Choice is him or Sanders, Biden says

[Democrats, from A1] they've looked at mine over the last five months," Biden continued, "and I think they're going to see some stark differences in where we stand."

Sanders responded in kind, calling Biden a part of the political establishment that has long neglected those who struggle to get by day-to-day.

"In order to beat Trump, we are going to need the largest voter turnout in the history of this country," Sanders said on ABC's "This Week." "And I don't think you can do that unless you have a message that appeals to the working class and the middle class in this country."

Later, at a massive downtown rally Sunday night at the Los Angeles Convention Center, Sanders urged supporters to bring their friends and family to the polls to ensure a big victory on Tuesday.

"The candidate who wins in California has an excellent chance to win the Democratic nomination," Sanders said. "Let us have the highest voter turnout in California primary history. In this most consequential year, let us go forward and win the nomination. Let us go forward and defeat Donald Trump. Let us go forward and transform this country."

Buttigieg's departure caught most by surprise.

After a last round of campaign appearances, including a Sunday morning interview in which he said he would continue running, Buttigieg abruptly reversed course and flew home to announce his decision. He won the Iowa caucuses and finished a close second in New Hampshire, but stalled in Nevada and South Carolina, in good part because of a lack of support in the black and Latino communities.

That leaves Bloomberg as Biden's main competitor for centrist voters.

The ex-mayor inserted himself into the political debate over the spreading coronavirus threat with a presidential-like address to the nation Sunday night that implicitly criticized President Trump and touted Bloomberg's experience handling assorted crises during his years in City Hall. The billionaire was spending several million on the three-minute broadcast, adding to a campaign tab that has already topped more than \$650 million.

There were signs of trouble, however, even before



PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATES Sen. Elizabeth Warren (D-Mass.), left, and Sen. Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.) take a selfie with a woman as they marched Sunday afternoon across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Ala.



REP. TERRI A. SEWELL (D-Ala.) hugs presidential candidate Joe Biden while introducing him to speak on Sunday at Brown Chapel AME Church in Selma, Ala.

Bloomberg put his name before voters.

Nearly 7 in 10 South Carolinians had a negative view of the media mogul, according to exit poll interviews conducted Saturday by Edison Research. And on Sunday in Selma, Ala., a small group of churchgoers stood up and silently turned their backs as he spoke from the pulpit of the historic Brown Chapel AME Church.

Bloomberg, who has apologized for a New York City police policy that targeted young black and

brown men, showed no reaction as he stuck to remarks about racial inequality.

"In Alabama and across much of this country, there's still millions of women and men who are being denied the right to vote simply because of the color of their skin," Bloomberg said before reciting the names of the foot soldiers in the civil rights movement who were beaten and bloodied in Selma 55 years ago.

By contrast, Biden was warmly received, given his own chair near the altar

while Bloomberg sat in a pew. He was introduced by Alabama's Democratic senator, Doug Jones, and Selma's Rep. Terri A. Sewell.

"I'm honored to be here this morning with so many longtime friends," Biden said, among them Rep. John Lewis (D-Ga.), a hero of the civil rights movement. "The first time I came to this chapel was with John Lewis, a guy who was literally prepared to give his life."

Biden's decisive win in South Carolina came as a relief to many more moderate

Democrats who fear running with Sanders, an avowed democratic socialist, atop the presidential ticket in November. Seeking to buttress his candidacy and reemergence in the campaign's top tier, Biden rolled out a number of endorsements Sunday, including the support of former Sens. Barbara Boxer of California and Blanche Lincoln of Arkansas.

He also boasted of collecting more than \$10 million in contributions in just 48 hours, surpassing his fundraising total for the entire month of January.

Biden's commanding victory Saturday was reassuring to some black voters who watched as the former vice president stumbled through early contests in Iowa and New Hampshire; he promised to regain his equilibrium in South Carolina, where African Americans made up more than half the primary electorate.

"Joe Biden did what he said he was going to do," said Cookie Green, a home-care provider from Repton, Ala., as she left a morning prayer breakfast ahead of a day of commemoration ceremonies in Selma. "I am pulling for him 110% and hoping he goes to the White House. I don't want no politician on training wheels."

Alabama and Arkansas are two of 14 states, including

California, that will vote on Tuesday, along with American Samoa. By the time polls close, roughly 40% of the delegates needed to win the Democratic nomination will have been allocated, though it may be some time before the exact apportionment is known.

Candidates winning as little as 15% support can walk away with delegates. With so many targets of opportunity, and the prospect of leveraging those delegates in the event of a contested convention, no one else was willing to follow the lead of Buttigieg and Steyer, who quit Saturday night after a distant third-place finish behind Biden and Sanders in South Carolina.

Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren suggested she might fight on to the Democrats' nominating convention in July. Her campaign manager, Roger Lau, said in a post on Medium that he expected the field to narrow drastically after Super Tuesday and for Warren to remain one of the few viable candidates heading into a convention with no clear winner.

"Our grassroots campaign is built to compete in every state and territory and ultimately prevail at the national convention in Milwaukee," Lau wrote.

Massachusetts is another of the Super Tuesday states, and polls suggest Warren is in a close fight there against Sanders. Also voting Tuesday is Minnesota, the home state of Sen. Amy Klobuchar, who, like Buttigieg and Warren, finished far out of contention in South Carolina.

On Sunday, Klobuchar posted a tweet citing 13 newspapers "from coast to coast and north to south" that had endorsed her campaign, which appears to have lost all traction after a surprising third-place finish in the Feb. 11 New Hampshire primary.

She joined several other candidates as they marched Sunday afternoon with hundreds of others across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, where the brutal police beating of peaceful demonstrators in 1965 sparked worldwide outrage and helped fuel the civil rights movement.

Barabak reported from Los Angeles and Jarvie from Selma. Times staff writer Seema Mehta in Los Angeles contributed to this report.

Bloomberg in damage control with key voting bloc

Billionaire focuses on female support after accusations of coarse behavior and shaky debate performances.

BY MELANIE MASON AND SEEMA MEHTA

WALNUT CREEK, Calif. — Michael R. Bloomberg has blanketed the airwaves with commercials for months, but last week, he added a new one to the mix. Its intended audience was not subtle.

As a lilting piano score plays, woman after woman testify how wonderful it was to work for the media mogul and former New York City mayor.

"Mike supports women," one former colleague said. "He promotes women and he respects women."

Any Democratic presidential contender would be wise to make an appeal to female voters, who make up nearly 60% of California's primary electorate. But for Bloomberg, who faces his first electoral test on Super Tuesday — when 14 states including California hold primaries — the outreach has taken on fresh urgency after wobbly debate performances that highlighted allegations of his past treatment of women in the workplace and chipped away at the veneer of electability that is the rationale for his campaign.

The assurances from women close to the 78-year-old billionaire may help.

Nega Flaherty was among several hundred people who came to see Diana Taylor, Bloomberg's longtime partner, speak at a



FORMER NEW YORK City Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg, center, greets his supporters during a campaign rally Saturday at a high school in Wilmington, N.C.

Democratic club in Walnut Creek. Flaherty had written off Bloomberg after his rivals piled on him in his first debate in Las Vegas. Seeing Taylor, a self-made business executive, made her reconsider.

"You just sort of wonder, if that's his partner, how can the same man be saying those nasty things that he is alleged to say?" said Flaherty, 77. "That was very persuasive."

But interviews with other women across California suggest an uphill climb for Bloomberg, which could seriously undermine his candidacy.

Energized in response to President Trump's win in 2016, women have become an increasingly influential voting bloc. Nearly 3 in 10 women say they've increased their political involvement

in recent years, according to a December poll commissioned by the Barbara Lee Family Foundation and the Women & Politics Institute at American University.

Women, particularly swing voters living in the suburbs, were decisive in helping Democrats win the House of Representatives in 2018.

"These are healthcare voters, [gun] safety voters, education voters," said Celinda Lake, a Democratic pollster who specializes in women voters.

Bloomberg spent his post-mayoral years pouring hundreds of millions into advocacy on those fronts, in addition to combating climate change, another top issue for women voters.

In theory, that could make him a perfect fit for a voter like Bethany Webb.

Webb ranks the environment and gun violence prevention as top issues; the latter especially so after her sister was killed and her mother injured in a mass shooting in Seal Beach eight years ago. She threw herself into ousting incumbent GOP Rep. Dana Rohrabacher from his Orange County district in 2018. Bloomberg spent more than \$4 million on television ads supporting the Democratic challenger, Harley Rouda, who ultimately won.

But while Rouda endorsed Bloomberg's presidential bid in January, Webb can't get behind his pick. She is turned off by Bloomberg muscling his way into the race via his limitless checkbook.

"As long as Trump is not president, I will feel relief," Webb, 58, said. "I will not feel

pride if it is Michael Bloomberg."

Webb, a loan officer from Huntington Beach, said she enjoys watching Bloomberg needle Trump with New York gusto.

"I just wish he'd do that without running," she said.

The former mayor had been steadily climbing the polls, aided by his advertising blitz and early losses by moderate front-runner Joe Biden.

Then came his first debate.

He was broadsided by Sen. Elizabeth Warren, who highlighted coarse comments he had purportedly made about women. She slammed his media company's use of secretive legal settlements to prevent female employees from speaking publicly about allegations of sexual harassment and gender discrimination.

His performance thudded with voters. Favorable views of Bloomberg among women dropped 11 points after the debate, according to Economist/YouGov polling, and unfavorable views rose by 15 points. Men had a similarly adverse reaction.

"It sounded good when he was on paper and TV only, but once they met the real deal, they changed their mind," said Shawnda Westly, a former executive director of the California Democratic Party who is not working for a presidential candidate.

Bloomberg said he would release three women from nondisclosure agreements regarding comments he allegedly made. He also said his media company, Bloomberg LP, would no longer require confidentiality in settlements concerning sexual harassment or misconduct.

Fatima Shama, who held several senior positions in his mayoral administration, described the accusation of sexism as "slander."

"The misrepresentation of that on the stage could not have been more gross to me," said Shama, who now works for the campaign.

Taylor, Bloomberg's partner, has also stepped in to combat any perceptions of sexism. At times, she has appeared dismissive of concerns over his behavior.

"It was 30 years ago. Get over it," she told CBS News, a statement that Bloomberg's campaign later clarified was her personal view and it did not represent the campaign's stance.

During her stops in California, Taylor struck a more reflective tone, reminiscing about the start of her own career in the 1980s, describing going to off-site meetings held at men's only clubs, where the women had to enter through a back door to participate.

Her recollections resonated with attorney Rhett Currier, who grew up in New York City and now lives in the hills above San Francisco.

"There was just unbelievable sexism going on, so I can understand that might have been around him," Currier said.

Currier, who is leaning toward backing Bloomberg, said she wanted to know if any allegations were from the more recent past.

"I don't think you're going to find a pattern with Bloomberg, I really don't. My spidey senses don't go off," she said, channeling Spider-Man.

Mason reported from Huntington Beach and Mehta from Walnut Creek.

ELECTION 2020

Warren’s vision for farm laborers

BY MELISSA GOMEZ

Sen. Elizabeth Warren unveiled a plan for farm-worker and food chain employee rights Monday that would bolster federal safety protections and workers’ access to basic rights.

The Massachusetts senator’s proposal comes the day before Super Tuesday, when voters cast ballots in 14 states including California, home to about a third of the nation’s farmworkers, many of whom are in the country illegally. Warren also plans to appear Monday in East Los Angeles, where she is expected to speak about the Justice for Janitors movement.

“For decades, agricultural labor has been intentionally excluded from basic labor laws.... This exclusion was justified with explicitly racist reasons, one of the many ways in which Americans of color were excluded from the opportunities that built America’s white middle class,” Warren notes in her plan.

She commits to including farmworkers in the fight for a \$15 minimum wage and supports replacing the H2-A agricultural guest worker visa program, under which labor contractors and farms have been accused of housing law violations and wage theft, with an immigrant worker visa.

“A life as a farmworker should not be a poverty sentence, but instead a path to the middle class and a source of opportunity for their families,” Warren says in her plan.

Warren plans to push for heat and air quality safety standards, noting only California and Washington require that farmworkers be given access to water and shade. She would ban a nerve agent pesticide linked to developmental disorders that was saved from elimination by the Trump administration. The primary maker of that chemical has said it would halt production after a ban in California.

A federal crackdown on immigrants in the country illegally has worsened a labor shortage in states including California, so now the state is recruiting a record number of seasonal foreign workers from Mexico under the H2-A visa program. The U.S. Department of Labor has recently charged millions in fines against contractors and growers over violations in wage laws, including those that cover agricultural guest workers.

Warren’s plan highlights major gaps in labor laws that leave them unshielded from abuse, author Miriam Pawel said.

“It ties together not only immigration, not only labor organizing rights, not only health and safety but all of that together in a way that recognizes the injustices of decades and tries to, in a comprehensive way, rectify them,” Pawel said.

Warren has struggled in early primary states, placing no higher than third place after four contests, and her plan comes before primaries in California and Texas, whose Latino voters could help sway the races. A recent California poll showed Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders with a 2-to-1 lead over Warren, but the race in Texas is more fluid.

Other Democratic candidates, including Sanders and former Vice President Joe Biden, propose expanding federal protections for farmworkers. Minnesota Sen. Amy Klobuchar released a plan last year for issues facing rural farmers, including addressing suicides.

Kent Wong, director of the UCLA Labor Center, said Democratic candidates recognize “the growing importance of the Latina and Latino voting populations.”

He said Warren’s proposal highlights her campaign’s theme of shielding the most vulnerable populations.

“This is a very significant statement that aligns very closely to many of the demands that have been advanced by farmworkers and food chain workers for many years,” he said.



SUZANNE KREITER Boston Globe

SEN. ELIZABETH Warren at a New Hampshire farm last year. “A life as a farmworker should not be a poverty sentence,” her plan says.

JOE COULOMBE, 1930 - 2020

Founder of Trader Joe’s grocery stores

[Coulombe, from A1] Market convenience stores in the mid-1960s when he became concerned about a growing competitive threat: the expansion of Dallas-based Southland Corp.’s 7-Eleven convenience stores into Southern California.

To survive, Coulombe knew he had to do something different.

The answer came in part from reading a story in Scientific American that said 60% of all people qualified to go to college were doing so, compared with only 2% in the Depression year of 1932.

Coulombe also read a newspaper article that said that wide-bodied Boeing 747 jumbo jets would be put into service in a few years, which would significantly reduce the cost of overseas air travel.

His conclusion: Target well-educated, well-traveled — but less-than-affluent — consumers who have more sophisticated and diverse tastes in food and drink.

With the South Seas becoming more accessible, Coulombe adopted the relaxed trading post theme for his stores, which he stocked with a global cross-section of offerings.

“He put a great deal of thought into it,” his son said. “He got an early take on the emerging trends — from the ecological movement to the raising education level.”

The first Trader Joe’s opened in 1967 on South Arroyo Parkway in Pasadena, with the store decorated with fish nets, oars, pennants and other nautical trappings. The inaugural store remains in business.

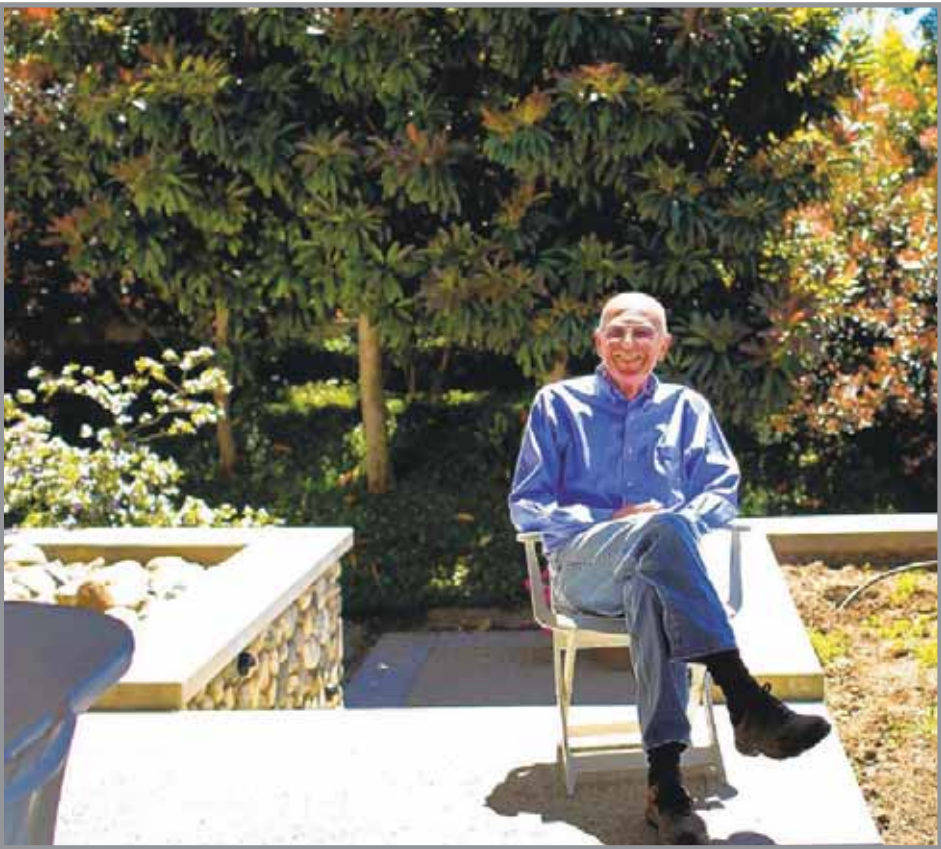
The Hawaiian-shirt-wearing employees added to the trading post concept, with the manager dubbed the “captain,” the assistant manager the “first mate” and the staff “crew members.” Promotions were always from within the ranks.

Trader Joe’s became known as the place to buy reasonably priced food items such as nectarines from Chile, noodles from Thailand and whole bean coffee from El Salvador.

With research showing that the more educated people were, the more high-quality alcohol they drank, Coulombe stocked his stores with 100 brands of scotch, 50 brands of whiskey, 20 brands of brandy and 17 types of California wines. Even the ever-so-cheap Charles Shaw wine came with not only the date it was bottled, but an exact hour so fussy shoppers could restock with exactly the same pressing.

“I have an ideal audience in mind,” he told The Times in 1981. “This is a person who got a Fulbright scholarship, went to Europe for a couple of years and developed a taste for something other than Velveeta by way of cheese, something more than ordinary beer by way of alcoholic beverages and something other than Folgers by way of coffee.”

Coulombe often de-



JAY L. CLENDENIN Los Angeles Times

‘I HAVE AN IDEAL AUDIENCE IN MIND’

Coulombe targeted well-educated, well-traveled — but less-than-affluent — consumers with more sophisticated and diverse tastes in food and drink.



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THE FLAGSHIP STORE

The first Trader Joe’s opened on Arroyo Parkway in Pasadena in 1967, decorated with nautical trappings.

scribed his target customers as “the overeducated and the underpaid.”

“What that originally meant was, everyone from underpaid musicians to out-of-work PhDs could come to Trader Joe’s and find elements of the lifestyle they aspired to for not too much money,” he told Supermarket News in 2010, the year he earned a place in that publication’s Hall of Fame.

Customers, Coulombe said, “wouldn’t find branded items, but the merchandise was always of the highest quality and priced within the reality of a schoolteacher’s salary that offered glimpses into a much more affluent lifestyle.”

Part of the appeal in shopping at Trader Joe’s is never knowing what new items have been added and what items will no longer be available.

“I learned that lesson with vintage wines,” Coulombe explained in a 2011 Times interview. “There’s only so much 1966 Lafite Rothschild. So we deliberately pursued a policy of dis-

continuity, as opposed to, say, Coca-Cola, which is in infinite supply.

“For example, we had the only vintage-dated, field-specific canned corn in existence, and it was the best damned canned corn there was. But there was only so much produced every year, and when you’re out, you’re out.”

Coulombe was known for having a sense of what customers want — and for spotting trends.

“In 1971, health food became a very big thing,” Coulombe said in a 1988 Times interview. “A few years ago, frozen seafood became big. We try to stay right out in front.”

Trader Joe’s relaxed and friendly atmosphere has a lot to do with its employees.

Unlike other retailers who save money by paying lower wages, Coulombe attracted and retained the kind of workers he was looking for by paying the average full-time employee the median California family income and offering full benefits.

“He loved and believed in

nounced his plans to leave.

“It has a very distinct personality,” Ron Rotter, a retail industry analyst at Morgan, Olmstead, Kennedy & Gardner, said at the time. “It has a cult of customers who love going there to see what new wines have arrived.”

In 2000, Los Angeles magazine included Coulombe in its list of 10 influential Angelenos who have “quietly shaped whole tracts of high and low culture” over the last 40 years.

By mid-2011, the privately held Trader Joe’s had grown to more than 474 stores in 43 states and Washington, D.C. It was also facing more direct competition from chains such as Whole Foods and Sprouts.

“My successors at Trader Joe’s have taken a 30-store chain nationwide with remarkable adherence to the basic concepts we started out with,” Coulombe said in the 2010 Supermarket News interview. “Though it’s certainly a different store than I left in 1989, I changed it so many times, I can’t argue with what they’ve done.”

Born in San Diego on June 3, 1930, Coulombe graduated from San Diego High School in 1947 and went off to Stanford University. With a year off for active duty in the Air Force, he graduated in 1952 and entered Stanford’s business school.

After earning his MBA in 1954, he landed a job as a researcher for the Owl-Rexall drugstore chain. In 1958, he was asked to launch Pronto Markets as a test in Los Angeles.

He was operating six of the markets by 1962 when Rexall told him to liquidate them. Instead, he found financing and bought the stores. He soon expanded the chain to 18 stores.

After leaving Trader Joe’s in 1989, Coulombe stayed involved in the retail industry.

In 1992, after working first as an independent business consultant, he became executive vice president for retailing and co-chairman of Pacific Enterprises’ Thrifty Corp. retailing unit. He oversaw the Thrifty Drug Stores chain in addition to Thrifty’s Big Five sporting goods chain and four other chains.

In the 1990s, he had a number of other corporate stints, including serving as president of Petrini’s, a supermarket chain; chief executive of Provigo Corp., a wholesale and retail grocer; and president and chief executive of Sport Chalet Inc., a sporting goods retailer.

Coulombe more recently served on the boards of Cost Plus World Market and True Religion Apparel.

In addition to his son, Coulombe is survived by his wife, Alice, daughters Charlotte and Madeleine and six grandchildren.

McLellan is a former Times staff writer. Staff writer Steve Marble, columnist Patt Morrison and the Associated Press contributed to this report.

MONDAY BUSINESS

THE AGENDA: WEALTH

Spreading wings as angel investors

Yachts and mansions are nice, but for Silicon Valley tycoons, status also comes from backing tech ventures

BY MILES KRUPPA

Adam D'Angelo could have retired when he left Facebook at the age of 23. Instead, the social network's former chief technology officer, who saw his Facebook stake soar in value to over \$100 million after the company's 2012 initial public offering, enthusiastically threw himself into a career as a tech entrepreneur.

He made dozens of investments in start-ups and founded his own venture, Quora, the world's leading question-and-answer site.

As he once said in an interview: "I felt I could make a bigger impact on the world by starting something new, rather than just continuing to optimize Facebook."

It might have been easier to sit on the cash. With D'Angelo as chief executive, Quora has established itself as a global market leader in Q&A, and is now worth almost \$2 billion. But it has not been without its problems, not least recent layoffs among its 200 staff members.

D'Angelo's approach is representative of a new generation of tech executives coming to terms with financial success. The decades-long boom in technology has created riches at historically unprecedented rates, turning recent university graduates into youthful billionaires.

Wealth advisors say that most people in the technology sector are unprepared for the changes that come with riches. But they are learning fast and developing a risk-on style that marks them out as a class apart among the rich.

Starting in the 1980s with figures such as Microsoft co-founder Bill Gates, technology had created 89 U.S.-based billionaires by the end of 2018, including 19 in that year alone, according to an analysis by UBS, the Swiss bank.

Founders' deputies have also shared in the wealth creation, with nearly 130,000 start-up employees in the U.S. being millionaires based on the value of their company shares and options, according to Carta, an equity-management software provider. Of those, 15,000 are worth more than \$10 million, and more than 1,000 have crossed the \$100-million threshold.

"They go from ramen and a studio apartment to being one of the wealthiest people in the country overnight," says Roy Bahat, head of Bloomberg Beta, a venture firm backed by the financial information company. "I don't know if we have the precedent" for that happening to thousands of people, he adds.

Like other wealthy entrepreneurs cashing in their shareholdings via stock market flotations or other exit routes, they buy houses, luxury cars, perhaps yachts. Larry Ellison, Oracle's billionaire co-founder, has taken that to the extreme by sponsoring a team in the America's Cup, the world's most expensive sailing race.

They also invest in property — especially on the West Coast — and traditional stocks and shares. Through his investment company Cascade Investment, Gates was once even a shareholder in Carpetright, a decidedly unglamorous British flooring retailer.

Family offices have been established, executive assistants have suddenly become chiefs of staff and philanthropic plans are being implemented, in ways that would look familiar to private bankers in New York, London or Zurich.

But the tech generation still stands out for its willingness to pump money back into the industry. Entrepreneurs go for nascent ventures, often run by friends and acquaintances in Silicon Valley, teaming up with other cash-rich tech businesspeople and venture capitalists.

Recently signs of caution have emerged, with some potential investors worried that the long tech boom may have run out of steam as valuations wobble at some of the largest start-ups.

The skeptics see a loss of momentum following the boost provided by low interest rates in the wake of the 2008 financial crisis, which encouraged investors to plow in cash.

But for most, the appetite for tech is as big as ever. Investors have given more than \$210 billion to Silicon Valley-area start-ups in the last decade, representing nearly 30% of all the money given to start-ups during that period, according to estimates by EY, the business advisors.

"People here are very comfortable with losing money on their investments," says one Silicon Valley-based wealth advisor. "In San Francisco, this is a form of charity. It keeps the whole ecosystem working."

When start-up executives cash



ERIC RISBERG Associated Press

LARRY ELLISON'S Oracle Team USA catamaran trains for the America's Cup — the world's most expensive sailing race — in San Francisco Bay. The vessel won the prestigious race in 2013.



Blue Origin

JEFF BEZOS, Amazon CEO and founder of Blue Origin, prepares to watch the maiden voyage of the aerospace company's New Shepard rocket at Blue Origin's launch facility in west Texas.

What the tech billionaires buy

Billionaire	Fortune from	Worth	Has invested in
Jeff Bezos	Amazon	\$117 billion	Blue Origin, Uber, Washington Post
Sergey Brin	Google	\$66.3 billion	Tesla, "Lighter Than Air" airship
Laurene Powell Jobs	Apple	\$27.3 billion	Disney, Emerson Collective (social impact), Boom (aerospace), the Atlantic
Elon Musk	PayPal	\$29.7 billion	SpaceX, Tesla
Mark Zuckerberg	Facebook	\$83.1 billion	Vicarious (artificial intelligence), Asana (software), Iconiq Capital
Bill Gates	Microsoft	\$113.9 billion	Beyond Meat, Four Seasons Hotels, TerraPower (nuclear energy)

out, they often base their personal investments on the venture capitalists' model, looking for promising start-ups. These investors become "angels," writing \$100,000 checks, sometimes via special-purpose vehicles that allow them to pool their resources.

"One of the things that happens in Silicon Valley when people make money is they want status. Angel investing is the status marker, whereas in other places it is giving," says Bahat, noting that high-profile tech founders often end up investing in one another's companies.

Wealth managers around San Francisco say their clients keep between 5% and more than 60% of their wealth in these investments. That range stands in contrast with the broader universe of family offices, which on average put 11% of their capital in direct private-equity investments, according to UBS.

John China, president of SVB Capital, a California investment company, says he has seen angels with upward of 50 investments, discovered largely through their Silicon Valley networks.

"They tend to take more risk with angel portfolios and don't really track them or worry about them," says China, whose company is part of Silicon Valley Bank, a big lender to start-ups and venture capital funds.

The portfolios can be lucrative. Amazon Chief Executive Jeff Bezos, for instance, was one of the first investors in Google, putting in \$250,000 in 1998. His stake, purchased for 4 cents a share, would have been worth more than \$500 million at Google's IPO in 2004.

Another huge second-genera-

tion bet to have made it to a public listing is electric car maker Tesla, whose chief executive and biggest investor is the audacious Elon Musk. He made his first tech fortune from the 2002 sale of payments group PayPal for \$1.5 billion to eBay (Musk held 11.7% of the shares).

Many of the tech elite have their sights set on the sky and beyond, including Musk with rocket maker SpaceX.

Bezos founded aerospace company Blue Origin; Paul Allen, the late Microsoft co-founder, started Seattle-based Stratolaunch, a space transport venture; Sergey Brin has put his weight behind a zeppelin-like airship; and Larry Page, who co-founded Google with Brin, has backed Planetary Resources, an asteroid-mining venture, and electric aircraft maker Kitty Hawk.

The tech super-rich spread their bets, investing through family offices with their own investment teams. Vulcan Capital, Allen's family office, counts 57 private investments on its website, including early stakes in Chinese e-commerce group Alibaba. Bezos' investment group, Bezos Expeditions, has made 26 disclosed venture investments, including stakes in Airbnb and Uber.

Some bets are already paying off and some are a gamble on the distant future. Some have already run into difficulties.

The family office of Oracle's Ellison made headlines in 2017 with an investment in Japanese conglomerate SoftBank Group's \$100-billion Vision Fund, the largest tech venture investor.

But, more recently, the fund's approach has been questioned in

light of financial difficulties at one of its biggest investments, the co-working group WeWork.

Multifamily offices, which manage investments for multiple wealthy individuals, also provide capital for start-ups. Iconiq Capital manages \$13.9 billion of assets and advises on an additional \$18.8 billion for Facebook co-founder Mark Zuckerberg and fellow executives, according to filings from the end of 2018.

The firm has invested in private tech companies through an unconventional structure combining a traditional family office with separate registered funds that are open to external investors such as sovereign funds.

The firm has also introduced those external investors and start-up founders to tech executives.

Some investments are difficult to distinguish from charitable grants, blurring the lines between profit and philanthropy.

Zuckerberg pledged up to \$1 billion a year to a controversial organization spreading money across grants, political donations and start-up investments.

The Chan Zuckerberg Initiative, co-founded with his wife, Priscilla Chan, has called itself "a new kind of philanthropy," registering as a limited liability company. When Zuckerberg committed 99% of his Facebook stake to the group in 2015, those shares amounted to more than \$45 billion in value.

Laurene Powell Jobs, the widow of late Apple co-founder Steve Jobs, has also set up her "social change organization" Emerson Collective as an LLC. Its investments range from the magazine the Atlantic to the supersonic jet start-up Boom.

According to data provider PitchBook, Emerson Collective has made 48 venture capital investments since 2013, alongside its other philanthropic work.

Powell Jobs is only one of several tech billionaires who have invested in the media, at least in part to ensure press freedoms.

Bezos, who bought the Washington Post in 2013, has said he believes the newspaper "has an incredibly important role to play in this democracy," though the arrangement has been criticized by press watchers wary of the influence he could exert over the institution's output.

Bahat of Bloomberg Beta says traditional nonprofits have lamented the difficulty of raising funds from wealthy tech executives, so they need to try new approaches. He has begun hosting events where millionaires from recent IPOs discuss productive ways to grow and disburse their wealth.

"In a way, it's really nice because they don't put on airs," Bahat says. "And in a way, it's really weird because they don't know what to do."

After amassing \$3.6 billion from selling WhatsApp to Facebook for \$22 billion, co-founder Brian Acton opted to funnel money into another encrypted messaging app, the nonprofit Signal. He did, however, walk away from stock options worth \$850 million following a disagreement over the monetization of WhatsApp; he also joined the "#deletefacebook" campaign.

Jan Koum, the other WhatsApp co-founder, shifted his focus to more conventional super-rich pastimes after the 2014 sale, posting that he would be "collecting rare air-cooled Porsches, working on my cars and playing ultimate Frisbee."

Gates' Cascade has also taken a more conventional route — in investment terms — and has compiled an active stock portfolio reminiscent of hedge funds, alongside out-of-favor property holdings. Iconiq has become a significant investor in data centers, which, though high tech, are relatively low-risk infrastructure investments.

This more cautious investment approach, where wealth preservation takes priority over investment growth, is becoming more common in Silicon Valley. Wealth advisors say tech multimillionaires have begun asking pointed questions about the long bull run for stocks, including the tech companies from which they made their fortunes.

Start-up founders are also starting to cash out increasing sums from their businesses earlier in their life cycles, fearing that the flood of capital into the industry may not last if the likes of SoftBank and sovereign funds beat a retreat.

Melissa Bender, a San Francisco-based partner at law firm Ropes & Gray, says some special-purpose vehicle structures used by angel investors might even contravene securities regulations, noting that high-profile angels sometimes charge fees to arrange deals.

Securities and Exchange Commission rules require that investment advisors register or qualify for an exemption from registration and that persons paid transaction fees comply with broker-dealer requirements.

Bender says many young tech entrepreneurs are used to their industry's relative lack of regulation compared with asset management.

"These are also folks who have been rewarded for being willing to take on a lot of risk," she adds.

One wealth advisor has observed a shift by tech founders away from angel investments. Instead, they are putting money into more mature companies alongside blue-chip venture capital firms such as Benchmark Capital and Sequoia Capital.

Jennifer Forster, a partner at San Francisco-based wealth manager Epiq Capital Group, says investors recently have been able to sell shares at high prices in secondary markets, allowing them to cash out significant portions of their stakes.

"After a 10-year bull market, there is a feeling that 'maybe I should monetize while I can,'" she says. "But the flip side is you have people who are building these tremendous companies that are growing at 150% a year. There aren't many assets like that where you're able to invest."

Epiq, which was spun off from Iconiq in 2018, manages more than \$2 billion for about 50 wealthy families, including tech founders in the San Francisco area.

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Front-line casualties in war on virus

[China, from A1]
at China's coronavirus epicenter highlights how COVID-19 has strained medical workers struggling to stem an outbreak that has killed more than 3,000 people and infected nearly 90,000 worldwide. Chinese health authorities and a team from the World Health Organization reported last week that 3,387 health workers in China had been infected with COVID-19, more than 90% of whom were in Hubei province, the outbreak's ground zero.

The rate of new infections and deaths overall appears to be slowing in China. But the toll on medical workers reflects the costs of a politically delayed response that overwhelmed Wuhan's healthcare system. Hospital staffers were left underprotected, overworked and increasingly vulnerable, even as they became the nexus between a frightened public and a misdirected government.

State propaganda has glorified their sacrifices, and authorities have announced measures to bolster support for medical workers, including higher salaries and a "martyr" title for the deceased. But their deaths and infections have sparked criticisms that the Communist Party has not taken responsibility for shortcomings that allowed the spread of the virus to accelerate.

The Times counted at least 18 reported deaths of medical workers involved in the COVID-19 response as of Feb. 24, including nurses and doctors who died not because of infection but because of cardiac arrest or other ailments due to overwork and fatigue. One victim was hit by a car while taking temperatures on a highway.

The most recent were three doctors who died in one day, all infected with COVID-19. One of them, Xia Sisi, a gastroenterologist in Wuhan, was 29. Another physician, Peng Yinhua, also 29, died in Wuhan of infection on Feb. 20. He had delayed his Feb. 1 wedding, promising his pregnant fiancée they'd have the ceremony after the outbreak had passed.

Most of the infected medical workers are in Hubei, many of them part of the initial response in Wuhan, when shortages of protective gear, understaffed hospitals and transportation shutdowns collided with an overwhelming number of patients. The stories of doctors and nurses tell of improvisation and perseverance.

A doctor in Wuhan told



Associated Press

A DOCTOR attends to a patient in a hospital isolation ward in Wuhan, China. Most of the infected medical workers are in Hubei province, many of them part of the initial coronavirus outbreak response in Wuhan.



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AT A quarantine zone in Wuhan, a doctor is disinfected by a colleague in February. At least 18 medical workers have died, some because of overwork and fatigue.

The Times in a phone interview Jan. 29 that 12 out of 59 doctors in his hospital were showing symptoms of the virus, including lung infections — but continued to treat patients while wearing insufficient protective gear.

Since then, he and other medical workers have been told to stop speaking to the press.

The death of Wuhan front-line nurse Liu Fan, 49, shows how some medical workers have to confront the virus spreading through their own homes.

Liu's brother, Chang Kai, a film director, wrote a final letter describing what had happened to his family. All

four members, including Liu, were infected with the virus after being quarantined at home. Unable to get a hospital bed amid Wuhan's shortage, Chang's father died at home Feb. 3. His mother died Feb. 8.

Addressing his son in London, Chang's letter reads: "I went to hospitals begging and weeping, but I am too low and insignificant.... All my life I've been a faithful son, a responsible father, a loving husband, an honest person. Farewell! To those I love and those who love me."

Chang died Feb. 14; Liu hours later.

The work has been over-

whelming. Song Yingjie, a 28-year-old pharmacist, was single-handedly managing his hospital's medicine prescriptions, then checking temperatures at a highway stop at night. He worked until midnight on Feb. 2, standing on the roadside in freezing wind, according to a colleague who was with him. It was his 10th consecutive day on the virus response team.

He was found dead in his hospital dormitory the next afternoon. The cause was cardiac arrest from exhaustion.

Wang Tucheng, 37, a doctor in Henan's Xinwangzhuang village, was found dead Feb. 10 in his

clinic. The cause was also listed as cardiac arrest due to overwork.

In Nanjing, Xu Hui, leader of a hospital's virus control group, worked for 18 days straight, then went home after a meeting on Feb. 6, "lay down and never got up," according to state media. She was 51.

John Nicholls, a Hong Kong University pathologist who worked on the 2003 SARS outbreak, said poor training, exhaustion, contaminated surfaces and operating outside areas of expertise leave medical workers susceptible. When severe acute respiratory syndrome broke out, doctors from different departments were asked to join the front lines, Nicholls said. But many medical workers weren't properly trained for procedures such as intubation in a high-risk infectious environment.

In a crisis situation without proper training, medics rushing to the front then easily became infected, and spread infections to others. Nicholls sees a similar pattern with COVID-19.

"I'm disappointed that people didn't learn from SARS," he said.

China has sent tens of thousands of medical workers from all over the country to bolster relief efforts in Wuhan. It's a major focus of state propaganda. The narrative features few details on whether the teams receive protective training or other safety measures. Instead, many state videos play in-

spirational music as doctors and nurses pump their fists, shout patriotic slogans and prepare for "battle."

Medical workers' love for the motherland, Communist Party membership and self-sacrifice have become major propaganda themes after the death of a whistleblower, Dr. Li Wenliang, prompted unprecedented calls for transparency and freedom of speech in China.

But some Chinese feel state media have turned medical workers into props.

One article by the Wuhan Evening News praised a 28-year-old nurse who went back to front-line work 10 days after a miscarriage, calling her a "warrior." Many online commenters objected.

"Stop this type of propaganda! Stop putting unprotected medical workers on the front line," one user wrote.

State channel CCTV also aired a report about a pregnant nurse only 20 days from her delivery date but still working in an Wuhan emergency ward, calling her a "great mother and angel in a white gown."

Internet users, feminists and academics were furious.

"Hospitals should not be allowing a nurse who is nine months pregnant — or the one who'd had a miscarriage — to work. Their immune systems are weakened, and it's highly possible that they will be infected with the virus," feminist writer Hou Hongbin told the South China Morning Post.

Both nurse stories were deleted after the public backlash.

The language of "warrior" and militaristic sacrifice obscures individual rights, said Peking University historian Luo Xin in a recent Chinese podcast that has since been censored online. "Fundamental laws are broken, basic human rights are destroyed. Why? Because it's 'wartime,'" Luo said. "In 'wartime,' we can do anything. There is great danger in using this type of language."

While state propaganda continues to praise heroic sacrifice, one front-line nurse in Wuhan, Long Qiaoling, expressed her feelings in a poem:

Please allow me to remove my protective gear and mask

To separate my flesh from the armor

Let me lean my body down

Let me breathe quietly

Ah....

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Anxiety mounts among hospital staffers in U.S.

[Hospitals, from A1]
they fear delays in testing for COVID-19 in the U.S. have exposed them already.

In the U.S., the conversations taking place in hospital hallways and clinic break rooms are heightened by the specter of China's death toll, which includes several medical workers who have died not only of COVID-19 infection but of ailments caused by overwork and fatigue.

One of the most publicized deaths from the global outbreak has been that of Dr. Li Wenliang, a 34-year-old physician who sounded the alarm about sick patients in Wuhan, China, the outbreak's epicenter.

There are more than 80 reported cases in the United States. Sunday night, officials in Washington state announced that a second person infected with the virus had died: a man in his 70s who lived at a nursing home. They also reported four new cases, bringing the total in King County to 10.

With the coronavirus expected to spread within the U.S., doctors and nurses say they are nervously watching as stockpiles of masks and other protective gear in hospitals dwindle amid an equipment shortage.

The flu season has further complicated efforts to identify suspected COVID-19 cases because the two infections have similar symptoms.

Physicians say it has become increasingly challenging to monitor the shifting recommendations for treating and testing for COVID-19 while also trying to care for anxious patients and prevent exposure to the virus

among themselves and their colleagues.

"I have to go back home and I have to worry about my family and what I could be carrying back to them," said Dr. Suman Radhakrishna, an infectious disease specialist at Hollywood Presbyterian Medical Center in Los Angeles. "There are no martyrs here."

The novel coronavirus originated in China late last year and has since infected more than 89,000 people in dozens of countries. The first evidence that the virus was circulating in the U.S. came last week when a patient at UC Davis Medical Center in Sacramento was diagnosed without having traveled to an affected country or having close contact with anyone who did.

That patient has exposed dozens, if not hundreds, of health workers to COVID-19 and provides a glimpse into the consequences of insufficient safety measures. The patient was not treated with the recommended COVID-19 precautions because for several days the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention would not allow her to be tested.

At UC Davis Medical Center, 124 nurses and other staff members have been asked to stay home because of possible exposure to the patient, according to the state nurses union.

Before being transferred to UC Davis, the patient had been admitted to NorthBay VacaValley Hospital in Vacaville. On Sunday, officials announced that two workers at the Solano County facility had COVID-19.

"This underscores the

challenging environment that healthcare workers everywhere face to stem the spread of communicable diseases,

including COVID-19," Dr. Bela Matyas, health officer for Solano County, said in a statement.

For most people, COVID-19 causes a mild sickness, and some who are infected do not even know they are ill. The virus has been estimated to kill two of every 100 people who contract it, though the risk is lower for younger people and higher for the elderly, experts said.

But medical professionals can be in more danger than others. Being exposed to multiple people who are very sick typically makes someone sicker than if they were exposed to only one person who was mildly ill.

Plus, hospital procedures, such as intubating a patient, may release large amounts of the virus that can easily infect workers in the room. When SARS, another coronavirus, was spreading around the world in 2003, a single patient at a hospital in Hong Kong is believed to have infected 138 people with the disease.

It is unclear whether this coronavirus will be that transmissible in a hospital setting. One small study of COVID-19 patients hospitalized with pneumonia in Wuhan found that 41% of cases appeared to be hospital-acquired. A much larger analysis, evaluating 45,000 COVID-19 patients in mainland China, found that 3.8% were healthcare workers.

In outbreaks in other countries, the virus has shown rapid spread in high-density settings, including

hospitals, said Lawrence Gostin, the director of the World Health Organization Collaborating Center on National and Global Health Law. If the virus sweeps the U.S. the way it has in other countries, healthcare facilities could be filled with COVID-19 patients, he said.

"Not only will we see many deaths, but we'll see anywhere from 5% to 20% of people infected needing hospitalization," Gostin said. "How will America cope with that?"

At Hollywood Presbyterian, panic among the staff began to escalate last week as federal officials began discussing the possibility of closing schools and said the virus was expected to spread within U.S. communities, Radhakrishna said.

When a patient showed up at the hospital with a cough, staffers initially jumped to a false conclusion that the patient may have COVID-19, she said. The news spread swiftly.

"All of a sudden, in a matter of minutes, it became a big thing," she said. "It brings back memories of when we didn't know what HIV was up to and everyone was so afraid."

The fear is stoked by the constant stream of new and sometimes conflicting information about the virus. Officials regularly change protocols on testing and treatment as they learn more.

"I've never heard the words 'rapidly evolving' more times than I have in the past three weeks," said Adam Blackstone, spokesman for the Hospital Assn. of Southern California.

Though the number of

cases in the country remains relatively low, increasing concerns involving healthcare and other front-line workers have surfaced in recent days.

On Thursday, a whistleblower complaint alleged that federal health workers were not provided adequate training and protective gear when dealing with quarantined people at two California military bases. The whistleblower has also alleged retaliation by superiors for speaking up.

In a Seattle suburb, a nursing home called Life Care Center has become a focal point of the virus scare. There, more than 50 residents and staffers have symptoms, officials said. Twenty-five firefighters who visited while people were ill have also been asked to self-quarantine, according to the International Assn. of Fire Fighters.

On Sunday night, Washington officials announced that the state's second person to die of the virus was a resident of Life Care. He was in his 70s and had underlying health conditions. The first man who died was in his 50s and had no apparent connection to the nursing home.

Some healthcare workers are questioning the recommended precautions as cases mount nationwide. The CDC advises that all healthcare personnel who interact with infected patients wear gowns, gloves, goggles and masks. But UC San Francisco nurse Maureen Dugan worries that level of protection is not sufficient given how little is known about this new virus.

"That leaves parts of our

face potentially and our neck and feet available for exposure," she said. "We believe in the precautionary principle ... you use the highest level of personal protective equipment."

Similarly, UC Davis nurse Melissa Johnson-Camacho, the chief nurse representative for the California Nurses Assn., said she is pushing for the hospital to adopt a protocol developed for the Ebola virus to use for COVID-19 patients. She said relying on CDC recommendations isn't enough.

"There's definitely alarm there in that area," she said.

At many hospitals, the flu season has muddled the COVID-19 picture. The two diseases have identical symptoms, including cough and fever, so doctors can't rely on how a patient is feeling to determine the cause.

USC infectious disease specialist Dr. Neha Nanda said physicians still consider a patient's travel history when deciding whether a COVID-19 test is needed. So far, there has been only one confirmed case of COVID-19 in L.A. County.

Without a history of travel to China, Italy or another country with a large outbreak, doctors assume the patient probably has the flu, she said.

"The prevalence of influenza is way higher than COVID-19 in our community," Nanda said. "But it's not as foolproof as it was two weeks back."

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OPINION

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Filling empty homeless housing units

It's ridiculous that some dwellings sit empty because of cumbersome bureaucracy. Time to change that.

THE EFFORT to house homeless people in the Los Angeles area is beset by many problems — difficulty finding sites, resistance from neighbors, slow construction, high cost. One thing that shouldn't be hard, though, is keeping track of what housing is available for unsheltered people to move into and when it's available.

Yet it has been a vexing problem. The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority does maintain a database of the homeless people who get assessed by outreach workers or social workers and then placed into the Homeless Management Information System. That system, which covers most but not all of the county, holds information on people's backgrounds and needs, and it helps officials decide who should go first into permanent supportive housing.

But after that, the trek for a homeless person from the street to an apartment is a long one, due mostly to the shortage of available permanent housing units — but also to an unnecessarily unwieldy bureaucracy.

LAHSA doesn't have the wherewithal to compile an inventory of every apartment that might be suitable. Nor is it a reliable source of information about available units. Property managers and landlords don't always alert LAHSA promptly when a unit becomes vacant. And even when they do alert LAHSA in a timely fashion, there's the issue of finding the right resident.

When LAHSA finally knows that a unit is available, it matches a homeless person from its database to the unit, then sends that information to the county Department of Health Services, which alerts a social worker to find the person. But imagine the difficulty of locating a homeless person whose information was put into the system months or years ago. Social workers who enter people into the system try to stay in touch with those individuals and get them into services and temporary housing. Nonetheless, they're often dealing with people who live on a sidewalk — and not all of them have cellphones. It can take a social worker a few weeks to find the individual at the top of the eligibility list.

If that person is not located, then LAHSA picks another one and the process starts over. Once a person is located, another time-consuming process starts — getting an interview with the property manager, getting the homeless person's documentation in order, and getting the necessary interview with the local housing authority that validates the information in the housing application.

The result is that some available units sit empty for weeks or even months. That's ridiculous in a county where homelessness is an emergency. And on the back end, sometimes it takes a while for a landlord to alert LAHSA that a person did move in.

So with the help of a consultant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, LAHSA officials are revamping the process. They have already set what they're calling Housing Central Command, with representatives from LAHSA, the county and city housing authorities, Mayor Eric Garcetti's office, the county Department of Health Services and the county Department of Mental Health. Their goals are to streamline the whole process and create a more complete inventory of housing.

Some changes have already been put in place. For example, when a unit opens up, LAHSA now submits three names of homeless individuals to maximize the chances of finding someone quickly. (If all three are located, the two who don't get the unit are still next in line for available units that match up with their needs.) Officials are also working on streamlining the application process that the housing departments require.

Overhauling the mechanics of getting people housed can be daunting. It's bad enough that we don't have sufficient housing. It's unforgivable to have such a cumbersome process that it can take weeks to get people into the scarce units that *are* available. LAHSA needs to fix that now.

That agency also needs to help homeless people move more quickly into temporary housing by setting up a real-time database of shelter beds. Of course, that's a bigger challenge because the availability of beds changes daily. LAHSA officials say they plan to create the same kind of central command for shelter bed inventory as they've done for permanent housing. They need to launch that as soon as they can.

OP-ED

Will Trump be crowned king?

By Donald Ayer,
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PRESIDENT TRUMP is playing a shell game with the American people and rejecting the founding principle of this nation: We have a president, not a king.

In a case to be argued before the Supreme Court this month, *Trump vs. Vance*, Trump's lawyers maintain that the president is absolutely immune from criminal proceedings. In their view, not only can the president not be indicted or prosecuted, he cannot even be investigated by law enforcement if he were to shoot someone in the middle of Fifth Avenue, as one of Trump's lawyers told the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 2nd Circuit.

This breathtaking claim is anathema to the fundamental principle that the law applies equally to everyone, from an ordinary citizen to the president himself. That's why we have joined 34 other former Republican officials, members of Congress and legal experts in signing a friend-of-the-court brief to be filed on Monday in support of New York prosecutors seeking to subpoena Trump's financial records.

Consider the facts of this case to understand how extreme the president's position is. After reports that Trump paid hush money to two women before the 2016 election, Manhattan Dist. Atty. Cyrus Vance initiated a New York state investigation. He issued grand jury subpoenas seeking evidence from several sources, including a subpoena to Trump's accountant seeking financial records. Trump has sought to stop his accountant from complying even though 1) the inquiry is focused on actions that occurred before he became president, 2) the investigation involves possible criminal wrongdoing by associates of the president, and 3) Trump himself does not need to lift a finger to comply with the subpoena.

The president's arguments in the Vance case are disturbing enough, but the bigger picture is even worse.

Time and again, he and his lawyers have told state and federal courts, law enforcement and Congress that they can't



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IN A BRIEF to the Supreme Court, 37 Republicans argue that President Trump's claim of absolute immunity from prosecution is legally wrong and violates constitutional values.

hold him accountable for his actions. He does this by playing a shell game — whenever one entity tries to hold him accountable, he insists that only another entity can do so, but then pivots and claims that the second entity also has no power over him.

In several other cases, including two being considered by the Supreme Court along with the Vance case, Trump's lawyers have argued that Congress is powerless to obtain documents and testimony from the president and his aides. They have also insisted that federal courts are powerless to intervene in such disputes between the executive branch and Congress on the theory that impeachment is the only check on presidential obstruction of Congress while at the same time insisting that abuse of power and obstruction of Congress are not impeachable offenses.

Add it all up and Trump's argument is that he — unlike every other American — can ignore Congress's demands for documents, that a federal court can do nothing about it, and he

can't be impeached for it. This makes the president, like a king, completely untouchable.

The president and his lawyers have also claimed that he can shut down any investigation of himself, that he is immune from being sued in state court, and that he has the right to pardon himself. And recently, he has repeatedly expressed the view that not only is he above the law, but that he has the "absolute right" to do as he wants with federal law enforcement, including using it to reward his allies and to punish his perceived enemies.

As we explain in our brief, the president's legal arguments are wrong. But more than wrong, they are, as the district court said, "repugnant to the nation's governmental structure and constitutional values."

It is unfortunate that 37 Republicans have needed to come together to say that the president is not a king. Republicans have historically been concerned about a powerful and unaccountable chief executive, recognizing it as a threat to freedom and liberty.

Ronald Reagan said that the

"genius of our constitutional system is its recognition that no one branch of government alone could be relied on to preserve our freedoms." He knew the "great safeguard of our liberty is the totality of the constitutional system" that ensures that no branch of government gets the upper hand.

Trump's assertions of absolute immunity and his arguments against any form of accountability threaten lasting damage to our constitutional system of checks and balances. Americans should see this threat for what it is: an assault on our democracy.

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‘Pro-Israel’ is a dangerous label

By Clifford M. Kulwin

ON MONDAY, ISRAEL holds its third national election in less than a year, with Benjamin Netanyahu likely to continue as Israel's longest serving prime minister.

This week in Washington, the American Israel Public Affairs Committee — whose website urges visitors to become part of the "pro-Israel" community — holds its annual policy conference, with more than 18,000 participants.

These two mega-Jewish happenings will invariably reduce every action or position to pro-Israel — or not.

Am I pro-Israel? Of course. I was a student there, I've traveled there countless times and as a rabbi I've led more than 20 congregational trips to Israel. I'm headed there in April with a group of inner-city youths of color, having raised the money to make the trip possible.

But "pro-Israel" is a phrase I've come to abhor. Far from being useful or accurate, it's meaningless, and even dangerous.

How can one's feelings about another country be reduced to a binary state? Is there really a line that, when crossed, transforms one from "pro" to "anti"? And who gets to decide where that line is?

For example, I strongly disagree with some Israeli policies, like the theocracy that discriminates against women and non-orthodox Jews, tacitly endorsed by generations of Israeli leaders. The current Israeli government uses scare tactics to inflate a sense of threat, diverting attention from Israel's myriad social inequities, like the far longer life expectancy of Israeli Jews compared with Israeli Arabs. I am also uncomfortable with the ties being forged by the Israeli government with authoritarian leaders of Hungary, Egypt and Saudi Arabia.

Does voicing my opposition to these policies make me less pro-Israel? Some would say yes.

Netanyahu isn't a popular figure. The key to his power is his skill in convincing Israelis that only he can ensure Israel's safety. In 2018, he championed Israel's controversial "nation-state law," which defined Israel as a country where only Jews have the "right to exercise national self-determination." And last year, he said, "Israel is the national state, not of all its citizens, but only of the Jewish people."

What could be more Jewish, and more pro-Israel, than to question such dogma? Like something out of Lewis Carroll, lots of people with nuanced views would be (and are) declared persona non grata and

kicked out of the pro-Israel camp.

And when used in American politics, the "pro-Israel" label is just as reductive and damaging.

Take Bernie Sanders, who has often said that he's proud to be Jewish and that Israelis and Palestinians have a right to live in peace and security. He's not attending this year's AIPAC convention because he says AIPAC provides a platform "for leaders who express bigotry and oppose basic Palestinian rights."

AIPAC — which gave "donor credit" to members who financed Sanders attack ads in Nevada — shot back that Sanders had made "an odious attack on this mainstream, bipartisan American political event."

I suspect AIPAC, which mentions its "bipartisanship" at every opportunity despite its intensifying romance with the Republican Party, was miffed that Sanders refused its invitation to the dance.

But consider two people who did accept invitations to speak at AIPAC: Austrian Chancellor Sebastian Kurz, whose government coalition includes, as Joel Swanson wrote in the *Forward*, a party founded by "a literal former Nazi," and a Hungarian Cabinet minister whose boss, Prime Minister Viktor Orban, called George Soros "an enemy that ... speculates with money;

does not have its own homeland but feels it owns the world."

These two are considered pro-Israel but the leading Democratic candidate for president isn't?

AIPAC and many in the Jewish world think Bernie is not pro-Israel. If I support Sanders (which I don't) or vote for him if he becomes the party's nominee (which I will), does that mean I, too, am not pro-Israel?

Clearly, there are many days when I wouldn't pass the pro-Israel test with AIPAC or die-hards who embrace every bit of Israel's policies.

But I've decided their judgments and their labels are irrelevant. Israel has a sacred role in my understanding of the Jewish people. I care about Israel's well-being and I defend Israel when it is endangered. As a Jew, my engagement with Israel is central to who I am. And as a rabbi, that is what I want for all Jews.

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Doctor helps pregnant addicts go off opioids

[**Doctor**, from A1]
ing drug-addicted pregnant women.

Over the last decade, Towers has helped hundreds of patients wean themselves off highly addictive opioids before giving birth — a surprisingly controversial approach to treating addiction. His methods have sparked backlash from the medical establishment over whether detoxing is too risky and whether pregnant patients should even be given the option of getting clean.

Looking at his watch — he had 20 other addicted patients on his schedule — Towers scooted his stool a little closer and locked his gray-green eyes on Lenderman's. He needed her full attention.

If she chose to detox and managed to stay off drugs completely through delivery, he said, her baby would not be born with neonatal abstinence syndrome, the painful, wailing withdrawal suffered by babies of opioid users.

But there were hazards. The biggest: She could relapse.

"Then you are probably getting stuff on the street, possibly the wrong dose, and you could overdose and you can die," he said. "If that happens, you are not here, and the baby is not here."

The other option, Towers said, was to follow national guidelines that recommend taking opioid maintenance medications, such as buprenorphine or methadone, for the duration of her pregnancy. The danger of overdosing was lower, but the chances of her baby developing NAS were higher.

"This is your choice," he said. "I will treat you either way. I'm not judging you. It's your pregnancy, your life."



A 64-year-old who speaks in the cheerful inflection of the late actor Jimmy Stewart, Towers is an unlikely rebel, having published more than 100 papers or studies on pregnancy, disease and addiction.

He became interested in obstetrics because it required a unique mix of skills: internal medicine, surgery and research. There was also something magical about it all.

"I remember my first delivery," he said. "It was early one morning, and I was there in the delivery room. And this head was coming out, and I thought the mother was going to split apart. And then she pushes out this thing that is alive, and I caught it. A living thing."

Towers grew up in Downey and graduated in 1984 from the University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita. He eventually returned to Southern California and took a job as an obstetrician specializing in high-risk pregnancies.

In 2010, he moved here, joining High Risk Obstetrical Consultants, a practice affiliated with the University of Tennessee Medical Center. He focused on women struggling with diabetes, hypertension or other complications, and is most proud of helping a woman who had suffered six miscarriages give birth twice to healthy babies.

Not a year into the job, he began confronting patients addicted to opioids. They were on the leading edge of a nationwide epidemic. Today, as many as 35,000 pregnant women are abusing opioids, a drug



EMILY LENDERMAN gets an ultrasound in October before seeing Dr. Craig Towers. He told her that if she stayed off drugs, her baby would not be born with withdrawal symptoms.



SINCE 2012, Towers has treated nearly 1,800 opioid addicts and weaned 850 women off the drug through birth, he says.

that can lead to fatal overdoses and wreak havoc on immune systems. Nearly 20,000 babies are born in withdrawal every year. Those babies may also suffer long-term developmental and learning problems.

The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists had long warned that it was too dangerous to wean pregnant women off the drug. "Abrupt discontinuation of opioids in an opioid-dependent pregnant woman can result in preterm labor, fetal distress or fetal demise," the college declared.

Instead, the college's guidelines said doctors should prescribe opioid maintenance medications until the birth. Accordingly, Towers would reject the pleas of women who asked to detox.

"Many were upset by that answer," he said. "It kind of depressed them."



Towers did some research to craft a brochure he could give patients about the dangers of detoxing. What he found shocked him: There was no evidence, he said, that detoxing was hazardous to fetuses. The guidelines were based on two case studies of individual patients in the 1970s who lost their fetuses; Towers sus-

pected those incidents were unrelated to detoxing. Studies in Australia showed there was no risk to fetuses at all.

The only danger, the studies showed, involved a woman relapsing, overdosing and dying. Towers thought he could manage that hazard. If the women consented, he put them on maintenance medications as recommended, but then tapered down their doses to zero.

Since 2012, Towers said, he has treated nearly 1,800 opioid addicts and successfully weaned 850 women off the narcotic through delivery. Among those patients, none experienced detox-related miscarriages or stillbirths, he said, and no babies were born in withdrawal.

About 450 patients relapsed after detoxing or were not able to fully detox; about 400 followed the national recommendations. More than half of the babies born to those two groups of women developed NAS, he said.

He published a study in 2016 on his findings, and in 2017 the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists amended guidelines to permit experienced doctors to help their patients taper off opioids, though it still recommends physicians follow its more conservative approach to drug treatment.

Some experts are wary about

encouraging women to detox during pregnancy. They say Towers is too bold, pointing to relapse rates of between 40% and 60% for opioid addicts. Such women could die from overdoses. They also say that national data do not support Towers' conclusion that detoxing leads to reduced chances of NAS because so many patients relapse, ultimately exposing their fetuses to opioids.

"Detoxing is not superior to medication," said Dr. Mishka Terplan, an expert in obstetrics and addiction medicine who has written extensively on the topic.

Terplan, who is working on a large-scale study to assess the merits of detoxing while pregnant, said he recommends doctors use maintenance medications, though he believes physicians can help some patients detox on a case-by-case basis.

Towers says he evaluates each patient to see whether she can handle detoxing and has taken steps to reduce the chances of relapsing. His clinic has stepped up access to mental health counseling and ensures specialists are present to help women connect with jobs, social services, even rides. In 2017, he began prescribing naltrexone, a drug that combats drug cravings. In the last few years, he said, the relapse rate of his detoxing patients has dropped from 1 in 5 to 1 in 10.

Towers' busiest day is Tuesday, when as many as 25 addicted women show up for appointments at his fourth-floor office in a building attached to the University of Tennessee Medical Center. On one such day last August, he was a blur of a lab coat — hustling up and down the halls, in and out of exam rooms, reviewing charts and ultrasound results, checking on patients' progress in their pregnancies and drug treatment.



Many aspects of his exams were typical of any obstetrical appointment — ensuring babies were the right size, and their heads pointing down.

But the exams all eventually turned to patients' struggles with

opioids or other drugs. He congratulated a 30-year-old who seemed to have turned a corner after two overdoses. He told a woman it was OK that she hadn't been able to fully wean herself off the maintenance medication. And he comforted a 27-year-old patient near tears because another obstetrician would not let her detox.

"They told me I could kill my baby if I stopped," she said.

Towers did some math. The patient was 27 weeks pregnant, and that gave them just 10 weeks to taper down before her delivery. "We're going to have to be a little aggressive with this," he counseled. She succeeded and later gave birth to an NAS-free child.

Over the years, Towers has learned an overriding truth about his patients: They are suffering. Many show scars of deep psychological and physical abuse. Most feel shame at exposing another life to drugs. Even after detoxing, many carry the weight of a question they are afraid to ask: Did they harm their babies? Handling such patients requires the most gentle of bedside manners.

Halfway through his Tuesday clinic that August afternoon, Towers checked on Kayla Daniell, 25, and could see she was doing much better than when she had entered his care six weeks earlier. A longtime addict who had started using drugs to cope with past sexual abuse, Daniell was now clean.

Even so, the physician could see she was anxious. He knew precisely why.

"Your baby is doing great," he reassured her. "Just great."

Daniell exhaled deeply, relieved. Six weeks later, she delivered a healthy girl.

To Towers, each such birth is a victory, a data point in a growing data set that he believes rebuts critics and proves his approach is safe and effective. It keeps him going, even when he should probably think about slowing down.

Last May, feeling intense chest pain, he saw a cardiologist and learned a major artery was 95% blocked. He received a stent. While he has cut back some, he has refused to give up his opioid clinic. There are too many Emily Lendermans to help.

It was an afternoon in late October when Lenderman, now 23, walked briskly into the exam room for a routine follow-up. He had first seen Lenderman in August when he had locked eyes with her and asked whether she wanted to detox. Lenderman successfully completed a detox program and by this appointment seemed to be a wholly different person.

Her face was clear and bright, her hair perfectly combed. She laughed when her mother cracked a bad joke, and she peppered the ultrasound tech with questions. For the first time since Lenderman could remember, she was planning for her future. She wanted to become a nurse.

Towers was pleased by her progress and that of her pregnancy. But he could tell she remained unsettled.

"Your baby is doing great!" She smiled broadly. "You're a lifesaver."

Three months later, in January, Lenderman gave birth to Luke, a healthy baby boy.

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A MAN walks past Chinatown's Central Plaza in downtown L.A. Crowds at the vibrant hot spot have dwindled as anxiety builds over the coronavirus. "It's kind of spooky around here," an Echo Park visitor said.

Chinatown merchants feel sting of virus scare

Outbreak fears drive people away. 'It's so quiet, like a cemetery.'

BY ANDREW J. CAMPA
AND ANH DO

The traditional archway that welcomes all to Chinatown's Central Plaza on North Broadway in downtown Los Angeles greeted few visitors last week.

The usually vibrant hub for Chinese culture, food and souvenirs more closely resembled a ghost town. Street parking and restaurant seating were readily available in the historic neighborhood known for its colorful pagoda-style buildings, art galleries and plazas strewn with bright red lanterns and neon-lined rooftops.

"It's kind of spooky around here," said Robert Hernandez, 39, of Echo Park. "I found parking kind of easy on the street, which is always a problem. I guess I didn't expect this place to be so empty."

Though there has yet to be a single documented case of the new coronavirus connected to Chinatown, the popular gathering spot has seen growing fear drive away customers in recent weeks, jeopardizing long-established businesses.

As the lunch hour approached on Friday afternoon, the smell of herbs and spice wafted from the narrow entryway of Pho Hoa noodle restaurant. Cook Luu Ha, 70, said business has been slow. Too slow.

"I'm still waiting for it to pick up," said Ha, who also buses tables, whatever the workday demands. "When it picks up, I'll end my break and go back in," he said, as he lounged in front of the restaurant and surveyed the [See Chinatown, B5]



GILLIAN FLACCUS Associated Press

SHOPPERS at an Oregon Costco on Saturday. The managers of two California Costco stores said they have seen crowds since the coronavirus hit U.S. shores.

Consumers are loading up on supplies. Is it necessary?

Cleaning products, water and shelf-stable food are in demand, store managers say.

BY RUBEN VIVES,
EMILY BAUMGAERTNER
AND ALEX
WIGGLESWORTH

If you noticed your local Costco was more crowded than normal this weekend, it probably wasn't your imagination.

nation.

People have been stocking up on supplies amid the growing concerns about coronavirus spreading in the United States. Store managers report big crowds, and social media are filled with photos of empty shelves even though there are no shortages of items.

Experts continue to urge caution, despite new cases in California and Washington that appear to have been spread in communities rather than from people connected to overseas travel.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Director Robert Redfield told Congress on Thursday there was no need for healthy Americans to stock up on supplies.

Are people stocking up?

It appears so. Some Costcos, Walgreens and other stores said they saw a decided increase in customers over the weekend, and some store shelves have emptied. [See Stores, B5]

Lawyer seeks inquiry into crash photos

Attorney for Vanessa Bryant calls alleged sharing of images by deputies 'deplorable.'

BY ALENE
TCHEKMEDYIAN
AND PAUL PRINGLE

Vanessa Bryant is "absolutely devastated" by allegations that Los Angeles County sheriff's deputies shared photos of the helicopter crash that killed her husband, daughter and seven others, her attorney said in a statement.

Attorney Gary C. Robb requested an internal affairs investigation into the allegations and the "harsh discipline" for those responsible.

He called the alleged behavior "inexcusable and deplorable."

"This is an unspeakable violation of human decency, respect, and of the privacy rights of the victims and their families," he said.

Robb said in the statement that Bryant went to the sheriff's office after the Jan. 26 crash and requested the area be designated as a "no-fly zone" and guarded from photographers.

"At that time, Sheriff Alex Villanueva assured us all measures would be put in place to protect the families' privacy, and it is our understanding that he has worked hard to honor those requests," Robb said. He demanded that the deputies be identified "to ensure that the photos are not further disseminated."

The Times first reported allegations that deputies were sharing graphic photographs of the scene. After The Times' report Thursday, an investigation was launched by the L.A. County Sheriff's Department.

According to two public safety sources with knowledge of the events, an individual reported one deputy for showing grim images at a Norwalk bar.

Normally, such a complaint would trigger a formal inquiry and possibly an internal affairs investigation, strictly following the chain of command, the sources said.

Instead, the Sheriff's Department quietly ordered deputies to delete any photos in an attempt to keep the matter under wraps. In the days after the crash, deputies were ordered to report to the department's Lost Hills station and told that if they came clean and deleted the photos, they would not face any discipline, said the sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitive nature of the events.

The sources said they were concerned the directive to delete the photos [See Crash, B5]

CAPITOL JOURNAL

State GOP's strategy: Don't mention Trump

GEORGE SKELTON
IN SACRAMENTO

If the leader of the California Republican Party had her way, GOP candidates in this state would never mention President Trump's name.



Not that Jessica Millan Patterson is trashing Trump — it's hard to imagine a state Republican leader badmouthing a GOP president — but she decries the polls like every political pro. And polls consistently show that throughout most of California, Trump's name is dirt.

The latest poll by the nonpartisan Public Policy Institute of California found that among likely voters, 94% of Democrats and 57% of independents disapprove of Trump's job performance. It was approved by 84% of Republicans, but they've become increasingly scarce in California.

So for any Republican candidate running in a competitive district against a Democrat, warmly embracing the unpopular president would be a vote-killer.

Patterson, chairwoman of the California Republican Party, says legislative candidates should campaign only

on state and local issues and avoid all subjects presidential.

Congressional candidates might assail Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders' call for single-payer, government-only health insurance — tying it to all Democrats — but they should similarly focus on what's problems of California voters, she says.

"Our focus in California is on keeping it local," Patterson told me when asked how Republican candidates should handle Trump. "We're going to be talking about things happening here and affecting voters' lives — focused on what's happening in Sacramento. Democrats have given us a lot to work with."

She'd also change the vocabulary of state politicians. They'd discard Sacramento-speak and talk to voters in plain words about their daily problems and concerns.

"Everyone in Sacramento talks in a different language," she complains.

Such as? " 'Bill numbers,' 'authors' and 'coauthors,' 'hearings,' 'amendments.' "

Well, yeah, it's the basic language of governing, presumably taught in high school civics classes. But it does prompt eye glazing and drowsiness.

"They should talk to voters about how much [See Skelton, B4]

Channeling the Bern in L.A. races

BY DAVID ZAHNISER,
DAKOTA SMITH AND
EMILY ALPERT REYES

Los Angeles City Council candidate Cyndi Otteson is hoping for a Bernie Sanders surge.

Otteson, who lives in Eagle Rock, doesn't have the money or as many big-ticket endorsements as one of her opponents, former state Sen. Kevin de León, who secured the backing of the Los Angeles County Democratic Party and raised more than

\$830,000 for his campaign.

Still, she's become a favorite among some L.A. progressive activists who are backing Sanders, the odds-on favorite to win California's presidential primary on Tuesday. And she's betting that left-leaning voters will like her positions on climate change, transportation and keeping special-interest money out of City Hall.

"There's something that's resonating nationally that's coming down locally," she said. "The status quo

isn't acceptable."

For the first time in at least a century, L.A.'s municipal election has been timed to coincide with the state's presidential primary. The change is expected to increase turnout significantly in contests for local offices, which typically draw interest from a small fraction of the electorate.

Now, with polls showing Sanders well outpacing his rivals in California, some are hoping the grass-roots fervor over the senator from Vermont will translate into a

deluge of votes for insurgent candidates looking to shake up the status quo at City Hall.

That makes Tuesday an important test for progressive activists, said Bill Przylucki, executive director of Ground Game L.A., a grass-roots organization that has endorsed Sanders and is getting the word out about its favored candidates.

Ground Game is hoping to reach 100,000 voters, many of whom have never shown [See Candidates, B6]

No mulligans for Buttigieg, Steyer backers

Sorry, voters. Election law doesn't provide you a second chance once that ballot is mailed or cast at the polls. **B2**

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Lottery B2

Already voted for Buttigieg or Steyer? Sorry, no mulligans

California election law offers voters no second chance once a ballot is mailed or cast in person at the polls.

By John Myers

SACRAMENTO — There may be plenty of second chances in life, but there are very few when it comes to voting — a bitter pill to swallow for those Californians who voted for any of the presidential candidates who dropped out before Tuesday’s statewide election. The sudden exit from the race Sunday by Pete

Buttigieg, former mayor of South Bend, Ind., sparked some brief interest on social media about the rules governing a possible revote. No doubt similar questions were raised by those who cast early absentee ballots for Tom Steyer, the billionaire climate change activist who left the race Saturday. The answer, in a word: no. There’s no provision in California election law for a second chance once a ballot has been mailed or cast in person at a polling place or regional vote center. “Once you vote, you vote,” said Kim Alexander, president of the nonpartisan California Voter Foundation. “There’s no do-over.” Other candidates have



PETE BUTTIGIEG, center, and the Rev. Al Sharpton, right, take part in a “Bloody Sunday” anniversary march Sunday in Selma, Ala. The former South Bend, Ind., mayor would end his presidential bid later that day.

also dropped out since the first ballots were mailed out more than a month ago. Entrepreneur Andrew Yang abandoned his White House bid Feb. 11, almost two weeks after some California counties began mailing out ballots. Of the 20 Democrats whose names appear on the ballot, almost half have formally suspended their campaigns since late December, when the list was certified by state elections officials.

There are no firm numbers on how many of California’s 20.7 million registered voters have already weighed in. Paul Mitchell, whose for-profit campaign research firm, Political Data Inc., tracks ballots as they are returned, said about 20% of all mailed ballots had been received by local elections officials as of Friday. But he said that underestimates how much of the race is already over, as millions of ballots that were mailed out won’t be returned.

“Our data suggests 40% of those who will participate have already voted,” Mitchell said.

California has gradually become an absentee-voting state over the last few election cycles. In the 2018 state-



TOM STEYER waits to speak at a Sunday breakfast event in Selma. He dropped out of the race Saturday.

wide primary election, 67% of all votes were cast somewhere other than an in-person polling location. Several counties are now encouraging absentee voting by sending all registered voters a ballot in the mail.

Some voters openly speculated Sunday on social media whether they could simply go to a local election site and cast a second ballot, even though they had already voted by mail. In many cases, that second ballot would cancel the first one out when elections officials

entered the information into their systems. But in all cases, a voter choosing to do so could be accused of violating California election law.

“The second ballot puts a voter at risk of being accused of trying to vote twice,” Alexander said.

Supporters of Buttigieg who have yet to mail in an absentee ballot, even if it’s been marked for the now-former Democratic candidate, are in luck. They can surrender that ballot at any local voting site through the close of polls at 8 p.m. Tuesday and

ask for a new ballot. And those who were already expected to vote in person — almost 2 million might still do so in Los Angeles County — can still back another candidate in the race. Mitchell said those who voted early for Buttigieg still might shape the outcome of the California primary in an important way. The state’s Democratic presidential primary is, in fact, mostly a series of smaller primaries. Those contests are in each of the state’s 53 congressional districts, where 271 delegates will be awarded using a formula that excludes any delegate receiving less than 15% of the vote.

The most recent poll conducted for the Los Angeles Times by UC Berkeley’s Institute of Governmental Studies found Buttigieg was poised to win delegates in some of those regional contests. If those votes have already been cast, that offers him a role in what happens when a nominee is chosen at the Democratic National Convention in July. That could offer at least somewhat of a silver lining to those disappointed by Buttigieg’s decision to step aside.

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5-20-22-24-32—**Mega 15**

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Winners per category:

	No. of winners	Amount of prize(s)
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5	0	—
4 + Mega	12	\$1,429
4	298	\$95
3 + Mega	537	\$47
3	12,901	\$9
2 + Mega	6,180	\$11
1 + Mega	30,206	\$2
Mega only	44,850	\$1

Powerball
Powerball number is **bold**

24-44-46-50-51—**Powerball 13**

Jackpot: \$80 million

California winners per category:

	No. of winners	Amount of prize(s)
5 + Mega	0	—
5	0	—
4 + Mega	1	\$56,942
4	28	\$531
3 + Mega	84	\$184
3	2,154	\$8
2 + Mega	1,882	\$8
1 + Mega	14,703	\$5
Mega only	38,401	\$3

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Daily Three (midday): 2-7-1

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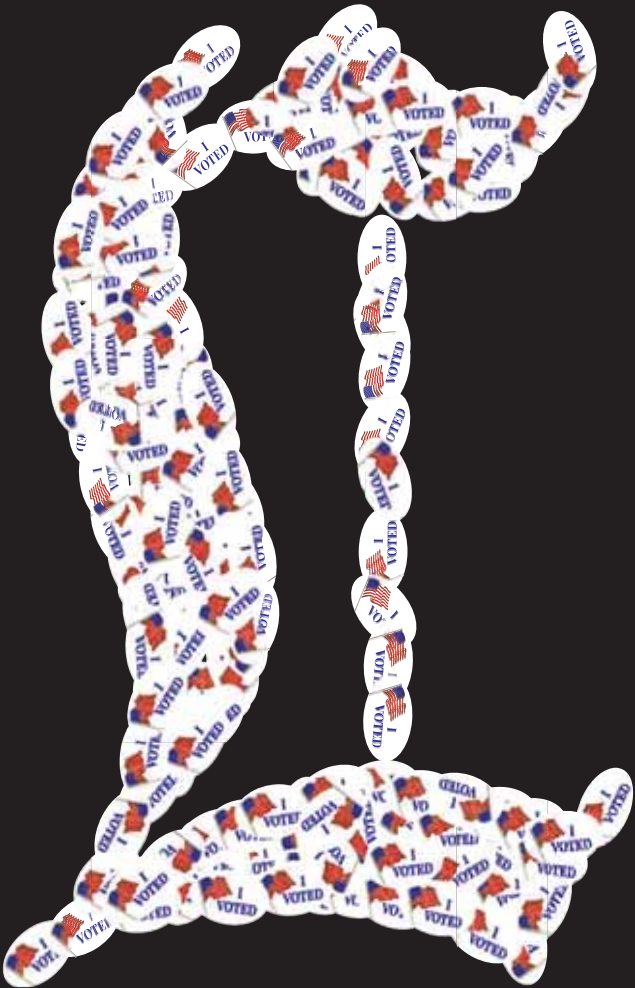
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CITY & STATE

An \$18.1-billion proposed train route

A crucial segment of high-speed rail in the Tehachapi Mountains presents significant issues, report says.

By RALPH VARTABEDIAN

The future California bullet train would barrel out of Bakersfield and shoot up 4,000 feet over the Tehachapi Mountains en route to Palmdale, an engineering feat that would cost \$18.1 billion and impose significant impacts — including the loss of low-cost housing, a homeless shelter and a high school, according to new details.

The impacts are outlined in a draft environmental statement released Thursday by the California High-Speed Rail Authority. It selects a preferred route that would include 9.3 miles of tunnels and 15.8 miles of elevated structures, representing about 30% of the entire passage between the two cities.

The rail segment is a crucial link in California's ultimate plan of running bullet trains from the Bay Area to Los Angeles and beyond. But this stretch of the route, as planned, would take out the R. Rex Parris High School in Palmdale, the Lancaster Community Homeless Shelter, the Solid Rock



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THE CALIFORNIA High-Speed Rail Authority has found that the state project would require the loss of some low-cost housing and a high school in Palmdale.

Bible Church, eight motels, 253 residential housing units, 311 businesses and 175 farm fields, according to the environmental documents.

Brian Hawkins, assistant superintendent for business services at the Antelope Valley Union High School District, said the site is an alternative high school that serves about 500 students, not a comprehensive campus with football fields and other athletic facilities. Nonetheless, it does have chemistry and biology labs, along with other classrooms

and offices.

Hawkins said he was not aware that the documents released Thursday could lead to the loss of the school, though several years ago he saw a map at a rail authority community meeting that showed the site in the way of the rail line. “If they get around to building this and we have to move, the question is who is going to pay for it,” Hawkins said.

Rail authority spokeswoman Annie Parker said the authority has “had several conversations with the

school district about this and continue to work with them.”

The environmental documents also indicate that a section of the iconic Pacific Crest Trail, which runs from the Mexican to Canadian borders through mountain ranges, forests and deserts, would have to be relocated. The resulting trail would run within sight and sound of the passing 220-mile-per-hour trains. The impacts “would be significant and unavoidable under CEQA,” the report states, referring

to the California Environmental Quality Act.

When and if these impacts would occur is only a guess, since the state lacks the \$18 billion to build the section. The rail authority is working under a plan to build 171 miles of rail from Bakersfield to Merced for \$20.4 billion, a cost that would consume all of its available funding if it can be completed on schedule by about 2028. But under its 2020 business plan, the rail authority still asserts it can complete the entire Los Angeles to San Francisco system by 2033.

The new documents identify four alternative routes between Bakersfield and Palmdale, along with two options for the alternatives. It selected so-called alternative 2 as causing the least environmental damage.

Some of the other options would have required rerouting Highway 58, a major cross-desert freeway that connects Barstow and the Central Valley. One option would have had “significant impact” to a “historic” Denny’s Restaurant. One of the design options was developed to minimize impacts to the César E. Chávez National Monument.

The cost of building over the steep mountain range has grown much more rapidly than the entire project. In 2012, the Los Angeles to San Francisco construction

was estimated to cost \$68 billion and it has since grown 18% to \$80 billion under the 2020 business plan. By contrast, the cost of the Bakersfield to Palmdale section shot up from \$7.7 billion in 2012 to the current \$18.1 billion, an increase of 135%.

In years past, high-speed rail experts, tunneling engineers and construction managers said the state was woefully underestimating the difficulty of crossing the steep grades that lead to Tehachapi Pass and then winding through Mojave Desert into urban Lancaster and Palmdale.

The last attempted rail path through the area was in the 1870s, when Southern Pacific carved out a winding route with thousands of Chinese immigrant laborers, equipped only with dynamite and hand tools. It is still the only rail route between the Central Valley and Southern California.

Since 2015, the rail authority and its consultants have been refining the Tehachapi Mountain crossing, and the preferred route identified Thursday has fewer miles of tunnels. Five years ago, studies indicated that it would require 16 miles of tunnels, rather than the current 9.3 miles.

In addition to the tunnels, the route would include 75 overpass or underpass structures as it crosses highways. Another 49 roads in the way would just be closed.

Valley water district wins permanent contract

Westlands, which has ties to Trump official, will get huge irrigation deliveries. But deal won’t end conflicts.

By BETTINA BOXALL

The Interior Department on Friday awarded the nation’s largest farm water district a permanent entitlement to annual irrigation deliveries that amount to roughly twice as much water as the nearly 4 million residents of Los Angeles use in a year.

Gaining a permanent contract for so much cheap Central Valley Project water represents a major milestone for the Westlands Water District, which supplies some of the state’s wealthiest growers and has longstanding ties to Interior Secretary David Bernhardt.

But the new pact, which would take effect June 1, provides no refuge for Westlands from California’s acrimonious water wars.

The district, which has rarely received its full contract amount in recent decades, will remain low in the federal project’s pecking order and will continue to be among the first cut in times of shortage.

The deal won’t end battles over the environmental impacts of massive water diversions from the source of Westlands’ supplies, Northern California’s Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

The contract won’t change the fact that about half of the district’s land is plagued by bad drainage and laced with naturally occurring selenium that can poison wildlife when it accumulates in wastewater from Westlands’ irrigated fields.

And it won’t head off more lawsuits from critics who scored legal points in challenges of Westlands’ similarly-sized, short-term contracts.

The district is one of more than 75 Central Valley Project customers — most of them farm irrigation districts — that are taking advantage of a 2016 law to convert water service contracts that require periodic renewal to agreements that permanently lock in delivery entitlements and other terms.

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, which runs the federal project, also signed permanent contracts on Friday with a handful of municipal districts that it supplies.

“Completing these con-



BRIAN VAN DER BRUG Los Angeles Times

THE INTERIOR Department contract grants the Westlands Water District permanent access to Central Valley Project water — roughly twice as much as the city of L.A. uses in a year. Above, the San Luis Reservoir.

tracts is a big win-win for our contractors and the American public,” regional reclamation director Ernest Conant said in a statement. “The federal government will receive early payment of over \$200 million, which Congress directed should be used for much-needed storage projects.”

The 2016 Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act, known as the WIIN Act, opened the door for reclamation contractors across the West to get permanent contracts if they repaid what they still owe U.S. taxpayers for construction of a federal water project.

The Central Valley Project is the largest water supply system in the country. Conceived in the 1930s and built over the next several decades by the federal government, the network of tall dams, big reservoirs and wide canals stretches 450 miles from the Redding region to Bakersfield.

The project’s supply of cheap, government-subsidized water helped turn the arid scrublands of the San Joaquin Valley into a highly productive and profitable food factory.

That much of the water flows to the fields of large growers and agricultural corporations rather than the small family farms envisioned in the 1902 Reclamation Act has made the project the subject of periodic reform attempts and enduring criticism.

There is no project contractor as controversial as Westlands, which covers

more than 1,000 thinly populated square miles on the San Joaquin Valley’s sun-soaked west side. The district started taking federal irrigation deliveries in the 1960s.

Westlands has a history of filing lawsuits to block endangered species protections that have curbed delta deliveries.

Bernhardt — who for years represented Westlands as a Washington lawyer and lobbyist before joining the Trump administration — argued one of those cases.

To foes, the district’s huge water contract, legacy of tainted field drainage and circumvention of federal reclamation law are emblematic of the shortcomings of federal irrigation policy.

When large landowners in Westlands broke up their holdings to meet acreage limits on the delivery of taxpayer-subsidized water, the cropland was often spread among extended family members and their trusts.

Westlands says it supplies 700 “family-owned multi-generational farms,” with an average size of 875 acres — which is under the 960-acre limit. But University of California researchers in 2011 found 350 farm networks “grouped by common ownership.”

Growers will no longer have to worry about such restrictions, which are dropped when contractors pay off their construction debt.

Last year Westlands general manager Tom Birming-

ham said the district owed the government \$320.5 million. In response to recent questions from The Times, the reclamation bureau said that sum represented Westlands construction debt as of September 2016.

Westlands’ payments since then have whittled the remaining debt to an estimated \$202 million, said Shane Hunt, acting public affairs officer for the bureau.

Fishing and environmental groups have for years contended that the federal government should cut the size of Westlands’ contract, which at 1.15 million acre-feet is the largest in the Central

Valley Project network.

They argue that Westlands has already taken roughly 100,000 acres out of production because of drainage problems and water shortages, and may have to retire more cropland.

They further note that neither the district nor the federal government has adopted a program to fully deal with selenium-tainted wastewater from Westlands fields, which in the early 1980s poisoned waterfowl at the Kesterson National Wildlife Refuge.

The groups won a favorable court ruling in 2016, when the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals said the

reclamation bureau should have considered reducing the contract quantity when it renewed a series of short-term Westlands contracts. That case is still pending and may be rendered moot by the new pact.

Reclamation officials have said they do not have to conduct a review of the environmental impacts of granting permanent contracts because the WINN Act directs the agency to issue them.

Not so, said attorney Stephan Volker, who represents tribal and salmon fishing groups who filed earlier challenges. “We will be in court again and I’m optimistic that we will overturn that unlawful approval,” he said.

“The Bureau of Reclamation has never conducted an adequate [environmental] review that would identify the host of devastating impacts on the delta and its fish and wildlife that results in taking 1.2 million acre feet annually out of that beleaguered system and giving it to corporate farmers to apply to poisoned lands,” Volker argued.

Birmingham said last year that even if the district took a third of its 600,000 acres out of production, growers who have expanded plantings of almond and pistachio trees would continue to need full deliveries.

He also dismissed suggestions that the permanent entitlement positions the district to go into the water sales business.

“To date Westlands hasn’t sold any water outside of its district. We don’t sell the water for a handsome profit,” he said.

Mexican migrants hospitalized after panga rescue off Del Mar

By LUKE MONEY

More than a dozen people have been located after apparently being dumped from a panga boat before dawn Friday off the coast of Del Mar, authorities said.

Emergency responders were called to the scene about 4:30 a.m. after passersby “heard people yelling for help in the water,” San Diego County Sheriff’s Lt. Steve Bodine said.

Del Mar Fire Chief Mike Stein told reporters at the

scene that 11 people were rescued from the water and taken to a hospital to be treated for minor hypothermia.

Two others who had been on the boat were found later on land, Beth Murray, a senior management analyst for the city of Del Mar, said.

Crews were searching for as many as three others believed to have been aboard, she said. All the people on the boat are thought to be Mexican migrants, officials said.

Stein said the incident could be “a dump-and-run,

where the panga doesn’t actually make it to shore, they’ll have people swim off the coast and then they head back south.”

“We’ve had a lot of panga boats that have reached our shores here in Southern California, specifically this area of the coast,” he said.

Authorities from the U.S. Coast Guard and Border Patrol are still searching for the boat. Anyone with additional information is asked to call the San Diego County Sheriff’s Department at (760) 940-4300.

GOP's strategy: Never mention Trump

[Skelton, from B1] more some [Democratic proposal] is going to cost them as taxpayers," Patterson says. "Talk about issues that are important to people."

One more thing, she says: Republican politicians should show up more.

"Democrats show up," Patterson says. "Many voters don't think Republicans care about their problems."

She doesn't mean merely showing up at campaign fundraisers. She's talking about showing up at meetings in lodge halls and local hangouts to listen to voters' problems and discuss solutions — "engaging every single community" and gaining trust.

Patterson showed up at my office the other day to talk about how she's trying to rebuild the crumbled



STEVE YEATER Associated Press

JESSICA Millan Patterson leads the California Republican Party.

California Republican Party one year after being elected its chairwoman at a state convention. She's articulate, energetic and savvy. Delegates chose her over a fire-brand conservative. Patterson ran as a pragmatist.

Sacramento consultant and former advisor to Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger

Cassandra Pye, who is black, told The Times at the convention:

"We've been a party that's essentially got a face that is primarily white and male and old. It's time we turn the party over to another generation and to some folks that look more like the rest of California."

Patterson's election was a significant step in that direction. She is the first Latino and first woman to be elected head of the California Republican Party.

Moreover, the two Republican leaders of the Legislature are women: Sen. Shannon Grove of Bakersfield and Assemblywoman Marie Waldron of Escondido.

A lifelong political junkie, Patterson, 39, grew up in Montebello and went to Cal State Northridge, majoring in political science. After

college, she immediately began working in politics. She lives in Simi Valley with her two young daughters and husband, an assistant dean at the USC Viterbi School of Engineering.

As the full-time CRP chairwoman, Patterson is paid \$250,000 annually — almost twice the \$127,500 salary California Democrats pay their state chairman, Rusty Hicks.

Patterson's parents were both Democrats — her dad a Teamsters union shop steward and her mom a "Reagan Democrat." Her father was of Mexican descent. Her mother was Irish and Ukrainian, a strong Catholic drawn toward the GOP by its opposition to abortion. Patterson also is anti-abortion, but says she has never been a "pro-life" activist.

In California, where

voters strongly support abortion rights, Republican candidates wisely stopped focusing on the issue several years ago. The last two Republican governors — Schwarzenegger and Pete Wilson — were both "pro-choice" abortion rights advocates.

But Californians haven't elected a Republican to statewide office since 2006. It's strictly one-party rule in Sacramento. Democrats hold supermajorities in both legislative houses.

And Democrats dominate the California delegation to the U.S. House by 46 to 7. Republicans lost half their seats in 2018 when Democrats tagged GOP incumbents as Trump toadies.

"Coming out of November 2018, we were in incredibly dark times," Patterson says. "But that darkness

has been filled with some hope, some excitement and just the right amount of people being pissed off — about everything from homelessness to just being able to afford staying in California any longer ...

"We see that in candidate recruitment, volunteer recruitment and online contributions."

Patterson says the party raised \$1 million online last year, a 1,000% increase. There has been a 33% increase in major donors.

But Republican voter registration has fallen in recent decades to 23.7% of the electorate, far behind Democrats, who are at 44.6%. The GOP even trails "no party preference" independents, 25.9%.

Democrats could be a huge help to California Republicans by dumping Trump in November.

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SUMMONS (CITACION JUDICIAL)

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By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek



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Notice is hereby given that on March 16, 2020, a public hearing will be held as required by Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 with respect to the proposed issuance by the City of Los Angeles of multifamily housing revenue bonds or notes in the maximum amounts specified below (and a like amount of refunding bonds), issued in one or more series, pursuant to a plan of financing, for the purpose of providing funds to make a loan to the project sponsors specified below or to an affiliate or special purpose entity created by or on behalf of such sponsors to finance the acquisition, rehabilitation, construction and equipping of the below-referenced projects (the "Projects").

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Stores see crowds amid virus fears

[Stores, from B1]
Thad Kleszcz, general manager of a Costco in Atwater Village, said for weeks he's noticed an unusually high number of customers at the store, but it seemed to have increased Friday, after it was announced that a Washington state man had become the first person in the U.S. to die from coronavirus.
"Antiseptic wipes and Clorox disinfecting wipes are flying out of here," he said. "We can't keep those in stock."
He said people are mostly purchasing water, paper goods, grains such as rice and pasta, jarred food and peanut butter. He said Costco is doing everything it can to keep up with demand.
At the Mountain View, Calif., Costco, employees said the weekend crowds eclipsed even the Christmas rush — with cleaning supplies and water going fast.
"Yeah, this is double Christmas time. I feel like this is a little overdoing it for now," manager Grant Garmsey told KGO.
Crowds were also big at a Costco in Hawaii after state

health officials urged residents to "stock up on all prescription medications and other basic household items like food and cleaning products so you can care for yourself and your family at home if someone becomes ill. Supplies of these items may be affected in the event of a pandemic."
Los Angeles resident Lily Capatori has been following the virus coverage and said she felt it could not hurt to be prepared.
Three weeks ago, Capatori said, she began stockpiling household necessities. She purchased the last jug of hand sanitizer at a local drugstore. She ordered cleaning wipes, masks, two suits — for her and her 11-year-old daughter — goggles and gloves. She has stocked up on food that will last her up to three months.
"We're competing against time," she said.

What are experts saying?
There are no signs of water or cleaning supply or toilet paper shortages.
But officials are concerned about a run on masks.
Health experts warn that stocking up on the disposable masks could do more harm than good by limiting their availability to doctors and nurses. If the coronavirus outbreak should cause a run on anything, they say, it should be soap and water instead.
There are good reasons to wear masks — namely, to protect others. Surgeons use them so they don't cough or sneeze into open wounds. Emergency room staff hand them out to visitors with respiratory symptoms to protect others in the waiting area. Doctors diligently swap their masks between visits with immunosuppressed patients, to avoid exposing them to clinging pathogens.
If you're already sick, mask-wearing is good practice. A paper mask on a train or bus, for instance, can minimize the degree to which a cough or sneeze disseminates infectious fluid onto neighbors and handrails that will be grabbed throughout the day.

Bryant attorney criticizes deputies

[Crash, from B1]
could amount to destruction of evidence.
A third public safety source told The Times that the sharing of photos of the crash scene and the victims' remains was the topic of a discussion among first responders two days after the crash.
The source, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, said he saw one of the photos on the phone of another official at that discussion, which was not a part of the investigation of the crash.
It's unclear how widely the photos might have been disseminated and who exactly was involved. It's also unclear whether the deputies took the photos at the scene or received them from someone else.
Brian Williams, executive director of the Civilian Oversight Commission, said his office planned to question officials during a meeting with the Sheriff's Department this week that had already been scheduled.
In an interview Wednesday, Villanueva did not respond directly to queries about whether he ordered the deletion of the photos.
"Every police department struggles with the same thing, where people take photos and they're not evidence," he said. "So that's a practice we have to make sure that everyone walks away, and there is no evidence other than the official photos of evidence that are taken for criminal purposes."
The citizen's complaint regarding what happened at the Norwalk bar was sent to the Sheriff's Information Bureau. In an interview Wednesday, Capt. Jorge Valdez, the head of the bureau, said that he was "unaware of any complaint" and that "there was no order given to delete any photographs."
The public safety sources said Friday, however, that Valdez was among those who handled the complaint.
Neither Villanueva nor Valdez responded to follow-up questions.
The Sheriff's Department issued a statement Friday saying Villanueva was "deeply disturbed at the thought deputies could allegedly engage in such an insensitive act."
"A thorough investigation will be conducted by the department, with the No. 1 priority of protecting the dignity and privacy of the victims and their families," the department said.

Chinatown merchants feel sting of coronavirus scare

[Chinatown, from B1]
scene across North Spring Street.
Only a few customers occupied chairs at the neighborhood hair salon, while no one entered or exited from the Metro at Chinatown Senior Lofts.
Typically, a line of cars takes up most of the metered parking along the thoroughfare, but on this day, there were plenty of open spaces.
"I expected to hear bargaining or to see a lot more tourists than this," said Wendi Li, visiting from Washington, as she guided her retired aunt and uncle in and out of Wonder Bakery, where they stopped for coconut bread and steaming cups of green tea.
"It's so quiet, like a cemetery," said the 41-year-old, who is considering moving from the Pacific Northwest to California but so far is worried about the higher costs of housing.
Her relatives have been suffering from allergies, so she flew down to spend time with them. She was surprised to see the decline in business at familiar haunts — from the family dentist along North Broadway to the snack spots at Central Plaza.
The trio walked toward the popular Bruce Lee statue along Sun Mun Way, created by a Chinese artist and installed in 2013 as a tribute to the late martial artist. The 7-foot-tall bronze statue is usually a magnet for tourists, but not on this day.
"Even here, no one," said

Li, an accounting clerk. "When I was little, it was always crowded around this plaza with pretty lanterns hanging and people capturing the scene for their photo albums."
"What's happening around the world is that people are freaking out about the virus when all they have to do is be more careful," he said. "They should not react this way and avoid special places."
Ha, a father of seven, agreed. "One rumor gives birth to dozens" of rumors and false scenarios multiply, he said. "I totally don't believe there's a health crisis. We just need to keep the situation in perspective."
Sue Li, Wendi Li's aunt, said it's "disappointing" that the public would "willingly believe that everyone is at risk" if they step into an area populated by hard-working immigrants from parts of Asia.
People need to consult their doctors and do what's best to protect themselves from infection, she said.
"Chinatown, Koreatown, wherever, all these communities have a special spirit," said Sue Li, 66, who points to the low prices advertised at some of the best dim sum eateries in the nation. "We should be grateful they exist because they are what form the beauty and delicious menu of all of California. We should support each other in times of trouble."
It's common to wait 45 minutes or longer to grab a table at Yang Chow, a Mandarin and Szechuan eatery,

whose large number of entrees is unmatched perhaps only by the quantity of signed celebrity photos on display in the restaurant.
There was no line on Friday afternoon, though manager Benny Yun's restaurant was about 70% full.
"We've had a drop in business the last couple of months like a lot of other places in Chinatown," Yun, 38, said. "It could be worse. I've heard of about five restaurants in the San Gabriel Valley that have closed in the last month."
Yun estimates Yang Chow, which has been in business for 43 years, has seen sales fall 30% from the same time last year.
"There are people worried about the coronavirus," Yun said. "All we can do is continue to serve quality food."
A block away on North Hill Street, another 43-year-old business was also showing signs of strain.
Foo Chow restaurant enjoyed monster crowds and attention after Chinese superstar Jackie Chan and Chris Tucker burst through its doors in the 1998 buddy action comedy "Rush Hour."
On Friday, nine people dined in the temperature-controlled two-story restaurant, which has started to feel the coronavirus' squeeze.
"We were OK up until a month ago," said cashier Eason Liu, 28. "Now it's kind of slowed down. We just don't see the big crowds, even on the weekends. People are staying home."



A COSTCO STORE in Tigard, Ore., where some items were out of stock. The CDC director told Congress that healthy Americans need not stock up on supplies. Still, many stores are reporting above-average crowds.

GILLIAN FLACCUS Associated Press

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BOULGARIDES, Wanda Wilson

February 11, 1931 - February 24, 2020
Surrounded by her loving family in her home of 54 years, Dr. Wanda Wilson Boulgarides passed away peacefully on February 24th, 2020.
A career educator, Wanda was a lifelong traveller and adventurer whose love of snorkeling in the warm waters of the Pacific was surpassed only by her love for her family. A proud Texan, Wanda was born February 11th, 1931 to Wilbur and Bettye Wilson in Floyd County, Texas. She was raised on her father's farm in Plainview, Texas, until her high school years when she moved to Clovis, New Mexico, and graduated from Clovis High School. Wanda attended Texas Tech for one year before transferring to Barnard College in New York. Wanda loved the culture of New York and spent countless hours soaking up the theater, opera and museums of the great city. While in her final class at Barnard, she met a Columbia University student by the name of Jim Boulgarides and in 1952 they began a marriage of 64 years. After stops in New York, Maryland, Washington and Utah, the Boulgarides family settled in Culver City, California, in 1966, and became active members of the community. A lifelong intellect and learner, Wanda earned her Doctorate in Instructional Technology from USC in 1980 then went on to serve as an Assistant Principal with LAUSD until her retirement in 1996. Of course, retirement meant more service, and in 1997 Wanda was elected to the Culver City School Board and served as President. This was the capstone to a life of political activism which saw Wanda dedicate endless hours to the causes in which she believed.
When she wasn't working or serving her community, Wanda was traveling the world in search of warm waters and exotic fish. From Bali to Tahiti, to the Great Barrier Reef and her favorite blue waters of Hawaii, Wanda's passion was a day in the ocean followed by champagne at sunset with her husband Jim. This is how we will remember her: tanned and smiling, gazing at a beautiful island sunset.
Wanda is survived by her children, Ann, Lois, James and Louis, as well as her grandchildren, Marina, William, Jacob, Samantha and Daniel. Wanda was an optimistic person who loved life and was endlessly curious and eager to learn. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her.



HADDAD, Zack H.

December 12, 1937 - February 18, 2020
Zack H. Haddad, M.D., passed away in Los Angeles, California, on February 18th. Born in Cairo, Egypt, on December 12, 1937, to Haroun and Lella Haddad, Zack was forced to flee Egypt in 1957 during the expulsion of Egypt's Jewish population. Zack immigrated to Paris, France and attended medical school at the University of Paris. He then moved to the U.S. and completed his medical training and residencies. He married Eveline Lifton in 1963 and was married for 13 years. Zack completed a Pediatric Allergy and Immunology Fellowship at Children's Hospital of L.A. He served as Director of Allergy and Immunology at L.A. County-USC Medical Center for almost 30 years and was a Professor of Pediatrics at the USC School of Medicine, training 32 Fellows and publishing numerous research papers. Zack was a USC Keck School of Medicine Emeritus Professor of Pediatrics. Zack's other great passions were studying and collecting Art Nouveau antiques and African Art. He was a food critic, a world traveler, and spoke 7 languages. He had a lifelong connection to Judaism and his Sephardic heritage. He was a scholar of philosophy, art, and history.
Zack lived life to its fullest and was much loved by his family and friends. Above all else, Zack adored spending time with his three grandchildren. Zack is survived by his two children, Ari Haddad and Lara (Eric) Tochner, and his beloved grandchildren, Yoseph, Lilly and Daniel.



DANNING, Curtis Ben

December 3, 1920 - February 27, 2020
Ben was born and raised in Los Angeles, California, and was the youngest of six children of Robert and Jennie Danning. He attended Los Angeles High School and was an excellent student as well as the starting catcher for its baseball team. He was the brother of former New York Giants major league catching star Harry Danning and remained a huge baseball fan his entire life. After graduating in 1942 from the University of California, Berkeley, Ben joined the U.S. Navy during World War II, and as a lieutenant served as a gunnery officer on the destroyer U.S.S. Helm in the Pacific. As a gunnery officer, his "battle station" was the ship's bridge, and he was involved in 20 campaigns and battles, including the Battle of Leyte Gulf and the January, 1945 Lingayen Gulf landings, during which the U.S.S. Helm and other ships were attacked by Japanese Kamikaze planes. In 1945, Ben was detached from the Navy and eventually attached to the Army's JASCO (Joint Assault Signal Company) as a gunfire liaison officer in preparation for the planned invasion of Japan, but Japan surrendered before the invasion could take place. In 1949 he was admitted into UCLA's first law school class, and he ultimately started a bankruptcy law firm which has become one of the leading bankruptcy firms in Los Angeles and which still exists today after 66 years as Danning, Gill, Israel, & Krasnoff. Ben was a beloved and greatly respected member of the city's bankruptcy law community and was admired for his intellect, honesty, integrity, and sense of humor.
As a father, he instilled his love for baseball into his four sons — David, Stephen, Matthew, and Gordon — and to the end of his life would often e-mail them his opinion about some "awful call" by an umpire or unwise strategic move by a team's manager. Ben taught each of his sons the values of honesty, integrity, and compassion by which he lived his own life, as well as how to think logically and systematically. He was always available for each of his sons when they needed advice or support. He was a lifelong progressive Democrat. As he always told his sons, Ben lived a "great life," and was lucky to have had not just one, but two wonderful wives, Zalotta and Florence, both of whom pre-deceased him. In his later years he enjoyed many hours losing in Scrabble to his dear friend Lila Silvern. In addition to his sons and Lila, he will be greatly missed by David's wife, Nancy Wagman; Matthew's wife, Erika Seid; his two grandchildren, Zack and Becky; nieces Trude Skolnick, Sydney Hirsch, DeeDee Kaplan, Donna Gonzalez, and Vikki Voller; his caregiver, Alescia Hartfield; Eric Silvern; other extended family members; and former law firm colleagues and partners, including David Gill, Jim Joseph, Richard Diamond, Howard Kollitz, Jackie Dahlstrom, Beverly Lew, and many others.
Funeral services will be at Hillside Memorial Park, 6001 W. Centinela Ave., Los Angeles, at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 3rd. Donations in Ben's memory may be made to the Curtis B. Danning Scholarship at UCLA Law School, or to the charitable organization of one's choice.



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Today in Southern California

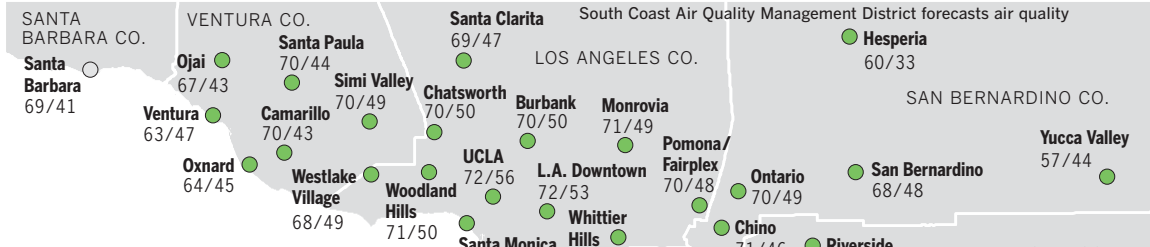
Santa Ana winds return: The storm that brought showers and cool conditions Sunday will move into north-west Mexico today. A shower or two will linger, mainly south and east of L.A.; however, it will be a warmer day with some sun. High pressure building over the Great Basin will lead to gusty Santa Ana winds by the after-noon. Wind gusts will peak near 50 to 60 mph for the mountains and upper deserts.

5-day forecasts

High/low temperatures are average forecasts for entire zone.

	L.A. Basin	Valleys	Beaches	Mountains	Deserts
Today	72 53 Partly sunny; warmer	70 51 Partly sunny; breezy	71 56 Partly sunny; warmer	38 17 Windy; a.m. flurries	70 53 A shower or two
Tuesday	Sunny 77/51	Sunny 78/48	Sun 73/52	Sunny; milder 50/24	Warmer 83/54
Wednesday	Sunny 74/50	Mostly sunny 74/49	Mostly sunny 68/49	Mostly sunny 53/26	Mostly sunny 81/55
Thursday	Mainly cloudy 76/52	Mostly cloudy 78/51	Mostly cloudy 70/51	Mostly cloudy 57/29	Partly sunny 85/57
Friday	Partly sunny 70/50	Mostly cloudy 72/45	Mostly cloudy 67/49	Partly sunny 54/27	Partly sunny 83/51

Air quality



Surf and sea

POINT CONCEPTION TO MEXICO
Inner waters: Wind becoming west at 10-20 knots today. Wind waves 3-7 feet with west swells of 5 feet.

Surf zone: The risk for strong rip currents will remain high for all area beaches today. All beaches will still have a high risk Tuesday, except those in Santa Barbara County.

County	Height	Period	Direction
Santa Barbara	3-5'	7 sec	WNW
Ventura	4-7'	7 sec	WNW
Los Angeles	4-7'	8 sec	WNW
Orange	3-6'	14 sec	SSW
San Diego	3-7'	16 sec	WSW

Tides

Today	1:38a	4.3 Hi	10:02a	1.1 Lo
	-----	Hi	-----	Lo
Tue.	2:58a	4.4 Hi	11:21a	0.6 Lo
	6:55p	3.0 Hi	9:44p	2.8 Lo

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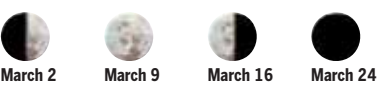
Minutes to burn for sensitive people
Las Vegas, 45 Phoenix, 60
Los Angeles, 45 San Francisco, 45

California cities

City	Sunday Hi Lo	Today Hi Lo	Tuesday Hi Lo
Anaheim	67 55 .01	72 48	79 47
Avalon/Catalina	60 47 --	59 53	66 52
Bakersfield	63 46 --	64 40	74 45
Barstow	66 50 --	65 42	74 45
Big Bear Lake	37 30 .05	38 17	50 24
Bishop	46 37 --	59 32	68 31
Burbank	57 54 Tr	70 50	78 48
Camarillo	62 48 --	70 43	76 46
Chatsworth	61 52 --	70 50	78 47
Chino	64 52 --	71 46	80 42
Dana Point	58 54 .03	66 51	70 49
Death Valley	75 61 --	76 55	80 55
Del Mar	60 57 --	62 47	68 47
Escondido	63 54 .01	64 40	74 41
Eureka	51 40 --	55 41	55 43
Fallbrook	60 54 .01	66 40	74 39
Fresno	61 50 --	66 42	73 45
Fullerton	64 55 Tr	72 47	79 49
Hemet	56 48 --	65 37	76 41
Hesperia	52 44 .02	60 33	67 38
Huntington Beach	61 55 --	67 50	73 51
Idyllwild	39 29 .03	48 39	64 43
Irvine	62 56 --	70 50	75 48
L.A. D'ntown/USC	63 58 --	72 53	77 51

Sun and moon

Today's rise/set
Los Angeles Co. 6:20a/5:51p
Orange Co. 6:19a/5:49p
Ventura Co. 6:24a/5:55p
Moon 10:56a/12:26a 10:55a/12:24a 11:00a/12:30a



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Sunday Downtown readings

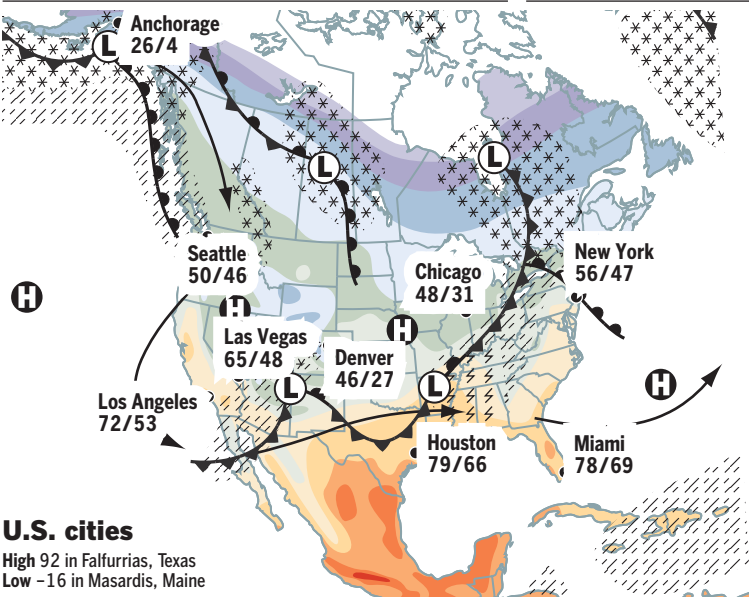
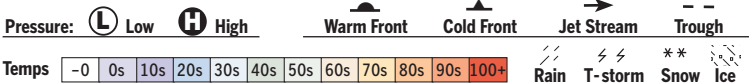
Temperature	Los Angeles	Fullerton	Ventura	Precipitation	Los Angeles	Fullerton	Ventura
High/low	63/58	64/55	57/49	24-hour total (as of 4 p.m.)	0.00	Trace	0.00
Normal high/low	69/50	69/50	67/46	Season total (since Oct. 1)	7.32	7.00	7.18
High/low a year ago	66/57	67/57	62/54	Last season (Oct. 1 to date)	15.80	13.96	15.20
Record high/date	88/1967	92/2013	85/2013	Season norm (Oct. 1 to date)	11.18	10.45	12.49
Record low/date	36/1894	38/2007	32/1962	Humidity (high/low)	71/42	74/43	89/51

City	Sunday Hi Lo	Today Hi Lo	Tuesday Hi Lo
L.A. Int'l. Airport	63 57 Tr	70 57	75 54
Laguna Beach	60 55 --	67 53	71 52
Lancaster	58 44 --	63 31	70 35
Long Beach	61 55 Tr	70 49	74 51
Mammoth Lakes	32 27 Tr	42 16	55 21
Mission Viejo	57 51 .08	69 52	76 49
Monrovia	56 52 .14	71 49	78 48
Monterey	54 49 .01	63 44	65 47
Mt. Wilson	xx xx --	53 36	62 39
Needles	75 50 --	65 51	74 52
Newport Beach	61 56 --	67 51	70 52
Northridge	63 52 --	70 50	80 49
Oakland	63 42 --	71 49	71 48
Oceanside	63 55 Tr	67 38	73 40
Ojai	61 46 --	67 43	76 45
Ontario	60 51 Tr	70 49	78 47
Palm Springs	74 50 --	70 53	83 54
Pasadena	60 53 .04	70 50	77 49
Paso Robles	57 42 Tr	67 30	73 35
Pomona/Fairplex	59 51 .01	70 48	79 46
Redding	62 46 --	74 51	79 44
Riverside	63 49 Tr	65 37	75 37
Sacramento	61 45 Tr	71 43	74 42
San Bernardino	63 52 --	68 48	77 46

City	Sunday Hi Lo	Today Hi Lo	Tuesday Hi Lo
San Diego	63 58 --	64 50	69 50
San Francisco	59 44 --	69 50	68 48
San Gabriel	xx xx --	72 50	78 49
San Jose	60 40 --	70 46	74 46
San Luis Obispo	56 43 --	68 40	73 40
Santa Ana	62 58 Tr	71 51	76 53
Santa Barbara	61 43 Tr	69 41	70 47
Santa Clara	57 50 --	69 47	77 46
Santa Monica Pier	57 54 --	71 56	73 52
Santa Paula	63 47 --	70 44	78 45
Santa Rosa	62 39 --	75 41	77 41
Simi Valley	59 49 --	70 49	77 45
Tahoe Valley	33 23 .22	41 19	50 24
Temecula	59 52 --	64 39	75 37
Thousand Oaks	56 48 --	69 48	76 46
Torrance	59 54 --	69 49	73 50
UCLA	58 54 --	72 56	76 51
Van Nuys	60 53 Tr	72 50	79 46
Ventura	57 49 --	63 47	69 51
Whittier Hills	64 54 --	71 48	78 49
Woodland Hills	59 49 --	70 50	81 47
Wrightwood	42 32 .10	46 32	57 35
Yorba Linda	61 53 .01	70 49	78 46
Yosemite Valley	42 33 .30	55 37	64 37

Today in North America

Eastern rain: A broad storm in the East will produce some rain from the Gulf Coast through the interior Northeast. There may be some snow across the high terrain of northern New England. Rain and high-elevation snow will occur across the Southwest and Pacific Northwest.



U.S. cities

High 92 in Falfurrias, Texas
Low -16 in Masardis, Maine

City	Sunday		Precp.	Today		Sky	City	Sunday		Precp.	Today		Sky
	Hi	Lo		Hi	Lo			Hi	Lo		Hi	Lo	
Albany	37	17	Tr	51	39	R	Seattle	47	33	.09	50	46	R
Albuquerque	60	38	Tr	58	35	Pc	Tampa	73	46	--	76	63	Cy
Anchorage	29	16	.21	26	4	Sf	Tucson	67	55	--	63	43	Su
Aspen	44	23	Tr	38	12	Sf	Tulsa	76	58	--	59	39	Cy
Atlanta	64	34	--	57	54	Sh	Washington, D.C.	52	28	--	62	47	Pc
Austin	77	54	--	79	62	Fg	Wichita	68	48	--	56	34	Pc
Baltimore	51	20	--	62	44	Pc							
Boise	51	27	--	48	34	Su							
Boston	33	19	--	52	46	Pc							
Buffalo	39	13	--	48	33	R							
Burlington, Vt.	28	11	.01	43	35	R							
Charleston, S.C.	60	31	--	70	58	Su							
Charlotte	59	23	--	61	50	R							
Chicago	60	30	--	48	31	Pc							
Cincinnati	63	23	--	53	43	R							
Cleveland	48	17	--	50	35	R							
Columbia, S.C.	62	24	--	66	55	R							
Columbus	52	19	--	51	39	R							
Dallas/Ft.Worth	75	57	--	74	52	Sh							
Denver	44	32	.02	46	27	Pc							
Detroit	44	18	--	49	28	R							
El Paso	67	58	--	68	47	Cy							
Eugene	49	32	.03	52	41	Cy							
Fort Myers	77	46	--	79	62	Su							
Hartford	39	18	--	53	41	Pc							
Honolulu	81	70	.04	80	69	Sh							
Houston	72	62	.06	79	66	Cy							
Indianapolis	63	26	--	52	35	R							
Jacksonville, Fla.	68	35	--	76	60	Su							
Kansas City	67	52	--	52	36	Pc							
Knoxville	65	24	--	53	50	R							
Las Vegas	65	56	.01	65	48	W							
Louisville	69	27	--	60	49	R							
Medford	52	29	Tr	55	33	Pc							
Memphis	72	46	.08	69	57	Tr							
Miami	76	55	--	78	69	Pc							
Milwaukee	58	28	--	44	30	Pc							
Minneapolis	50	32	--	37	30	Su							
Nashville	70	31	--	63	55	Tr							
New Orleans	71	45	--	78	66	Tr							
New York	44	25	--	56	47	Pc							
Norfolk	53	32	--	67	52	Pc							
Oklahoma City	77	52	--	59	39	Cy							
Omaha	57	37	--	50	33	Pc							
Orlando	72	43	--	79	60	Su							
Philadelphia	45	25	--	60	46	Pc							
Phoenix	77	53	--	65	48	Sh							
Pittsburgh	47	19	--	51	41	R							
Portland, Ore.	48	35	.01	51	45	Cy							
Providence	36	19	--	52	44	Pc							
Raleigh/Durham	59	24	--	65	53	Pc							
Reno	40	28	.20	47	26	Su							
Richmond	54	21	--	64	48	Pc							
St. Louis	71	40	Tr	52	37	Pc							
Salt Lake City	36	31	.23	43	27	Su							

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World

Acapulco	92 77	--	86 75	Su
Amsterdam	48 41	.59	47 37	R
Athens	64 37	--	65 54	Pc
Bangkok	95 79	--	95 79	Pc
Barcelona	66 55	--	64 45	Sh
Berlin	50 41	.11	48 36	Cy
Cabo San Lucas	86 57	--	79 59	Cy
Cairo	67 53	--	71 53	Hx
Dubai	81 66	--	84 68	Hx
Dublin	44 36	.13	44 34	Sh
Havana	79 50	--	84 62	Su
Ho Chi Minh City	95 75	--	95 77	Cy
Hong Kong	80 69	--	74 66	Pc
Istanbul	52 36	--	57 50	Pc
Jerusalem	54 46	--	56 40	Pc
Johannesburg	67 53	--	66 53	Tr
Kuala Lumpur	95 77	.03	98 77	Cy
Lima	82 73	--	79 72	Pc
London	50 41	.07	48 36	R
Madrid	60 48	.06	56 37	Sh
Mecca	91 64	--	94 64	Hx
Mexico City	82 54	--	82 54	Su
Milan	49 42	.05	46 42	R
Montreal	23 7	.02	41 30	I
Moscow	41 25	.14	40 35	Cy
Mumbai	88 77	--	89 73	Hx
New Delhi	80 60	.01	79 60	Hx
Paris	46 43	.61	49 36	R
Prague	52 37	.03	49 40	Cy
Rome	61 52	.20	61 49	R
Seoul	49 35	.06	47 29	Su
Singapore	90 77	--	91 77	Pc
Taipei City	73 64	.10	66 63	W
Tokyo	61 46	.22	48 46	R
Vancouver	45 34	.04	46 41	Sh
Vienna	48 36	.23	57 46	W

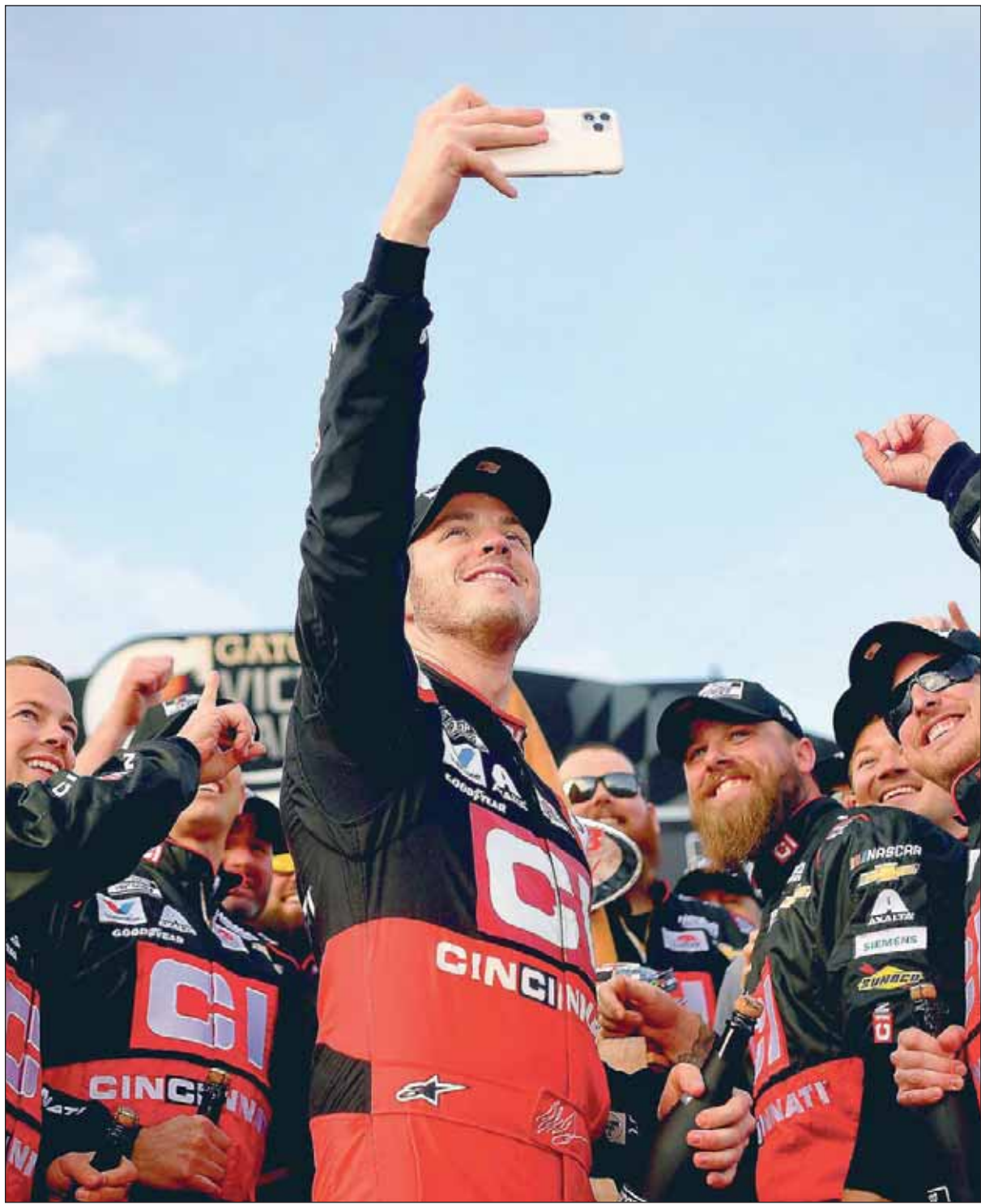
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AUTO CLUB 400



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ALEX BOWMAN captured the NASCAR Auto Club 400 in Fontana over defending champion Kyle Busch. Bowman, who started third, led 110 of the race's 200 laps, including the final 35.

Bowman gets back on track

26-year-old races to his second career NASCAR Cup Series victory by more than nine seconds in Fontana

By JAMES F. PELTZ

When NASCAR fan favorite Dale Earnhardt Jr. retired two years ago, his powerhouse team, Hendrick Motorsports, turned the No. 88 Chevrolet over to the relatively unknown driver Alex Bowman.

Bowman went on to win one NASCAR Cup Series race, at Chicagoland Speedway last year, but the Tucson native also has struggled at times.

On Sunday, though, Bowman validated Hendrick's decision by driv-

ing to a dominant victory at the Auto Club 400 in Fontana and thus stole much of the thunder from another NASCAR legend, Jimmie Johnson, who was making perhaps his final start at Auto Club Speedway.

Bowman, 26, won by nine seconds over second-place Kyle Busch, who won the race last year. Bowman, who started third, led 110 of the race's 200 laps, including the final 35.

Kurt Busch, Kyle's older brother, finished third and Bowman teammate Chase Elliott was fourth.

"We were up front when it counted," said Bowman, who raced

quarter-midget race cars in Pomona as a youngster. "I don't think we made a change in the race car from how it came off the truck. That makes my job a heck of a lot easier."

Indeed, Bowman showed his strength immediately after the teams arrived in Fontana by posting the fastest speeds in both practice sessions Friday on the two-mile oval.

His team, led by crew chief Greg Ives, also made the necessary adjustments for the drastic change in weather over the weekend. While practice was held with temperatures

[See Auto Club, D6]

James won't allow youth to be served

He has triple-double, makes crucial plays as L.A. overcomes Williamson scoring 35.

LAKERS 122 NEW ORLEANS 114

By TANIA GANGULI

NEW ORLEANS — LeBron James faced Zion Williamson one-on-one late in the game Sunday night.

James shook Williamson, then stepped back and released a three-pointer over the heralded New Orleans Pelicans rookie forward. The basket with 2 minutes 27 seconds remaining gave the Lakers a five-point lead.

James backpedaled and looked toward his team's bench with his tongue hanging out, Williamson trailing close behind. James' face then settled into a snarl.

The Lakers defeated the Pelicans 122-114 to sweep the season series 4-0 from a young team with which they are inextricably linked.

James recorded a triple-double with 34 points, 13 assists and 12 rebounds, while Williamson, a player some league observers believe is the surest prospect since James entered the NBA, had a career-high 35 points.

Kyle Kuzma started in place of Anthony Davis, the former Pelican who was listed as out with a sore knee, and scored 20 points. The

[See Lakers, D4]



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ROOKIE ZION WILLIAMSON set a career high in points, but LeBron James and the Lakers got the win.

Clippers battle through issues

Leonard scores 30 points and L.A. overcomes defensive miscues in victory.

CLIPPERS 136 PHILADELPHIA 130

By ANDREW GREIF

As the ESPN camera crept closer, angling for the perfect pregame shot of Landry Shamet, the voice from three lockers away grew louder.

"Lock in," starting guard Patrick Beverley said to Shamet, his volume filling up the Clippers' locker room long before Sunday's afternoon tipoff against Philadelphia. "Lock in."

But for the first two quarters Sunday, and much of

Clippers owner eyeing the Forum

Steve Ballmer in talks with owner to purchase Inglewood arena. **D4**

the fourth, the Clippers' defense could not lock in, shaken by guard Shake Milton's career-high 39 points, even though Philadelphia played without injured All-Stars Joel Embiid and Ben Simmons and lost a third starter, Josh Richardson, to a bruised nose during the game.

Because of it, the double-digit favorites found themselves in a fight down to the final seconds.

The resulting 136-130 victory was the Clippers' fourth consecutive since adding starting forward Marcus

[See Clippers, D4]

Cronin's magic is not an illusion

UCLA is alone atop Pac-12 as turnabout is happening faster than anticipated.

DYLAN HERNÁNDEZ

There's a new wizard in Westwood.

Blasphemy? Probably, especially on a campus where there is a bronze statue of John Wooden.

But what other way is there to convey the scale of the miracles Mick Cronin has performed in his first season as the UCLA men's basketball coach?

Developments antici-



pated two or three years into the future are happening already, as a team that was in last place in its conference only a month and a half ago now stands alone atop the Pac-12.

By winning their last seven games, the Bruins have improved to 19-11 overall and 12-5 in the conference. They have secured a bye in the first round of the Pac-12 tournament. They are projected as a No. 12 seed in the NCAA tournament, according to ESPN bracketologist Joe Lunardi.

And Cronin has orchestrated this 180-degree turnaround with a roster made up of role players.

The Bruins don't have a former McDonald's All-American, and let's just say they can't blame the selection committee for that.

[See Hernández, D3]

Vela's performance is quite a bash



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IN HIS SECOND game in four days, Carlos Vela shined on a big stage at Banc of California Stadium.

Superb goal on his birthday wins opener and ruins first game for Beckham's club.

LAFC 1, MIAMI 0

By KEVIN BAXTER

The calendar says Carlos Vela is aging. But you wouldn't know it from watching him play.

Vela celebrated his 31st birthday Sunday, making him six years older than Major League Soccer, the league in which he plays. Yet he hardly looked like a man whose time is running out, with his first-half goal giving LAFC a 1-0 win over Inter Miami in its season opener and the visitors' first game in franchise history.

"Carlos' magic," teammate Jordan Harvey said, "really came through for us

again."

That's hardly new. Ninety minutes into his third season, Vela's 49 goals and 28 assists have given him a hand in 77 MLS scores in 60 games, more than any player in league history over a similar span. And that doesn't even count the two goals he scored three days earlier in a win over León that sent LAFC on to the quarterfinals of the CONCACAF Champions League.

"Carlos is still such a special player," LAFC coach Bob Bradley said. "He still

[See LAFC, D6]

Fury-Wilder 3 is official

Heavyweights will fight for the third time in July, with Wilder out to take back his belts. **D3**

PRO CALENDAR

	MON 2	TUE 3	WED 4	THU 5	FRI 6
 LAKERS		PHILA. 7 TNT, SpecSN			MIL. 7:30 ESPN, SpecSN
 CLIPPERS		at Oklahoma City 5 Prime		at Houston 5 TNT, Prime	
 KINGS				TORONTO 7:30 FSW	
 DUCKS		at Chicago 5:30 FSW	at Colorado 6:30 NBCSN		TORONTO 7:30 Prime
 GALAXY	NEXT: SATURDAY VS. VANCOUVER, 7 P.M., SPECSN				
 LAFC	NEXT: SUNDAY VS. PHILADELPHIA, 7:30 P.M., FS1				

Shade denotes home game

TODAY ON THE AIR

TIME	EVENT	ON THE AIR
BASEBALL EXHIBITIONS		
10 a.m.	Minnesota vs. St. Louis at Jupiter, Fla.	TV: MLB Network
Noon	Angels vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz.	TV: FSW, ESPN R: 830
Noon	Dodgers vs. Cincinnati at Goodyear, Ariz.	TV: SNLA
BASKETBALL		
4:30 p.m.	Milwaukee at Miami	TV: NBA
COLLEGE BASKETBALL		
4 p.m.	North Carolina State at Duke	TV: ESPN
4 p.m.	Women, South Florida at Connecticut	TV: ESPN2
4 p.m.	Women, Wichita State at Central Florida	TV: CBSSN
6 p.m.	Texas Tech at Baylor	TV: ESPN
6 p.m.	Alabama State at Texas Southern	TV: ESPNU
COLLEGE TENNIS		
11 a.m.	Pepperdine at Oklahoma	TV: Prime
HOCKEY		
4:30 p.m.	Colorado at Detroit	TV: NHL
SOCCER		
11:30 a.m.	Portugal, Santa Clara vs. Porto	TV: GOLTV
3:30 p.m.	Mexico, women, Toluca vs. Pachuca	TV: TUDN
TENNIS		
8 a.m.	Lyon and Monterrey tournaments, early rounds	TV: Tennis
Noon	Monterrey Open, early rounds	TV: Tennis
5 p.m.	Monterrey Open, early rounds	TV: Tennis

ODDS

COLLEGE BASKETBALL			NHL	
Favorite	Line	Underdog	Favorite	Underdog
at Duke	12%	N.C. State	Colorado	-295 at Detroit +265
at Baylor	9	Texas Tech	at Nashville	-140 Edmonton +130
at Weber State	5%	Idaho State		

South Africa prevails

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Sakoyisa Makata scored in extra time and South Africa rallied to defeat Fiji 29-24 at Dignity Health Sports Park in the final of the Los Angeles leg of the Rugby Sevens World Series. South Africa trailed 19-0 to the Olympic champion after five minutes before beginning its rally. Jerry Tuwai's try put Fiji up 24-12 midway through the second half before Chris Dry and

Branco du Preez responded for South Africa. Du Preez's try and conversion after the buzzer sent the match to golden point. It was the second tournament won by South Africa this season. The United States, which defeated Ireland 24-19 in the fifth-place match, has only one top-three finish through five events. New Zealand remained on top of the standings with 93 points after finishing third.

THIS WEEK IN
UCLA ATHLETICS
POWERED BY UNDER ARMOUR

TUESDAY, MARCH 3

#1 SOFTBALL VS. ST. JOHN'S @ 7:00PM
EASTON STADIUM

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

#12 MEN'S VOLLEYBALL VS. CSUN @ 7:00PM
PAULEY PAVILION presented by WESCOM

#1 SOFTBALL VS. #13 MICHIGAN @ 7:00PM
EASTON STADIUM

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

#1 SOFTBALL VS. UCF @ 5:30PM
EASTON STADIUM

#8 BASEBALL VS. #2 VANDERBILT @ 6:00PM
JACKIE ROBINSON STADIUM

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

ROWING VS. SAN DIEGO STATE @ 8:30AM
MARINA AQUATIC CENTER

#1 BEACH VOLLEYBALL VS. #19 ASU @ 10:00AM
VS. #4 USC @ 2:30PM | MAPES BEACH

#8 BASEBALL VS. TCU @ 2:00PM
JACKIE ROBINSON STADIUM

#1 SOFTBALL VS. BOSTON U. @ 4:30PM
VS. MINNESOTA @ 7:00PM | EASTON STADIUM

#12 MEN'S VOLLEYBALL
VS. UC SAN DIEGO @ 5:00PM | WOODEN CENTER

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

#1 BEACH VOLLEYBALL VS. OREGON @ 12:00PM
VS. WASHINGTON @ 2:00 PM | MAPES BEACH

#1 SOFTBALL VS. CAL POLY @ 12:30PM
EASTON STADIUM

#3 GYMNASTICS VS. #8 CALIFORNIA @ 1:00PM
PAULEY PAVILION presented by WESCOM

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ANGELS REPORT

Rendon predicts a ‘surprise’

By BILL SHAIKIN

TEMPE, Ariz. — In **Anthony Rendon's** last game with his last team, the Washington Nationals beat the Houston Astros to win the World Series. The Angels spent \$245 million on Rendon so he could help them beat the Astros, who have won the American League West three years running. “I think we’re going to be really good,” Rendon said. “We’re going to surprise a lot of people.” Rendon last won a post-season game on Oct. 30, 2019. The Angels last won a post-season game on Oct. 22, 2009. Rendon hit the first home run for his new team Sunday, and the third baseman has four hits in his first six at-bats for the Angels. But one man does not make for a successful team, as the Angels well know. They employ **Mike Trout**. They also employ **Shohei Ohtani** and **Justin Upton**, and Fangraphs projects the Angels with the third-best offense in the AL, in terms of wins above replacement (WAR). The website also projects the Angels with pitching that ranks in the bottom half of the league. Rendon's Nationals won with a pitching staff fronted by **Max Scherzer**, **Stephen Strasburg** and **Patrick Corbin**, with a combined 12 All-Star appearances. Rendon's Angels will try to win with a staff fronted by **Andrew Heaney**, **Dylan Bundy** and **Julio Teheran**, with a combined two All-Star appearances (both by Teheran, the last in 2016). The other two spots in the rotation are vacant. Can the Angels hope to keep up with the Astros? “I don't know,” Rendon said. “We'll see.” In last year's World Series, the Nationals scored a combined 19 runs in the two games started by **Justin Verlander**, and the Astros scored eight runs in the game started by Corbin.

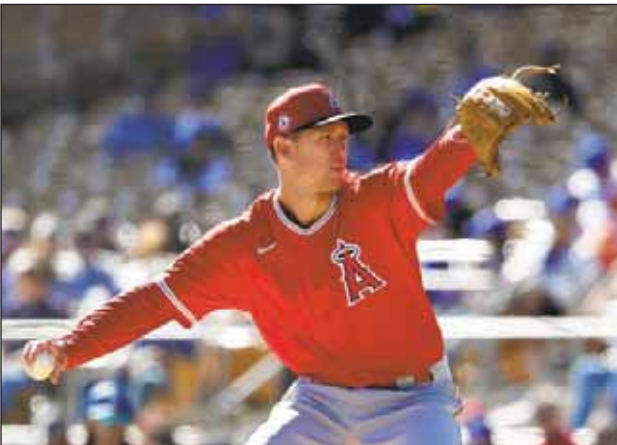
“That’s not really unheard of, right?” Rendon said. “Sometimes offense wins. Sometimes pitching wins. We'll see how the season turns out.” What expectations should Angels fans have for how their team might do this season? “Take it one day at a time,” he said. “Just sit back on your couch and just watch.”

Canning likely to IL **Griffin Canning**, one of the projected anchors of the starting rotation, is expected to start the season on the injured list, manager **Joe Maddon** said.

Canning complained of elbow stiffness after his lone Cactus League start on Wednesday. Five days later, Maddon said, the Angels' medical staff has been unable to determine the source of the discomfort. He said the issue could be centered on a ligament within the elbow or on the joint itself. Canning was scheduled to throw Saturday to help provide information that could determine a diagnosis, but Maddon said the right-hander “wasn't feeling up to speed.” As a result, Maddon said, testing and consultation with specialists will continue this week.

The injury leaves the Angels needing to identify two starters to complete a rotation beyond Heaney, Bundy and Teheran. Ohtani is expected to rejoin the rotation in mid-May. Until then, the Angels can minimize the use of a fifth starter because they have seven days off in the first seven weeks of the season.

Maddon identified **Matt Andriese**, **Jaime Barria**, **Patrick Sandoval** and **Jose Suarez** as candidates. Andriese, 30, is a veteran swingman who did not make a start for the Arizona Diamondbacks last season. Barria and Sandoval are 23, and Suarez is 22. “These are really good names,” Maddon said. “These are definitely, abso-



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MORE TESTING is needed on Griffin Canning, whose absence would leave a void in the rotation.

lutely, major league pitcher names. It's just a matter of is this the right time.”

None fared well as replacements in the Angels' injury-riddled rotation last season: Barria posted an earned-run average of 6.42,

with Sandoval at 5.03 and Suarez at 7.11. “Obviously, they had a hard time,” Maddon said. “But that moment where they got their butts kicked a little bit may benefit them a lot going into this season.”

Chicago White Sox 8, Angels 7
Colorado 6, Angels 3

AT THE PLATE: The Angels pretty much played their varsity lineup against the White Sox, and they scored six runs in the first three innings. Anthony Rendon hit a three-run homer, and the seven regulars in the lineup combined for nine hits in 16 at-bats. ... In the other split-squad game, using something of a junior varsity lineup, second-baseman prospect Jahmai Jones homered. **ON THE MOUND:** Patrick Sandoval pitched two hitless innings in his Cactus League debut, featuring a changeup that manager Joe Maddon called “extraordinary.” Sandoval, one of four pitchers competing for the final two spots in the Angels' rotation, got three ground balls in his final inning. “I want them to hit the ball,” Sandoval said. “We’ve probably got the best infield in baseball.” Sandoval, 23, made his major league debut last season and went 0-4 in 10 games, with a 5.03 earned-run average. In the other split-squad game, fellow rotation candidate Jose Suarez pitched three hitless innings. Suarez, 22, made his major league debut last season and went 2-6 in 19 games with a 7.11 ERA. **EXTRA BASES:** Maddon, noting how important it is for the Angels' medical staff to keep players and coaches updated on advice for dealing with the coronavirus, emphasized how a crowded clubhouse is not the most optimal environment amid the spread of an illness: “Every team has this nice little petri dish in there.” ... The White Sox scored all eight runs against nonroster reliever Neil Ramirez, who faced nine batters and retired one. **UP NEXT:** The Angels face the Chicago Cubs on Monday at noon PST at Sloan Park. TV: Fox Sports West, ESPN. Radio: 830.

—BILL SHAIKIN

Dodgers are simply moving on

Texas 8, Dodgers 6

ON THE MOUND: Closer Kenley Jansen's one-two-three third inning ended with him badly fooling Jeff Mathis with a full-count slider that the catcher swung through for the third strike. Jansen, at the suggestion of former pitching coach Rick Honeycutt and former Dodgers pitcher Orel Hershisier, is using a new slider grip. The pitch, which Jansen wants to throw near 80 mph, has a tighter spin and more sink than side-to-side action. “I feel consistent with it,” Jansen said. “I threw the first one for a strike today and the other was a put-away pitch on a full count.” Left-hander Adam Kolarek, who will have to face more right-handed batters with the institution of the new three-batter-minimum rule, gave up five consecutive singles to right-handed hitters in a four-run fifth inning. Pedro Baez struck out two batters in a scoreless fourth.

AT THE PLATE: The Dodgers scored once in the first inning when Max Muncy led off with an infield single, AJ Pollock and Corey Seager walked, and Will Smith hit a run-scoring groundout. Enrique Hernandez hit his third home run of the spring, a solo shot to left field against Corey Kluber with two outs in the third inning. Zach McKinstry homered in the eighth and Edwin Rios hit a two-run shot in the ninth. **EXTRA BASES:** Reliever Blake Treinen will throw one more live batting practice session in the middle of this week before making his Cactus League debut, probably next weekend. ... Outfielder Joc Pederson, sidelined by injuries to his right side and hip, took batting practice at about 80% effort but is not expected to play in a game for at least another week. ... Cole Roberts, the son of manager Dave Roberts and an infielder at Loyola Marymount, played all 24 innings of the Lions' 4-3 loss to UC Davis on Saturday, going one for seven. “Man, that’s a tough first game of a series, and they have a doubleheader [Sunday],” Roberts said. “But he’s doing all right. He’s young.” **UP NEXT:** Left-handers David Price and Julio Urias are scheduled to pitch two innings each against the Cincinnati Reds on Monday at Goodyear Park. TV: SportsNet LA, noon PST.

— MIKE DIGIOVANNA

They prefer to talk about what lies ahead than about the Astros.

By MIKE DIGIOVANNA

PHOENIX — The anger and hostility that clouded the first week of camp for the Dodgers has given way to the more familiar emotions of spring: excitement, anticipation, hope. Talk of the Houston Astros' high-tech sign-stealing scandal, which tainted the team's 2017 World Series championship while possibly robbing the Dodgers of a title, has dissipated. In its place is a keen sense of optimism fueled by the addition of 2018 American League most valuable player Mookie Betts and 2012 AL Cy Young Award winner David Price to a team that won a franchise-record 106 games and its seventh consecutive division title last season. “That excited the fans, the media and our players — infusing those two guys really added to the buzz,” manager Dave Roberts said. “David Price and Mookie Betts in Los Angeles — this is great for baseball, the city of L.A. We all gotta talk about what's good about this game, right?” The harsh words, grumbling and bitterness could return if a Major League Baseball investigation determines that the Boston Red Sox illegally stole signs during a 2018 season that ended with a World Series victory over the Dodgers. But for now, Dodgers center fielder Cody Bellinger and Astros shortstop Carlos Correa have stopped lobbing verbal grenades at each other, and Dodgers third baseman Justin Turner has stopped ripping Commissioner Rob Manfred for not punishing Astros players. “Guys said what they felt they needed to say, and that was it,” Turner said. “I don't think anyone was looking to drag anything out. Say what you have to say and move on, because we are very excited about this

year and this team, and we’re looking forward to 2020.” That excitement was warranted. The Dodgers should have one of the deepest, most potent and versatile lineups in baseball, a blend of power and on-base ability from the left and right sides, and a sprinkling of speed at the top with Betts. Betts hit .295 with a .915 on-base-plus-slugging percentage, 29 home runs, 40 doubles, 80 runs batted in and 135 runs last season. He likely will be followed in the lineup by Max Muncy (.889 OPS, 35 home runs, 98 RBIs), Turner (.881 OPS, 27 home runs, 67 RBIs) and Bellinger, the NL MVP with a 1.035 OPS, 47 home runs and 115 RBIs. “We have a lot of dynamic players who can do a lot of things offensively and defen-

sively,” Turner said. “It’s gonna be fun.” A rotation headed by burgeoning ace Walker Buehler includes a healthy Clayton Kershaw, Price and two more left-handers, Julio Urias and Alex Wood. The relief corps could be vastly improved if hard-throwing right-handers Joe Kelly and Blake Treinen regain their 2018 form, Pedro Baez repeats his 2019 season and new right-hander Brusdar Graterol, whose fastball sits between 98 and 100 mph, makes the jump to the big leagues. “We have a lot of good arms in the bullpen,” Roberts said. “I think it will be a position of strength for us.” Roberts said this team, on paper, has the potential to be better than last year's team, “but what’s on paper obviously doesn’t matter,

which was evident last year.” The Dodgers lost a five-game division series to the Washington Nationals in October, extending their World Series drought to 31 years, a stunning upset that has only increased their desire for a title. “You lose a couple of World Series, you have the best season in franchise history and get knocked out in the first round of the playoffs ... if you're not hungry to get this going and take another crack at it, you're probably in the wrong business,” Turner said. The tone for the spring was set in part over the off-season, when Kershaw and closer Kenley Jansen, the team's most decorated pitchers, were among several Dodgers pitchers to visit Driveline Baseball, the data-focused training company based in Kent, Wash. Kelly and Wood also visited the facility to work on mechanical issues. “What’s interesting is these are not only veteran guys, they’re superstars,” Roberts said. “To go out of that comfort zone for the potential unknown ... for Clayton, he was an All-Star last year, and Kenley to be open to that shows a lot of maturity. That’s what we preach, and it’s really cool.” That approach was reinforced by Betts on the first day of full-squad workouts, when the outfielder, in an address to the team, urged the Dodgers to treat every game, every inning, every pitch, like Game 7 of the World Series. “One thing I’m most proud of is there is no complacency,” Roberts said. “There’s a sense of urgency in our clubhouse that gets me excited about coming to the ballpark every day.” It was also reflected in the voice of Bellinger, who seems even more determined after winning an MVP award and another division title. “Honestly, it makes me want to work a little harder. I want to push hard to be better,” Bellinger said. “There’s a bigger prize that everyone in here feels needs to be accomplished.”

UCLA-USC WOMEN'S ROUNDUP

Bruins secure the No. 2 seed

STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

It was midway through the first quarter, and UCLA already had a 13-point lead. The Bruins hadn't yet allowed a field goal. A first-round Pac-12 tournament bye was already in place. But coach Cori Close still shouted as if there were seconds left in a championship game.

"I wanted them to feel from me that I'm going to treat it" like the postseason, Close said after UCLA's 77-54 rout of Utah (13-16, 6-12) on Sunday at Pauley Pavilion. "It's here. You cannot rest for one second."

No. 9 UCLA kept its focus through shooting woes and senior celebrations, and secured the program's best Pac-12 finish in Close's nine-year tenure. The No. 2-seeded Bruins (25-4, 14-4) will face No. 7 seed USC or No. 10 seed Colorado in the Pac-12 tournament quarterfinals in Las Vegas at 6 p.m.

on Friday.

Japreece Dean, who was honored during senior-day festivities along with Ally Rosenblum, had a game-high 16 points with eight assists, scoring just one field goal but going 14 for 14 on free throws.

With their coach imploring them to compete every possession, the Bruins overcame miserable 31.9% shooting from the field with sustained energy. They had 29 offensive rebounds and a season-high 55 total rebounds. They pulled down five offensive rebounds in one possession.

— THUC NHI NGUYEN

at USC 66, Colorado 55: The Trojans (16-13, 8-10) beat Colorado on senior day to wrap up the regular season and secure the No. 7 seed in the Pac-12 tournament. Freshmen Alissa Pili and Endyia Rogers each scored 20 points. Pili also had 13 rebounds for her 11th double-double of the season.



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UCLA'S Japreece Dean shoots against Utah at Pauley Pavilion. She went 14 for 14 at the free-throw line.

Cronin's magic is working at UCLA

[Hernández, from D1]

Members of UCLA royalty who attended the team's most recent game — Gail Goodrich, Bill Walton, Jamaal Wilkes and Baron Davis — were living reminders of what these Bruins aren't.

Under Cronin, the 11-time national champions have exchanged the glamour of Hollywood for the tenacity of Los Angeles, their triumphs a result of them hurling their bodies after loose balls rather than punctuating fast breaks with high-flying dunks.

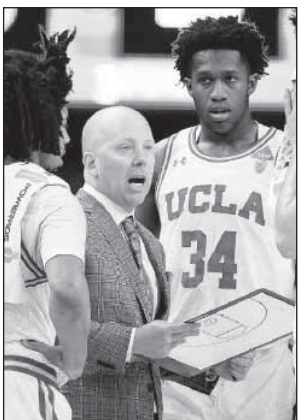
The magician himself couldn't envision this.

"There were days I didn't know if I'd make it through the year, physically," Cronin said. "I was just hoping in December I could make it to January. Then I was hoping I could make it to February and stay upright all year."

Cronin had to do more than impart a new mind-set. Convincing the players to prioritize defense and to exert effort on that end of the court was only the start.

"Lot of people talk about playing hard," Cronin said. "It's not enough. We really, really didn't play smart for a couple months. It deflates your energy when you play defense and somebody doesn't do something smart."

Cronin couldn't identify



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DAVID SINGLETON and the Bruins are on a roll under Mick Cronin.

when everything came together for the team.

"That's the million-dollar question I don't have the answer to," he said.

The Bruins have won 11 of their last 13 games. Right before that stretch, they were beaten at home by Stanford, prompting Cronin to verbally administer a dose of his trademark tough love on the players.

But Cronin believes the team's transformation was a gradual process, not the byproduct of a singular event.

"We had been practicing better than we played for a long time," he said.

Cronin recalled a practice in December that he

described as one of the best of his career. But when UCLA played North Carolina in Las Vegas the next day, the Bruins were taken apart 74-64.

"It just wasn't manifesting itself in the games," he said.

It is now.

A 69-64 victory over Arizona at Pauley Pavilion on Saturday night was a perfect representation of the team UCLA has become.

The Bruins made only a third of their shots from the field, including 23.1% in the first half. Leading scorer Chris Smith finished with 17 points but on only five-for-15 shooting. Point guard Tyger Campbell banked in a go-ahead basket with 49 seconds to play, but missed his previous 10 shots.

The heroics of Smith and Campbell were made possible by a defense that stopped Arizona on six consecutive possessions over a 3-minute 27-second stretch. The Bruins turned a 62-58 deficit into a 68-62 advantage.

Cronin made it a point to mention how the Bruins didn't just play defense. They played smart defense.

The Bruins didn't commit their seventh foul of the second half until there were only 10 seconds to play. Because they didn't have to worry about sending their

opponents to the free-throw line, they were able to defend more aggressively.

They also were smart with the ball, committing only one turnover in the second half.

Cronin has reeducated more than the players. He also has reconditioned the fans.

Less than two minutes into the game, Arizona was unable to pass the ball inside and moved it around the perimeter. As the shot clock wound down to five seconds, then four, the crowd started to applaud in appreciation of the Bruins' defensive effort. The claps became full-blown cheers when UCLA forward Jalen Hill collected the rebound from the low-percentage shot the Wildcats misfired.

The fans were like this the entire game, celebrating when Jules Bernard blocked a shot or Jaime Jaquez Jr. leaped to save a ball from falling out of bounds.

The sounds in the arena were familiar. These were the cries of a crowd that was looking forward to March.

Cronin presumably will have better teams in the future. But this season always will be special, as he did something few UCLA coaches before him have done: He has delivered the unexpected to a fan base that expects it all.

PAC-12 BASKETBALL

Stanford upsets Colorado

STANFORD 72 NO. 21 COLORADO 64

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PALO ALTO — Bryce Wills scored 19 points, including a key layup in the final minute, and Stanford beat No. 21 Colorado 72-64 on Sunday.

Oscar da Silva added 16 points, and Daejon Davis and Tyrell Terry each had 12 as the Cardinal (20-9, 10-7) won their fourth straight.

The Buffaloes (21-9, 10-7), who lost a third consecutive game for the first time this season, were led by Tyler Bey's 17 points and McKinley Wright IV with 13 points and 11 rebounds.

PAC-12 STANDINGS

TEAM	Conf.		Overall	
	W	L	W	L
UCLA	12	5	19	11
Oregon	11	5	22	7
Arizona State	10	6	19	10
Colorado	10	7	21	9
USC	10	7	21	9
Stanford	9	7	20	9
Arizona	9	7	19	10
California	7	9	13	16
Washington State	6	10	15	14
Utah	6	11	15	14
Oregon State	5	11	15	13
Washington	3	13	13	16

SUNDAY'S RESULT

Stanford 72, Colorado 64

Wilder will get Fury rematch

Ex-champion exercises right for a third fight; it's slated to be held July 18 in Las Vegas.

BY MANOUK AKOPYAN

The first significant heavyweight championship trilogy of the 21st century is slated to take place in a summer showdown in Sin City.

Almost a week after Deontay Wilder lost via technical knockout to Tyson Fury, the former champion exercised his right to a rematch against newly crowned World Boxing Council and lineal champion Fury, and a third fight between the heavyweights is being planned for July 18 at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas, according to Top Rank head Bob Arum, Fury's co-promoter.

"We received a letter from Wilder's team on Friday night, and we agreed with the networks and the hotel that July 18 was the optimal date," Arum said. "We had a seamless promotion last time with Al Haymon, PBC [Premier Boxing Champions] and Fox. We look forward to working with them again."

Fury, of Britain, battered and bruised Wilder through

all seven rounds Feb. 22 at the MGM Grand, prompting Wilder's corner to throw in the towel. The contract for the sequel contained a bilateral clause that gave the losing fighter a 30-day window to ask for a rematch and for it to take place by July.

The third Fury-Wilder fight will be another Fox and ESPN pay-per-view event, marking the second time the networks have cooperated to put on a boxing showcase. Their first foray yielded nearly 800,000 PPV buys.

Wilder and Fury had a 50-50 split in purses for the second fight, but Fury will get a 60-40 pay advantage in the third fight, per the previous contract that was signed ahead of the rematch.

The first Wilder and Fury encounter in 2018, a controversial split-decision draw at Staples Center, netted roughly 325,000 buys on premium cable provider Showtime.

Another Fury and Wilder meeting will mirror the glory days of heavyweight trilogies in boxing.

It will join the likes of Muhammad Ali versus Joe Frazier as well as Ali versus Ken Norton from the 1970s; Evander Holyfield versus Riddick Bowe from the 1990s; and the three Ingemar Johansson-Floyd Patterson fights from 1959 to 1961.

Sierra Canyon gets No. 1 seed

Southern California Open Division will include only Southern Section playoff teams.

BY ERIC SONDHEIMER

Chatsworth Sierra Canyon already proved it is the best boys' basketball team in Southern California by winning the Southern Section Open Division title. Now the Trailblazers will have to defeat some of the same teams again if they want to repeat as Open Division state champions.

On Sunday, Sierra Canyon was awarded the No. 1 seed for the Southern California Open Division regional playoffs. The six-team, single-elimination tournament is made up entirely of Southern Section Open Division playoff teams that will play games Wednesday, Saturday and March 10. The champion advances to play the Northern regional champion at the Golden 1 Center in Sacramento on March 14. Divisions I through V will begin action Tuesday.

Sierra Canyon and No. 2-seeded Santa Ana Mater Dei drew first-round byes. The CIF decided to stick with competitive equity and didn't allow a City Section or San Diego Section representative to be included in the Open Division.

Sierra Canyon will play the winner of Wednesday's game between No. 4 Studio City Harvard-Westlake and No. 5 Corona Centennial.

Harvard-Westlake is 2-0 against Centennial this season. Mater Dei will play the winner of the game between No. 3 Rancho Cucamonga Etiwanda and No. 6 Temecula Rancho Christian.

The challenge for Sierra Canyon is whether its players will have the same hunger they showed to win a section title. They'll be taking on opponents who have become familiar with them and would love to make their season by ending Sierra Canyon's 16-game playoff win streak.

One surprise was City Section Open Division champion Westchester not making the Open Division and being placed as the No. 9 seed in Division I.

The Comets will be at No. 8 Los Angeles Ribet.

Westchester routed Fairfax 68-43 on Saturday night and is playing its best basketball of the season.

It's the first time the City champion hasn't made the Open Division. Bellflower St. John Bosco is the No. 1 seed.

"Some common sense in the meeting might have gone a long way," Westchester coach Ed Azzam said. "We'll play the hand we're dealt.... It's completely disrespecting L.A. City."

The seven-team Open Division girls' tournament features an opening game between league rivals Los Angeles Windward and visiting Sierra Canyon on Wednesday. No. 1 La Jolla Country Day was given a first-round bye. No. 2 Mater Dei plays No. 7 Long Beach Poly.

STATE BASKETBALL PLAYOFF PAIRINGS

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

BOYS

OPEN DIVISION

Quarterfinals, Wednesday, 7 p.m., unless noted
No. 1 Sierra Canyon, bye
No. 5 Corona Centennial at No. 4 Harvard-Westlake
No. 6 Rancho Christian at No. 3 Etiwanda, 8 p.m.
No. 2 Mater Dei, bye

DIVISION I

First round, Tuesday, 7 p.m.
No. 1 St. John Bosco, bye
No. 9 Westchester at No. 8 Ribet Academy
No. 12 Fairfax at No. 5 Windward
No. 13 Chaminade at No. 4 San Diego Torrey Pines
No. 14 Renaissance Academy at No. 3 San Diego Cathedral
No. 11 JSerra at No. 6 Santa Clarita Christian
No. 10 Riverside Poly at No. 7 San Diego St. Augustine
No. 15 Damien at No. 2 St. Anthony

GIRLS

OPEN DIVISION

Quarterfinals, Wednesday, 7 p.m., unless noted
No. 1 La Jolla Country Day, bye
No. 5 Corona Centennial at No. 4 Etiwanda, 6 p.m.
No. 6 Sierra Canyon at No. 3 Windward
No. 7 Long Beach Poly at No. 2 Mater Dei

DIVISION I

First round, Tuesday, 7 p.m.
No. 1 San Diego Cathedral, bye
No. 9 Chula Vista Bonita Vista at No. 8 Orangewood Academy
No. 12 Marlborough at No. 5 Troy
No. 13 North Torrance at No. 4 Harvard-Westlake
No. 14 Carlsbad La Costa Canyon at No. 3 Lynwood
No. 15 El Cajon Christian at No. 6 King
No. 10 Fairmont Prep at No. 7 West Torrance
No. 15 San Diego Westview at No. 2 Rosary

Notes: Regional quarterfinals (Div. I-V), Thursday, 7 p.m. at higher seeds; regional semifinals (all divisions), Saturday, 6 p.m. at higher seeds; regional finals, March 10, 7 p.m. at higher seeds. State championships, March 13-14 at Golden 1 Center, Sacramento.

Find all divisions on the web at latimes.com/sports

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

BOYS

OPEN DIVISION

Quarterfinals, Wednesday, 7 p.m.
No. 1 Sacramento Sheldon, bye
No. 5 San Jose Bellarmine at No. 4 Dublin
No. 3 Oakland Bishop O'Dowd, bye
No. 2 San Jose Mitty, bye

DIVISION I

First round, Tuesday, 7 p.m., unless noted
No. 16 Modesto Christian at No. 1 San Francisco Riordan
No. 9 Fairfield Vanden at No. 8 Fresno Clovis West
No. 12 San Ramon Dougherty Valley at No. 5 Atherton
La Salle
No. 14 Rocklin at No. 3 Richmond Salesian, 8 p.m.
No. 11 San Leandro at No. 6 Sacramento Grant

GIRLS

OPEN DIVISION

Quarterfinals, Wednesday, 7 p.m.
No. 1 San Jose Mitty, bye
No. 5 Santa Rosa Cardinal Newman at No. 4 Stockton St. Mary's
No. 3 Fresno Clovis West, bye
No. 2 Alameda St. Joseph Notre Dame, bye

DIVISION I

First round, Tuesday, 7 p.m., unless noted
No. 16 San Jose Valley Christian at No. 1 Richmond Salesian, 6 p.m.
No. 9 Danville San Ramon Valley at No. 8 Antelope
No. 12 Granite Bay at No. 5 Los Altos Hills Pinewood
No. 13 Folsom at No. 4 Orinda Miramonte
No. 14 San Francisco St. Ignatius at No. 3 Fresno Clovis North

No. 11 Sacramento McClatchy at No. 6 Brentwood Heritage
No. 10 Atherton Menlo at No. 7 El Dorado Hills Oaks Ridge
No. 15 Clovis Buchanan at No. 2 Oakland Bishop O'Dowd

TOP 25 COLLEGE BASKETBALL ROUNDUP

St. John's threes top Creighton

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Greg Williams Jr. made seven three-pointers and scored a career-high 21 points as St. John's slowed No. 10 Creighton with a surprising 91-71 rout on Sunday.

Rasheem Dunn had 19 points, a career-high 10 assists and six rebounds for the Red Storm (15-14, 4-12 Big East), who stopped a three-game skid. LJ Figueroa added 16 points and 12 rebounds, and Julian Champagnie scored 13.

One of the worst three-point-shooting teams in the country, St. John's went a season-best 14 for 22 from long range in its biggest victory under first-year coach Mike Anderson. It was the school's first win over a top-10 team at Carnesecca Arena on campus since beating Bernard King and No. 7 Ten-



KATHY WILLENS Associated Press

ST. JOHN'S Damien Sears, from left, Marcellus Earlington and Greg Williams Jr. enjoy an upset win.

nessee in December 1975.

at No. 11 Louisville 68, Virginia Tech 52: Jordan Nwora had 20 points and 12 rebounds, and Louisville moved into first place in the Atlantic Coast Conference. The Cardinals (24-6, 15-4) rebounded from last week's loss at No. 6 Florida State and took a half-game lead over the Seminoles, who swept the season series and hold the tiebreaker with two games to play.

at No. 23 Ohio State 77, No. 19 Michigan 63: Duane Washington Jr. tied a career high with 20 points and Ohio State surged late to beat Michigan. CJ Walker had 15

points, and brothers Andre and Kaleb Wesson each added 14 for the Buckeyes (20-9, 10-8 Big Ten). They have won three straight and eight of their last 10. Ohio State swept the season series and reached 20 wins for the third straight season. Franz Wagner had 18 points and 10 rebounds for the Wolverines (19-10, 10-8).

at No. 25 Houston 68, Cincinnati 55: Marcus Sasser scored 21 points — 12 in the second half — going five for 12 on three-pointers for Houston. Nate Hinton added 16 points and Caleb Mills added 15 for the Cougars (22-7, 12-4 American Athletic Conference).

COLLEGE BASKETBALL RESULTS

MEN TOP 25 St. John's 91, No. 10 Creighton 71 No. 11 Louisville 68, Virginia Tech 52 No. 23 Ohio St. 77, No. 19 Michigan 63 No. 21 Stanford 72, Colorado 64 No. 25 Houston 68, Cincinnati 55 WEST UC Riverside 49, Hawaii 43 EAST Coast Guard 89, Worcester Tech 86, OT Ithaca 80, Rensselaer Poly Inst. 69, OT Monmouth (N.J.) 80, Manhattan 60 N.Y. Inst. of Tech. 85, Daemen 82, OT Quinnipiac 71, Marist 52 Rider 65, Fairfield 51 State Univ. N.Y. Delhi 94, Pine Manor 42 St. Louis 72, Rhode Island 62 South Florida 64, Temple 58 St. Joseph 88, Albertus Magnus 84 Towson 75, Northeastern 72 Tufts 102, Colby 94, 20T Xavier 66, Georgetown 63	Yeshiva 86, Purchase 74 SOUTH Centenary 77, Texas Lutheran 56 Centre 72, Berry 69 Florida International 67, Charlotte 52 Old Dominion 85, Florida Atlantic 80, OT Transylvania 49, Rose Hulman 48 N.C. Pembroke 88, Ga. Southwestern 65 MIDWEST Illinois 67, Indiana 66 Northwestern 81, Nebraska 76, OT Wisconsin 71, Minnesota 69 SOUTHWEST North Texas 78, Western Kentucky 72, OT Rice 77, Middle Tennessee 66 Texas El Paso 75, Southern Miss. 59 Texas San Antonio 66, Ala. Birmingham 56 Wichita State 66, Southern Methodist 62 WOMEN TOP 25 No. 1 So. Cal. 60, No. 12 Texas A&M 52 No. 3 Oregon 92, Washington 56 No. 4 Stanford 55, No. 24 Arizona 24	No. 5 Louisville 70, Virginia Tech 53 No. 7 Maryland 99, Minnesota 44 No. 8 North Carolina State 75, Virginia 64 No. 9 UCLA 77, Utah 54 No. 10 Mississippi St. 84, Mississippi 59 California 55, No. 13 Arizona 54 Vanderbilt 70, No. 15 Kentucky 64 Marquette 90, No. 16 DePaul 83 No. 17 Oregon St. 73, Washington St. 58 Rutgers 78, No. 18 Iowa 74, OT Notre Dame 70, No. 19 Florida State 67 No. 21 Missouri State 69, Bradley 66 No. 22 Indiana 78, Michigan 60 Texas Tech 87, No. 25 Texas Christian 83 WEST USC 66, Colorado 55 Air Force 60, Colorado State 48 Nebraska 74, New Mexico 64 EAST Boston College 88, Syracuse 81 Drexel 63, Towson 60 Lehigh 82, Loyola (Md.) 64 Seton Hall 66, Butler 53	St. John's 74, Xavier 37 Villanova 74, Providence 63 SOUTH Alabama 73, Missouri 61 Coll. of Charleston 66, Northeastern 61, OT Duke 73, North Carolina 54 Georgia Tech 56, Clemson 44 James Madison 69, Delaware 64 Miami 73, Pittsburgh 54 Tennessee 56, Auburn 55 N.C. Wilmington 56, Hofstra 43 MIDWEST Creighton 95, Georgetown 78 Drake 83, Valparaiso 79 Illinois State 66, Southern Illinois 56 Michigan State 99, Penn State 80 Northern Iowa 73, Loyola of Chicago 70 SOUTHWEST Arkansas 75, Louisiana State 71
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NBA

Ballmer bidding to buy the Forum

Clippers owner is in negotiations with rival MSG to purchase the Inglewood arena.

By Andrew Greif

Clippers owner Steve Ballmer is in negotiations with the owner of the Forum to purchase the Inglewood arena, according to a person familiar with the talks who is not authorized to speak publicly.

Ballmer is in the process of trying to build a \$1-billion arena for the Clippers near the Forum that triggered multiple lawsuits, including three by Forum owner Madison Square Garden Co.

Purchasing the Forum would remove one big obstacle in Ballmer's pursuit of his proposed arena.

"The Clippers continue to pursue plans to build a state-of-the-art, 18,000-seat basketball arena and entertainment complex in Inglewood and are currently working with the city to successfully complete

the comprehensive Environmental Impact Report," the team said in a statement. "We are examining every possible way to resolve our differences with Madison Square Garden Co. regarding our new arena."

MSG has two additional pending lawsuits in relation to the arena — dozens of key figures from the Clippers, MSG and Inglewood have been deposed — and has paid the legal fees for a community group that's also suing.

The Clippers hope to start construction by July 2021 and complete the arena in time for

the 2024-25 season.

A lawsuit filed by MSG in Los Angeles County Superior Court in January alleges that Assembly Bill 987, passed in late 2018 to shield the Clippers' arena development from extended environmental litigation if it met several requirements, violates the state constitution.

Gov. Gavin Newsom in December gave final approval to fast-tracking the project, which sets a nine-month window for lawsuits and appeals over the project's environmental impact to be resolved.

STANDINGS

Standings have been arranged to reflect how the teams will be determined for the playoffs. Teams are ranked 1-15 by record. Division standing no longer has any bearing on the rankings. The top eight teams in each conference make the playoffs, and the top-seeded team would play the eighth-seeded team, the seventh team would play the second, etc. Head-to-head competition is the first of several tiebreakers, followed by conference record. (Western Conference divisions: S-Southwest; P-Pacific; N-Northwest; Eastern Conference divisions: A-Atlantic; C-Central; S-Southeast).

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	Rk.
1. LAKERS	46	13	.780		8-2	P1
2. CLIPPERS	41	19	.683	5½	6-4	P2
2. Denver	41	19	.683	5½	7-3	N1
4. Houston	39	20	.661	7	8-2	S1
5. Utah	37	22	.627	9	5-5	N2
6. Oklahoma City	37	23	.617	9½	7-3	N3
7. Dallas	37	24	.607	10	6-4	S2
8. Memphis	29	31	.483	17½	4-6	S3

9. New Orleans	26	34	.433	3	6-4	S4
9. Sacramento	26	34	.433	3	7-3	P3
11. San Antonio	25	33	.431	3	3-7	S5
12. Portland	26	35	.426	3½	3-7	N4
13. Phoenix	24	37	.393	5½	4-6	P4
14. Minnesota	17	42	.288	11½	2-8	N5
15. Golden State	13	48	.213	17½	1-9	P5

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Team	W	L	PCT	GB	L10	Rk.
1. x-Milwaukee	52	8	.867		9-1	C1
2. Toronto	42	18	.700	10	6-4	A1
3. Boston	41	18	.695	10½	7-3	A2
4. Miami	38	22	.633	14	4-6	S1
5. Philadelphia	37	24	.607	15½	6-4	A3
6. Indiana	36	24	.600	16	5-5	C2
7. Orlando	27	33	.450	25	5-5	S2
8. Brooklyn	26	33	.441	25½	4-6	A4

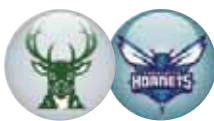
9. Washington	22	37	.373	4	5-5	S3
10. Charlotte	21	39	.350	5½	5-5	S4
11. Chicago	20	40	.333	6½	1-9	C3
12. Detroit	20	42	.323	7½	2-8	C4
13. Atlanta	19	43	.306	8½	5-5	S5
14. New York	18	42	.300	8½	4-6	A5
15. Cleveland	17	43	.283	9½	4-6	C5

x-clinched playoff spot

TODAY'S GAMES

Favorites	Line	Underdog	Time
Houston	9	at New York	4 p.m.
at Orlando	7	Portland	4 p.m.
Utah	8½	at Cleveland	4 p.m.
at Atlanta	2½	Memphis	4:30 p.m.
at Miami	OFF	Milwaukee	4:30 p.m.
Dallas	OFF	at Chicago	5 p.m.
at San Antonio	OFF	Indiana	5:30 p.m.

RESULTS



Antetokounmpo has 41 points, 20 boards

MILWAUKEE 93 CHARLOTTE 85

Giannis Antetokounmpo had 41 points, 20 rebounds and six assists, and the Milwaukee Bucks beat the Hornets 93-85 on Sunday in Charlotte for their sixth straight win.

Brook Lopez added 16 points and seven rebounds for the Bucks, who've won 20 of their last 22 games and improved to an NBA-best 52-8 on the season.

Antetokounmpo scored in almost every way imaginable — on pick-and-rolls, fast-break dunks, fadeaway jumpers and from the foul line.

at Sacramento 106, Detroit 100: De'Aaron Fox scored 11 of his 23 points in the fourth quarter and the Kings rallied from 17 down to beat the Pistons. The Kings have won four of five since the All-Star break.

Dallas 111, at Minnesota 91: Kristaps Porzingis tied a season high with 38 points and grabbed 13 rebounds, Seth Curry scored 27 and the Mavericks rolled to a victory over the Timberwolves with Luka Doncic sitting out because of a left thumb sprain.

at Denver 133, Toronto 118: Nikola Jokic had 23 points, 18 rebounds and 11 assists for his 12th triple-double of the season to lead the Nuggets over the short-handed Raptors.

Washington 124, at Golden State 110: Bradley Beal had 34 points, eight assists and a season-best five steals, and the Wizards won on the Warriors' home court for the first time in six years. Beal has scored at least 25 points in a franchise-record 18 straight games.

at Clippers 136, Philadelphia 130

Lakers 122, at New Orleans 114

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CLIPPERS FORWARD Montrezl Harrell shoots as Philadelphia forward Norvel Pelle defends during the second half Sunday. Harrell finished with 24 points.

Clippers overcome miscues

[Clippers, from D1]

Morris and backup guard Reggie Jackson into the rotation and their eighth in as many tries this season when playing with a fully healthy roster.

It proved instructive in that it revealed miscues — but also the Clippers' seemingly sizable margin to absorb them.

"When we're healthy, we can beat anybody," Beverley said after grabbing four rebounds with four assists. "And it's no disrespect to any other NBA teams out there." Kawhi Leonard scored 30 points and Paul George, Montrezl Harrell and Lou Williams each added 24, the second time this season four Clippers scored 20 or more points in the same game. The team shot 59% from the field and made 13 of 24 three-point attempts (54%) while committing only 10 turnovers, nearly five fewer than its season average.

Two days earlier, after a 29-point rout of Denver, George said the Clippers' improvement through the season's end would hinge not only on how they played against potential postseason challengers, but also their ability to close out games that lacked such a high profile.

Sunday offered another test of how well they would lock in. Among playoff teams, the 76ers are one of the worst road teams — 9-22 following Sunday's game. The loss of Embiid and Simmons further lowered their chances for a victory.

Yet behind Milton, Philadelphia dropped 72 points and made 12 of 20 three-point attempts to lead by two at halftime.

"We did a great job still of approaching this as if it's the 76ers that's got them this far in this league," George said.

CLIPPERS 136, PHILADELPHIA 130

PHILADELPHIA					
Min	FG-A	FTA	OR-T	A	P T
Harris	40	11-21	0-1	2-4	4 3 25
Robinson III	13	1-3	0-0	1-2	0 2 2
Horford	29	4-11	3-3	2-8	6 6 12
Milton	39	14-20	4-5	1-3	5 5 39
Richardson	10	4-6	0-0	0-1	1 0 9
Korkmaz	28	2-9	2-3	0-2	3 4 8
Scott	26	4-6	0-0	2-6	3 5 11
Burks	25	5-13	2-2	0-6	3 0 15
Thybulle	15	3-5	0-2	0-1	1 1 7
O'Quinn	7	0-1	2-4	2-3	1 1 2
Pelle	2	0-0	0-0	0-1	0 1 0
Totals	48-95	13-20	10-37	27	28 130

Shooting: Field goals, 55.3%; free throws, 65.0%. Three-point goals: 21-43 (Milton 7-9, Scott 3-4, Burks 3-7, Harris 3-7, Korkmaz 2-6, Richardson 1-1, Thybulle 1-3, Horford 1-4, O'Quinn 0-1, Robinson III 0-1). Team Rebounds: 9. Team Turnovers: 1. Blocked Shots: 4 (Horford 2, Korkmaz, Scott). Turnovers: 9 (Horford 2, Korkmaz 2, Milton 2, Burks, Harris, Robinson III). Steals: 7 (Scott 2, Harris, Horford, Milton, O'Quinn, Thybulle). Technical Fouls: None.

CLIPPERS					
Min	FG-A	FTA	OR-T	A	P T
Leonard	33	10-20	8-9	2-6	3 0 30
Morris Sr.	27	3-4	2-2	0-2	1 1 9
Zubac	19	2-2	0-0	1-3	2 2 4
Beverley	23	0-3	0-0	0-4	4 4 0
George	30	8-13	4-5	1-4	1 1 324
Williams	28	8-12	5-8	0-2	8 2 24
Harrell	27	7-12	10-13	2-9	0 3 24
Jackson	19	4-5	4-4	0-3	3 1 13
Green	15	2-3	0-0	0-3	1 2 5
Shamet	15	1-2	0-0	0-3	2 1 3
Totals	45-76	33-41	6-37	25	17 136

Shooting: Field goals, 59.2%; free throws, 80.5%. Three-point goals: 13-24 (George 4-8, Williams 3-4, Leonard 2-5, Jackson 1-1, Morris Sr. 1-1, Shamet 1-1, Green 1-2, Beverley 0-2). Team Rebounds: 10. Team Turnovers: 1. Blocked Shots: 6 (Jackson 2, Green, Harrell, Morris Sr., Zubac). Turnovers: 10 (Williams 3, Harrell 2, Beverley, George, Leonard, Shamet, Zubac). Steals: 6 (George 2, Harrell, Leonard, Morris Sr., Williams). Technical Fouls: None.

Philadelphia	39	33	24	34	130
Clippers	34	36	38	28	136

A-19,068. T-2:28.

"We did a great job taking the challenge with [Embiid and Simmons] being out, still playing our game. Again, they were just hot."

With the Clippers down 87-80 with 7:04 left in the third quarter, coach Doc Rivers called a timeout.

Over the next 4 minutes 40 seconds, the Clippers finally looked like the unit that held Memphis to 97 points, Phoenix to 92 and Denver 103 — seven fewer than its season average — in its last three games.

During eight consecutive possessions in that nearly five-minute span, Philadelphia (37-24) missed six shots, committed two turnovers and failed to make a

field goal.

After making 12 of 20 three-point attempts in the first half, the 76ers made three of 13 long-range attempts in the third quarter.

"First team that plays defense wins," Rivers told his team, and when the Clippers did, their one-time 14-point deficit became a 12-point lead entering the final quarter.

The offense, and the critical stretch of defense, rescued the Clippers (41-19) after their struggles to disrupt what was expected to be a diminished Philadelphia offense.

Milton entered Sunday averaging 7.6 points this season and his presence barely moved the Sixers' needle — Philadelphia only slightly outscored its opponents when he was on the court. Facing the Clippers, he reached a career-high 29 points with 21 minutes left.

When he wasn't hitting, former Clipper Tobias Harris was scoring 25 points, and Mike Scott and Alec Burks came off the bench to each make three threes.

The 76ers closed within four points with 1:41 to play, and were within five with 14 seconds to go on a Milton jumper, but he had a three-pointer blocked by Jackson with nine seconds left, and Philadelphia down six, ending the best game of his professional life with a loss.

"Like I told our guys, in a lot of nights you have to win in different ways; this is not the way we want to get used to," Rivers said.

"This really tells you a lot of things about our team. You can sustain a hit like that and still win a game, when a team shoots like that. That says a lot about you; more than what you didn't do. It's more of what you did."

BOX SCORES

LAKERS 122, NEW ORLEANS 114

LAKERS					
Min	FG-A	FTA	OR-T	A	P T
James	36	14-21	3-3	0-12	13 2 34
Kuzma	35	8-18	2-3	1-4	1 4 20
McGee	24	4-6	0-0	2-4	0 3 8
Bradley	24	3-8	2-2	1-2	3 1 10
Green	22	4-9	0-0	0-3	1 3 10
Caldwell-Pope	31	5-11	2-2	0-0	2 1 13
Howard	22	4-6	0-0	2-6	1 5 8
Rondo	16	2-5	0-0	0-1	1 0 4
Morris	14	4-8	0-0	0-4	1 4 10
Cook	11	2-5	0-0	0-0	0 3 5
Totals	50-97	9-10	6-36	23	26 122

Shooting: Field goals, 51.5%; free throws, 90.0%.

Three-point goals: 13-35 (James 3-5, Bradley 2-4, Morris 2-4, Green 2-6, Kuzma 2-8, Cook 1-2, Caldwell-Pope 1-5, Rondo 0-1). Team Rebounds: 8. Team Turnovers: None. Blocked Shots: 9 (McGee 6, Bradley, Caldwell-Pope, Howard). Turnovers: 13 (James 6, Rondo 3, Caldwell-Pope, Green, Howard, McGee). Steals: 9 (Caldwell-Pope 3, James 2, Bradley, Green, Kuzma, Morris). Technical Fouls: Howard, 00:53 third.

NEW ORLEANS

Min	FG-A	FTA	OR-T	A	P T
Ingram	39	5-23	4-4	0-4	2 5 15
Williamson	33	12-16	11-13	2-7	0 2 35
Favors	27	5-12	2-2	9-14	0 1 12
Ball	37	7-15	4-6	0-9	9 0 19
Holiday	38	4-10	1-2	1-5	6 2 11
Hart	21	3-5	0-0	2-6	3 1 7
Melli	20	2-8	5-6	0-2	0 0 10
Moore	16	0-0	0-0	0-3	0 3 5
Jackson	5	0-2	0-0	1-2	1 1 0
Totals	40-95	27-33	15-52	24	11 114

Shooting: Field goals, 42.1%; free throws, 81.8%.

Three-point goals: 7-32 (Holiday 2-5, Moore 1-1, Hart 1-3, Ball 1-7, Melli 1-7, Ingram 1-9). Team Rebounds: 13. Team Turnovers: None. Blocked Shots: 3 (Ball, Favors, Melli). Turnovers: 16 (Williamson 6, Ball 3, Ingram 3, Holiday 2, Hart, Jackson). Steals: 1 (Ball 3, Favors, Holiday, Ingram, Melli). Technical Fouls: Melli, 00:53 third.

L.A. Lakers	29	34	30	29	122
New Orleans	33	28	34	19	114

A-18,547. T-2:24.

Dallas 111, Minnesota 91

DALLAS					
Min	FG-A	FTA	OR-T	A	P T
Finn-Smith	30	4-6	1-2	2-11	4 3 9
Hardaway	31	7-16	3-3	0-6	0 1 19
Porzingis	36	13-25	6-10	2-13	4 2 38
Curry	29	11-17	2-4	0-1	4 1 27
Wright	31	2-9	0-0	0-8	6 2 4
Lee	21	2-4	0-0	1-4	0 2 4
Jackson	19	1-4	0-0	1-2	0 1 2
Barea	16	2-8	0-0	0-1	7 1 4
Kleber	16	1-3	0-0	0-8	2 3 2
Kidd-Gilchrist	2	0-0	0-0	0-1	0 0 0
Marjanovic	2	1-2	0-0	0-1	1 0 2
Totals	44-94	12-19	6-56	28	16 111

Shooting: Field goals, 46.8%; free throws, 63.2%.

Three-point goals: 11-40 (Porzingis 6-14, Curry 3-7, Hardaway Jr. 2-7, Marjanovic 0-1, Jackson 0-2, Kleber 0-2, Wright 0-3, Barea 0-4). Team Rebounds: 11. Team Turnovers: None. Blocked Shots: 7 (Porzingis 5, Finn-Smith, Kleber). Turnovers: 14 (Barea 2, Finn-Smith 2, Kleber 2, Porzingis 2, Wright 2, Curry, Hardaway Jr., Jackson, Kidd-Gilchrist). Steals: 10 (Wright 3, Finn-Smith 2, Hardaway Jr. 2, Curry, Lee, Porzingis). Technical Fouls: Mavericks, 3:57 first.

MINNESOTA

Min	FG-A	FTA	OR-T	A	P T
Herngmgz	27	5-11	0-3	1-12	1 4 12
Okogie	22	4-8	0-0	3-6	1 3 9
Reid	22	4-13	1-2	5-12	2 1 9
Beasley	29	5-15	0-0	0-3	1 1 14
Russell	36	6-18	2-3	1-9	7 1 16
Culver	25	5-10	0-1	1-4	2 1 12
Johnson	23	2-4	0-0	2-4	2 4 4
McLaughlin	27	1-4	2-4	0-2	3 0 4
Layman	14	2-7	1-2	0-2	0 1 6
Martin	12	2-7	0-0	1-2	0 1 5
Nowell	2	0-2	0-0	0-1	0 0 0
Totals	36-99	15-57	14-57	19	17 91

Shooting: Field goals, 36.4%; free throws, 40.0%.

Three-point goals: 13-42 (Beasley 4-9, Culver 2-4, Herngmgz 2-6, Russell 2-9, Layman 1-2, Okogie 1-2, Martin 1-4, Johnson 0-1, Nowell 0-1, McLaughlin 0-2, Reid 0-2). Team Rebounds: 5. Team Turnovers: 1. Blocked Shots: 3 (Okogie 2, Herngmgz). Turn

THE DAY IN SPORTS

With virus on mind, Im takes Honda Classic

WIRE REPORTS

Moments after getting his first career PGA Tour victory, **Sungjae Im** reflected on what it means.

Not for himself — for his homeland and for those dealing with a virus that has the world on edge.

The South Korean, 21, won the Honda Classic by one stroke over **Mackenzie Hughes** and two over **Tommy Fleetwood** for his first victory in 50 tries on tour. Im made sure to speak out about the coronavirus and tell those in South Korea — where nearly 4,000 cases have been confirmed — he was thinking of them.

“Over in Korea right now, I know a lot of people are dealing with the coronavirus,” Im said. “But I’m just glad as a Korean player that I can deliver some good news to the countrymen back home ... and make everybody proud.”

Im, the PGA Tour rookie of the year last season, shot a four-under-par 66 to finish at six-under 274 at PGA National in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. Hughes shot his second consecutive 66. Fleetwood, who started the day ahead by one, had a 71.

Bernhard Langer shot an eight-under 65 for a two-stroke win in the Colougard Classic on the PGA Tour Champions. Langer, 62, finished at 18-under 201 at Tusson National for his 41st victory on the 50-and-older circuit. ... **Sami Valimaki** won the Oman Open by beating **Brandon Stone** in a playoff in the European Tour event.

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Manchester City wins League Cup

Manchester City won the English League Cup for a third consecutive season by beating Aston Villa 2-1 at Wembley Stadium.

Sergio Agüero and **Rodri** scored in the first 30 minutes in London, and City held on to give manager **Pep Guardiola** his sixth major trophy in his fourth season.

City’s Premier League trophy almost certainly is going to be surrendered to Liverpool this season, but a first Champions League ti-

tle remains a possibility.

Real Madrid beat visiting Barcelona 2-0 in “El Clasico” to return to the top of the Spanish league standings. ... **Jordan Morris** had two second-half goals as host Seattle began its MLS Cup defense by beating Chicago 2-1.

Texas right-hander **Corey Kluber** pitched three innings in an 8-6 win against the Dodgers in Phoenix. It was his first time facing a big league lineup since May 1 with Cleveland, when a line drive broke his pitching arm. Kluber then injured an oblique. The Indians traded him in the offseason. ... Boston left-hander **Chris Sale** threw batting practice in Fort Myers, Fla., facing hitters for the first time since Aug. 13. His season ended with elbow inflammation. ... Sidelined since having Tommy John surgery in November 2018, Houston right-hander **Lance McCullers** started against St. Louis in West Palm Beach, Fla.

Team Bryan Brothers beat Team Sharapova 22-13 in the World Team Tennis Celebrity All-Star Match in Carlsbad. **Bob** and **Mike Bryan**, in their final year together on the ATP Tour, earned a 5-2 victory over **Ryan Harrison** and **Mardy Fish**. ... Organizers canceled the first two races of the MotoGP season in Qatar and Thailand because of travel restrictions amid the coronavirus outbreak. ... Utah cornerback **Javelin Guidry** ran the 40-yard dash in 4.29 seconds — the best time on the final day of workouts at the NFL scouting combine in Indianapolis.

Shaun White, a three-time Olympic gold medalist in snowboarding, said he is taking skateboarding off his plate and won’t try to qualify for that sport’s Games debut this year. ... **Colin Duffy**, 16, became the final member of the U.S. Olympic climbing team after finishing first at the Pan American Championships in L.A. Climbing makes its Olympic debut in Tokyo. ... **Liu Juan** qualified for the Olympics in table tennis along with three other U.S. athletes. ... Baseball’s final qualifying event has been postponed from April to June because of coronavirus concerns.

GOLF RESULTS

\$7-MILLION HONDA CLASSIC

At Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., Par 70

PGA National, Champions Course—7,125 yards

Final 72-Hole Scores

274 (-6)—**\$1,260,000**

275 (-5)—\$163,000 72-66-70-66

276 (-4)—\$483,000 71-72-66-66

277 (-3)—\$280,000 70-68-67-71

278 (-2)—\$204,750 69-70-69-69

279 (-1)—\$145,250 68-74-71-66

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AUTO CLUB 400 NOTES

Drivers honor Kobe, Gianna

By JAMES F. PELTZ

Several NASCAR Cup Series drivers used Sunday's Auto Club 400 in Fontana to pay tribute to former Lakers star Kobe Bryant, his daughter Gianna and the seven others who were killed in a helicopter crash five weeks ago in Calabasas.

The No. 12 Ford driven by Ryan Blaney, who finished 19th, was painted in purple and gold. So was the No. 24 Chevrolet driven by William Byron, who placed 15th.

"I was fortunate enough to meet Kobe and this is a

great way to honor him, Gianna & all the victims," Blaney wrote in unveiling the paint scheme on Twitter last month.

Daniel Suarez, driver of the No. 96 Toyota, wore purple-and-gold racing gloves. He finished 28th.

Busch's frustration

Defending Auto Club 400 champion Kyle Busch started Sunday 17th in the 38-car field, reached the leaders late in the race and finished second.

But Busch never led a lap and he didn't have nearly enough to overcome race

winner Alex Bowman, who finished nine seconds ahead of Busch.

"Slow, we were slow," Busch said. "Just didn't have the speed overall today for some reason. Then, there at the end, [it] felt like the tires were worn out at the last bit of the race.

"Just a frustrating day for us. I just feel like we're kind of missing it a little bit."

Wait till next year

Several top drivers still have failed to win a Cup race at Auto Club Speedway.

They include Clint Bowyer, Denny Hamlin, Aric

Almirola and Joey Logano. All have made a dozen or more starts in the Auto Club 400.

Bowyer started on the pole Sunday but on Lap 93 had a tire go flat in Turn 1 that forced him to the pits. As he made the long, slow ride to pit road, he damaged the front spoiler on his No. 14 Ford. He wound up finishing 23rd.

Almirola, who finished eighth in the No. 10 Ford for Stewart-Haas Racing, said: "I thought we had a top-five car, and we just kept giving away all of our track position. We have to do better."



MARCIO JOSE SANCHEZ Associated Press

EDDIE SEGURA, right, tries to stop Miami's Robbie Robinson during the first half of LAFC's shutout.

Vela comes up huge for LAFC

[LAFC, from D1] has speed, he still has power. He's going to be able to continue doing that for more years. There's no question about that."

He did it again Sunday despite the fatigue of playing two full games in four days. Despite the pressure that comes with being the reigning league most valuable player and single-season scoring leader. Despite the focus that came with David Beckham's first game as an owner, the game with Beckham's expansion team drawing a national television audience, a visit from MLS Commissioner Don Garber and a sold-out crowd of 22,121.

But withstanding that pressure is not the only way in which Vela is an outlier on an LAFC team that gave nearly 42% of its minutes to players under 24 last season, the highest percentage in MLS. General manager John Thorrrington doubled down on that strategy this winter, allowing three players older than 30 to leave and replacing them with four who aren't old enough to buy a beer.

That made Sunday something of an old-timers' day because with Bradley rotating his starting lineup, aging goalkeeper Kenneth Vermeer, 34, and defenders Harvey, 36, and Dejan Jakovic, 34, also played big parts in the win.

"If you embrace what's going on, if you come in every day and you push yourself in training, then it's possible you can keep guys moving in the right way," Bradley said.

Vela's goal certainly kept LAFC moving in the right way, upping its home record to 23-2-10 in three seasons. And the score, in the 44th minute, was nearly as spectacular as it was important.

The sequence started with Vermeer sending a goal kick from the edge of the six-yard box straight down the middle of the field, where it bounced twice before Diego Rossi volleyed it forward to Vela. The LAFC captain chested it down, sliced between two Miami defenders toward the top of the penalty area, fought off a physical challenge from Nicolás Figal, then lofted a left-footed chip off the fingertips of backpedaling Miami keeper Luis Robles, who got tangled in the back of the net.

It was a highlight-reel goal. But for Bradley it felt like a rerun of something he

sees every day in practice.

"Just an amazing goal," he said. "When you come to see football and then the game is determined on a play like that — a combination of determination, people around him, strength and holding guys off, and to finish it off with that delicate chip, man, that was just incredible."

Vermeer made it stand up, surviving a head-to-head collision with Miami's Alvas Powell early in the second half to pitch a shutout in his first MLS start, securing the win with a sprawling stop on Lee Nguyen seven minutes into stoppage time for his seventh save of the game.

Then it was on to the birthday celebration for Vela, who rushed home for a piece of cake with his family.

"Carlos is a very quiet person," midfielder Mark-Anthony Kaye said. "So I don't think we wanted to bring any more attention than he already gets. But yeah, we all definitely wish him happy birthday and we're glad you got that goal."

MLS

WEST	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Sporting Kansas City	1	0	0	3	3	1
Minnesota United	1	0	0	3	3	1
FC Dallas	1	0	0	3	2	0
Colorado	1	0	0	3	2	1
Seattle	1	0	0	3	2	1
LAFC	1	0	0	3	1	0
San Jose	0	1	1	2	2	2
GALAXY	0	1	1	1	1	1
Houston	0	1	1	1	1	1
Real Salt Lake	0	1	1	0	1	0
Nashville SC	0	1	0	1	2	2
Portland	0	1	0	0	1	3
EAST	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
New York	1	0	0	3	3	2
Montreal	1	0	0	3	2	1
Atlanta	1	0	0	3	2	1
Columbus	1	0	0	3	1	0
Toronto FC	0	1	1	2	2	0
Orlando City	0	1	1	0	0	0
Cincinnati	0	1	0	0	2	3
Chicago	0	1	0	0	1	2
New England	0	1	0	0	1	2
D.C. United	0	1	0	0	1	2
New York City FC	0	1	0	0	0	1
Inter Miami CF	0	1	0	0	0	1

Sunday results
Columbus 1, New York City FC 0
New York Red Bulls 3, Cincinnati 2
LAFC 1, Inter Miami 0
Minnesota 3, Portland 1

LAFC 1, Miami 0		
Inter Miami CF	0	0-0
LAFC	1	0-1
First half—1, Los Angeles FC, Vela, 1, 44th minute.		
Second half—None.		
Goalies—Miami, Luis Robles, John McCarthy; Los Angeles FC, Kenneth Vermeer, Pablo Sisniega.		
Yellow Cards—Alvares, Los Angeles FC, 60th; Ulloa, Miami, 63rd; Powell, Miami, 67th; Harvey, Los Angeles FC, 81st; Agudelo, Miami, 83rd.		
Referees—Allen Chapman. Assistant Referees—Brian Dunn, Oscar Mitchell-Carvalho, Ricardo Salazar. 4th Official—Baldomero Toledo.		
A—22,121.		
Lineups:		
Inter Miami CF—Luis Robles; Nicolas Figal, Alvas Powell, Ben Sweat, Roman Torres; Lewis Morgan (Juan Agudelo, 78th), Matias Pellegrini (Christian Makoun, 79th), Rodolfo Pizarro, Wil Trapp, Victor Ulloa (Lee Nguyen, 68th); Robbie Robinson.		
LAFC—Kenneth Vermeer; Tristan Blackmon, Jordan Harvey, Dejan Jakovic, Mark Anthony Kaye (Eduard Atuesta, 59th), Eddie Segura; Francisco Ginella (Jose Cifuentes, 76th); Laird Blessing (Bryce Duke, 90th+2), Brian Rodriguez, Diego Rossi, Carlos Vela.		



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ALEX BOWMAN wins his second NASCAR Cup Series race and does so in convincing fashion at the Auto Club 400 at Auto Club Speedway in Fontana.

AUTO CLUB 400 RESULTS

at Auto Club Speedway, Fontana. Lap: 2 miles. Start pos. in parentheses:

Place	Driver	Car	Laps	Points
1 (3)	Alex Bowman	Chevrolet	200	59
2 (17)	Kyle Busch	Toyota	200	40
3 (4)	Kurt Busch	Chevrolet	200	40
4 (13)	Chase Elliott	Chevrolet	200	40
5 (15)	Brad Keselowski	Ford	200	44
6 (28)	Denny Hamlin	Toyota	200	34
7 (2)	Jimmie Johnson	Chevrolet	200	46
8 (6)	Aric Almirola	Ford	200	36
9 (5)	Kevin Harvick	Ford	200	29
10 (29)	Erik Jones	Toyota	200	29
11 (19)	Tyler Reddick	Chevrolet	200	26
12 (7)	Joey Logano	Ford	200	29
13 (12)	Matt DiBenedetto	Ford	200	27
14 (38)	Martin Truex Jr.	Toyota	200	29
15 (21)	William Byron	Chevrolet	200	22
16 (11)	Chris Buescher	Ford	200	21
17 (27)	Ross Chastain	Ford	200	0
18 (18)	Cole Custer	Ford	199	19
19 (16)	Ryan Blaney	Ford	199	37
20 (10)	Ricky Stenhouse Jr.	Chevrolet	199	7
21 (9)	Kyle Larson	Chevrolet	199	16
22 (8)	Michael McDowell	Ford	199	15
23 (1)	Clint Bowyer	Ford	199	14
24 (25)	Austin Dillon	Chevrolet	199	13
25 (23)	John H. Nemechek	Ford	199	12
26 (24)	Ty Dillon	Chevrolet	199	11
27 (14)	Bubba Wallace	Chevrolet	198	10
28 (31)	Daniel Suarez	Toyota	198	9
29 (26)	Corey Lajoie	Ford	197	8
30 (20)	Ryan Preece	Chevrolet	197	-3
31 (30)	JJ Yeley	Ford	197	0
32 (32)	Brennan Poole	Chevrolet	195	5
33 (34)	Joey Gase	Ford	193	0
34 (36)	Garrett Smithley	Ford	193	3
35 (35)	Quin Houff	Chevrolet	192	2
36 (33)	Reed Sorenson	Chevrolet	191	1
37 (37)	Timmy Hill	Ford	184	0
38 (22)	Christopher Bell	Toyota	80-engine	1

Race statistics

Average speed of race winner: 152.745 mph. Time of race: 2h, 37m, 7s.
Margin of victory: 8.904 seconds. Caution flags: 3 for 13 laps.
Lead changes: 16 among 8 drivers.
Lap leaders: C.Bowyer 0-10; A.Bowman 11-29; R.Stenhouse 30-35; A.Bowman 36-63; J.Johnson 64-68; R.Blaney 69-70; J.Johnson 71; R.Blaney 72-91; W.Byron 92; R.Blaney 93-123; J.Johnson 124-127; R.Blaney 128; A.Bowman 129; M.Trux 130-132; A.Bowman 133-160; B.Keselowski 161-166; A.Bowman 167-200

Bowman captures second Cup race victory

[Auto Club, from D1] in the low 80s, the race was held under threatening skies in the mid-50s.

It was Bowman's first Cup victory at Auto Club Speedway in five career starts.

Johnson, another of Bowman's teammates, was hoping to write a Hollywood ending to his illustrious career at the Fontana track because he plans to retire from full-time racing after this year.

Johnson's six Cup wins there are a record. The El Cajon native's first Cup victory came at Auto Club Speedway in 2002.

Among the tributes to Johnson on Sunday was letting his No. 48 Chevrolet lead the field as the other cars lined up five-wide during the pace laps. In addition, his wife, Chandra, waved the green flag while their daughters stood next to her in the flag stand above the track.

Johnson, 44, qualified second and his car was strong throughout the race. He led 10 laps and often was in the top three until he fell back in the latter half and finished seventh. When he led his first laps, thousands in the grandstands stood and waved as he passed by the start/finish line.

"We just couldn't adjust this car on the pit stops quite enough" to stay up front, Johnson said. "It was really competitive and racy at the start of a run and then we would fade at the end."

Still, he said "this team is going in the right direction" despite going the last 98 races without a win. Johnson also said "there have been some great vibes all weekend. I want to thank the fans here in California."

Bowman said his first Cup victory last year "was a really enjoyable experience" and that he and his team "then sucked for six months."

In 2020, however, "we started this year so strong,"

'I'm as motivated as ever, doing everything I can to try to be the best on and off the racetrack as I can be.'

— ALEX BOWMAN

Bowman said, adding that "I'm doing better" as well. After finishing 24th at the season opener at Daytona, he was in contention to lead at Las Vegas a week ago until an ill-timed pit strategy left him with a 13th-place finish.

As for his future with Hendrick, Bowman was pragmatic. "If somebody doesn't want you driving their race car, you're not going to be there driving it," he said. "Every year is a contract year.

"I'm as motivated as ever, doing everything I can to try to be the best on and off the racetrack as I can be," Bowman said. "Hendrick Motorsports is where I want to be, where I want to stay for the rest of my career."

Ryan Blaney of Team Penske also was in contention for most of the race and he led 54 laps. But a tire problem forced him to pit his No. 12 Ford with only three laps left and he finished 19th.

Said Blaney: "It's unfortunate. It is just the way it goes sometimes."



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HIP-HOP STAR Chuck D performs Sunday with Public Enemy Radio at a Bernie Sanders rally at Los Angeles Convention Center.

Boppin' with Bernie

Rockers and rappers like Chuck D rally in L.A. behind Sanders

BY RANDY LEWIS

"They say Bernie's up there in age," rapper Chuck D proclaimed to a packed crowd of 17,000 Bernie Sanders supporters at the Los Angeles Convention Center on Sunday night. "Hey, I'm 59 — I'm an old-ass rapper," joked the leader of revolutionary hip-hop legends Public Enemy. "But it ain't about us. It's about y'all."

Two days ahead of California's Democratic presidential primary, the 78-year-old Sanders,

after taking the stage to the thump of John Lennon and the Plastic Ono Band's "Power to the People," introduced Chuck D as someone "who has spoken truth to power for decades." After his brief speech, Chuck and his four-man crew performed a 30-minute set featuring bits and pieces of such classic hip-hop agit-prop as "Bring the Noise," "Black Steel in the Age of Chaos" and, fittingly, "Fight the Power."

Timothy Alford Jr., 32, of Palmdale, said Chuck D's endorsement of Sanders simply solidified his own.

"Public Enemy has been saying the same things as Sanders for 30 years," Alford said.

Among musicians, Chuck D is far from alone for his full-throated support of the democratic-socialist-turned-Democratic-frontrunner. The Vermont senator has drawn endorsements from a wide range of Gen X and millennial rock musicians — from Vampire Weekend, the Strokes and Portugal. the Man to Jack White, Best Coast and Bon Iver. Many are not only supporting Sanders by word but also performing at fundraisers or other rallies: Vampire [See Sanders, E2]

Netflix to host a funny festival

Dave Chappelle, Amy Schumer, Ali Wong, David Letterman set for event across L.A.

BY MICHAEL ORDOÑA

Netflix is known for going big or going home — whether that means its original programming slate, awards campaigns or subscriber base. Now, the streamer is applying the principle to an old-school format: the comedy festival.

On Monday, the company announced Netflix Is a Joke Fest, with more than 100 performances from some of comedy's biggest names across 20-plus Los Angeles venues and culminating in a hall-of-fame tribute to four late legends: George Carlin, Richard Pryor, Joan Rivers and Robin Williams.

Participants in the festival, which is set to run from April 27 to May 3 and is produced in partnership with Live Nation, are a who's who of contemporary comedy — with an emphasis on the ever-growing stable of performers with a Netflix series or special. The lineup includes Dave Chappelle, David Letterman, Amy Schumer, Ali Wong, Jerry Seinfeld, Chris Rock, Jane Fonda and Lily Tomlin, Jamie Foxx, Sarah Silverman, Kevin Hart, Billy Crystal, Whoopi Goldberg, Ken Jeong and Martin Lawrence.

"It's our honor to transform L.A. for one week into the funniest place on earth," Ted Sarandos, Netflix chief content officer, said in a statement. "This festival is a [See Netflix, E5]

OPERA REVIEW

'Sweet Land' a stunner

Yuval Sharon's bold music company has crafted a gloriously ambitious spectacle.

MARK SWED
MUSIC CRITIC

"Sweet Land," the new, tenaciously uncategorizable opera by Yuval Sharon's doggedly unorthodox opera company, the Industry, is not sweet. The land on which it is performed, Los Angeles State Historic Park north of downtown, is no longer sweet.

The experience of attending "Sweet Land": not sweet. Dress warmly. You'll be outdoors 90 minutes in early evening and at night, and the park gets a lot colder than you might expect. It might even rain, and that's your tough luck, because you'll still have to go through with this.

Negotiating the pop-up venues for "Sweet Land" can get a little tricky. There are steps to trip on in the dark. It is easy to scrape yourself on raw lumber. There are no [See Opera, E2]

CLASSIC HOLLYWOOD

Life of 'Seberg' full of mystery

The biopic starring Kristen Stewart delves into issues that some say killed the actress.

BY SUSAN KING

The sad news was announced Sept. 8, 1979. Ten days after actress Jean Seberg had been reported missing, her decomposing body was found wrapped in a blanket in the back seat of her white Renault in Paris. She was only 40.

It was a tragic end for the actress who two decades earlier was a fresh-faced blue-eyed teenager from

Marshalltown, Iowa — the daughter of a pharmacist — who had won the role of Joan of Arc in Otto Preminger's 1957 film "St. Joan" out of 80,000 applicants in a nationwide talent search.

Seberg suffered from Preminger's tyrannical direction and received actual burns during Joan's death scene on the stake and had to be rescued. She was further scorched by critics for her staid performance.

She later said of the experience: "I am the greatest example of a very real fact, that all the publicity in the world will not make you a movie star if you are not also an actress."

In 1960, with her short-

[See Seberg, E5]



Rialto Pictures / StudioCanal

IN THE 1960 classic "Breathless," Jean Seberg stars with Jean-Paul Belmondo.

Hispanic Media panel holds gala

America Ferrera is among honorees for work as producer. **E3**

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‘Sweet Land’ staggers the senses

[Opera, from E1] amenities, no opera house coddling. No wine bar, chocolate, coffee or much of anything.

Prepare for all of that, and then prepare for subject matter that is anything but sweet. Prepare for the world we live in, the place we inhabit and the progress we hope for it to lose a significant amount of its sugar content. If you love Thanksgiving, prepare to no longer know what that even means. “Sweet Land” is opera as astonishment. To say that Sharon has changed the operatic landscape by changing the physical landscape of opera is glibly obvious. That is what he has done but in ways — musically, visually, theatrically, environmentally, historically — that are not glib and far from obvious.

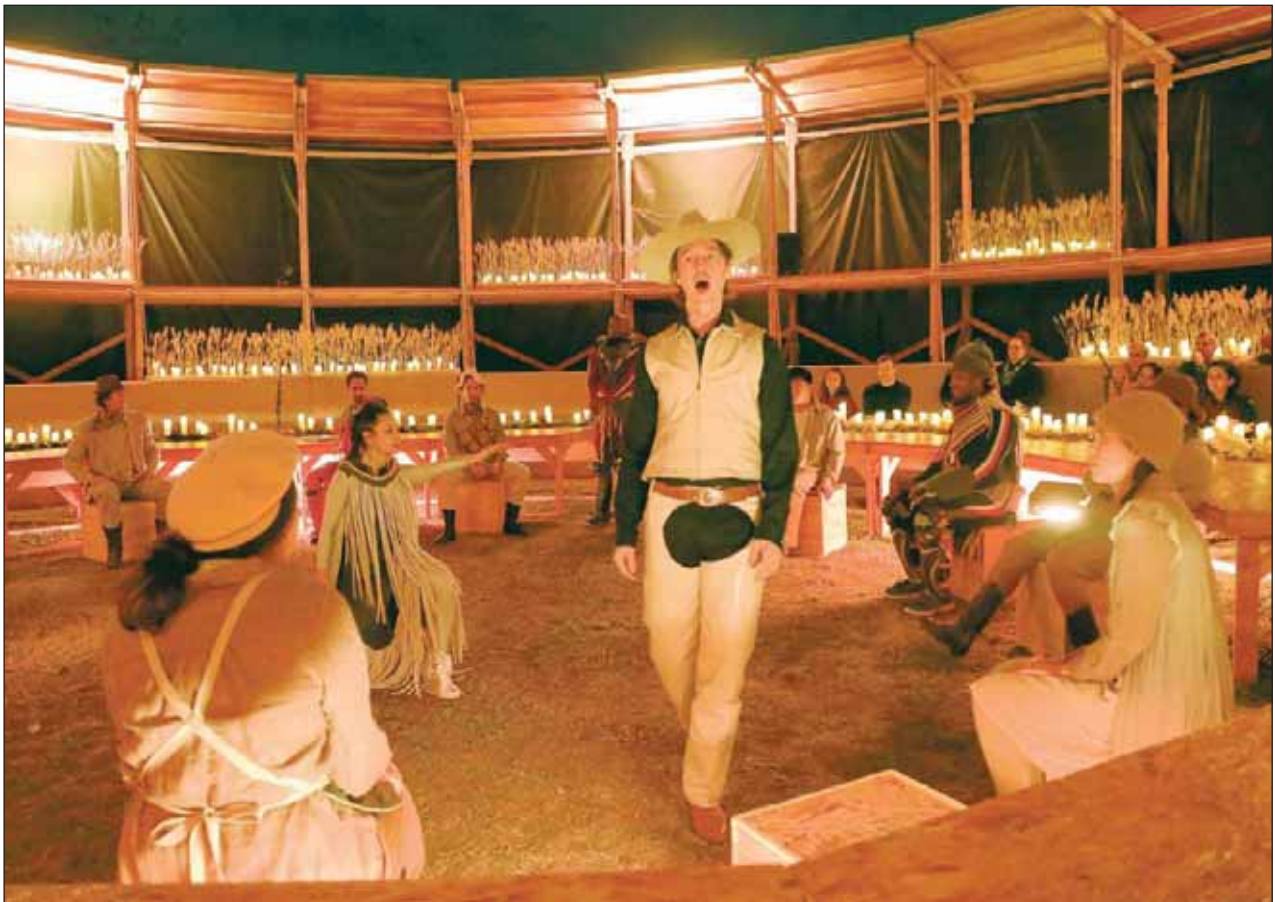
So what is “Sweet Land”? It’s too early to say, which is one of its many remarkable and remarkably confusing glories.

It follows directly with what Sharon, as an inveterate disrupter, has been up to from the start with the Industry. He may be invited to the toniest opera houses in Berlin, Vienna and Bayreuth, but at home in L.A. he’s made opera in a warehouse, Union Station and, famously with “Hopscotch,” in limousines and outdoor sites around central L.A. He’s tended toward outsider composers, outsider poets, outsider visual artists as well.

He is not driven by narrative alone but by image and idea and place and purpose and sound and soul and the latest ideas in critical theory and avant-garde art and music, with some popular culture thrown in. He is also driven by making opera the art form of the impossible, getting city fathers and mothers to condone violations of regulations. He has won over local arts patrons who are indispensable in funding the Los Angeles Philharmonic, Los Angeles Opera, Long Beach Opera and various new music ventures around town. Sharon’s winning support for “Sweet Land” after the inchoate, disaster-seeming first workshop was persuasive power of genius (yes, he has MacArthur).

“Sweet Land” is America before and after colonization. Kind of. There is the native population, the Host community. There are the Arrivals. But there is also the land, its Nature and mystical spirit. The Hosts recognize that spirit, but even they have an uneasy relationship with it. The Arrivals are, of course, despoilers.

An opera of pairs, “Sweet Land” has two composers. Du Yun, who arrived in the



SCOTT BELLUZ and co-performers from the Industry troupe in “Sweet Land” at L.A. State Historic Park.



MICAELA TOBIN in the role of Coyote in the immersive opera experience.

U.S. from China, has quickly moved up the avant-garde ranks. In the next months, L.A. Opera will mount her Pulitzer Prize-winning “Angel’s Bone,” and she will be featured with a new work in an L.A. Phil Green Umbrella concert. Raven Chacon is a Native American artist with CalArts composition credentials and a background in installation, performance and film. The composers, while highly individual and attuned to each other’s respective cultures, have a sophisticated sense of the abstract sonic potential of music. Both are superb sound artists.

There are two librettists. The African American poet Douglas Kearney collabo-

rates with Chacon. The part-Ojibwe poet Aja Couchois Duncan wrote the texts for Du Yun. There are two directors — Cannupa Hanska Luger and Sharon — and two scenic designers, Tanya Orellana and Carlo Maghirang. It is seldom possible to keep track of any of this.

There are even two operas with common points. The audience meets in a central space of bleachers. (The pop-up “Sweet Land” set is made of wood, gorgeously raw and elegant and tactile, splinters included.) A transparent sheet serves as curtain on which there are projections. We’re welcomed by singing Coyotes (Carmina Escobar and Micaela Tobin), who look part punk

and part wild beast and who are only partly welcoming (while also partly crazily threatening). All the eye-popping costumes are by E.B. Brooks and Cannupa Hanska Luger. The crucial choreographer is Tonantzin Carmelo. Hosts welcome Arrivals as guests. Drumming and eerie vocal writing come from both composers. Helicopters occasionally fly over the park and drown everything out, a threat to art. Metro trains whiz by.

One part of the audience heads off to the “Feast,” the other to the “Train.” Everyone then meets in the middle “Crossroads,” an open space overlooking the downtown skyline where the Coyotes cavort and projections ap-

‘Sweet Land’

Where: Los Angeles State Historic Park, 1724 Baker St., L.A.
When: 6 and 8:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday, 5, 6:30 and 9 p.m. Sunday, 6:30 and 9 p.m. March 13 and 14; 5, 6:30 and 9 p.m. March 15
Tickets: \$75-\$110; opening night \$250
Info: (213) 761-8598; theindustryla.org
Running time: 1 hour, 30 minutes

pear on water from sprinklers — pure magic.

Audience members return to “Feast” or “Train” to find everything changed. As they return to the bleachers for a communal finale, the land looks different, sullied. Songs of sorrow are what we hear. The texts appear as spectacular projections, near and far, including on a bridge and on a billboard (how did Sharon get away with that?). The texts remind us of America’s violent past of slavery and persecution. When a Metro train comes by again, it isn’t so innocent. Nothing is innocent.

“Feast” and “Train” are both vehicles for uncertainty. Each takes place in a wondrously carpentered circular space, open to the sky. For “Feast” we sit at tables facing glum, Puritan-seeming Arrivals. The Hosts are flamboyant and joyous. Du Yun is the composer of unearthly ceremonial music,

and Jenny Wong conducts a small ensemble. The Coyotes roam. Before long, the Arrivals abuse their Hosts, telling them their way of life must end. Jimmy Gin (Scott Belluz) forces Makwa (Kelci Hahn) to be his bride.

After the communal meeting at the Crossroads, we return to the “Feast” theater to find the physical and metaphorical tables have turned. Makwa, and the Hosts, are victims. Here, Chacon delivers a musically violent turn.

The part of the audience ushered to “Train,” meanwhile, sit on swivel chairs around a central orchestral ensemble conducted by Marc Lowenstein. Chacon provides the propulsive music. Preacher (Richard Hodges) provides the soundtrack for Manifest Destiny. The Arrivals push for modern technology; the Hosts attempt to retain their own.

After gathering at the crossroads, the “Train” audience returns to see the country on the way to “progress.” The Arrivals boast that they have taken everything they want, everything they need. Du Yun’s score is again ceremonial but now sounding more like a sad, angry requiem. But it’s not that simple. Too many words haunt with double meanings. The composers employ the most advanced techniques of modern music and technology to reach back to the sonic essence of what we’ve lost. The visuals are dazzling as primitive art and modern art. Everything happens under our noses, and the large cast is, to a singer and dancer, exceptional. So much happens that we forget.

Once back to “Feast” or “Train,” you simply have to no opportunity to remember what was because you are bombarded by what is. Past and present, mythic land and “Sweet Land” and the land that we occupy become one and confused.

Who are we, the public? Are we now the Hosts, and are new immigrants the Arrivals, thus the threat to our way of life? Or are we still the Arrivals, and are immigrants the original Hosts returning to take back a sweet land? Or is it something very different, where we’re all in this together as progress threatens us all alike, and no one knows what to do?

Can this ritual opera open our eyes and ears and spirits? You can attend “Sweet Land” at dusk or in the dark. You’re not recommended to see both versions on the same day. You need time to think and to absorb. With every art form at his disposal, Sharon has made that — and opera! — essential.

Pop music stars are aligning behind Sanders

[Sanders, from E1] Weekend and Bon Iver played Sanders events in Iowa in January; the Strokes performed for him in New Hampshire, and neo-soul group Nathaniel Rateliff & the Night Sweats are playing to boost Sanders’ efforts in Minnesota on Monday on the eve of the Super Tuesday primaries.

Sanders is “the only non-corporate candidate, so by default, he’s the only person who you can trust what he’s saying,” the Strokes’ frontman Julian Casablancas told Rolling Stone. “Whatever energy an announcement can give, [we wanted] to get that attention to Bernie. That’s way more important. We would probably do anything he asked.”

Sonic Youth singer and bassist Kim Gordon has participated in politically and socially oriented rallies in years past, but this election has come out in public support for Sanders. Taking Sanders’ grassroots campaign ethic to heart, she invited her more than 300,000 Instagram followers to join her in canvassing precincts door-to-door last month in the San Fernando Valley.

“I feel like it’s kind of the bleakest moment or maybe the most hopeful moment right now,” she told The Times. “Or it could be both. Bernie is such an inspirational figure. He’s been saying the same thing for years, and he’s the only candidate who has grown the Democratic Party, who has done outreach to the Latino com-

munity, to people who’ve never been approached, as well as to black communities. He really helped create this movement that’s bigger than any candidate.”

In addition to winning support in the rock community, Sanders also has won over a number of hip-hop artists, among them Cardi B., Lizzo, Run the Jewels’ Killer Mike, Anderson .Paak, Lil Yachty and rapper T.I., as well as pop stars including Miley Cyrus, Zedd and Ariana Grande.

Some musicians have lined up behind other candidates: Cher and singer/actress Rita Wilson — and her husband, Tom Hanks — are stumping for former Vice President Joe Biden, while John Legend, Melissa Etheridge, Rosanne Cash and Aimee Mann are backing Sen. Elizabeth Warren. John Mellencamp is supporting former New York mayor and media mogul Michael Bloomberg.

All these endorsements prompt the question in 2020: What does such support mean in the age of social media? Unlike in decades past, when rock and pop stars’ support was considered essential to amplifying candidates’ public profiles or policy positions — it was virtually a rite of passage in recent decades when Bruce Springsteen would perform in support of Democratic presidential frontrunners — today politicians can reach out directly voters through Twitter, Instagram and Facebook posts and adver-



PRESIDENTIAL candidate Sen. Bernie Sanders addresses a crowd of about 17,000 Sunday in L.A.

tisements.

Voters themselves also voluminously broadcast their own preferences to their own followers, whether those number in the dozens or in the millions.

For Cash, an outspoken activist for most of her life and the daughter of country music icon Johnny Cash, a tweet announcing her support for Warren wasn’t posted with any expectation it would suddenly push the 70-year-old former schoolteacher to the front of the Democratic pack.

“People are pretty entrenched these days, there’s not much dialogue,” Cash said. “I don’t know what impact I’ll have. If I make any waves, it’s a tiny ripple.

What’s important to me is to participate in the process.”

“For any given celebrity or artist, I think their political impact is diluted because of the online ecosystem we have now,” said Nate Sloan, professor of musicology at USC. “I think the exception to that is endorsements by artists that are unexpected in some way.

“One would be rapper Killer Mike, who has been a really strong supporter of Bernie Sanders’ campaign. His endorsement has been particularly surprising — an African American inner-city rapper endorsing a left-wing Jewish socialist from Vermont. It reaches communities Sanders might not otherwise reach.”

At the same time, Sloan cited another artist who has more in common with Sanders — 74-year-old rock star Neil Young, who last month took his oath of U.S. citizenship so he can vote in the November election and soon thereafter posted a scathing attack on President Trump, laying out his concerns about climate change, his animosity toward Trump and his support for Sanders.

“We’ve seen examples where certain artists making public statements about politics backfired,” USC’s Sloan said. “Lady Gaga was actually used by Trump in 2016 for her support of a Democratic candidate, and that became a rallying cry for how many people didn’t like her.

“Neil Young has a fan base that’s somewhat older, probably white, probably male — a lot of people who would be voting for Trump,” said Sloan. “Perhaps his letter may have more impact than one coming from Lady Gaga.”

What Gaga has that Young, Cash or other veteran musicians don’t, though, is millions of social media followers. Young has more than 450,000 Twitter followers, Cash has just under 120,000.

Gaga, by contrast, has 81 million, Taylor Swift has nearly 86 million, and 2016 Hillary Clinton advocate Katy Perry has more than 108 million, translating into massively greater potential reach for whatever issues or candidates they decide to

support.

Swift notably ended her historically apolitical public profile during the 2018 congressional midterm elections, endorsing Democratic Tennessee senatorial candidate Phil Bredesen and House candidate Jim Cooper.

Cooper won his race, while Republican Marsha Blackburn ultimately narrowly defeated Bredesen. Swift’s message urging her 120 million Instagram followers to vote, however, was followed by a wave of more than 434,000 new registrations — with nearly two-thirds from people under 30 — in the first five days after her post went up, according to Vote.org.

For all the political and cultural divisiveness many have complained about in recent years, some say they’ve found a measure of comfort in actively engaging with politics ahead of the November election.

L.A. singer-songwriter Julia Holter was one of a handful of local indie musicians who performed on Feb. 24 at an unofficial fundraiser for Sanders at the Lodge Room in Highland Park. “It was a very warm feeling at the show — just people there for a cause and not taking themselves seriously, no divas,” she said. Filled to capacity, the event ended up raising \$10,000 for the Sanders campaign.

“In today’s climate,” Holter said, “it’s important for people to feel something positive.”

‘An era of Latinx stories’

America Ferrera, an Impact Award winner, thanks her Hispanic trailblazers for setting the stage.

By DORANY PINEDA

During the National Hispanic Media Coalition's 23rd Impact Awards Gala, stars and executives donned their best suits and gowns to recognize those who've increased opportunities and representation for the Latinx community in media and entertainment.

Among Friday night's honorees were America Ferrera, executive producer of “Gentefied”; Isabella Gomez from “One Day at a Time”; “Party of Five” actors Niko Guardado and Elle Paris Legaspi; “Magnum P.I.” star Jay Hernandez; Garcia Cos. founder Dany Garcia; Warner Bros. Chair and Chief Executive Ann Sarnoff; “Riverdale” creator Roberto Aguirre-Sacasa; Ozzie Areu, CEO and founder of one of the nation's first Latino-owned film studios; and more. Ferrera, wearing a yellow cheetah-print dress, was honored with the outstanding series producer award for her work on “Gentefied,” Netflix's new comedy-drama, and NBC's “Superstore.” (Earlier in the day, Ferrera, who also stars in “Superstore” and has directed several episodes, announced that she would be leaving the show after its fifth season.) Accepting her award at the end of the night, Ferrera thanked the trailblazers who opened doors for Latinx actors and creators in a moving speech.

“This is an era of Latinx stories. We are living in an era brought ... by many, many generations of Latino and Latina actors, producers, writers, directors who stayed the course and paved the path,” she said to an audience of about 500 at the Beverly Hilton.

“And sometimes they did it all alone and sometimes they went completely unseen, unrecognized, uncelebrated. And sometimes, they never got to see their visions and their talents meet with opportunities that they deserved.”

She singled out the late actress Lupe Ontiveros, whom she called “one of my own heroes.” When she was 17, Ferrera worked with the “Selena” star on the feature “Real Women Have Curves.” “When I think about Lupe, I think about what a loss it is for all of us when talent goes untapped,” she continued. As a producer, Ferrera said her drive is to bring opportunities to the Latinx community at what she described as a long-overdue moment of Latinx visibility on screen.

“We are in an era of ‘Gentefied’ and ‘Vida.’ We're in an era of ‘One Day at a Time’



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HOSTS Jacob Vargas and Justina Machado at the Hispanic Media Coalition gala.



JAY HERNANDEZ, star of “Magnum P.I.,” was also an honoree.

and ‘Party of Five’ ... and we are in it together. We are no longer scrambling and competing with one another for a paltry slice of the pie. We are baking and serving up a whole bunch of tres leches.”

Before ending her speech, the “Ugly Betty” actress opened up about having felt “isolated” and “alone” as one of few Latinas in the industry. The ceremony was hosted by “One Day at a Time” mom Justina Machado and Jacob Vargas, who drew many laughs throughout the night, starting with their introductions as the “stereotypical party fan club presidents.”

But before the ceremony officially kicked off, the hosts welcomed two members of the Tongva nation to honor the land where the event took place.

On stage, many presenters and honorees got personal. They shared their experiences in an overwhelmingly white media and entertainment landscape,



AMERICA FERRERA, noted as “Gentefied” and “Superstore” producer.

expressing gratitude to the people who gave them a chance.

“When I came to this country 12 years ago, Hollywood seemed like an unreachable place,” said Gomez while accepting her outstanding series performance award for her role as Elena, the brilliant queer teenager on “One Day at a Time.” She thanked Norman Lear, the show's creator, and several others who gave “a little Colombian girl with barely any credits to her name a shot.” Hernandez, who took the outstanding television performance award for playing the private investigator on “Magnum P.I.,” walked on stage to accept his honor, leaned into the mike and coughed.

“I just want to apologize because my voice is a little scratchy,” he said clearing his throat. “I’m recovering from the coronavirus.”

He was quick to clarify that his virus wasn't COVID-19, the strain that



ISABELLA GOMEZ, another honoree, for “One Day at a Time.”

broke out in China. “This is COVID-19, which is how many Mexican beers I had at the wrap party a few days ago.”

With this confession out of the way, Hernandez went on to speak about a media landscape that he believes has become “increasingly hostile to people of color,” calling out the racist narratives about Latinos that have come out of the White House.

“They used words like ‘criminal,’ ‘illegal,’ ‘drug runners,’ ‘animals.’ ... But at ‘Magnum P.I.’ a remake of an iconic American show, a guy with a ‘z’ in his last name gets to be the hero.”

The audience broke into applause. The “Crazy/Beautiful” actor paused and looked around the star-studded ballroom.

“All of us here in this room collectively provide a counterbalance to the divisive rhetoric that is out there,” he said. “We get to tell the story of who we are.”

BOX OFFICE

‘Invisible Man’ is clearly No. 1

By SONAIYA KELLEY

Universal and Blumhouse's “The Invisible Man” opened in movie theaters in first place with \$29 million, exceeding analyst predictions of \$20 million, according to estimates from measurement firm Comscore. Globally the film debuted to \$49.2 million.

The eerie psychological thriller stars Elisabeth Moss as the former girlfriend of the eponymous character in a modern reimagining of the classic movie monster. In its first weekend, the film is already the highest-grossing horror release of the year in a landscape littered with disappointments and outright bombs including “The Grudge,” “The Turning” and “Brahms: The Boy II.”

Directed by Leigh Whannell (“Upgrade”), the \$7-million movie was well received with a B+ CinemaScore and a 90% “fresh” rating on review aggregation site Rotten Tomatoes.

In second place, Paramount's “Sonic the Hedgehog” added \$16 million in its third weekend. It stands at \$265.5 million in worldwide receipts.

At No. 3, 20th Century Studios’ “The Call of the Wild” added \$13.2 million in its second weekend. Globally, the film has earned \$79.3 million.

In fourth place, Sony Pictures TV and Funimation opened the anime movie “My Hero Academia: Heroes Rising” on Wednesday earning \$6.3 million for the weekend. It was positively received with a 91% “fresh” score on Rotten Tomatoes.

Rounding out the top five, Sony's “Bad Boys for Life” added \$4.3 million in its seventh weekend. It stands at \$406 million globally.

At No. 6, Warner Bros.’ “Birds of Prey” added \$4.1 million in its fourth weekend.

In seventh place, TruTV's “Impractical Jokers: The Movie” expanded into wide release in its second weekend, adding \$3.5 million.

At No. 8, Universal's “1917” added \$2.7 million in its second weekend.

In ninth place, STX Entertainment's “Brahms: The Boy II” added \$2.6 million in its second weekend.

Rounding out the top 10, Sony and Blumhouse's “Fantasy Island” added \$2.3 million.

In limited release, Focus Features’ “Emma” added 92 theaters (up from five the previous weekend) and \$1.2 million in its second weekend for a cumulative \$1.5 million.

Globally the film has earned \$12.9 million and will be expanding into wide release this coming weekend.

Estimated sales in the U.S. and Canada:

Movie (Studio)	3-day gross (millions)	Percentage change from last weekend	Total (millions)	Days in release
1 The Invisible Man (Universal)	\$29	NA	\$29	3
2 Sonic the Hedgehog (Paramount)	\$16	-39%	\$128.3	17
3 The Call of the Wild (20th Century)	\$13.2	-47%	\$45.9	10
4 My Hero Academia: Heroes Rising (Sony/Funimation)	\$6.3	NA	\$9.6	5
5 Bad Boys for Life (Sony)	\$4.3	-26%	\$197.4	45
6 Birds of Prey (Warner Bros.)	\$4.1	-40%	\$78.8	24
7 Impractical Jokers: The Movie (TruTV)	\$3.5	33%	\$6.7	10
8 1917 (Universal)	\$2.7	-37%	\$155.9	68
9 Brahms: The Boy II (STX Entertainment)	\$2.6	-55%	\$9.8	10
10 Fantasy island (Sony)	\$2.3	-45%	\$24.1	17

Industry totals

3-day gross (in millions)	Change from 2019	Year-to-date gross (in billions)	Change from 2019	Change in attendance from 2019
\$99.6	-15%	\$1.6	3.5%	NA

Sources: Comscore

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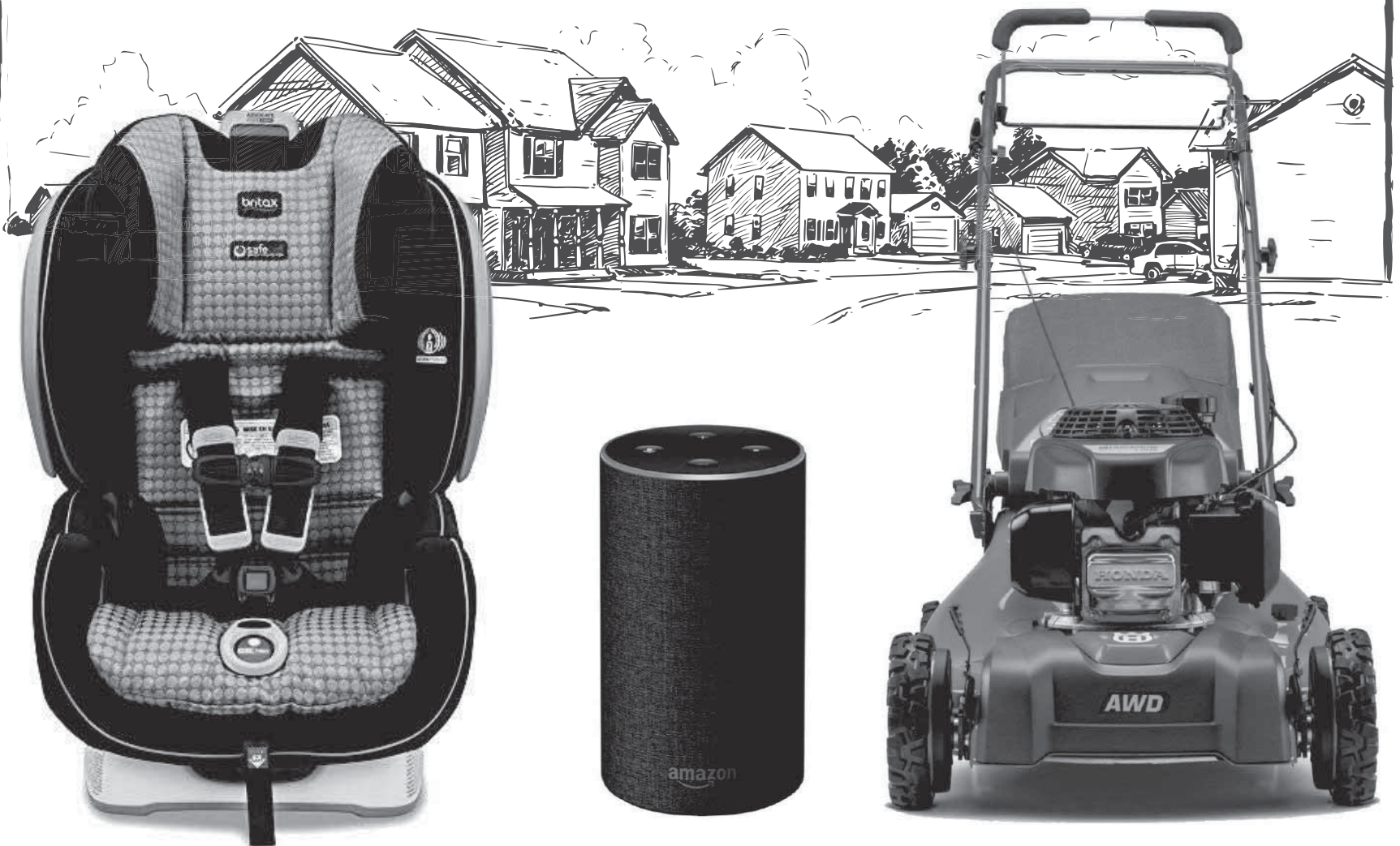
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Netflix Is a Joke Fest coming to L.A.

[**Netflix**, from E1] unique celebration of the art of comedy, and the role it plays in reflecting our lives and defining culture. It's a chance for comedy lovers to come together and see their favorite artists as well as discover new ones, and for us to be able to share the electricity and excitement of the festival in Los Angeles with Netflix members around the world."

Netflix Is a Joke Fest, named for the streamer's comedy brand, won't be the biggest of all comedy festivals — that title likely belongs to Montreal's Just for Laughs, which runs for two weeks and boasts more than 2 million attendees each year.

But the L.A. event has already attracted more than 130 artists, with additional names to come, and Netflix projects attendance to be around 80,000. Individual tickets will range from about \$15 to about \$250 per event, according to organizers. (There will be no festival-wide passes.) For those who can't make it in person, 11 of the live shows will be available to stream on Netflix later.

Among the schedule's highlights, Chappelle (and friends) will appear in "an evening of music and comedy" at the Hollywood Bowl. Letterman will host an event at the Fonda Theatre, mixing stand-up performances with live interviews. The cast of "Schitt's Creek" will lead a "live, interactive" farewell tour that takes fans inside the making of the Emmy-nominated comedy. Foxx, Schumer, Lawrence, and Fonda and Tomlin will all host comedy nights at the Palladium. Other festival headliners include Bill Burr, Pete Davidson, Chelsea Handler, Jenny Slate, Whitney Cummings, Marlon Wayans, Iliza Shlesinger and Michelle Wolf.

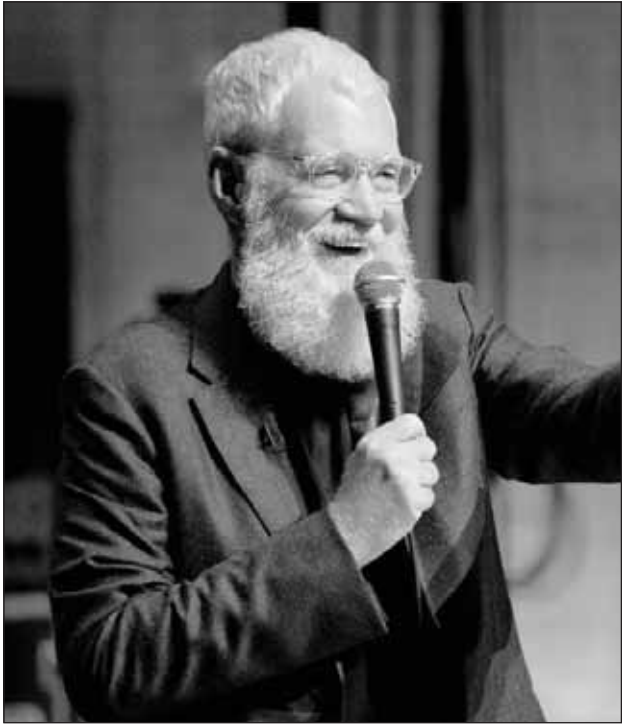
A number of themed events during the festival bring together comedians to highlight national or regional talents — such as showcases of Indian and Latin American performers — or queer comedians — as with "Stand Out: An LGBTQ+ Celebration" at the Greek Theatre, featuring Sandra Bernhard, Alan Carr, Margaret Cho, Hannah Gadsby, Rosie O'Donnell, Wanda Sykes and others.

Festival venues also in-



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DAVE CHAPPELLE (and friends) will appear in "an evening of music and comedy" at the Hollywood Bowl as part of the fledgling festival.



TYLER GOLDEN Netflix

AT THE FONDA, David Letterman will host an event mixing stand-up performances with interviews.

clude the Wiltern, the Orpheum, the Largo, the Laugh Factory and the Comedy Store, among others.

During the closing event

at the Theatre at Ace Hotel, "The Hall: Honoring the Greats of Stand-Up," Chappelle, Crystal, Goldberg, Hart, Rock, Seinfeld, Silverman and Sykes will fete Car-



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AMY SCHUMER will be among several comedians hosting festival events at the Hollywood Palladium.

lin, Pryor, Rivers and Williams. In addition to the event being recorded as a Netflix special, an exhibit of the same name will have a physical home in a newly de-

signed wing of the National Comedy Center in Jamestown, N.Y. Inductees were determined by a nominating committee composed of agents, managers, produc-

ers, TV executives and comedy club owners.

"Netflix has become the dominant player in the comedy space, which made them the ideal broadcast partner for this long overdue acknowledgment of the art of stand-up comedy," "The Hall" director Marty Callner and fellow executive producers Randall Gladstein and David Steinberg said in a statement to The Times. "The relationship with Netflix and the caliber of our four beloved inductees have made it possible for us to bring together, for the first time, every leading voice in stand-up to honor those that paved the way."

The festival's official charity partner is nonprofit organization Comedy Gives Back, which provides mental health, medical and financial crisis support to comedians in need.

Pre-sale tickets are available starting Tuesday via a unique code to be published on artist, venue, Ticketmaster, Live Nation and Netflix Is a Joke social media accounts. Tickets go on sale to the public Friday. The lineup and ticketing information are at the festival website.

Seberg's life of mystery

[**Seberg**, from E1] cropped hair and natural, raw performance, Seberg became an international icon as the girlfriend of a young criminal (Jean-Paul Belmondo) in Jean-Luc Godard's New Wave French masterpiece "Breathless." Throughout the 1960s, she had one foot in Paris and one foot in Hollywood. She married her second husband, noted writer Romain Gary ("The Roots of Heaven"), 24 years her senior, in 1962 and had their son, Diego, earlier the same year.

When the actress returned to Hollywood in 1968 to make "Paint Your Wagon," "Airport" and "Macho Callahan," the FBI became interested in her because not only had she donated money to the Black Panthers, she had begun an affair with a married African American activist.

Its smear campaign claimed Seberg was pregnant with a Black Panther's child (L.A. Times gossip columnist Joyce Haber publicized it in a thinly veiled post), causing her to go into premature labor and give birth to a daughter, Nina Hart Gary. The little girl died two days later and was buried in Marshalltown but not before her coffin was opened to prove the baby was white.

The new film "Seberg," starring Kristen Stewart as the actress, explores the plot by COINTELPRO, the FBI's counter-intelligence program, to discredit her support of the Panthers and other African American causes by publicizing her pregnancy, saying it "felt the publication of Miss Seberg's plight could cause her embarrassment and serve to cheapen her image with the general public." A paranoia-style thriller in the vein of such 1970s classics as Alan J. Pakula's "Klute" and Francis Ford Coppola's "The

Conversation," the movie also stars Anthony Mackie as Hakim Jamal, a leader in the Black Power movement with whom Seberg became lovers, and Jack O'Connell and Vince Vaughn as FBI agents assigned to Seberg's case.

Married screenwriters Anna Waterhouse and Joe Shrapnel had long been fascinated with Seberg. In fact, Shrapnel's grandmother was Deborah Kerr, who appeared with Seberg in 1958's "Bonjour Tristesse," also directed by Preminger.

"Deborah said, 'Oh, it's terrible what happened to her and what they did to her,'" he recalled. "I got the first hints of what a fascinating character Jean must be."

Setting the film during this time, said Waterhouse, was a way to make a film about Jean Seberg "but also about the period of American history I was fascinated by. I saw this as an amazing opportunity to, I guess, write a political thriller but also to explore who Jean Seberg was." "Seberg" director Benedict Andrews sees the film as "a portrait of an actress becoming undone. As someone who's worked with some of the world's truly great actresses, [and] whether it's on stage or in front of the camera, [they] lay bare their most private spaces. I found it fascinating how this is exactly the space that the FBI exposes and destroys. They look into that private space."

Actress-producer Diane Baker ("The Diary of Anne Frank," "Marnie") was friends with Seberg during this period. She had known Gary before he married Seberg, and he introduced her to Baker.

"He thought if she's going to make movies and be here, I was the one person she should get to know because I would be more aligned with her sensitivities, her beliefs and so on," Baker said. "She

was having difficulties with her interest in politics. It wasn't even politics; it was her need to help the African American community in Los Angeles. I hardly had met anyone my age that was intellectually curious."

Seberg even brought Jamal to Baker's Beverly Hills apartment. "When he came in the door, her first words were: 'I want you to meet Diane. She's the only person you can trust in Hollywood.' He was very polite," Baker continued. "She helped him and his wife and children move out of their home near Compton. They couldn't live there anymore. They were fearing for their lives. She moved them to her house in Coldwater Canyon she was renting."

Baker recalled the one time she went to visit Seberg, she was shocked to see all the windows boarded up on the Coldwater-facing side of the house. "I said, 'Jean, why are these boarded up?' She said, 'You never know.' I saw how caring she was and how she was literally trying to save lives."

Seberg, she said, "cared about the plight of people less fortunate than her. All she thought about was caring and wanting to do good. She looked at the people less fortunate than herself and felt guilty for having [money]. I think Jean was so super-sensitive that her understanding of politics was probably naive."

The two shared the same makeup man; Baker recalled him calling her while he was working in Oregon on the set of "Paint Your Wagon" with Seberg. "He said she's offering money to people on the set, the hairdresser, makeup, anybody who needed it, she's just giving it to them."

Christa Fuller, the widow of maverick director Samuel Fuller ("The Steel Helmet," "The Big Red One"), met Se-



United Artists

JEAN SEBERG as Joan of Arc opposite Richard Widmark in 1957's "Saint Joan."



Amazon Studios

KRISTEN STEWART portrays the troubled but well-meaning actress in the new biopic "Seberg."

berg during the time she was in Los Angeles and donated \$25 to her for the Black Panthers. "She was very sweet," said Fuller, adding the actress put so much "energy and persuasion into doing the right thing. I think her whole life [she] was on that march of being a savior, of being the real modern Joan of Arc."

During the filming of 1970's "Macho Callahan" in Mexico, Seberg had an affair with a young Mexican revolutionary named Carlos Ornelas Navarra, who Seberg said was Nina's father.

She also had an affair with author Carlos Fuentes, who wrote a novel about their relationship, "Diana: The Goddess Who Walks

Alone." Diane Ladd, who appeared in "Macho Callahan," recalled that Seberg and star David Janssen (TV's "The Fugitive") became very close during production.

"I don't know how deep the friendship went," said Ladd. "But they were wonderful people to work with."

Seberg, she noted, was "very gracious, very giving. She was very, very vulnerable — a delicate flower. I loved working with her. Everybody did."

After "Macho Callahan" and the death of her daughter, Seberg returned to France and never went back to Hollywood. Though she and Gary divorced in 1970, they remained close and even lived in the same apart-

ment building.

Baker recalled that Gary was worried about Seberg. "He said, 'It's like holding a huge glass bowl that's cracked and I'm holding the whole thing. I'm trying to hold it all in my hands.'"

Shortly after Seberg's body was found, the FBI announced that agents had attempted to besmirch her reputation in 1970. And Gary called a news conference to tell the world that the baby in question was his and that the FBI had destroyed his ex-wife's life.

According to Gary, she had tried to kill herself every year on the anniversary of Nina's death. And Seberg said in a 1974 interview, she had "cracked up" after Nina's death.

Gary died by suicide the following year. "It was too much for him," said Baker.

Doubts continue to swirl around Seberg's death. "Antoine and I could not believe the death to be self-inflicted," said Alain Mamou-Mani, who wrote the new French novel "Kill Jean" with Antoine Lassaigue.

"Forty years later, a sign was placed on her grave in Montparnasse saying, 'Jean, your killers are still around,'" said Mamou-Mani. "The cause of her death is as mysterious as Marilyn [Monroe]'s."

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HOROSCOPE

By HOLIDAY MATHIS

Aries (March 21-April 19): There is very little that you really have to do. What's before you is optional. Wwhen you talk of your life, phrase it as what you "get" to do.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Many valuable discoveries are made by chance by people seeking something else. Then again, chance favors the seekers. You're definitely in the category.

Gemini (May 21-June 21): Giving problems the scale they deserve in your life is an art that you're executing better and better.

Cancer (June 22-July 22): Friends will shape your day, and this will be a reminder about how important it is to have good people in your life.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22): You'll be tempted to act automatically out of loyalty and a sense of justice, but taking a moment to reflect will make all the difference.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Speaking well gets you far. Consider taking on a speaking project. To give a speech offers an all-encompassing sort of self-development.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): The expectation that matters is the one you have of yourself, but it can be pretty harsh and unreasonable. The expectations of others in your life will be kinder.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21): Relationships happen because you make them, and continue because you cultivate them. You'll feel responsible for part of another's happiness; in fact, you are.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): When people ask you for reminders, they don't have good organizational systems. This is the sort of extra burden of responsibility that sparks a cool idea.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): At your heart, you're an altruist. You're only completely satisfied with an outcome if you believe others

benefit as much as you.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): The big picture will come to you. Just close your eyes and wish a moment.

Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20): In a calm atmosphere, sudden movements are startling. In chaos, anything goes. You'll be in both conditions. You'll read the room and adjust accordingly.

Today's birthday (March 2): There's boldness in this solar journey. What starts as a soft statement will attract the mental steel and concrete it needs to become a structure of your life. It's about identity. You will declare yourself in a new way such as "artist," "athlete" or "financial wizard" and become the person of your declaration. Scorpio and Cancer adore you. Your lucky numbers: 9, 22, 21, 18 and 4.

Mathis writes her column for Creators Syndicate Inc. The horoscope should be read for entertainment.

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BRIDGE

By FRANK STEWART

"I contacted a credit-rating service," Unlucky Louie told me, "and asked for a written report. They sent me my score — with a Burger King application attached."

Louie's credibility as declarer suffers because he plays without thinking. At today's 3NT, he took the king of spades and swiftly cashed the K-A of clubs. When West discarded, Louie was in trouble; he couldn't afford to concede a club.

So Louie led a diamond to his king and back to dummy's jack. He took the ace and then the queen of clubs but was stuck in dummy. When he led a heart to his king next, West won and ran the spades for down one. North, of course, was in-

credulous.

Louie could take the cash and let the credit go if he were careful. A creditable play is to start the clubs with the A-K. If East-West followed, Louie would have nine easy tricks.

When West discards, Louie leads a diamond to the jack. When the finesse wins and diamonds break 3-2, Louie has five diamonds, three clubs and a spade.

Question: You hold: ♠ 9 2 ♥ 10 3 ♦ A J 6 ♣ A Q 10 7 4 2. Your partner opens one diamond, you respond two clubs, he rebids two diamonds and you raise to three diamonds. Partner then bids three hearts. What do you say?

Answer: Your partner is trying for game. He may be hoping that you can bid 3NT. You can't oblige, but you do

have a sound hand for your previous bidding. Bid five diamonds. A possible hand for partner would be J 3, A 8 7, K Q 10 7 4 2, K 3.

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ASK AMY

Address alcoholism first

Dear Amy: I am 42 and my wife is 40. We were both abused as children.

I like to drink, and my wife has followed this path.

Should we tell our kids about our past troubles?

We have done well for ourselves. Our kids are great. They know we love them, and they have done well.

Obviously, they see us drink too much at times.

The oldest is going to college. I've told him about the genetics of alcohol (it runs in our family), but should I tell him about the abuse?

You always talk about being honest, but this seems like it might be too much.

I'm not sure if I'm trying to cover my own insecurities by telling him, or if honesty is the best policy here.

LOVING FATHER

Dear Father: Yes, honesty is the best policy. So let's talk about your drinking.

You seem to gloss over your alcohol abuse by saying it is genetic; I infer that your childhood abuse has been a factor, and both are likely related to your drinking.

It is possible that your childhood abuse was perpetrated by people who were — like you — abusing alcohol.

You need to start your conversations by getting real about your alcohol

abuse. The most impactful statement you could make to your family would be to admit you are abusing alcohol — and to seek recovery.

The worst message is to tell your kids that alcoholism is genetic (this is partly correct) while you are drinking — sometimes drunk — in front of them. Your children will sniff out the hypocrisy. They also will get the message that alcohol is more powerful than they are.

Your kids love you. But that love will take a back seat to the vulnerable legacy imposed by your untreated addiction. Children of alcoholics are often high-functioning "fixers," with a deep well of anxiety they hide from the world. (In short, you don't actually know how "great" they are doing.)

Yes, you should tell your kids about your childhoods, but not right before your son heads off to college, and not while you are still drinking.

Start by admitting your alcoholism, telling your story to a qualified therapist and working toward recovery. Al-Anon's program for kids, Alateen, would be useful for your kids.

Dear Amy: I've been with my boyfriend for 2 ½ years. He was married before and had children with his ex.

The marriage ended almost 10 years ago, when she told him she'd had an affair.

My issue is that his family continues to invite her to family functions — not just major holidays but birthdays and such.

I have nothing against her — it just feels wrong!

Am I wrong if I tell them that as long as they continue to invite her to events, we will not attend?

My boyfriend is too nice to tell his family it bothers him, although in my opinion he shouldn't have to.

SAVVY GIRLFRIEND

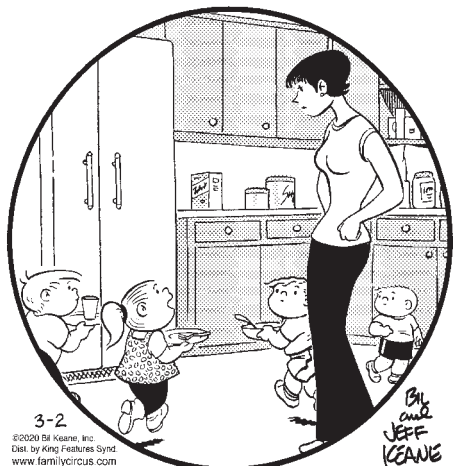
Dear Savvy: Are you the boss of your boyfriend — and his family? Do you dictate terms of their socializing?

You don't have anything against this woman; your boyfriend's family obviously don't have anything against her; and your boyfriend likely doesn't care one way or the other, because if he did, he'd let them know he didn't want to socialize with her.

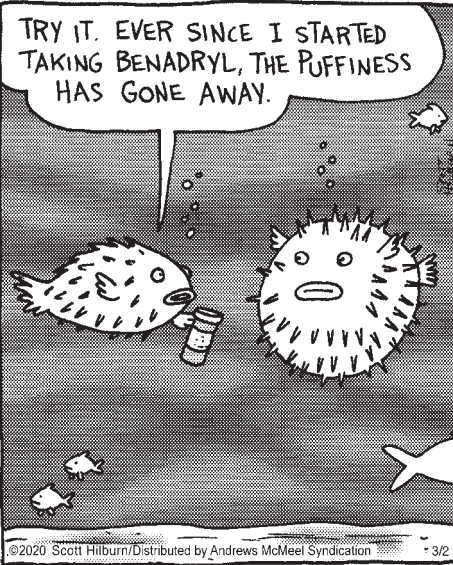
If you don't want to attend events where his ex is invited, stay home, but if you make your attendance conditional, be prepared for them to choose her.

Send questions to Amy Dickinson by email to ask amy@amydickinson.com.

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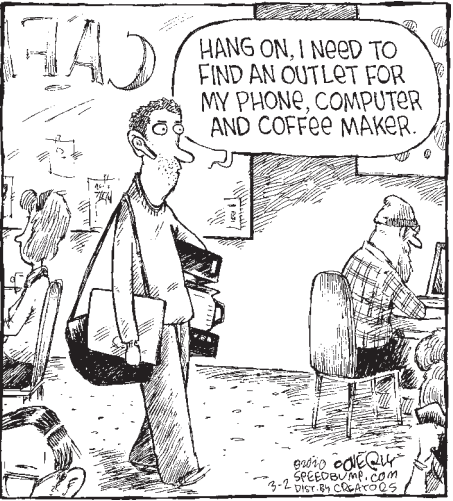
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TV HIGHLIGHTS

SERIES

The Voice The blind auditions conclude with this new episode. Kelly Clarkson, Nick Jonas, John Legend and Blake Shelton are the performers' coaches. 8 p.m. NBC

The Bachelor Ahead of next week's season finale, the customary "Women Tell All" episode provides a forum to the prospects eliminated by Peter Weber so far. There's also a blooper reel. 8 p.m. ABC

9-11: Lone Star Owen and Michelle (Rob Lowe, Liv Tyler) help a family whose home is infested by rattlesnakes. 8 p.m. Fox

Black Lightning The Pierce family begins preparing for a long and arduous fight when they learn that Gravedigger (guest star Wayne Brady) and the Markovians are moving to attack Freeland. Cress Williams, Nafessa Williams and Damon Gupton star in this new episode. 9 p.m. CW

Better Call Saul Jimmy's (Bob Odenkirk) business enters uncharted territory. Also, Kim (Rhea Seehorn) is faced with a difficult legal problem. 9 p.m. AMC

Kids Baking Championship Hosts Valerie Bertinelli and Duff Goldman challenge the four remaining bakers to make 3-D dinosaur cookies in the first of two new episodes. Then, in the season finale, the final three are challenged to make cakes that resemble fruit. 9 and 10 p.m. Food Network

Brain Games Tiffany Hadish and director Jordan Peele join Keegan-Michael Key to play games that show how Hollywood pros manipulate our brains to make us feel genuine emotion while watching movies. 9 p.m. National Geographic

The Good Doctor A patient with a mysterious and undiagnosed illness that has baffled other doctors for years forces Shaun (Freddie Highmore) and the team to take big risks in this new episode of the medical drama. Nicholas Gonzalez, Antonia Thomas, Hill Harper and Richard Schiff also star. 10 p.m. ABC



WAYNE BRADY guest stars in a new "Black Lightning" on The CW.

Breeders A couple (Martin Freeman and Daisy Haggard) are juggling full-time careers, aging parents and a mortgage while parenting their young children (George Wake-man and Jayda Eyles). Michael McKean, Joanna Bacon and Alun Armstrong also star in this new series. 10 p.m. FX

McMillion\$ Focusing their attention on Dwight Baker, The FBI intercepts a call with "Uncle Jerry" that leads them to evidence of a game piece exchange in this new episode. 10 p.m. HBO

SPECIALS

Town Hall Presidential candidate former Mayor Michael Bloomberg (D-N.Y.) faces voters in Manassas, Va. Bret Baier and Martha MacCallum are the moderators. 3:30 p.m. Fox News

MOVIES

Aquarela Filmmaker Victor Kossakovsky's 2019 documentary serves a stark warning against climate change, presenting a series of images showing man at the mercy of water. 9 p.m. Starz

Bumblebee (2018) 10:20 a.m. Epix

The Jungle Book (2016) 11 a.m. Freeform

Searching (2018) Noon and 10:54 p.m. Encore

The Simpsons Movie (2007) 4 p.m. FXX

Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle (2017) 7:30 p.m. FX

TALK SHOWS

CBS This Morning Author David Plouffe. (N) 7 a.m. KCBS

Today (N) 7 a.m. KNBC

KTLA Morning News (N) 7 a.m. KTLA

Good Morning America (N) 7 a.m. KABC

Good Day L.A. Financial adviser Winnie Sun; Finesse Mitchell ("Outmatched"); Marla Tellez. (N) 7 a.m. KTTV

Live With Kelly and Ryan Winston Duke ("Spenser Confidential"); Aaron Tveit ("Moulin Rouge"); American Authors performs. (N) 9 a.m. KABC

The View Ana Navarro guest cohosts. (N) 10 a.m. KABC

Rachael Ray Coyote Peterson ("Brave the Wild"). (N) 10 a.m. KTTV

The Dr. Oz Show Shocking medical conditions plaguing everyday people; red mold growing at home may make people sick. (N) 1 p.m. KTTV

The Kelly Clarkson Show Lilly Singh; Paul Wesley; activist Sinéad Burke. (N) 2 p.m. KNBC

The Ellen DeGeneres Show Judy Sheindlin ("Judge Judy"); Chris Pratt. (N) 3 p.m. KNBC

Amanpour and Company (N) 11 p.m. KCET; 1 a.m. KLCS

Conan Flula Borg; Cameron Esposito. (N) 11 p.m. TBS

The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon Rachel Maddow; Pamela Adlon; Joji performs. (N) 11:34 p.m. KNBC

The Late Show With Stephen Colbert Ty Burrell; John Heilemann; James Taylor performs. (N) 11:35 p.m. KCBS

The Late Late Show With James Corden Mark Wahlberg; Iliza Shlesinger; Rob Haze. (N) 12:37 a.m. KCBS

Late Night With Seth Meyers Winston Duke; Surfaces; Glen Sobel performs. (N) 12:37 a.m. KNBC

Nightline (N) 12:37 a.m. KABC

A Little Late Taran Killam. (N) 1:38 a.m. KNBC

SPORTS

College Tennis Pepperdine visits Oklahoma, 11 a.m. FS Prime

College Basketball N.C. State visits Duke, 4 p.m. ESPN; Texas Tech visits Baylor, 6 p.m. ESPN

Monday Prime-Time TV

	8 pm	8:30	9 pm	9:30	10 pm	10:30	11 pm
CBS	The Neighborhood (TVPG)	Bob Hearts Abishola	All Rise (TVPG) A murder witness is 11 years-old.		Bull (TV14) A dancer assaulted at a gentlemen's club.		News (N)
NBC	The Voice (TVPG) Blind auditions continue; Kelly Clarkson, Nick Jonas, John Legend and Blake Shelton. (N)				Manifest (TV14) Ben tries to connect with Olive. (N)		News (N)
CW	All American Spencer goes against Billy's wishes. (N)		Black Lightning The family prepares for war. (N)		News (N)	Sports Final (N) (10:45)	News (N)
ABC	The Bachelor (TV14) Women Tell All. Seventeen of the most memorable women return to confront Peter and each other; a look at some bloopers from the season. (N)				The Good Doctor A patient has an illness that has baffled doctors for years. (N)		News (N)
KCAL	News (N)		News (N)		News (N)	Sports Central	black-ish
FOX	9-1-1: Lone Star (TV14) A family's home is infested by rattlesnakes. (N)		Prodigal Son (TV14) A killer mimics homicides from "The Count of Monte Cristo."		News (N)		Extra (TVPG)
MyNT	Law & Order: SVU (TV14)		Law & Order: SVU (TV14)		Seinfeld	Seinfeld	King of Queens
KVCR	Durrells (7)	Poldark (TV14)			The British Beat (TVG)		
KCET	Death in Paradise (TVPG)		Father Brown (TVPG)		Miss Fisher's Murder Mysteries		Amanpour
UNI	Ringo (TV14) (N)		Amor eterno (TVPG)				
KOCE	Ultimate Retirement Guide (7)		Suze Orman's Ultimate Retirement Guide (TVG)				Food Fix (TVG)
KDOC	Dateline (TVPG)		Dateline (TV14)		Family Guy	Family Guy	Seinfeld
KLCS	Legacy List With Matt Paxton		The Kate (TVPG)		Tim Janis: Celtic Heart (TVG)		World News
A&E	Live PD: Patrol	Live PD: Patrol	Live Rescue (TV14) (N)				Live PD: Patrol
AMC	Hacksaw Ridge *** (2016) Andrew Garfield. (R) (6)		Better Call Saul (TV14) Mike continues to spiral. (N)		Dispatches From Elsewhere (TV14) The game continues. (N) (10:15)		
ANP	Alaska: Last Frontier (TV14)		Alaska: Last Frontier (N)		Alaskan Bush People (N)		Bush People
BBC	Star Trek: Deep Space Nine		Star Trek: Deep Space Nine		Star Trek: Deep Space Nine		Star Trek: DS9
BET	Diary of a Mad Black Woman		Tyler Perry's Temptation: Confessions of a Marriage Counselor *				(2013)
Bravo	Below Deck Sailing Yacht		Below Deck Sailing Yacht (N)		Spy Games (TVPG) (N)		What Happens
CMT	Last-Standing	Last-Standing	Last-Standing	Mom (TV14)	Mom (TV14)	Mom (TV14)	Mom (TV14)
CNN	CNN Tonight: Don Lemon (N)		Anderson Cooper (TVPG)		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight
Com	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Daily Show (N)
Disc	Street Outlaws (TV14) Only Detroit and NOLA remain. (N)						Fastest Cars (N)
Disn	Fam Jam	Gabby Duran	Sydney-Max	Roll With It	Coop & Cami	Sydney-Max	Bunk'd (10:55)
E!	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Chrisley	Pratt (N)	The Frasers
ESPN	SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter
Food	Kids Baking Championship (TVG) Extra Icing: Architectural Digestible. (N)		Kids Baking Championship (TVG) 3D dinosaur cookies. (N)		Kids Baking Championship (TVG) (Season finale) Fruit cakes. (N)		Chopped Sweets (TVG) (N)
FNC	Fox News at Night (N)		Tucker Carlson Tonight		Hannity		Ingraham
Free	Guardians (6)	Back to the Future *** (1985) Michael J. Fox, Christopher Lloyd. (PG)			Breeders (TVMA) (N)		The 700 Club
FX	Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle *** (2017) (7:30) (PG-13)				Breeders (TVMA) (N)		Breeders
Hall	A Novel Romance (2015) Amy Acker, Dylan Bruce.				The Birthday Wish (2017) Jessie Schram.		
HGTV	Home Town (TVG) (N)		Home Town (TVG) (N)		Home Town (TVG)		Home Town
Hist	American Pickers (TVPG)		American Pickers (TVPG) (N)		Pawn Stars (TVPG) (N)		Pawn Stars
IFC	2 1/2 Men	2 1/2 Men	2 1/2 Men	2 1/2 Men	2 1/2 Men	2 1/2 Men	2 1/2 Men
Life	A Walk to Remember ** (2002) Shane West. (PG)				Easy A *** (2010) Emma Stone. (10:03)		
MSN	11th Hour (N)		The Rachel Maddow Show		The Last Word		11th Hour
MTV	Ridiculousness	Ridiculousness	Ridiculousness	Ridiculousness	Ridiculousness	Ridiculousness	Ridiculousness
NGC	Brain Games: Bonus Round (N)		Brain Games (TVG) (N)		Brain Games (TVG) (10:03)		Brain Games
Nick	Alvin and the Chipmunks (7)		Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
OWN	Dateline on OWN (TVPG)		The Real Story		Deadline: Crime (TV14)		Dateline
Para	Cops (TV14)	Cops (TV14)	Cops (TV14)	Cops (TV14)	Cops (TVPG)	Cops (TV14)	Cops (TV14)
Sund	The Patriot *** (2000) Mel Gibson. A man and his son fight in the Revolutionary War. (R)						
Syfy	R.I.P.D. * (2013) (7) (PG-13)		Underworld: Blood Wars ** (2016) Kate Beckinsale. (R)				Futurama
TBS	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	American Dad	American Dad	Conan (N)
TCM	Ghost & Mrs. Muir (6:45)		My Fair Lady ***** (1964) Audrey Hepburn, Rex Harrison. (8:45) (G)				
TLC	90 Day Fiancé: Before the 90 Days (TV14)				90 Day Fiancé: Before the 90		sMothered
TNT	Beauty and the Beast *** (2017) Emma Watson, Dan Stevens. (PG)				Benjamin Button (2008)		
Toon	Home Movies	American Dad	American Dad	Rick and Morty	Bob's Burgers	Bob's Burgers	Family Guy
Travel	Beyond the Unknown (TVPG) (N)				Beyond the Unknown (N)		Beyond
Tru	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers	Jokers
TV L	Raymond	Everybody Loves Raymond		Raymond	2 1/2 Men	2 1/2 Men	King of Queens
USA	WWE Monday Night RAW (TVPG) (N)						Briarpatch (N)
VH1	Love & Hip Hop (TV14) (N)		Love & Hip Hop Miami (TV14)		Love & Hip Hop (TV14)		Love, Hip Hop
WGN	Last-Standing	Last-Standing	Carter (TV14) (N)		Married ... With	Married ... With	How I Met
Cine	Strike Back (TVMA)		The Hurt Locker *** (2008) Jeremy Renner, Anthony Mackie. (R) (8:50)				
Encr	Scarface *** (1983) (6:08)		White Boy Rick ** (2018) Matthew McConaughey. (R)		Searching		
Epix	War of the Worlds (TVMA)		Slow Burn (TV14)		Get Shorty (TVMA)		Get Shorty
HBO	Gangs of New York *** (2002) (R) (6:05)		The New Pope (TVMA) Voiello mourns a tragic loss. (N)		McMillion\$ (TVMA) The FBI intercepts a call. (N)		The New Pope (TVMA)
Show	Homeland (TVMA)		Kidding	Kidding	Homeland (TVMA)		Desus & Mero
Starz	Wrong Man (TVMA) (8:05)		Aquarela (2018) The raw power of water.		Outlander (TVMA)		
TMC	The House With a Clock in Its Walls ** (2018) (PG)				The Dark Tower ** (2017) (PG-13)		

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- LA Times, 7/2/19
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- LA Times, 7/2/19
- ✗ “The 2020 school board races represent a critical opportunity to recapture our reform board majority - with BD3 and potentially BD5 representing key opportunities for pickups that would flip the board.”
- LA Times, 7/2/19
- ✗ “Attack UTLA...weaken them politically so we can better achieve our goals.”
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- ✗ “\$490-million plan would put **HALF** of LAUSD students in charter.”
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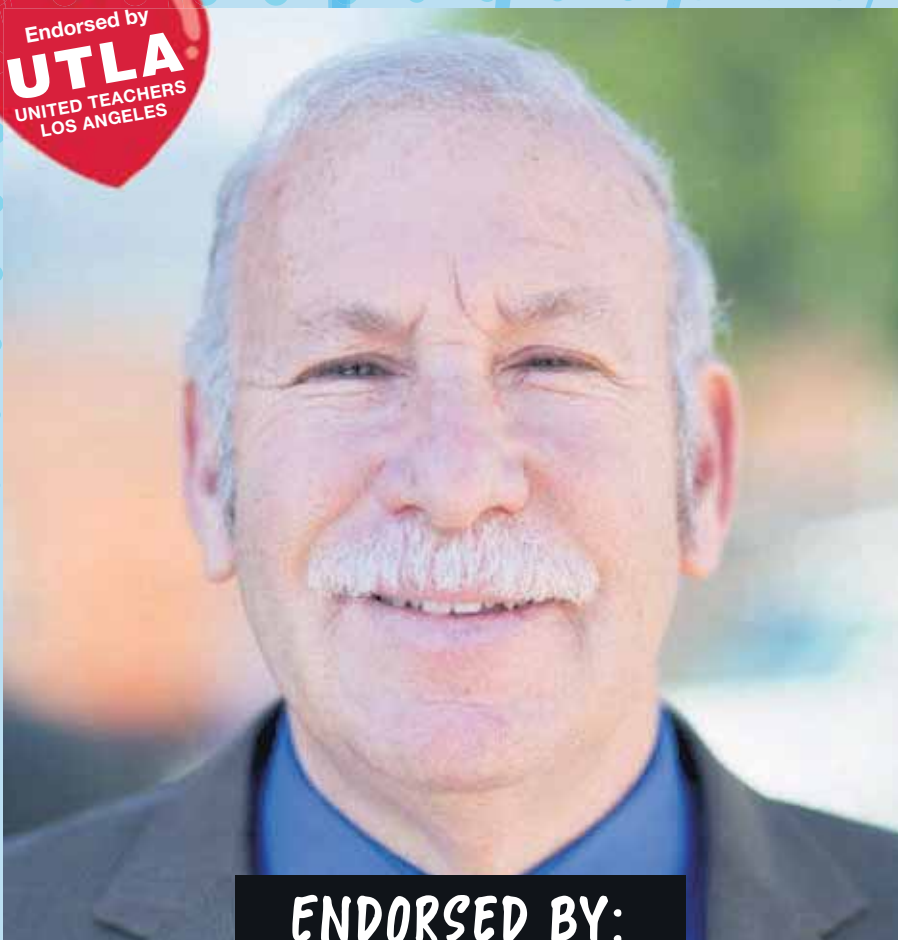


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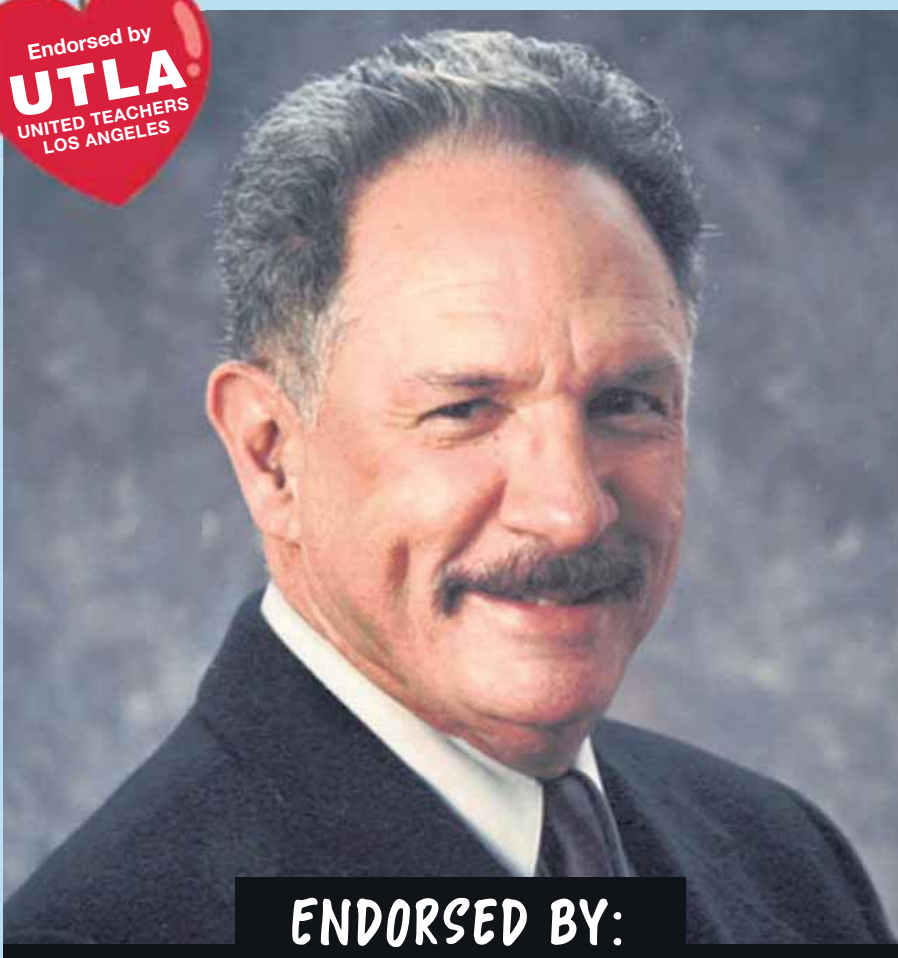


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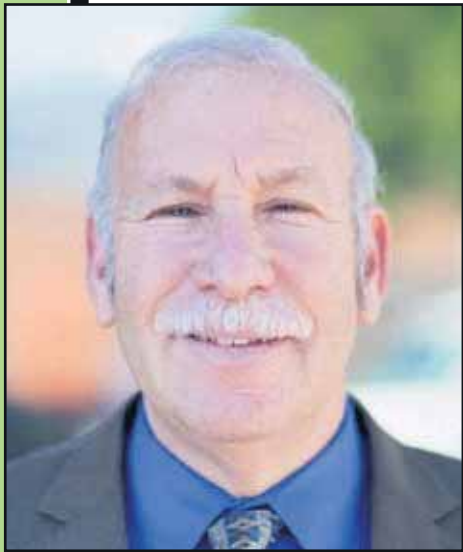
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