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## Reflexive cover-up alleged in shooting

### Defense blasts evidence as 3 cops face trial in McDonald's killing

BY MEGAN CREPEAU AND STACY ST. CLAIR  
 Chicago Tribune

Within minutes of Laquan McDonald's slaying, witnesses to the shooting were allegedly waved from the scene by police without first being questioned about what they saw.

Chicago police officers who had been at the scene later gathered with detect-

ives at a South Side station, where a narrative emerged that turned out to be sharply at odds with police dashboard camera video of the shooting.

And supervisors up the chain of command signed off on paperwork declaring Officer Jason Van Dyke justified in firing each of 16 bullets into McDonald.

Prosecutors describe it as a reflexive cover-up, proof

of a "code of silence" in which every cog of a well-oiled machine kicked into gear to conceal what really happened that night.

But only three relatively low-level officers were criminally charged in the alleged conspiracy. And when they go on trial in a Cook County courtroom later this month, the case against them will rest largely on the infamous shooting video and a few crucial pieces of paper.

Prosecutors allege that former Detective David

March, ex-Officer Joseph Walsh and Officer Thomas Gaffney all filed false police reports containing nearly identical claims.

"Filing a false police report intentionally is a crime," assistant special prosecutor Ronald Safer said at a hearing last month at the Leighton Criminal Court Building. "That's what this case is about, and (you) need to look no further than the videotapes and those reports to know



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Prosecutors say Thomas Gaffney, from left, Joseph Walsh and David March filed false police reports in the shooting.

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## Get to know your Thanksgiving turkey

Kauffman Turkey Farms in Waterman, Ill., has been busy with visitors who want to buy their Thanksgiving birds directly from the farmers who raised them. It's a practice that has gained popularity as consumers care more about the origins of their food. For those who don't want to visit a farm, there are other options. Cargill, which produces about a quarter of turkeys consumed during the holidays in the U.S., recently expanded a program that allows shoppers to trace their turkey to the family farm where it was raised. **Business**

## Natural gas prices heat up as temps fall

Cold weather and a short supply set to fuel spike in bills

BY ROBERT CHANNICK  
 Chicago Tribune

A forecast that combines colder-than-expected weather and a short supply of natural gas means Chicago-area utility bills may increase more sharply this winter than in recent years.

For millions of suburban residents, a requested \$230 million delivery rate increase from Nicor Gas could mean even higher prices next winter — adding \$5.36 more per month to most residential bills.

The one-two punch is unlikely to sit well with Nicor's 2.2 million customers in suburban Chicago and across northern Illinois.

"This is the biggest natural gas rate hike request we've ever seen in Illinois," said Jim Chilsen, a spokesman for the Citizens Utility Board, a nonprofit Illinois watchdog group.

Nicor previously won a \$93.5 million rate hike in January. CUB plans to fight the new proposed rate increase, Chilsen said.

Natural gas futures surpassed \$4 per million British thermal units this week — the highest price in several years — on concerns that an increasingly colder

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## Child porn charges for former Hancock staffer

Sex offender held as he sought work with kids in Ore.

BY JASON MEISNER  
 Chicago Tribune

Convicted sex offender Christopher Colon was working as a tour manager at the former John Hancock Center's observatory four months ago when the Chicago Tribune revealed he was under federal investigation for disturbing new allegations involving child-sex fantasies.

But while the front-page story in July cost Colon his job, it didn't stop him from trying to find another way to work around kids, federal prosecutors say.

With charges looming in Chicago, Colon moved to Oregon, where last month prosecutors say he applied for a front-desk position with the Portland branch of the Ronald McDonald House, a charitable organization that provides housing for pediatric medical patients.

He'd even been sent a letter offering him a job, though he hadn't actually started work.

Federal prosecutors also allege that Colon had registered as a baby sitter on an online site called SitterCity.com, which connects parents with local sitters offering "in-home care."

The job hunting came to an end Oct. 26, though, when deputy U.S. marshals arrested Colon on charges filed under seal in Chicago that accused him of possessing and disseminating child pornography, court records show.

Jessica Jarratt Miller, chief executive officer of Ronald McDonald House Charities in Oregon, said she was mortified when she got word that federal prosecutors in Portland had cited Colon's recent hiring by the charity as reason for him to be detained as a danger to the community.

As human resources

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Colon



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Tables are set up Thursday for the recount in the Senate race in West Palm Beach, Fla.

## Fla. hand recount ordered in tight race for Senate seat

BY GARY FINEOUT AND BRENDAN FARRINGTON  
 Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Florida's acrimonious battle for the U.S. Senate headed Thursday to a legally required hand recount after an initial review by ballot-counting machines showed Republican Gov. Rick Scott and Democratic Sen. Bill Nel-

son separated by less than 13,000 votes.

But the contest for governor between Republican Ron DeSantis and Democrat Andrew Gillum appeared to be over, with a machine recount showing DeSantis with a large enough advantage over Gillum to avoid a hand recount in that race.

Gillum, who conceded the contest on Election

Night only to retract his concession later, said in a statement that "it is not over until every legally casted vote is counted."

The recount has been fraught with problems. One large Democratic stronghold in South Florida was unable to finish its machine recount by the Thursday deadline due to

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## Evacuation plan criticized in aftermath of fire

A staggered evacuation plan quickly devolved into a panicked exodus. Some said warnings came late, others got no warning at all. **Nation & World**, Page 9

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■ John Kass' column Wednesday on Florida election recounts made a reference to boxes of ballots being found. While the boxes were labeled "provisional ballots," they contained office supplies, not ballots, according to the Broward County election officials.

■ A story on Monday gave the incorrect day for author Christian Piccolini's appearance at the Oak Lawn Public Library. He appeared there on Saturday, Nov. 10. The Tribune regrets the errors.

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STEVEN SENNE/AP

James Swartz, director of consumer safety group World Against Toys Causing Harm, displays a Black Panther Slash Claw.



## JOHN KASS

# What kid wouldn't want a Black Panther Slash Claw?

Just call me Mr. Toy Expert, because my children were given stupid toys by relatives and now my plan is to return the favor.

With Toy Revenge.

But first, there's something out in Toyland that aggravates the heck out of me: those idiotic lists with lurid titles such as "The 10 most stupid, perilous and evil toys for Christmas."

They warn of a toy that millions of American children want.

The Black Panther Slash Claw.

What little kid wouldn't like a matched pair of Black Panther Slash Claws?

A kid could put on the retractable claws and run around the house slashing at his or her little siblings or cousins. The little ones will scream in fear. What fun!

First the moms will get involved, then the dads. Somebody will say something. Long-simmering sibling issues will bubble up from the repressed past.

And, depending on the ratio between "helicopter parent DNA" and the "holiday cheer" in their cups, everyone can go to the emergency room. Or the police station.

Just the thing for Christmas!

A blurb for the toy says: "Kids can pretend to be the warrior hero, Black Panther! Includes claw." Of course it includes claw. Without claw, what good are you?

Forget what those so-called child experts from the nanny state have to say. Check out the glowing Amazon reviews.

One verified customer gave it a rating of 4.0 out of 5.

"It is sort of what I expected," the customer wrote in a review. "Only complaint is that there isn't a mechanism that ejects the claws and holds them there. They often slide back on their own."

Mr. Toy Expert: Your child really doesn't need a "mechanism" to hold the extended claws in place. Once the claws hook into an eyeball, or get jabbed into the orbital lobe, they might just stay extended, screams or no screams.

Another verified customer gave Black Panther Slash Claw a whopping 5 out of 5.

"My 6-year-old grandson loves this toy," wrote the customer. "He plays with them constantly (he had me go back and order another one, so he could have one for each hand). I had also ordered him another type that had lights and noise. He prefers this one. He likes that he can flick his hand out to get the 'blades' to come out."

Mr. Toy Expert: If you really love your grandson, you will sharpen the blades to Wolverine deadliness and then kneel before him and let him attack "just to see if they work."

Another problem with the lists of "10 most stupid, perilous and evil toys" is that parents don't know quite how to read them.

The stupid toy lists aren't a warning, but an opportunity. And I'm going to devour these lists until I find a toy just like the green Hulk gloves.

They should have been called "Hulk gloves with which you smash your brother in the face and he smashes you and everybody cries."

Because that's what my sons received from an unnamed relative years ago when they were little boys. The Hulk gloves were made of hard molded foam. The gloves even shouted "Hulk smash!" but they smashed them on each other so often that the sound chip was killed.

How many bloody noses and shrieks of "I'll kill you!!" or "You hit my face! You hit my face!" did Hulk hands give us?

Mr. Toy Expert has forgotten. And don't get me started on the heavy wooden swords.

But maybe I can return the favor by presenting my nephews with authentic ninja weapons, or maybe crossbows.

Yeah, a crossbow. What boy wouldn't like a real crossbow?

"No! You can't do that!" said a spokesperson for a Chicago mayoral candidate. I tried the crossbow idea on her because she's a mom.

"Noooooo! That's so wrong. No cross-

bows!"

OK, OK, no crossbows. They're dangerous. What was I thinking?

In the Toyland of long ago, just about everyone had dangerous toys. Mr. Potato Head had real pins in his nose, as did Mrs. Potato Head. And we used real potatoes.

There was Sixfinger, a plastic finger that you put next to your other fingers, so nobody would notice, and you could shoot your brothers with exploding bombs and bullets or "message missiles."

Sixfinger should have been studied by teams of Freudians. There was also a slogan: "Sixfinger, Sixfinger, man alive, how did I ever get along with five?"

We also had Creepy Crawlers, a toy for making rubbery insects. Why this was considered fun, I don't know.

You poured colored liquid rubber into molten hot metal forms. If you mistakenly touched the molten plastic or the forms you'd scream and kick it over and burn Mom's olive-green shag carpet.

You might even throw a pillow on the burnt part, as if she wouldn't notice.

She noticed.

And now with lawyers ruining all the fun, I might get sued for giving a toy that made the dangerous list. So ixnay on the ossbawscray.

Those toys of old were quite dangerous. And some of the new toys, too, can be dangerous. My brothers and I survived. My sons grew up without too much damage.

But now that I think of it, it's probably a good thing that there are lists of dangerous toys, in the hopes of protecting kids.

One nephew is a teenager, so he's not into little kid toys.

How about a Corvette?

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# How old is too old to be mayor of Chicago?



MARY SCHMICH

Chicago needs new political blood, young faces and fresh ideas. It needs them like a plant needs water and a balloon needs air.

Let's agree on that.

But how old is too old to run the rowdy nation of Chicago?

That question may divide us.

Susana Mendoza's entry into the crowded mayoral race has pointedly raised the question of age. On Wednesday, in announcing that she's running, Mendoza said she's especially looking forward to representing "the voices of the youth population that really has felt they have been unseen."

She mentioned that millennial voters had the highest turnout of any age group in the November midterm election.

"I've got the best years of my life yet to give in public service to this city," she said, "and I've got a ton of energy."

Mendoza, the state comptroller, is 46. Not the youngest in the race, but not the oldest, which is a convenient place to be. She does seem to have a lot of energy, and energy is a requirement for a job that burns it like a Hummer guzzles gas.

But her remarks could be interpreted as an ageist dig at some of her opponents. Soon after she made them, Ald. Carlos Ramirez-Rosa, who represents the 35th ward on the Northwest Side, called her out.

Ramirez-Rosa is 29. He's backing Toni Preckwinkle, who at 71 is the oldest in the field. Other leading contenders include Gery Chico, who's 62, Paul Vallas, who's 65, and Bill Daley, who's 70.

In accusing Mendoza of ageism, Ramirez-Rosa noted that he'd recently had so much trouble keeping up with Preckwinkle while going down a flight of stairs that he asked about her workout regimen.

That's entirely believable and good to hear. Being 71 is not a debility. A 71-year-old can



ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Susana Mendoza speaks onstage during an election night party for J.B. Pritzker and Juliana Stratton in Chicago on Nov. 6.

**Younger people and older people aren't separate species. The old were once young, the young will get old. We have a lot of common cause.**

be as vital as someone who's 41 or 51 or 61. It's important to keep that in mind.

But I have to admit that even before Mendoza entered the race, I'd noticed the ages of the major contenders and thought: Them again? Still?

I've had that thought even though I'm closer to their age

than to Mendoza's. And then I've had to ask myself: Am I being ageist?

The answer is yes, maybe, probably, some.

Our ageist attitudes are baked in and often invisible even to ourselves. We're conditioned from the time we're young to think of old as bad or, at best, as less.

We fling around demeaning words for older people, often without realizing it, sometimes so subtly that we'd swear we hadn't done it.

Many of us — I include myself — deride certain politicians as "old white guys." It's shorthand for the ones who work to keep people who aren't like them out of power, but it leaves no space for all the ones who work hard on behalf of people who aren't old or white.

Dick Durbin, anyone? We often use the word "old"

to mean out of step, out of touch, close-minded, devoid of new ideas, lacking in energy to do the job or fight the worthy fight, whatever the job or fight is.

We apply it in our workplaces and in our politics. The problem isn't only that it doesn't do justice to older people; it also pits young people against older ones in ways that do a disservice to both.

Younger people and older people aren't separate species. The old were once young, the young will get old. We have a lot of common cause.

Ageist attitudes, behaviors and systems don't help anyone. We need to notice them and name them.

Still, I'm wary of tarring Mendoza as "ageist." For one thing, paying attention to the needs and voices of young people is essential work for any

politician. Courting their vote is only normal. All politicians tout their credentials, and energy is a valid, vital one.

"She's not saying the other candidates are too old," said a friend in her 60s when I asked what she thought of Mendoza's remarks. "She's saying their ideas are too old."

Ideas. That's what it comes down to. Ideas and the ability to execute them. That's what we should look for in candidates of any age.

Do they have ideas? Do they have the skills and energy to do the job?

What and whom do they care about?

Can they unite more than they divide?

What have they done to prove it?

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# CHICAGOLAND



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Protesters rally for security guard Jemel Roberson on Tuesday outside the Midlothian Police Department.

## What is and isn't known in shooting of security guard

Some basic facts in dispute or unknown in case

BY MATTHEW WALBERG  
Chicago Tribune

This much is known about the death of Jemel Roberson: The armed security guard was trying to subdue a suspect in a bar shooting in Robbins early Sunday when he was shot by a Midlothian police officer who responded to the call. Roberson was black; the unnamed police officer is white.

Beyond that, some basic facts are in dispute or unknown.

An attorney for Roberson's family said the 26-year-old Chicago man was wearing a hat with "security" printed on it. Illinois State Police, which is investigating, released a contradictory statement, saying Roberson was clad in "plain black clothing with no markings readily identifying him as a Security Guard."

The attorney, Greg Kulis, also claims in a lawsuit filed Monday that multiple witnesses shouted at the Midlothian officer that Roberson was a security guard, but the



AVONTEA BOOSE

Security guard Jemel Roberson, shown with son Tristan, was fatally shot by a Midlothian police officer.

state police report, citing witness statements, said its preliminary finding was that the police officer gave multiple commands to Roberson to drop his firearm before the officer opened fire.

Late Wednesday, one of the other four people wounded in the gunfire exchange at the bar emerged. Dorian Myrickes told the Tribune that he was also working security at the bar that night and that he saw the officer shoot Roberson within seconds of warning him to drop his weapon.

From his hospital bed, Myrickes also said Roberson had the word "security" printed on his hat and on the back shoulder of the black sweatshirt he was wearing. But Myrickes ac-

knowledged that the officer might not have been able to see that lettering, according to a separate interview he gave to The Associated Press.

According to the AP report, Myrickes said he did not hear the officer give any verbal warning before shooting Roberson.

Another thing that is clear is the bar, Manny's Blue Room Lounge, was not authorized to serve alcohol, since its state liquor license expired on Sept. 30 and had not been renewed, according to the Illinois Liquor Control Commission.

Here are some other questions that remain:

■ What were the circumstances of the gunfire at the bar that prompted the police response? Among the four wounded was the person Roberson was restraining. That man is being treated for injuries that are not life-threatening, but no charges have been filed, according to the Cook County sheriff's office, which is handling the investigation of the initial shooting. Police officials have said it stemmed from a verbal dispute and escalated when someone left, returned with a gun and fired.

■ Little is known about the

officer who shot Roberson. He is white and a seven-year police veteran. (Midlothian officials clarified Wednesday he's been with that department nearly four years and worked for three at another department.) He is currently on paid leave while the state police Public Integrity Task Force investigates.

■ The details of Roberson's employment at the bar are also murky. He was licensed to carry a firearm as a security guard, according to state records, but it's unclear if he was licensed to work as an armed security guard at Manny's specifically, since employers are also required under most circumstances to be licensed. Bar owners did not return multiple calls for comment, and state officials requested that the Tribune obtain records via an open records request. The request has been made, but the state's response is still pending. Myrickes said he and Roberson were not initially armed but that Roberson might have had the suspect's gun when Roberson was shot, or might have at some point retrieved his weapon from the car.

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## Parks district didn't follow screening rules

Many volunteers didn't submit to background checks

BY MORGAN GREENE  
Chicago Tribune

The Chicago Park District failed to follow its own volunteer screening rules, leading to many people volunteering without submitting to criminal background checks, the district's top watchdog found in a review that has spurred the district to begin a major overhaul of its process.

A report released Thursday by Inspector General Will Fletcher said his office recommended the Park District "initiate a top-to-bottom evaluation of its volunteer program and enact policies that ensure the prompt and complete processing and tracking of all volunteers." As a result of the inspector general's investigation, the Park District initiated a review of its volunteer procedures, consulted national park associations and began major changes, according to Fletcher's report.

"The Park District has an internal handbook for its volunteer program, but many of its procedures are no longer followed or were never followed," said Fletcher's report.

An average of 30 percent of active volunteers had not submitted to a criminal background check, the office of the inspector general found in a sample review of eight parks. Many volunteers are never screened, Fletcher's report said.

The review also found that volunteers were only screened for criminal convictions in Illinois.

In 2017, a volunteer applicant was cleared who had no criminal convictions in Illinois but had been convicted of misdemeanor sexual assault in another state, according to Fletcher's report. The applicant was not an active volunteer in 2017 or 2018. The report does not say if Fletcher's office uncovered anyone else with criminal convictions who was an active volunteer.

The Park District also

does not require the private youth sports leagues it partners with to run background checks on their volunteers. Even if the leagues do carry out background checks, the Park District does not review the results and "there is no consistent standard applied for what criminal misconduct disqualifies a prospective volunteer," said Fletcher's report.

The inspector general's review also found that the paper-driven system for managing adult park volunteers was "under-resourced, too slow and undermined throughout by non-compliance," making it difficult to track how many people were volunteering in parks. Volunteers are instrumental in park programs and the time-consuming snail-mail application process is a "major reason why volunteers and the parks they work for bypass the procedures altogether," said Fletcher's report.

Changes already are underway as a result of Fletcher's review. The Park District "is currently working on implementing automated volunteer management, instituting more comprehensive background checks and updating its policies and ability to track compliance," according to the report.

Also noted in the report was a separate investigation that found a Park District physical instructor used sick time while serving a jail sentence for felony aggravated battery. The instructor, who was fired following the investigation, submitted forged doctor's notes and repeatedly lied during his interview with the office of the inspector general, according to Fletcher's report.

Another investigation found that a Park District security guard was working without the required license. The guard had recently been stripped of his state-issued law enforcement officer license, according to Fletcher's report, and resigned following the investigation.

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## Daley's anti-violence plan: A Cabinet-level crime fighting post

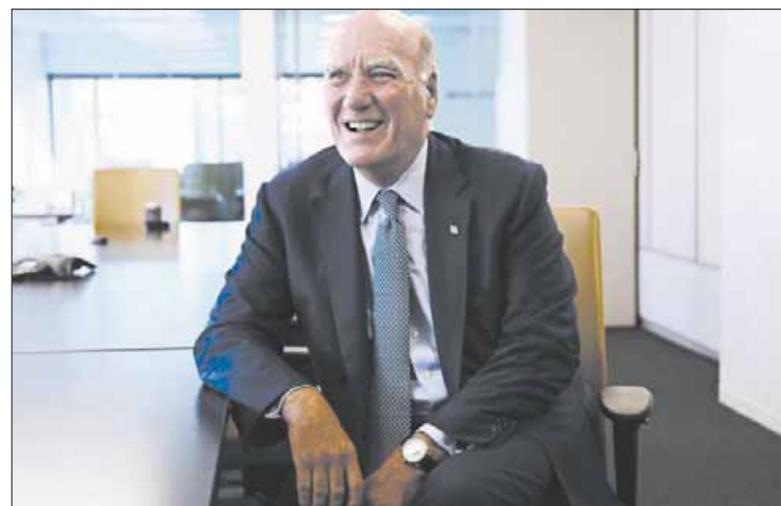
BY JOHN BYRNE  
Chicago Tribune

Mayoral candidate Bill Daley wants to create a Cabinet-level crime-fighting post and invest \$50 million per year to staff a new City Hall department dedicated to reducing violence, he said Thursday.

Daley, who's not alone on the subject, announced his anti-violence plan for the city with a statement in which he took a swipe at fellow mayoral candidate and Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle for not doing enough to crack down on gun crimes.

"County leaders have openly retreated from enforcing gun laws, and prosecutors and judges are imposing less than the maximum fines or sentences allowable under the law," Daley said. "Gun shops in suburban Cook County, inches from the city line, send thousands of guns each year into our neighborhoods while the state and county do little to stop them."

As president of the county board, Preckwinkle has pushed to reduce the Cook County Jail population by advocating for greater use of electronic monitoring and other sentencing alternatives to incarceration for defendants, in many



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Chicago mayoral candidate Bill Daley has announced his anti-violence plan for the city.

cases for those charged with low-level drug crimes. That position has prompted other mayoral candidates to accuse her of being too lenient with criminals.

Daley said Preckwinkle would have to make her own case for her anti-violence ideas, and insisted he wasn't singling anyone out with his criticism. And Daley said he wasn't trying to keep nonviolent offenders behind bars.

"Nobody thinks people caught smoking a joint of weed should sit in jail," he said. "These are people

shooting guns while committing crimes."

Responding to Daley, Preckwinkle said she's "made gun control and reasonable gun laws a hallmark" of her administration's efforts over the last eight years but noted there are federal limitations, including Supreme Court rulings.

But, pointing to reductions in the jail and reform to bond court, she said she's focused on "being sure that people accused of nonviolent crimes do not spend the time between their arrest

and appearance in bond court and the disposition of their case in jail so we can focus our resources frankly on those accused of violent crimes."

She also touted her administration's support for crime prevention programs including anti-recidivism grants.

A new deputy mayor for violence prevention who reports to the mayor is needed in order to put Chicago's crime epidemic on the front burner, Daley said. "I want a deputy mayor every day in my face

talking about what's getting done to address this," he said.

The Mayor's Office of Violence Prevention and Reduction would coordinate with outside groups that are working with at-risk youths to steer them away from crime. The office would come with a \$50 million budget, which he said could come from existing public safety funds. "Look, the Police Department budget is \$1.6 billion," Daley said. "Believe me, there's a lot of money floating around in that budget."

Mayoral candidate Lori Lightfoot last month outlined her own anti-violence plan, which called for creating the Mayor's Office of Public Safety. Lightfoot said the office would oversee the Police Department, the Fire Department, the Office of Emergency Management and Communications, a gun violence prevention task force and a committee on community wellness.

Mayoral candidate Gery Chico previously called for the creation of a Mayor's Office of Violence Reduction and Prevention to coordinate violence reduction strategies moving forward.

In a tweet Thursday, mayoral candidate Paul Vallas hit Daley for what he called "a DC solution."

Daley's crime-fighting

package also includes ideas familiar from the efforts of his brother, former Mayor Richard M. Daley, and current Mayor Rahm Emanuel, which have seen mixed results.

Among them, Daley wants to press state lawmakers to pass laws cracking down on suburban gun dealers who supply many of the thousands of illegal firearms Chicago police recover each year. And he proposes improving police officers' training and taking the politics out of department promotions in order to get better results in the fight against entrenched street gangs that drive much of the violence.

Asked why he thinks he will have more success in Springfield than his brother and Emanuel did, Daley pointed to Democrat J.B. Pritzker becoming governor and Democrats enjoying supermajorities in both houses of the General Assembly.

"There's no excuse anymore not to show leadership on this," Daley said. "I get the difficulty for Downstate legislators, but call the question."

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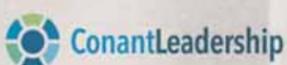
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# Nursing home staff allegedly took dementia patient's \$750K

By ELYSSA CHERNEY  
Chicago Tribune

Cook County acting Public Guardian Charles Golbert said Thursday that his office has discovered an additional \$150,000 was taken from a 97-year-old woman with dementia by former workers at Lincoln Park nursing home.

In all, five former workers as well as a home care nurse and a hairstylist are accused of conning Grace Watanabe out of \$750,000

while she stayed at Symphony Residences of Lincoln Park, according to a lawsuit brought by Golbert.

The hairstylist who worked at a salon in the facility has agreed to send back the \$15,000 she received from Watanabe, according to the public guardian's office. The hairstylist received a check from Watanabe for that amount in March, the lawsuit said. The woman previously told the Tribune that she thought the money was just

a gift from her longtime client.

The lawsuit accuses the other workers — including an activities director, receptionist and business manager — of cashing large checks from Watanabe and making ATM withdrawals from her accounts for about a year starting in March 2017. The Chicago Police Department had also opened an investigation into the allegations.

In court Thursday, Golbert won approval from

Cook County Judge Aicha Marie MacCarthy to partner with a private law firm on the case. The unique arrangement was made with Levin & Perconti, a firm that Golbert selected because of its experience litigating injury and neglect cases in Illinois nursing homes, including with Symphony.

A spokesman for Symphony — part of a network that operates 24 nursing homes in Illinois, Indiana and Wisconsin — said the

company has taken steps to prevent this type of exploitation from happening again.

The accused employees no longer work at Symphony, said the spokesman, Ari Kirshner. Staff members have been retrained on the company policy that prohibits them from receiving gifts from residents, Kirshner said.

"We find the employees' behavior abhorrent and against everything we believe in," he said in an

emailed statement. He added, "We have built our care model around integrity and compassion."

Golbert was appointed to serve as a temporary guardian for Watanabe, who was never married and has no living relatives.

Watanabe lived at the Lincoln Park facility, 2437 N. Southport Ave., from at least 2010 until she was recently transferred to a new residence, the lawsuit said. Born in California, Watanabe was forcibly relocated to the Poston Japanese internment camp in Arizona between 1942 and 1946, according to online records from the National Archives.

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## Pritzker won't take annual state salary

By LISA DONOVAN  
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Billionaire Gov.-elect J.B. Pritzker — who pumped a record \$171.5 million of his personal fortune into his winning campaign for Illinois governor — will forgo his state salary, his staff said.

Considering state government's annual spending is nearly \$38.5 billion, the \$177,412 annual salary Illinois pays its governor is a drop in the bucket. But the Hyatt hotel heir takes office next year facing steep financial challenges — the state's sitting on at least \$7.5 billion in unpaid bills — and refusing a salary sends a message to lawmakers and voters as he starts addressing them.

Pritzker's staff didn't make him available to comment.

Outgoing Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner, a wealthy former private equity investor from Winnetka, also has not taken his state salary during his lone term.

To forgo their salary, governors just fill out paperwork through the state comptroller's office, which is in charge of the state's checkbook.

Pat Quinn, the last governor to take a paycheck, told the Tribune on Thursday that he "wasn't a person of means" and had bills to pay. But he steered clear of opining about whether Pritzker, Rauner or other super-rich officeholders should skip a state payday.

"If they've been blessed with their great wealth and they decline a public salary, they have that choice," Quinn said.

But he said it shouldn't be a "rule" that the governor's gig is a volunteer job.

"You don't want to have that rule — you want to have a diversity of candidates," and that includes those with varied financial backgrounds, Quinn added.

Like Rauner, Pritzker — who hails from Chicago — says he'll be moving into the Springfield governor's mansion when he's sworn in Jan. 14.

Governors from the big city like to have a rebuttal to the Chicago governor vs. Downstate governor debate, which can be defined by where the state's chief executive calls home.

Now-imprisoned former Gov. Rod Blagojevich's decision not to live in the mansion rankled taxpayers who expected their governor to live in the house they pay hundreds of thousands of dollars a year to keep open. He was criticized for racking up thousands of dollars in one-day trips between Chicago, where he lived on the Northwest Side, and the state capital city. His successor, Pat Quinn, who like Blagojevich called Chicago home, vowed to live in the mansion, but a year into his first term, records showed he stayed there only sporadically, the Tribune reported.

Rauner and wife Diana also have lived in the mansion and oversaw fundraising for what would become a \$15 million remodeling of the residence. They moved out temporarily to make way for construction crews.

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# No new taxes, fines, fees in Cook Co. budget

Commissioners unanimously OK \$5.94B plan

BY GREGORY PRATT  
Chicago Tribune

Cook County commissioners unanimously approved Board President Toni Preckwinkle's \$5.94 billion election-year budget Thursday—a spending plan crafted without any new taxes, fines or fees, though one outgoing commissioner warned that tax hikes are looming in the future.

Preckwinkle introduced the budget last month. It includes an increase of more than \$700 million in spending over the current

year's plan, driven largely by growth in the public health system. She touted the budget as one that "builds on the progress we have made to reform and reshape Cook County into a government that truly serves all of its residents."

"I believe the budget we passed today represents principled progress toward our commitment to making Cook County healthier, safer and more fiscally responsible," Preckwinkle said.

The budget includes a \$647 million increase in the Health Enterprise Fund, partly because of higher-than-anticipated enrollment in CountyCare — a largely Medicaid-funded in-

urance system that has grown dramatically under the federal Affordable Care Act.

"This is the least contentious budget in the 16 years I've been here," said Commissioner Larry Suffredin, an Evanston Democrat.

The lack of controversy around the budget was widely expected, considering this is an election year and Preckwinkle is also running for Chicago mayor.

But outgoing Commissioner John Fritchey, who was a staunch opponent of Preckwinkle's now-repealed pop tax, used the occasion to deliver a warning to the board and taxpayers, noting that future defi-

cits could exceed \$200 million.

"The time to start facing that reality is now, not at the last minute," Fritchey said after the meeting. "As a Chicago resident, I'm unfortunately predicting some really tough years ahead for Chicago taxpayers in light of the decisions that are going to need to be made at the city, county and state levels."

Preckwinkle's budget officials said his figure is "a little more dire" than theirs, as the general fund deficit in next fiscal year's budget is projected to be \$49 million. The president's budget recommendation, though, did project deficits of \$116 million by 2021, \$179 million by

2022 and \$224 million by 2023.

Aside from Fritchey's warning, the budget sailed through the board, with commissioners praising Preckwinkle and Finance Committee Chairman John Daley for their work.

Commissioners also added modest amendments to the budget, including one sponsored by outgoing Commissioner Richard Boykin to fund sheriff's police for the South and West sides of the city and suburbs and half a million dollars to improve treatment for pregnant and postpartum women at the Cook County Jail, a measure introduced by Commissioner Bridget Gainer.

Over the summer, the administration projected a modest deficit, but it was plugged by a number of factors, including \$52 million in sales tax growth.

2018 sales tax revenue increased because of a better economy, officials said. In 2016, the county increased the sales tax by 1 percentage point. That move was an about-face on the key issue that propelled Preckwinkle into office against Todd Stroger in 2010 but that she later cast as a necessary move for the county's pensions, debt costs and transportation infrastructure needs.

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## Reflexive cover-up alleged in shooting

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beyond any doubt that these defendants are guilty of these crimes, but, of course, there is much more than that."

The defense blasts the prosecution evidence as horribly weak, especially given the case's high-profile status and potentially far-reaching implications. Even if their police reports were inaccurate — which the officers deny — that would not amount to a crime, their attorneys argue.

"What this case really comes down to as we listen to (the prosecutors') argument is what we refer to around here as a good case with a little bit of bad paper," said Todd Pugh, one of Walsh's attorneys. "That's all it is."

Van Dyke's trial this fall unfolded on a grand scale, lasting a full month and drawing the rapt attention of a city shaken by the video's graphic images. His guilty verdict on second-degree murder and 16 counts of aggravated battery was historic, the first time in half a century that a Chicago police officer was convicted of murder for an on-duty incident.

By contrast, this month's conspiracy trial will be relatively low-key, lasting perhaps only a week and with the officers' fate decided by a judge, not a jury. But while Van Dyke's case focused on whether he acted lawfully in a shooting that took just seconds, prosecutors allege the evidence against the three officers exposes a broader conspiracy by police to cover up McDonald's killing that played out over months.

For this trial, whether the shooting was justified will be immaterial, and it will not be argued at length during the proceedings scheduled to begin Nov. 26.

### A difficult dance for prosecutors

All three officers face charges of conspiracy, obstructing justice and official misconduct. The obstruction and misconduct allegations are expected to be more straightforward prosecutions, with the paperwork either proving or undermining those accusations. The conspiracy, however, could be much trickier for prosecutors to prove.

Without evidence of the officers specifically discussing efforts to shield Van Dyke from scrutiny, prosecutors will be left to argue that the officers' false accounts in their nearly identical police reports prove the cover-up.

However, another officer could provide key additional evidence for the prosecution — testimony that March directed her to write in her reports details that would prove false.

Legal experts predict the conspiracy, though, could be a difficult dance for prosecutors because of the unspoken nature of the code of silence.

"The essence of a conspiracy charge is an agreement between the parties," said attorney Terry Ekl, whose lawsuit over a Chicago cop's video-recorded beating of a female bartender



Prosecutors say former Det. David March, from left, Officer Thomas Gaffney, and ex-Officer Joseph Walsh conspired to try to cover up the shooting.



Jose Torres and son, Xavier, witnesses to Laquan McDonald's shooting, say police didn't ask them what they saw.

er ended in a landmark verdict finding the code of silence in the Police Department protected rogue officers.

"When you're dealing with the code of silence, you're not going to have testimony involving a meeting or conversation where the agreement is made," he said. "Everyone will just do what they thought they should do under the circumstances. That's what makes it difficult to prosecute."

**"With the code of silence ... everyone will just do what they thought they should do under the circumstances. That's what makes it difficult to prosecute."**

— attorney Terry Ekl

The now-infamous video of McDonald's shooting shows Van Dyke opening fire on the black teen within seconds of arriving on Pulaski Road that night in October 2014. The 17-year-old, holding a knife, appeared to walk away from police as the white officer opened fire — and continued to shoot well after McDonald fell to the pavement.

Jose Torres and son Xavier, the only two civilian witnesses to the shooting trial, are expected to return to the stand for the conspiracy trial. Despite his unobstructed view, Torres has told the Tribune, a police officer sent him and his son on their way shortly after the shooting without bothering to ask what they saw.

Prosecutors say the police conspiracy began in earnest soon after officers joined together at Area

Central headquarters to discuss what had happened. Beginning that night, officers submitted strikingly similar reports that prosecutors say exaggerated the threat posed by McDonald.

March was the lead investigator, a role his attorney has said should shield him from any accusations of falsifying his initial reports. After all, his lawyer argues, he simply reported what others told him.

Walsh, Van Dyke's partner the night of the shoot-

ing, is the only defendant to witness McDonald's shooting. He testified at Van Dyke's trial that McDonald raised the knife in a menacing way — a claim contradicted by the video and rejected by the jury.

Gaffney, one of the first officers to encounter McDonald that night, drove the squad car while his partner was on foot, both trailing McDonald for several blocks. Gaffney urged his partner to stay calm, called for a unit with a Taser and tried to cut off McDonald's path, but McDonald popped the police car's tire and stabbed at its windshield with the knife.

March and Walsh left the CPD after the city inspector general's office conducted an investigation and recommended their firing. Gaffney remains on the force but has been suspended without pay since the criminal charges came down in June 2017.

### 'Consistently false reports'

Prosecution filings show that March will face the brunt of the allegations, since he prepared and submitted voluminous paperwork. Prosecutors allege that those reports contain falsehoods, including that McDonald raised his right arm toward Van Dyke moments before the officer opened fire and then attempted to get up off the pavement after he was shot.

Unlike Walsh and Gaffney, March's allegedly false reports were filed over the course of months, not just in the immediate aftermath of the shooting.

Perhaps more damning, prosecutors are expected to call to the stand Officer Dora Fontaine, who was at the scene of the shooting. She is expected to testify that March's reports quote her saying things she never told him. She is also expected to say that the detective told her to identify Van Dyke in one report as "injured" and that he got her to agree with what he said the dashcam video showed, according to a prosecution filing.

Defense attorneys have accused Fontaine of being a perjurer.

March's attorney, James McKay, has expressed outrage in court that anyone would say McDonald did not pose a threat to police that night.

"For the life of me, McDonald never drops the knife," McKay said at a hearing last month. "McDonald ignores every police command to drop the damn knife and stop. He is a threat to every police officer out there that's trying to stop this man. (Prosecutors) don't want to talk about that stuff."

The charges against Walsh and Gaffney stem mainly from reports they filed within minutes of each other in the early morning after McDonald was shot.

Both completed paperwork that police must fill out when they use force against a subject, even though neither officer did so with McDonald, prosecutors say. Those reports contain "identical false information," calling McDonald an "assailant" who committed a battery against the officers while armed with a weapon, according to a prosecution filing.

Under Illinois law, a bat-

tery must include physical contact by the offender or a physical injury suffered by the victim. McDonald never touched any officers, and neither man was injured.

While neither Walsh nor Gaffney was injured, both also filled out the reports that officers complete when assaulted or hurt.

Defense attorneys concede they were not injured but say they were, in fact, victims of assault since McDonald posed a threat with the knife.

Prosecutors maintain Walsh and Gaffney filled out the paperwork to boost the false narrative that McDonald attacked police.

"There is no reasonable explanation for why you would submit consistently false reports in that order immediately after a meeting where you discussed the substance of the shooting other than an agreement," Brian Watson, another assistant special prosecutor, said in court last month.

### McDonald 'chose his fate'

While the trial will focus primarily on the lower-ranking cops at the scene, prosecutors may, as part of their attempt to prove an overall conspiracy, introduce evidence that other officers — including department bosses — participated in the cover-up.

The Tribune has previously reported that officials in the department's higher ranks either signed off on the patrol officers' reports or took little action after viewing the video of McDonald's shooting. Their responses — while not the primary focus of the prosecution — still raised questions about whether the top brass participated in or emboldened the code of silence that critics say pervades the department.

Days after McDonald's death, then-Deputy Chief Superintendent Eddie Johnson watched the video during a meeting with other top department officials and raised no concerns about the shooting's justification, according to sworn testimony from a colleague.

Then-Superintendent Garry McCarthy relieved Van Dyke of his police powers but did not take other strong action because he says he was limited by the city's policy on officer-involved shootings.

In late 2015, more than a

year after the shooting, the court-ordered release of the video created a firestorm, and just days later, Mayor Rahm Emanuel fired McCarthy, who is now running for mayor. Months later, he promoted Johnson to superintendent.

The investigation conducted by city Inspector General Joseph Ferguson found a broad effort to justify McDonald's shooting. Ferguson recommended the firing of two high-ranking officers — Deputy Chief David McNaughton and Chief of Detectives Eugene Roy — but both retired before the department decided its course of action.

Prosecutors have suggested that two others, former Lt. Anthony Wojcik and Sgt. Daniel Gallagher, are unindicted co-conspirators in the cover-up because they signed off on March's paperwork.

As proof of the far-reaching nature of the alleged conspiracy, prosecutors intend to present an email from Gallagher to Wojcik in which he misstates many important facts about the shooting, including McDonald's actions leading up to the shooting and the radio calls Van Dyke heard before arriving on the scene.

Gallagher wrote that McDonald "chose his fate" and possibly wanted to be killed, according to court records.

"Officer did exactly what he was trained to do," Gallagher wrote. "We should be applauding him, not second guessing him."

Some activists have been critical of the prosecution since the indictment, questioning why only three relatively low-ranking officers are being taken to task, not department bosses who seemingly approved of the handling of the shooting.

Ironically, March shared the same concern during a 2016 interview with the inspector general's office, according to a transcript obtained by the Tribune.

"This investigation was conducted under their supervision — under the supervision of each of these command staff members," March said. "Now they are promoted and I am under investigation for separation from the Department?"

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## Naming rights deal at UIC comes with scholarship cash

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The University of Illinois at Chicago and Credit Union 1 have reached a naming rights deal for the UIC Pavilion, an agreement that includes a provision to donate \$750,000 to scholarships, university officials announced Thursday.

The Near West Side university has agreed in principle to a 15-year, \$9.3 million deal to rename the facility the Credit Union 1 Arena, pending formal approval by University of Illinois trustees early next year.

Credit Union 1 has 23 branches — including three on the UIC campus — throughout Illinois, Indiana and Nevada.

“We are grateful for the generosity of Credit Union 1 and look forward to providing more scholarship opportunities to our students through this partnership,” UIC Chancellor Michael Amirisid said in a statement. “Credit Union 1 has served the UIC community for many years and we are proud to have the Credit Union 1 Arena on our university campus as a visible symbol of our shared commitment.”

“We are proud to contribute almost \$10 million

through our Credit Union 1 Arena naming rights partnership with the University of Illinois at Chicago, helping them to continue as one of the nation’s top universities,” Credit Union 1 Executive Vice President and Chief Operations Officer Todd Gunderson said in a statement.

It was not immediately clear what kinds of scholarships UIC would support with the additional funding. UIC previously announced a new scholarship program that aims to provide free tuition to high-achieving Illinoisans, supported in part by a new state program to provide more merit-based financial aid to local students.

This naming rights agreement also continues a UIC strategy to leverage more private dollars and partnerships to support university initiatives. UIC also is partnering with a Texas-based company in building its new residence hall and academic complex, Harrison Hall, which is scheduled to open next fall.

University trustees are scheduled to formally vote on the naming rights agreement in January.

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## Sex offender eyed work with kids

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managers scrambled to fast-track a background check, Miller Googled Colon’s name on her phone and the Tribune’s story popped up.

“I actually cried when I saw it,” Miller said Thursday in a telephone interview. “This was extraordinarily scary for us, that someone like this would target us to try to work around children.”

Miller said she is confident, though, that Colon never would have been cleared to start work because a background check was pending that would certainly have pulled up his status as a registered sex offender.

“Our organization is committed to ensuring that every family that comes to stay with us is safe and supported by our staff,” Miller said. “Every staff member and every in-house volunteer must submit to a comprehensive background check before working in our houses.”

Colon, 38, was ordered held in custody in Oregon pending transfer to Chicago to face a three-count indictment filed under seal Oct. 10, records show.

The Tribune story in July focused on an FBI search warrant affidavit that revealed Colon had been trying to connect online with other men who were into child pornography and “perv play.”

According to the affidavit, Colon had placed an ad on a popular travel website offering a free, private tour of the spectacular observatory atop the former John Hancock Center, tailored especially for fathers and sons.

When a federal agent posing as a father of a 10-year-old boy reached out last December, Colon said a private bathroom and office would be available during the Hancock tour “if you would like some special private time,” the affidavit said.

At the time, Colon was a

registered sex offender because of his 2015 felony conviction in Cook County for possessing child pornography, records show.

A Tribune reporter who visited the observatory at 875 North Michigan Avenue — as the Magnificent Mile skyscraper is now known — found Colon still working as a manager in July while dozens of children waited in line to take the elevator ride to the 94th-floor observatory.

Colon, who said he had worked at the observatory for several years, denied wrongdoing but declined to answer the reporter’s questions about the investigation.

The observatory’s owner, 360 Chicago, immediately fired Colon after the Tribune asked questions about his employment.

A 360 Chicago spokeswoman said an outside agency contracted by the company had run multiple background checks on Colon before he was hired but “no negative information was returned.”

Records show that Colon’s online activities first drew the attention of law enforcement more than seven years ago when undercover agents discovered he had used the screen name Cb3dad38 to download a trove of pornographic material, including videos depicting the molestation and sexual assault of toddlers and young boys.

The FBI raided Colon’s then-apartment in the Lincoln Park neighborhood in April 2011, seizing his computer, cellphone and DVDs marked “Sensitive P” that contained suspected child pornography, according to court records.

It wasn’t until three years later, however, that Colon was arrested and charged in Cook County criminal court with 42 counts of child pornography and aggravated child pornography. At the time, he was working as a secretary at a North Side hospital, the records show.

In January 2015, Colon pleaded guilty at the Leighton Criminal Court Building to one count of possessing child pornography involving a 9-year-old victim. He was sentenced to three years of probation.

As a condition of his sentence, Colon was ordered by Judge Vincent Gaughan to register with the state as a sex offender, complete a treatment program and avoid all internet use. He was ordered to stay away from “places primarily used by children,” such as schools, playgrounds, zoos or libraries and specifically forbidden from working any job that “will bring him in direct contact with minor children” unless first approved by the judge, the court records show.

Colon was still on probation in June 2017 when an undercover law enforcement officer answered a message posted by Colon on the online classified site Craigslist seeking others who shared his interest in “taboo/perv” sexual subjects.

“Looking to chat and possibly meet up with guys that are into similar. Into yng, fam/incest,” the post said, according to the affidavit.

A different post — also determined by authorities to have been made by Colon — was even more explicit, saying he had “always fantasized about messing around with a guy while his son or nephew is in the next room,” according to the affidavit.

“Leave the door open so our son or neph can peek in and see you” performing a sex act, Colon allegedly wrote. The undercover agent, posing as a father of 10- and 12-year-old boys, began exchanging messages with Colon on Craigslist and through personal emails, according to the affidavit.

In the exchanges, Colon claimed to have had sexual experiences with “young” children before and asked the undercover agent whether he was interested

in witnessing the abuse of his boys.

“We would meet first just you and me,” Colon wrote in one message in June 2017, according to the affidavit. “Once you feel comfortable with me we could do stuff with them. What’s your ideal scenario?”

The two continued to communicate for several months. At one point, according to the affidavit, Colon told the undercover officer he worked at the “observatory” and offered to get him and his sons a free ride on the popular Tilt attraction — a steel-and-glass box that tilts riders out from the building at 30 degrees at an elevation of 1,000 feet.

At the time the Tribune reported on the investigation in July, Colon had not been charged with wrongdoing in the latest investigation.

Colon’s court-appointed attorney in Portland told a magistrate judge last month that Colon had moved to Oregon to be closer to his sister.

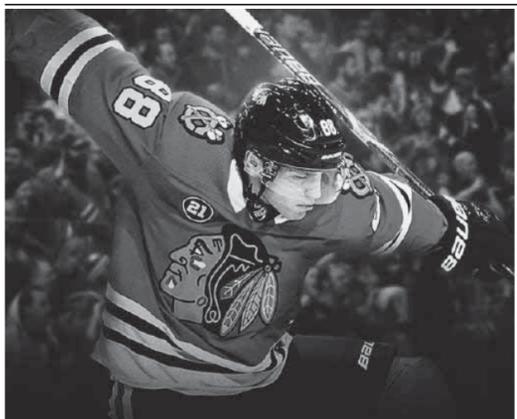
Online records show that he registered as a sex offender with the Oregon State Police on Oct. 9. The warrant for his arrest was issued out of Chicago the next day, records show.

Miller, the Ronald McDonald House executive, said Colon had come in for an in-person interview with the charity that same week. His resume listed his most recent employment as “Montparnasse,” the parent company that owns the Michigan Avenue observatory and other attractions around the world.

Colon stated on the resume he had worked for Montparnasse “from 2014 to present” and that he had “led and motivated a team of 50 staff members,” Miller said.

The resume has since been subpoenaed by federal prosecutors, according to Miller.

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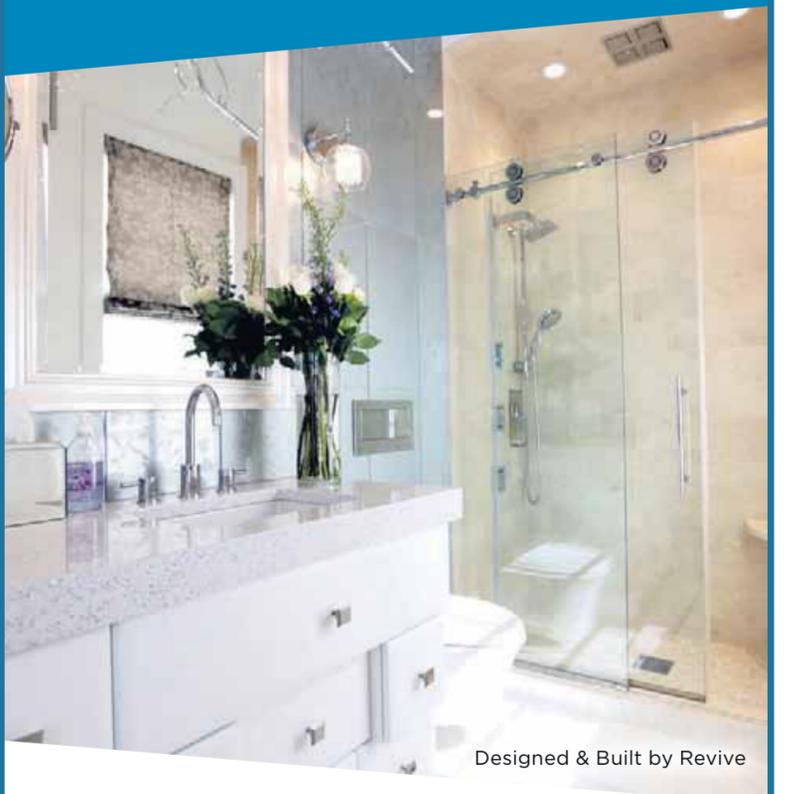
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# Fire too fast for delayed warnings

Staggered plan to evacuate criticized in fire's aftermath

BY PAUL ELIAS AND KATHLEEN RONAYNE  
Associated Press

MAGALIA, Calif. — Ten years ago, as two wildfires advanced on Paradise, residents jumped into their vehicles to flee and got stuck in gridlock. That led authorities to devise a staggered evacuation plan — one that they used when fire came again last week.

But Paradise's carefully laid plans quickly devolved into a panicked exodus Nov. 8.

Some survivors said that by the time they got warnings, the flames were already extremely close, and they barely escaped with their lives.

Others said they received no warnings at all.

Now, with at least 63 people dead and 631 unaccounted for in the nation's deadliest wildfire in a century, authorities are facing questions of whether they took the right approach.

It's also a lesson for other communities across the West that could be threatened as climate change and overgrown forests contribute to longer, more destructive fire seasons.

Reeny Victoria Breevaart, who lives in Magalia, a forested community of 11,000 people north of Paradise, said she couldn't receive warnings because cellphones weren't working. She also lost electrical power.

Just over an hour after the first evacuation order was issued at 8 a.m., she said, neighbors came to her



RICH PEDRONCELLI/AP

Mattelin Bautista and Stephen Penner don masks Thursday to deal with smoke in Sacramento, Calif., from the Camp Fire.

door to say: "You have to get out of here."

Shari Bernacett, who with her husband managed a mobile home park in Paradise where they also lived, received a text ordering an evacuation. "Within minutes the flames were on top of us," she said.

Bernacett packed two duffel bags while her husband and another neighbor knocked on doors, yelling for people to get out. The couple grabbed their dog and drove through 12-foot flames to escape.

In the aftermath of the disaster, survivors said authorities need to devise a plan to reach residents who can't get a cellphone signal in the hilly terrain or don't

have cellphones at all.

In his defense, Butte County Sheriff Kory Honea said evacuation orders were issued through 5,227 emails, 25,643 phone calls and 5,445 texts, in addition to social media and the use of loudspeakers.

As cellphone service went down, authorities went into neighborhoods with bullhorns to tell people to leave, and that saved some lives.

Honea said he was too busy with the emergency and the recovery of human remains to analyze how the evacuation went. But he said it was a big, chaotic, fast-moving situation, and there weren't enough law enforcement officers to go

out and warn everyone.

"The fact that we have thousands and thousands of people in shelters would clearly indicate that we were able to notify a significant number of people," the sheriff said.

Some evacuees were staying in tents and cars at a Walmart parking lot and nearby field in Chico, though the makeshift shelter was to close down by Sunday. Volunteer Julia Urbanowicz said all the food and clothing was donated.

Mike Robertson, who arrived there on Monday with his wife and two daughters, said he's grateful for the donations and the sense of community.

A Sunday closure "gives

us enough time to maybe figure something out," he said.

On Thursday, firefighters reported progress in battling the nearly 220-square-mile blaze. It was 40 percent contained, fire officials said. Crews slowed the flames' advance on populated areas.

California Army National Guard members, wearing white jump suits, looked for human remains in the burned rubble, among more than 450 rescue workers assigned to the task.

President Donald Trump plans to travel to California on Saturday to visit victims of the wildfires burning at both ends of the state.

The Paradise fire again

underscored shortcomings in warning systems.

Paradise sits on a ridge between two higher hills, with only one main exit out of town. The best solution seemed to be to order evacuations in phases, so people didn't get trapped.

"Gridlock is always the biggest concern," said William Stewart, a forestry professor at the University of California, Berkeley.

Authorities developed an evacuation plan that split the town of 27,000 into zones and called for a staggered exodus. Paradise even conducted a mock evacuation during a morning commute, turning the main thoroughfare into a one-way street out of town.

Last week, when a wind-whipped fire bore down on the town, the sheriff's department attempted an orderly, phased evacuation, instead of blasting a cell-phone alert over an entire area.

Phil John, chairman of the Paradise Ridge Fire Safe Council, defended the evacuation plan he helped develop. John said that the wildfire this time was exceptionally fast-moving and hot, and that no plan was going to work perfectly.

When the fire reached the eastern edge of Paradise, six zones were ordered to clear out about 8 a.m. But almost simultaneously, the gusting winds were carrying embers the size of dinner plates across town, and structures were catching fire throughout the city. Less than an hour later, the entire town was ordered evacuated.

"It didn't work perfectly," John said Thursday. "But no one could plan for a fire like that."

# Defiant PM May stands ground on Brexit plan

2 Cabinet ministers resign amid crisis, calls for her to quit

BY JILL LAWLESS AND RAF CASERT  
Associated Press

LONDON — Prime Minister Theresa May defied mounting calls to quit or change course Thursday over Britain's withdrawal from the European Union, warning that abandoning her Brexit plan would plunge the country into "deep and grave uncertainty."

Britain's divisions over its future in the EU erupted into turmoil just a day after the government agreed to a divorce deal with the bloc. Two Cabinet ministers resigned and some lawmakers from May's own party called for her to be replaced. The crisis threatened to destroy the Brexit agreement, unseat the prime minister and send the U.K. hurtling toward the EU exit without a plan.

In a news conference aimed at regaining some control, May said she believed "with every fiber of my being that the course I have set out is the right one

for our country and all our people."

"Am I going to see this through? Yes," she said.

The agreement with the EU has infuriated pro-Brexit members of May's divided Conservative Party. They say the agreement, which calls for close trade ties between the U.K. and the bloc, would leave Britain a vassal state, bound to EU rules it has no say in making.

May insisted that Brexit meant making "the right choices, not the easy ones" and urged lawmakers to support the deal "in the national interest."

But she was weakened by the resignation of two senior Cabinet ministers, including Brexit Secretary Dominic Raab. Hours after he sat in the meeting that approved the deal, Raab said he "cannot in good conscience" support it.

Work and Pensions Secretary Esther McVey followed Raab out the door. She said in a letter that it is "no good trying to pretend to (voters) that this deal honors the result of the referendum when it is obvious to everyone that it doesn't."

A handful of junior gov-

ernment ministers also quit, and leading pro-Brexit lawmaker Jacob Rees-Mogg called for a vote of no-confidence in May.

Rees-Mogg said May's deal "is not Brexit" because it would keep Britain in a customs union with the EU, potentially for an indefinite period. He said May was "losing the confidence of Conservative members of Parliament."

Rees-Mogg called for May to be replaced by a more firmly pro-Brexit politician, naming ex-Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson, former Brexit Secretary David Davis and Raab as potential successors.

Under Conservative rules, a confidence vote in the leader is triggered if 15 percent of Conservative lawmakers — currently 48 — write a letter to the party's 1922 Committee of backbenchers, which oversees leadership votes.

Only committee chairman Graham Brady knows for sure how many missives have been sent, but Rees-Mogg's letter is likely to spur others to do the same.

If a confidence vote is held and May loses, it would trigger a party leadership contest in which any Con-



MATT DUNHAM/GETTY-AFF

British Prime Minister Theresa May answers a question about the Brexit draft agreement Thursday in London.

servative lawmaker — except her — could run.

The turmoil is the latest eruption in the Conservative Party's long-running civil war over Europe. Ever since Britain joined what was then the European Economic Community in 1973, the party has been split between supporters and opponents of Britain's membership.

In 2016, then-Prime Minister David Cameron called a referendum "to settle this European question in British politics" once and for all.

He was confident the country would vote to remain, but voters opted 52 percent to 48 percent to quit the EU, a result that left both the Conservatives and

the country more divided. Cameron's successor, May, has been struggling ever since to deliver a Brexit that satisfies those who want to leave, reconciles those wanting to remain and doesn't rock the economy.

May and her supporters say the alternatives to her deal — leaving the bloc without a deal or a second vote on Brexit — are not realistic options. If the agreement was abandoned, "nobody can know for sure the consequences that will follow," May said.

News that a deal had been struck after a year and a half of negotiations was welcomed in Brussels, and EU chief Donald Tusk called for a Nov. 25 summit of leaders so they can rub-

ber-stamp the agreement.

The deal requires the consent of the European Parliament, whose chief Brexit official, Guy Verhofstadt, welcomed it as "the best agreement we could obtain."

It also needs approval from Britain's Parliament before the U.K. leaves the bloc March 29 — and even if May survives as leader, the chances of that look slim.

Her Conservative government doesn't have a parliamentary majority, and relies on the support of the Democratic Unionist Party from Northern Ireland.

But the DUP has rejected the deal, saying its provisions to avoid a hard border between Northern Ireland and EU member Ireland would impose new barriers between Northern Ireland and the rest of the U.K., weakening the bonds that hold the United Kingdom together.

Opposition parties also signaled they would vote against the agreement.

Main opposition Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn said May should withdraw the "half-baked" Brexit deal and that Parliament "cannot and will not accept a false choice between this deal and no deal."

Ian Blackford, who heads the Scottish National Party in Parliament, said the deal was "dead on arrival" and urged May to "stop the clock and go back to Brussels."

# Democrat, in vote reversal, flips House seat in Maine

BY MARINA VILLENEUVE  
Associated Press

AUGUSTA, Maine — A Democrat who trailed a Republican incumbent in a costly U.S. House race in Maine came from behind to emerge as the victor Thursday following extra rounds of tabulations under the state's new voting system, officials said.

Election officials declared Jared Golden the winner, flipping the seat held by two-term Rep.



Poliquin



Golden

Bruce Poliquin, after a federal judge declined to halt tabulations in the state's ranked-choice voting system used in last week's election. It was the first time an incumbent has lost that

seat in more than 100 years.

The outcome was a dramatic reversal in the nation's only test of the ranked-choice voting system used for the first time in U.S. House and Senate races. Golden's election further strengthens a majority for Democrats who swept into power in the House. His election leaves Sen. Susan Collins, of Maine, the lone Republican member of Congress in New England.

Golden, a Marine Corps veteran, declared himself

the "majority consensus winner" and told reporters he wants to bring to Washington, the type of leadership he saw in the Marines.

The ranked-choice system, approved in 2016, lets voters rank all candidates from first to last on the ballot. If no one gets a majority, then last-place candidates are eliminated and their second-place votes are reallocated.

In this case, Poliquin and Golden both collected 46 percent of first-place votes,

with Poliquin maintaining a slim edge of about 2,000 votes. But additional tabulations were triggered because no one collected a majority.

On Thursday, Golden overtook Poliquin after state election officials eliminated two independent candidates who trailed, collectively gathering about 8 percent of first-place votes. A computer algorithm reallocated the second-place votes, giving Golden a lead of nearly 3,000 votes.

The legal challenge by Poliquin and three GOP activists served as the backdrop for the dramatic finale of a hard-fought battle that became the most expensive congressional race in state history.

Poliquin's spokesman vowed Thursday to continue the lawsuit that contends the voting system violates the U.S. Constitution.

Golden said he didn't think the ongoing litigation would prevent him from being seated in January.

# A good deed? Trio charged in N.J. scam

By MIKE CATALINI  
Associated Press

MOUNT HOLLY, N.J. — A feel-good tale of a homeless man using his last \$20 to help a stranded New Jersey woman buy gas was actually a lie, manufactured to get strangers to donate more than \$400,000 to help the down-and-out good Samaritan, a prosecutor said Thursday.

Burlington County prosecutor Scott Coffina announced criminal charges against the couple who told the story to newspapers and television stations along with the homeless man who conspired with them to tell the story.

Coffina said the money, donated to homeless Marine veteran Johnny Bobbitt, will be refunded to people who saw the story and contributed to him through a GoFundMe page set up by the couple, Mark D'Amico and Katelyn McClure.

"The entire campaign was predicated on a lie," Coffina said. "It was ficti-

tious and illegal and there are consequences."

Coffina said almost no part of the tale was true. McClure didn't run out of gas. Bobbitt didn't spot her in trouble and give her money.

Instead, the group met near a Philadelphia casino in October 2017 shortly before the three told their story.

Less than an hour after the couple set up the page to solicit donations, McClure sent a text message to a friend acknowledging the story was "completely made up," prosecutors said.

"I had to make something up to make people feel bad," McClure said in a text — one of 60,000 reviewed by prosecutors — to a friend.

There are "zero" dollars left, Coffina said.

The couple bought a BMW, took a New Year's trip to Las Vegas and bought high-end handbags, among other items.

More than \$85,000 in cash was withdrawn at, or near, casinos in Atlantic



SETH WENIG/AP

Authorities said Thursday in Mount Holly, N.J., that homeless man Johnny Bobbitt and couple Mark D'Amico and Katelyn McClure, together in photo at right, made up the \$20 feel-good tale. They were arrested and charged this week.

City, Bensalem, Pa., Las Vegas and Philadelphia.

The fraud didn't stop with the GoFundMe page.

The trio did interview after interview, posed for photos together, revisited the spot where they claimed their first encounter happened and went on "Good Morning America."

Bobbitt, 35, was arrested Wednesday night by U.S.

marshals in Philadelphia and remained in custody Thursday on probation detainers and a \$50,000 bond. A message was left with a previous attorney of Bobbitt's.

D'Amico, 39, and McClure, 28, surrendered to authorities Wednesday night and were released. Their attorney said they have no comment.

All were charged with theft by deception and conspiracy to commit theft by deception. The charges carry prison time of up to 5 to 10 years.

Prosecutors began investigating after Bobbitt claimed he wasn't getting the money that had been raised on his behalf. He later sued the couple.

The prosecutor said

"there's a good chance" the alleged fraud might not have been uncovered had Bobbitt not brought a civil suit earlier this year alleging that the couple mismanaged the funds.

The investigation began after the lawsuit was brought and parts of the group's story "didn't ring true," Coffina said.

# Sheriff on accused family of killers: 'They left a trail'

Ohio officials hint custody dispute had a role in 2016 deaths

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Associated Press

WAVERLY, Ohio — Authorities arrested a family of four this week in the gruesome 2016 slayings of eight people from another family in rural Ohio, a crime that prosecutors suggested stemmed from a custody dispute.

The announcement marked the culmination of a massive investigative effort that began after seven adults and a teenage boy were found shot in the head at four separate homes in April 2016. The killings terrified local residents and spawned rumors that it was a drug hit.

Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine said a grand jury indicted the four on aggravated murder charges and they could be sentenced to death if convicted.

DeWine gave scant detail about why the victims were killed, but he said the custody of a child played a role. He added that the accused had planned the murders for months.

"There certainly was an obsession with custody, obsession with control of children," DeWine said.

Those indicted were Edward "Jake" Wagner, 26; his father, George "Billy" Wagner III, 47; Billy Wagner's wife, Angela Wagner, 48; and George Wagner IV, 27.

The four lived near the scenes of the massacre about 60 miles south of Columbus and had long been considered chief suspects, DeWine said.

"They did this quickly, coldly, calmly and very carefully. But not carefully enough," said Pike County Sheriff Charles Reader. "They left traces. They left



Edward Wagner



George Wagner III



Angela Wagner



George Wagner IV

a trail."

The victims were Jake Wagner's longtime former girlfriend, Hanna Rhoden, 19, who shared custody of their daughter, her parents, siblings and other relatives.

Rhoden had been in bed with her newborn when she was killed. The baby wasn't hurt.

A coroner said all but one of the victims was shot more than once, including two people shot five times and one shot nine times. Some also had bruising, consistent with the first 911 caller's description of two victims appearing to have been beaten.

"I just might tell you this is just the most bizarre story I've ever seen in being involved in law enforcement," said DeWine, who was elected governor earlier this month.

A lawyer for the Wagner family members maintained their innocence.

DeWine and Reader said the Wagners studied the layouts of the victims' properties, as well as their habits, routines, sleeping locations and pets. The indictments accuse the Wagners of tampering with phones, cameras, a gun silencer, shell casings and parts of a home security system.

DeWine said there was "absolutely no evidence" anyone else was involved.

Investigators scrambling to determine who targeted the Rhoden family and why conducted more than 130 interviews and processed over 100 pieces of evidence and 550 tips, with assistance from more than 20

law enforcement agencies. The last significant piece of evidence was collected Oct. 30, DeWine said.

First mention of the suspects came in June of 2017, when authorities announced they were seeking information about the Wagners, including details on their personal and business interactions, and conversations people may have had with them.

None was named a suspect at the time. Both Jake Wagner and Angela Wagner told the Cincinnati Enquirer that they were not involved in the April 2016 killings.

Angela Wagner said what happened was devastating and Hanna Rhoden had been like a daughter to her.

She said that her husband, Billy, and Christopher Rhoden Sr., one of the victims, had been more like brothers than friends.

The Wagner family lived in Peebles, Ohio, at the time of the killings but later moved to Alaska, returning in the spring.

Pike County Prosecutor Rob Junk cautioned that the case could last several years, and it's possible the trial relocated because of the publicity.

The mothers of Angela Wagner and "Billy" Wagner also were arrested in Ohio and charged with misleading investigators. Jake Wagner also was charged with unlawful sexual conduct with a minor for having sexual contact with Rhoden when she was 15 and he was 20, DeWine's office said.

# Authorities verify at least 30 of killer's claim of 90 deaths

By DAVID WARREN  
Associated Press

DALLAS — A man convicted of three California murders and long suspected in numerous other deaths now claims he was involved in about 90 killings nationwide spanning nearly four decades, and investigators already have corroborated about a third of those, a Texas prosecutor said Thursday.

Ector County District Attorney Bobby Bland said Samuel Little, 78, was booked into jail this week following his indictment in the 1994 death of a Texas woman.

Investigations are ongoing, but Little has provided details in more than 90 deaths dating to about 1970, Bland said.

Little was brought to Texas in September, and investigators with law enforcement agencies in several states traveled to speak with him about unsolved homicides.

"They're able to match up over 30 cases so far," Bland said. "So far we don't have any false information coming from him."

If the number of killings Little claims to have committed proves true, it would make him one of the most prolific killers in U.S. history.

Ted Bundy confessed to 30 homicides from about 1974 to 1978. John Wayne Gacy killed at least 33 boys and young men in the 1970s.

Arguably one of the deadliest globally was an English general practitioner named Harold Shipman, who an investigative panel determined was responsible for the deaths of 250. He was convicted in 2000 in the deaths of 15.

During his 2014 trial in Los Angeles, prosecutors said Little was likely responsible for at least 40 killings since 1980. Authorities at the time were looking for possible links to



ECTOR COUNTY TEXAS SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Samuel Little, convicted in three California murders, now claims he was involved in about 90 killings nationwide.

deaths in Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Ohio and Texas.

Bland said Little recently provided details to Texas Ranger James Holland that showed Little was in Odessa, Texas, when Denise Christie Brothers was last seen in 1994. Her body was found about a month later in a vacant lot. Holland eventually elicited a confession from Little and admissions to dozens of other killings from about 1970 to 2005, Bland said.

The rangers are an elite team of investigators within the Texas Department of Public Safety. DPS did not respond to requests Thursday to speak with Holland.

Little was being held without bond Thursday in the Ector County jail on a murder charge relating to Brothers' death. Jail records don't indicate whether he has an attorney. He has a court appearance scheduled for Nov. 26.

Little was brought to Texas for questioning in the case from California, where he was convicted in 2014 in the deaths years earlier of the three women in Los Angeles County. DNA evidence collected from old crime scenes was used to match samples of his stored in a criminal database.

Los Angeles cold-case detectives at the time suspected Little was a serial killer, a transient and former boxer who traveled the country preying on drug addicts, troubled women and others. His criminal history includes offenses committed in 24 states spread over 56 years — mostly assault, burglary, armed robbery, shoplifting and drug violations.

Those detectives determined that Little often delivered a knockout punch to women and then proceeded to strangle them while masturbating, dumping the bodies and soon after leaving town.

Little, who often went by the name Samuel McDowell, grew up with his grandmother in Lorain, Ohio. His criminal history shows his first arrest came at age 16 on burglary charges.

For years he had denied to investigators in different states that he was responsible for any killings. Bland speculates that he finally confessed after the appeals to his life sentence in California were ultimately rejected and he no longer had any reason to hide his role.

"People for years have been trying to get a confession out of him and James Holland is the one who finally got him to give that information," Bland said.

# Death of teen kickboxer stirs debate in Thailand

Boy, 13, died from brain hemorrhage after knockout

Associated Press

BANGKOK — The death of a 13-year-old boy who was knocked out during a kickboxing match in Thailand has sparked debate over whether to ban matches involving children.

The death of Anucha Tasako came after a Muay Thai — Thai boxing — match this month in the Bangkok suburb of Samut Prakarn. The Facebook

page Muaythai Krobwongjorn, which covers the sport, said he died from a brain hemorrhage.

Protective gear is normally not worn in the sport, and video circulated on social media said to be of the fight shows Anucha not wearing any.

Child boxing is widespread in Thailand, especially in rural areas, where it offers a way for children to help provide for their families and a path to lift them out of poverty, according to its advocates.

Opponents say the sport is dangerous, citing studies

such as one published last month by Thailand's Mahidol University saying that allowing children under 15 to box could result in various types of brain damage.

Thai lawmakers are considering legislation proposed last month banning children under 12 from competitive boxing. The legislation has been forwarded to the Ministry of Tourism and Sports, which has already drafted a revised version, said Gen. Aduldej Intapong, a member of the National Legislative Assembly.

Kickboxing is one of the

most popular sports in Thailand and its boosters oppose regulating it.

"This would have a major impact on the industry," Sukrit Parekrithawet, a lawyer who represents several boxing training camps, said of the proposed legislation. "Those who drafted the law do not know anything about the sport of Thai boxing, and this would make Muay Thai become extinct."

"If you don't allow younger players to learn their way up, how can they be strong and experienced enough to fight?" he said. "We call it 'boxing bones.'

You need to have boxing bones built from a very young age."

Sukrit said the death of the 13-year-old, who fought under the name Petchmongkol S. Wilaitong, was a one-off incident and the result of a poorly organized event.

"This has never happened before and it's unprecedented," he said. "There are several factors involved which have nothing to do with age. The referee wasn't quick enough to stop the fight and the venue didn't have a doctor on standby, which

shouldn't happen."

Public television station Thai PBS reported that Anucha had fought more than 170 matches since he began boxing at the age of 8, and was fighting in the under 90-pound weight division. It said he was raised by his uncle, who is a boxing trainer, after his parents separated.

The uncle, Damrong Tasako, said Anucha's death was an accident, but he would like to see regulations for kids under 15 to wear protective gear to soften blows to the head and body.

# Facebook denies report, hits back

Social media giant under fire for its handling of fake news

BY BEN BRODY AND ZOLTAN SIMON  
Bloomberg News

Facebook is coming under renewed fire for how it handled the spread of fake news and misinformation on its social network, including using aggressive tactics to discredit critics.

In the wake of a newspaper report on the company's approach to managing a deepening crisis, Facebook said Thursday that it ended its work with a Republican public affairs firm that had drawn links between enemies of the company and billionaire financier George Soros.

The move to cut ties with Definers Public Affairs came after The New York Times detailed Definers' work amid widespread turmoil at the social media giant as it dealt with the discovery of Russian meddling in the U.S. presidential elections and data privacy breaches.

The newspaper said Definers tried to deflect criticism of Facebook by encouraging reporters to look into rivals and to pursue stories about Soros stoking anti-Facebook backlash in Washington.

Soros, 88, has been a frequent detractor of Facebook, calling it a "menace" earlier this year.

Facebook issued a lengthy rebuttal to the story Thursday, denying that it asked Definers to pay for or write articles on its behalf or pushed journalists to spread misinformation.

Without naming Soros, a Hungarian-born Holocaust-survivor, the company said its actions wer-



JOEL SAGET/GETTY-AFP

Facebook said Thursday it ended its work with a GOP public affairs firm that had drawn links between enemies of the company and billionaire financier George Soros.

en't aimed at fueling anti-Semitic conspiracy theories.

Rather, it said it encouraged reporters to look into the funding of anti-Facebook groups, most notably Freedom From Facebook, "to demonstrate that it was not simply a spontaneous grassroots campaign, as it claimed, but supported by a well-known critic of our company."

"To suggest that this was an anti-Semitic attack is reprehensible and untrue," Facebook said.

A longtime financial backer of Democratic causes and politicians, Soros is a favorite bogeyman of the right wing, which accuses him of anti-American plots.

Last month, a suspected bomb was discovered in the mail box of his New York home, the first of a dozen sent to Democratic and liberal figures including former President Barack Obama and Hillary Clinton.

Patrick Gaspard, the foundation's president, called the use of Soros, "reprehensible" in a letter to Facebook Chief Operating Officer Sheryl Sandberg.

"These efforts appear to have been part of a deliberate strategy to distract from the very real accountability problems your company continues to grapple with," Gaspard wrote in the letter, which he also sent to Chief Executive Mark Zuckerberg, the company's board members and congressional leaders.

Soros and his Open Soci-

ety Foundations did give money to at least one of the component groups that make up Freedom From Facebook.

Open Society Foundations has also funded other groups that criticized Facebook, although the support wasn't directed at the anti-Facebook activities, a foundation official said.

Definers, founded by Republican campaign veterans, was hired at a time that Facebook was scrambling to adjust to unexpected GOP power in Washington after it had benefited from years of chummy relationships with Democrats.

A Definers spokesman said the firm was "proud to have partnered with Facebook over the past year on a range of public affairs services" and said that its memo on "the anti-Facebook organization's potential funding sources was entirely factual and based on public records.

Meanwhile, Facebook said it's making progress on detecting hate speech, graphic violence and other violations of its rules, even before users see and report them.

Facebook said that during the April-to-September period, it doubled the amount of hate speech it detected proactively, compared with the previous six months. The findings were spelled out Thursday in Facebook's second semiannual report on enforcing community standards.

Associated Press contributed.

# Saudis seek death penalty against 5 in writer's death

U.S. targeting 17 in new sanctions against kingdom

BY AYA BATRAWY  
Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Saudi Arabia will seek the death penalty against five men suspected of killing journalist Jamal Khashoggi, its top prosecutor said Thursday, while the U.S. slapped sanctions on 17 Saudi officials in the toughest action it has taken against the kingdom since the slaying.

The Saudi moves failed to appease Turkey, which has put increasing pressure on its regional rival since Khashoggi was killed in Istanbul last month, but they could be enough for some of Saudi Arabia's Western allies to move on and press for key demands, such as an end to the war in Yemen.

The prosecutor's announcement sought to quiet the global outcry over Khashoggi's death and distance the killers and their operation from the kingdom's leadership, primarily Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman. Officials and analysts say an operation of this kind could not have happened without the prince's knowledge.

Pressed by Western journalists in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia's top diplomat said the crown prince had "absolutely" nothing to do with the slaying of The Washington Post columnist, who was critical of the heir to the throne.

The Saudi investigation pointed the finger at some members of the crown prince's inner circle but stopped short of accusing them of ordering the writer's death. Those closest to the prince are instead accused of ordering Khashoggi's forced return in an operation at the Saudi Consulate in Istanbul that



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Foreign Minister Adel al-Jubeir tells the media Thursday that the crown prince had nothing to do with the killing.

the Saudis allege went awry.

In Washington, the U.S. Treasury Department announced economic sanctions on 17 Saudi officials whom it said were responsible for or complicit in the killing. Among those targeted for sanctions were Saud al-Qahtani, one of the crown prince's closest aides, and Mohammed al-Otaibi, the diplomat in charge of the consulate.

The sanctions freeze any assets the 17 may have in the U.S. and prohibit any Americans from doing business with them.

In a news conference, Sheikh Shalan al-Shalan, the deputy attorney general, said the killing was ordered by an individual whom he did not identify but said was responsible for negotiating Khashoggi's return to Saudi Arabia from Turkey. The individual was part of a 15-man team that was made up of negotiators, intelligence officers and logistics officials.

That team was formed by al-Qahtani and former deputy intelligence chief Ahmed al-Assiri, the prosecutor said. Both men were close to the crown prince and fired from their posts after the killing.

They deemed Khashoggi's presence abroad as "a threat to national security," the prosecutor said.

Khashoggi had gone for a scheduled visit to the consulate Oct. 2 to obtain documents for his upcoming marriage while his Turkish fiancée waited outside.

The Saudi investigators stopped short of accusing al-Assiri or al-Qahtani of ordering Khashoggi's killing, bolstering previous Saudi assertions it was carried out by rogue agents who overstepped their authority.

The prosecutor said the agents sent in Istanbul drugged and killed the writer in the consulate before dismembering the body and giving it to an unidentified local collaborator for disposal. The body has not been found.

Chief prosecutor Saud Al-Mojeb said that of the 21 people in custody, 11 have been indicted and referred to trial.

Saudi Foreign Minister Adel al-Jubeir, appearing at a news conference after the prosecutor spoke, told reporters the crown prince had nothing to do with the killing. Al-Jubeir said the kingdom is investigating and holding those responsible to account "to make sure this doesn't happen again."

"Sometimes mistakes happen; sometimes people exceed their authority," he said.



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# Natural gas prices heating up this winter

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winter forecast and low storage levels could spark an imbalance between supply and demand.

Consumers in the Midwest are projected to spend 14.5 percent more on natural gas this winter, the largest percentage increase of any region, according to the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

"Nobody ever likes to hear about an increase in the price of gas, and nobody likes to hear that their gas utility is proposing to increase rates next year by \$230 million," Chilsen said.

Naperville-based Nicor filed its rate increase request last week with the Illinois Commerce Commission, which is expected to rule on it in about 11 months — just in time for



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Natural gas prices are rising this winter due to a forecast of cold weather and short supplies.

next winter.

The utility said the \$230 million request includes "significant capital investments" to modernize its distribution, transmission and storage infrastructure.

Jennifer Golz, a Nicor spokeswoman, said two-thirds of the rate request would be used for everything from replacing aging materials to installing new equipment at two 40-year-

old storage fields that are "near the end of their service life."

If the full rate request is approved by the ICC, Nicor's residential customers would see most of the increase added to their \$16.06 fixed monthly customer charge, which would jump to more than \$20 per month.

Peoples Gas, which was acquired by Wisconsin Energy in June 2015, has 845,000 customers in Chicago. The utility last filed for a rate increase in February 2014, receiving approval for a \$71 million increase in February 2015.

There are no plans to file for a rate increase at this time, Peoples Gas spokeswoman Vanessa Hall said Thursday.

Peoples Gas has its own history with costly infra-

structure improvement programs. In 2011, the utility launched a multibillion-dollar, 20-year program to replace 2,000 miles of aging pipe below Chicago's streets that was plagued by budget overruns, delays and charges of mismanagement.

Customers paid an average of \$8 per month to fund the project in 2015, the company told the Tribune at the time. Peoples Gas was unable to provide a current breakout Thursday.

In 2016, Peoples Gas agreed to pay \$18.5 million for misleading consumers about the cost of its gas pipe program, and a portion of the proceeds appeared as a \$12 credit on customer bills.

Nicor and its customers may be somewhat insulated from the spiking natural gas prices, with underground storage supplying about

one-third of its normal winter deliveries, Golz said.

"Our natural gas storage systems are a critical safety net to protect against fluctuations in supply and demand," Golz said. "We're able to buy gas for customers when prices are lowest, store it for later use and pass on those savings directly to our customers."

But the \$230 million rate request, if approved by the ICC, would trickle down to customer bills every month, regardless of gas prices.

"This will be a hardship to some customers, and it's going to be annoying to all customers if they would get that full rate hike," Chilsen said. "That's why we're going to do everything we can to fight it."

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## Recount ordered in tight Fla. race

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machines breaking down. A federal judge rejected a request to extend the recount deadline.

"We gave a heroic effort," said Palm Beach Supervisor of Elections Susan Bucher. If the county had three or four more hours, it would have made the deadline to recount ballots in the Senate race, she said.

Meanwhile, election officials in another urban county in the Tampa area decided against turning in the results of their machine recount, which came up with 846 fewer votes than originally counted.

Media in South Florida reported that Broward County finished its machine recount but missed the deadline by a few minutes.

Counties were ordered this past weekend to do a machine recount of three statewide races because the margins were so tight. The next stage is a manual review of ballots that were not counted by machines to see if there is a way to figure out voter intent.

Scott called on Nelson to end the recount battle.

It's time for Nelson "to respect the will of the voters and graciously bring this process to an end rather than proceed with yet another count of the votes — which will yield the same result and bring more embarrassment to the state that we both love and have served," the governor said in a statement.

The recount has triggered multiple lawsuits, many of them filed by Nelson and Democrats.

The legal battles drew the ire of U.S. District Judge Mark Walker, who slammed the state for repeatedly failing to anticipate election problems. He also said the state law on recounts appears to violate the U.S. Supreme Court ruling that decided the presidency in 2000.

"We have been the laughingstock of the world, election after election, and we chose not to fix this," Walker said during a morning hearing.

Walker vented his anger at state lawmakers and Palm Beach County officials, saying they should have made sure they had enough equipment in place to handle this kind of a recount.

But he said he could not



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Attorneys oversee the ballot process Thursday at the Palm Beach County Supervisor of Elections warehouse in West Palm Beach, Fla.

## Absentee ballots reviewed in Georgia race

BY KATE BRUMBACK AND BILL BARROW

Associated Press

ATLANTA — As the candidates in the disputed race for Georgia governor retreated further into their corners, counties across the state on Thursday began a court-ordered process of reviewing absentee ballots and counting those previously rejected for missing or incorrect dates of birth.

Georgia Secretary of State Robyn Crittenden issued guidance to counties to review the absentee ballots, count those rejected for missing or incorrect



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Stacey Abrams' campaign has ratcheted up its attacks on Brian Kemp, while Kemp continues to claim victory.

dates of birth and recertify results if the counts change. She set a deadline of 5 p.m. Friday.

The campaign of Democrat

Stacey Abrams has ratcheted up its attacks on Republican Brian Kemp, while Kemp continues to claim that results certified by county election officials confirm he has an "insurmountable lead."

At a news conference Wednesday, Georgia Democrats cast doubt on the legitimacy of any election count that ends with former secretary of state Kemp being certified as the winner of a fiercely fought election against Abrams, who's seeking to become the first black woman elected governor in the U.S.

"We believe that Brian Kemp mismanaged this election to sway it in his favor," said Abrams'

campaign manager Lauren Groh-Wargo, surrounded by Democratic lawmakers at the Georgia Capitol.

Democrats beyond Georgia have started to echo the notion that a Kemp victory would be illegitimate. Ohio Sen. Sherrod Brown said Wednesday that if Abrams loses, it's because Republicans stole the election.

Kemp's campaign, which has repeatedly called on Abrams to concede, repeated that call Wednesday, saying Abrams and her supporters have used "fake vote totals," "desperate press conferences" and "dangerous lawsuits" to try to steal the election.

extend the recount deadline because he did not know when Palm Beach County would finish its work.

"This court must be able to craft a remedy with knowledge that it will not prove futile," Walker wrote in his ruling turning down the request from Democrats. "It cannot do so on this record. This court does not and will not fashion a remedy in the dark."

The overarching problem was created by the Florida Legislature, which Walker said passed a recount law that appears to

run afoul of the 2000 Bush v. Gore decision, by locking in procedures that do not allow for potential problems.

A total of six election-related lawsuits are pending in federal court in Tallahassee as well as at least one lawsuit filed in state court.

Walker also ordered that voters be given until 5 p.m. Saturday to show a valid identification and fix their ballots if they have not been counted due to mismatched signatures.

Republicans appealed the ruling, but an appeals

court turned down the request.

State officials testified that nearly 4,000 mailed-in ballots were set aside because local officials decided the signatures on the envelopes did not match the signatures on file. If those voters can prove their identity, their votes will now be counted and included in final official returns due from each county by noon Sunday.

Walker was asked by Democrats to require local officials to provide a list of people whose ballots were

rejected. But the judge appointed by President Barack Obama refused the request, calling it "inappropriate."

Under state law, a hand review is required with races that have a margin of 0.25 percentage points or less. A state website put the unofficial results showing Scott ahead of Nelson by 0.15 percentage points. The margin between DeSantis and Gillum was 0.41 percent.

The margin between Scott and Nelson had not changed much in the last

few days, conceded Marc Elias, an attorney working for Nelson's campaign. But he said that he expected the vote tally to shrink due to the hand recount and the ruling on signatures.

The developments fueled frustrations among Democrats and Republicans alike. Democrats want state officials to do whatever it takes to make sure every eligible vote is counted. Republicans, including President Donald Trump, have argued without evidence that voter fraud threatens to steal races from the GOP.



STEVEN SENNE/AP

James Swartz, director World Against Toys Causing Harm, holds a Power Rangers Super Ninja Steel Superstar Blade.

## Safety group lists 'worst toys' for holidays

BY PHILIP MARCELO

Associated Press

BOSTON — A Black Panther "slash claw" and a plastic Power Rangers sword are among the items topping a consumer safety group's annual list of worst toys for the holiday season.

Massachusetts-based World Against Toys Causing Harm, or W.A.T.C.H., unveiled its 46th annual list of the 10 "worst toys" this week at Franciscan Children's Hospital in Boston.

Joan Siff, the nonprofit

organization's president, said many of the toys on the list represent choking, eye and other safety hazards that surface year after year, despite the group's efforts.

Siff advised parents to shop "defensively" and not be lulled into a false sense of security because a toy is made by a familiar brand or sold at an established retailer. One child is treated in a U.S. emergency room every three minutes for a toy-related injury, according to the Center for Injury and Research at Nationwide

Children's Hospital.

A Cabbage Patch Kids ballerina doll that made this year's list, for example, is marketed to children ages 2 and above, but includes a removable tutu and headband that can be choking hazards, said James Swartz, a trial lawyer who serves as W.A.T.C.H.'s director.

A slender mallet that comes with VTech's caterpillar-shaped electronic xylophone — a toy made for children as young as 18 months old — is another similar choking threat, he

said.

Other toys on the list included a Nerf gun that fires soft discs, a "stomp rocket" that launches foam-tipped projectiles up to 200 feet in the air and a plastic "cutting fruit" set. The cutting set, which includes a toy knife made out of rigid plastic, is made for children who are older than 2.

But the Toy Association, an industry trade group, complained the list is biased, inaccurate and "needlessly frightening" to parents.

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## Thousands recall officer hailed as hero in Calif. bar shooting

WESTLAKE VILLAGE, Calif. — The sheriff's sergeant who gave his life saving others during a mass shooting last week was remembered warmly Thursday as a deeply religious man devoted to family who could be counted on to never hesitate a moment to put his own life on the line.

Several thousand people, including hundreds of law enforcement officers from throughout California, packed the Calvary

Community Church in Westlake Village for the emotional, 90-minute service honoring the life of Ron Helus, 54.

The gunman killed 12 people on Nov. 7 at a popular Southern California country bar before shooting himself to death. But authorities say Helus — the first officer into the bar — saved numerous others by immediately exchanging gunfire with the shooter, giving people time to flee.

## Florida man pleads not guilty in pipe bombs case; trial date set

NEW YORK — The Florida man accused of sending pipe bombs to prominent critics of President Donald Trump pleaded not guilty Thursday to charges — including five federal counts — carrying a potential mandatory penalty of life in prison.

Cesar Sayoc entered the plea through his lawyers during his appearance in Manhattan federal court.

U.S. District Judge Jed

Rakoff set a July 15, 2019, trial date.

The judge suggested earlier dates, but Sayoc's attorneys said they needed more time to prepare given the amount of discovery in the case and a lack of staffing at the federal public defenders' office of New York.

"This is a slightly more complex case than the average one," federal defender Sarah Baumgartel told Rakoff.

## Bangladesh scraps Rohingya return, says no one wants to go

COX'S BAZAR, Bangladesh — The head of Bangladesh's refugee commission said plans to begin the repatriation of 700,000 Rohingya Muslims to Myanmar on Thursday were scrapped after officials were unable to find anyone who wanted to return.

The refugees "are not willing to go back now," Refugee Commissioner Abul Kalam said, adding that officials "can't force

them to go" but will continue to try to "motivate them so it happens."

Some on the repatriation list vanished into the sprawling refugee camps to avoid being sent home, while others joined a large protest against the plan.

More than 700,000 Rohingya Muslims fled to Bangladesh from Myanmar to escape killings and destruction of their villages by the military and Buddhist vigilantes.



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**DMZ busters:** South Korea demolishes one of the nation's guard posts in central Cheorwon near North Korea on Thursday as part of a joint plan to reduce tensions on the fortified frontier. North Korea took similar steps with some of its guard posts.

## Pelosi: 'Overwhelming support' for 2nd act as House speaker

WASHINGTON — Rep. Nancy Pelosi said Thursday she has "overwhelming support" from House Democrats to become the next speaker of the House. Asked if sexism might block her second act, she shot back that's a question for the mostly male lawmakers signing a letter against her.

A group of 17 Democrats led by Rep. Seth Moulton D-Mass., have pledged to vote against Pelosi's return as the first female speaker of the House. The list includes a dozen incumbents and five newcomers, including two Democrats

whose races have not yet been decided. It includes just three women.

The 78-year-old Californian was bombarded with questions Thursday as Democrats — who took control of the House with their biggest midterm victories since Watergate — prepared to huddle privately with new members and begin sorting out the leadership battle.

One letter-signer, Rep. Marcia Fudge of Ohio, has said that other lawmakers are urging her to run. She's an ally of Ohio Democratic Rep. Tim Ryan, who challenged Pelosi two years ago.

Pelosi has faced challenges before but this one — fueled by incumbents who feel shut out of leadership and newcomers calling for changes at the top — poses the biggest threat yet.

But Pelosi also acknowledges the discomfort some lawmakers face because she's the GOP's favorite election-year villain. Some 137,000 ads were run against her this election cycle, she said. "It makes it hard on the candidates," she conceded.

Pointing to Democrats' midterm success, she added, "Obviously those ads didn't work."

## Dartmouth sued after misconduct allegations

CONCORD, N.H. — Dartmouth College was sued Thursday for allegedly allowing three professors to create a culture in their department that encouraged drunken parties and subjected female students to harassment, groping and sexual assault.

Seven women filed the

lawsuit in federal court in New Hampshire against the elite college's trustees. It contends that professors William Kelley, Paul Whalen and Todd Heather-ton harassed and touched women inappropriately, often while out partying at bars or at their homes where one hosted hot tub

parties.

Kelley and Whalen are each accused of assaulting a student after a night of drinking, attempting to seduce women under their supervision and punishing those who rebuffed their advances in the Department of Psychological and Brain Science.

## Louisville shooter charged with hate crimes

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Federal prosecutors have charged a white man with federal hate crimes in the killings of two African-Americans at a grocery store last month.

A federal grand jury in Louisville returned three hate crime charges against 51-year-old Gregory Bush on Thursday afternoon.

U.S. Attorney Russell Coleman said Bush is charged with killing two people based on their race and attempting to kill a third person based on his race. Bush also was indicted on three firearms charges.

Police said Bush walked into a Kroger grocery store on Oct. 24 and shot one person, and then killed another in the parking lot.

Coleman said there has been a "specter that reared its head and laid across this community" since the Oct. 24 shootings.

**Arms dealing:** The Senate rejected an effort Thursday to block \$300 million in weapon sales to Bahrain, but there's growing unease in Congress about the U.S. role supporting the Saudi Arabia-led coalition's military campaign in Yemen.

Facing a veto threat from the White House, the resolution failed 77-21.

**In Brazil:** Millions of Brazilians may be left without access to doctors due to the end of a program that brought Cuban physicians to rural and dangerous areas in Brazil. Cuba said Wednesday it would end the program after Brazilian President-elect Jair Bolsonaro said it could continue only under certain conditions.

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## EDITORIALS

## The Sterigenics scare

What if the speed limit that Illinois set for a highway was 100 mph instead of 55 mph? Just because a government declares something safe wouldn't mean it's safe. Rules and regulations, especially those in science realms, don't mean much if they're not backed up by rock-solid research.

Now, though, federal authorities can't give assurance that they have the right standard — one backed by rigorous analysis — for tolerable levels of ethylene oxide. Chicago-area companies release that gaseous compound into air breathed by thousands of people who live and work around those plants. The question now unanswered is what health risk those emissions pose to all those metro Chicagoans.

This fall, the Tribune's Michael Hawthorne has reported on three companies that emit ethylene oxide, a chemical on the federal government's list of carcinogens. Sterigenics International in Willowbrook, a southeast DuPage County suburb, uses ethylene oxide to sterilize medical instruments, pharmaceutical drugs and food. Two companies in Lake County, Vantage Specialty Chemicals in Gurnee and Medline Industries in Waukegan, also release the chemical into the air.

These companies have valid permits that allow ethylene oxide emissions within

## EPA owes DuPage and Lake emissions safety standards

certain limits, and there's no sign that they're exceeding those limits. But are the standards set at the right mark? That's what four Illinois Democrats in Congress — Sens. Dick Durbin and Tammy Duckworth and Reps. Brad Schneider and Bill Foster — want to know.

Spurred by the Tribune's reporting, they've asked the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to revise standards for ethylene oxide emissions so the standards accurately reflect the health risk the emissions pose. The lawmakers have told the agency that it also should sample the air around the Lake County plants so that the risk of short-term and long-term exposure can be understood. EPA officials have already committed to conducting new air sampling near Sterigenics.

**With their requests the lawmakers** have zeroed in on the evident problem with federal oversight of ethylene oxide releases like those in the Chicago area: The U.S. EPA's standards for emissions at commercial sterilizer facilities haven't been updated since 2006. The Clean Air Act appears to require that, at a minimum, the standards

establishing tolerable risk be updated every eight years. "This extraordinary delay both violates the law and is unacceptable," U.S. Rep. Dan Lipinski, D-Ill., wrote in a letter to the EPA on Tuesday.

Late last month, the EPA said it would begin reviewing its standards for companies that emit ethylene oxide. But, Lipinski says, the agency hasn't set deadlines for its review. Given that the review is already four years overdue, "statements that the standards are under review are not sufficient," Lipinski wrote. The agency already knows how toxic ethylene oxide can be. In a 2016 assessment of the health dangers posed by ethylene oxide, the agency found that breathing even small amounts of the chemical ramps up the long-term risk for lymphoma and breast cancer.

The call for the EPA to do a relatively rapid reassessment of current safety standards makes perfect sense. So does the imperative to test the air surrounding facilities that emit ethylene oxide. Separately, state lawmakers in Springfield are considering a proposal to limit, and eventually ban, the use of ethylene oxide in Illinois. Officials of the Chicago-area plants say

their operations are safe, and that they continue to comply with all federal and state regulations. That's missing the point. Yes, a company may be complying with current standards. But is it also true that, as Duckworth alleged to the Tribune this fall, those standards "are woefully inadequate to protect our families and our children."

**The bottom line here** is that the EPA has to determine whether Duckworth is correct. If the companies instead assert that the safety standards they're following are adequate, they should be able to present the EPA with the science that backs up their contention.

More than 19,200 people live within a mile radius of the Sterigenics plant. Four schools and a day care center are within that radius. Nearly 23,000 people live near the Vantage plant in Gurnee. And more than 19,000 people live in neighborhoods at potential risk from emissions from Medline.

That's more than 61,000 people who want to feel safe when they're walking their kids to school, or watching them play at a neighborhood playground. They deserve to know what's in the air around them. And they deserve sensible pollution standards that keep that air safe.

## Trump's attack on the First Amendment

When the Founding Fathers established freedom of the press as a constitutional right, they didn't hedge their support with the phrase *as long as they're nice about it*. A free press by design is a check on power and often a robust critic of government.

Donald Trump isn't the first president to disparage the news media. That honor goes to George Washington, who deplored the "infamous scribblers" of his day. Trump's attacks, though, are a core part of his political messaging. When he bashes reporters as dishonest or rude, he's trying to undermine the news media's credibility. Any story Trump doesn't like is fake news.

**Trump's rocky relationship with the press** is now the focus of a high-stakes court fight in Washington. U.S. District Court Judge Timothy Kelly is expected to issue an initial ruling Friday on whether the Trump administration violated the First Amendment by banning CNN's Jim Acosta from the White House. CNN filed suit this week after Acosta was stripped of his press credential for being an aggressive questioner.

It's vital that Kelly's decision protect journalists from government interference. Banning Acosta was a cynical attempt by the White House to control the reporting process — an obvious violation of the guarantee of a free press. A crucial element of



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CNN White House correspondent Jim Acosta, center, leaves U.S. District Court after a hearing in Washington.

journalism is that news organizations decide which reporters to assign to stories. Newsgathering isn't a collaborative exercise with the people reporters cover. It must be an independent process, something the Founding Fathers embraced.

Trump doesn't understand or,

more likely, chooses to ignore this constitutional obligation because he finds it useful to treat reporters as foils. Here, for example, was Trump picking on Acosta and using doublespeak to diminish the First Amendment in a Wednesday interview with The Daily Caller: "Is it freedom of the

press when somebody comes in and starts screaming questions ... I don't think that's freedom of the press, I actually think that's the opposite."

No doubt Acosta comes off as abrasive during White House press briefings. But journalism is a tough business, especially when

news organizations seek to hold wily government officials accountable. Reporters are watchdogs, not trained seals.

**The risk with CNN's court case** is that if the network loses, the Trump administration would have legal precedent to bar any reporters it dislikes from the White House. Perhaps other officials across the country would adopt similar tactics to freeze out pesky reporters who ask tough questions about budgets or policing or the treatment of vulnerable residents. Our point isn't that journalists wouldn't get their way, it's that journalists act on behalf of citizens to hold public officials accountable for their work.

Still, press-government relations is a two-way street. If Judge Kelly does order the White House to return Acosta's press pass, that doesn't leave the administration powerless to run its operation. White House officials decide whom to call on at briefings or grant interviews. Journalists and politicians routinely tussle over the granting of access and information.

It would be best for both sides if CNN and the White House repair their relationship. It's not that hard to be civil. As reporters ourselves, we know the drill. We ask persistent questions of government officials who would rather change the subject. Most of the time, we seek to be polite and, most of the time, so do they.

## WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING

Democratic politicians and their allies in media have attacked the legitimacy of the Electoral College. As of last spring, 11 states have adopted nonbinding resolutions that would apportion their electoral votes to the presidential candidate who wins the so-called national popular vote. Similarly, the activist left has become convinced that the U.S. Senate must be either purged of its essential characteristic — its unresponsiveness to population changes — or it must be abolished altogether.

The Supreme Court, too, must be "packed" with activist judges who will not just rubber-stamp liberal policy preferences but with an aim toward ending the practice of judicial review. Why? Because, as Vox.com's Dylan Matthews submitted, the judicial practice of verifying the constitutionality of legislative provisions is "really, truly bad for" Democrats.

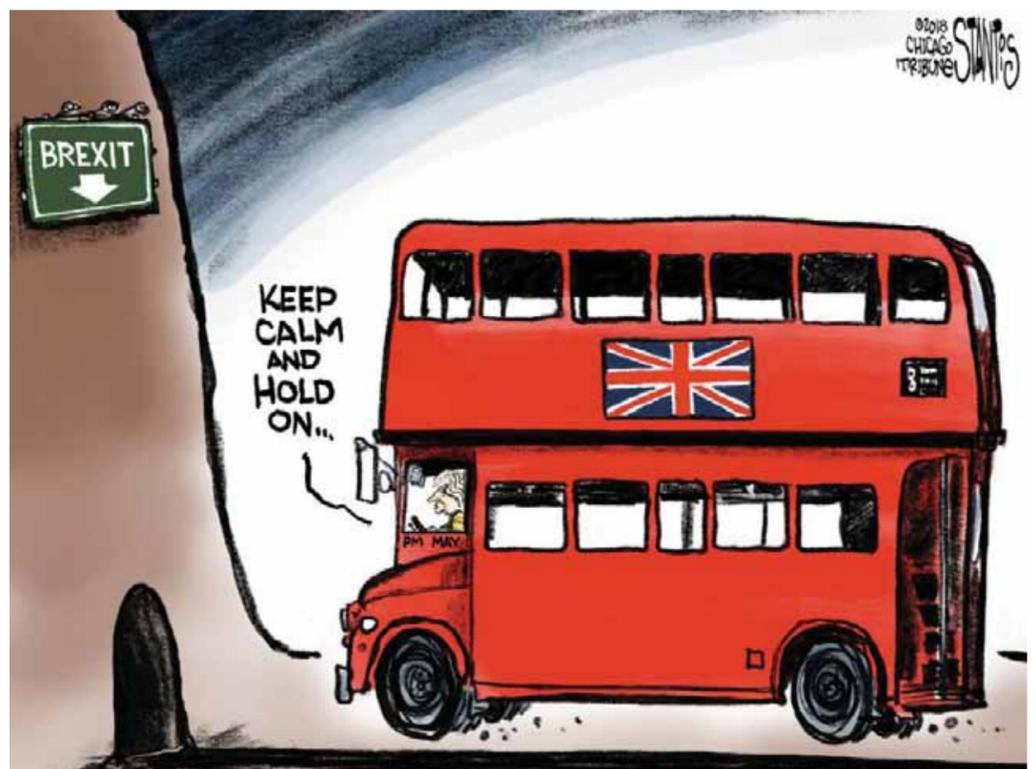
All civically minded Americans are right to express apprehension over the public's declining faith in American governing institutions. That phenomenon is real and terribly worrying. But efforts to dilute counter-majoritarian checks on U.S. governance often seem to spring from a place of ignorance, not enlightenment.

Noah Rothman, Commentary

WASHINGTON — Confirming that the federal government was taking swift action to help those suffering in California, FEMA officials assured wildfire victims Monday that a bucket brigade is nearly over the Maryland state line. ... At press time, however, FEMA had halted bucket brigade operations after failing to find enough rescue volunteers willing to stand around Nebraska.

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## PERSPECTIVE



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Chicago voters have plenty to sort out before heading back to the polls Feb. 26 for a primary loaded — at least for now — with candidates for mayor.

# Mayor's race a numbers game for candidates and voters

BY DAVID GREISING

Perhaps never before have Chicago's mayoral race activities been as convoluted and confusing as those taking place ahead of the 2019 primary.

There were the dozen or so candidates who jumped into the race early with plans to unseat Mayor Rahm Emanuel. But Emanuel refused to play along and in September announced he was not running. That led to more candidate announcements that have led to some 17 mayoral wannabes — two whom had to inconveniently run for a different office first, before they could jump into the mayoral event.

State Comptroller Susana Mendoza, who announced Wednesday, is the latest the anti-Hamlet: To be or not to be a candidate for mayor was never in question. So impatient was she that a video for her upcoming mayoral campaign leaked just days before voters would go to the polls and re-elect her to the statewide office.

The voters dutifully played along. Mendoza was re-elected to the office she wanted to win, but clearly does not want to hold. And voters did so in such large numbers — 22,000 more votes than Cook County Board President Toni Preckwinkle received in

Chicago — that Mendoza's boosters are using her re-election to the job she does not want as evidence she could win the one she apparently intends to keep, the job of a big-city mayor.

Confused? It's hard not to be. But the cold fact is we should almost be accustomed to this by now. After all, Preckwinkle paved the way.

Like Mendoza, Preckwinkle faced the hassle of running for a Cook County office she hopes not to serve in while angling to get elected as the mayor of Chicago, the job she apparently prefers. But at least Preckwinkle had the good manners to declare she wanted to be mayor well before voters re-elected her to the county gig.

All of this is the very opposite of the approach taken by the third big name in the mayoral contest, Bill Daley.

Give Daley credit. He has steered clear of entangling elections. A serial campaign flirter, Daley is best remembered for declaring for Illinois governor in 2013 but less than four months later declaring "never mind."

And where Preckwinkle and Mendoza each just won new terms for their jobs, then quickly started running for different ones, Daley avoided that complication. In fact, he has mostly stayed out of the public eye and away from public service since departing as President Barack Obama's chief of staff in early 2012.

Given Daley's track record of flirting then fleeing, no one knows for sure if he'll stay in the running this time. The moneyed interests in town seem to believe he will. As of the last tally at press time, Daley's campaign had collected \$885,000 — though admittedly, \$500,000 of it was his own money. That's a show of strength that seems likely to keep Daley in the mayoral campaign. Through Thanksgiving, at least.

Nominating petitions are due by Nov. 26, and from that point through the Feb. 26 primary, it will be interesting to see who's still standing. Chicago principals association President Troy LaRaviere announced this week that he was quitting the race. The reason? The \$45,000 he had raised, \$10,500 of it his own money, wasn't enough to pay professional signature gatherers to get the signatures he needed to get on the ballot. That makes LaRaviere the first to face reality and back out.

Running for mayor is a game of numbers. The date of announcement is a number. The money in the kitty is a number. The cold calculations about constituencies, canvassers, endorsements and timing are all about numbers.

Voters have their numbers, too, and now it's time for them to begin paying attention to the numbers that matter to them. For voters, numbers that

make a difference are those that show when a candidate is serious — the numbers that the would-be mayor crunched that show that he or she put real work into laying plans for how to run the city.

Everyone knows the main issues: crime in the streets, debt on the city's balance sheet, rising taxes, Chicago Public Schools failings, a speculative building boom downtown. The list goes on.

Each of the key issues has a flesh-and-blood basis, for sure. And in each case, solutions can be boiled down to a few key numbers.

■ How many cops and what kind of smart spending will it take to arrest the crime wave?

■ What measures will help the city afford annual pension contributions slated to climb by more than \$600 million in the next four years?

■ How many more struggling CPS schools still need to be closed, and what new purpose can the already shuttered former school buildings serve?

The candidates have been working their algorithms to figure out their paths toward victory. But it's the voters who will have the final say.

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# If you think organic food can prevent cancer, think again

BY SUNEEL KAMATH

A recent over-hyped study suggesting that organic food can prevent cancer is an excellent example of how average science leads to sexy, but inaccurate, conclusions.

The study, published in October in JAMA Internal Medicine, involved research with more than 68,000 French volunteers, and it concluded that "a higher frequency of organic food consumption was associated with a reduced risk of cancer."

The study takes advantage of our excessive willingness to find and accept information that confirms our existing worldview without thinking intelligently about it. Many already believe organic food is better, so they read things that confirm that. Some media outlets went on to claim that organic food definitively reduces cancer risk by 25 percent while forgetting an earlier study of nine times as many people that showed organic food does not reduce cancer risk and may even increase it. Despite these claims, neither study is truly conclusive.

Observational studies like the ones investigating the link between organic food and cancer have a fatal flaw, a concept called



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Recent studies claiming organic food prevents cancer aren't completely wrong, but they aren't right either. Higher-quality research is needed.

residual confounding. Consider a guy moving into a new apartment who notices his neighbors are members of the trendy new gym and are all really fit. He might conclude that simply changing his gym membership to the new gym is enough to get fit. Obviously, the real reasons are that the trendy gym members are eating right and exercising. The link between the gym membership and being fit is confounded by other factors, diet and exercise.

All observational studies "control for" confounding factors, but in reality, it is impossible to fully

control for all of them, leading to residual confounding. The recent study claiming organic food can prevent cancer is full of residual confounding. We know people who choose organic foods are also more likely to choose healthy foods, exercise regularly, maintain a healthy weight and never smoke or drink. They are wealthy and have good health insurance. That is why they have less cancer. Organic food is the gym membership.

Reducing residual confounding requires higher-quality randomized studies that can take years to complete, but the way

researchers are recognized and promoted doesn't always incentivize that.

Researchers at medical universities are under tremendous pressure to publish journal articles and get grant money. We can literally lose our jobs or never receive a promotion if we don't publish and get grants. For many, it is smarter to do 10 easy studies that quickly lead to 10 papers rather than one amazing randomized study that leads to one paper years later. Unfortunately, mediocre research often leads to unreliable results. Inadequately controlled observational studies are the reason why science has flip-flopped on the health benefits of red wine, eggs, coffee and so many diets.

The pressure to publish and get grant funding also pushes researchers to overstate their results and make splashy conclusions to get into bigger medical journals and get media coverage.

The researchers claiming organic food can prevent cancer proudly conclude their paper with the assertion that "promoting organic food consumption in the general population could be a promising preventive strategy against cancer."

They bury in the "discussion" section the fact that organic food

did not reduce cancer risk for "younger adults, men, participants with only a high school diploma and with no family history of cancer, never smokers and current smokers, and participants with a high overall dietary quality." This means their conclusions apply only to older women who went to college with a family history of cancer and who were former smokers and have a poor diet. Not too many women fit into this tiny, arbitrary category.

In the end, we need a strong, randomized study to truly prove whether organic food reduces cancer risk. The recent studies claiming organic food prevents cancer aren't completely wrong, but they aren't right either. Remember that medical science is rarely black and white, and anyone claiming something is proven to be 100 percent good, all the time, may be motivated by some bias or career incentive.

Don't be afraid to question the things you read, and when in doubt, talk to your doctor about choosing a healthy diet and exercise plan. There is no doubt that improving those factors can save your life.

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## PERSPECTIVE

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## One-party rule

Beginning in January, the Illinois governor, all constitutional offices, and the state legislature will all be under control of Chicago Democrats. The super-majority legislature, in theory, could easily overrule the Illinois Supreme Court through the constitutional amendment process. There will be no one to fight in Springfield and no excuses not to deliver on any of their promises. Promises like: providing a “good breakfast” to every needy school child, affordable college, tax cuts for the middle class, higher taxes on the wealthy, lower property taxes for the middle class, more jobs, higher wages, balanced budgets, repairing infrastructure, improving the state’s credit rating, addressing the ballooning pension obligations and others.

With Illinois drowning in debt and its citizens subject to some of the highest taxes in the nation, I’m really interested in learning how the talent that was just elected is going to make good on these promises. They can no longer blame GOP Gov. Bruce Rauner, Republican lawmakers, the courts or anyone else. Gov.-elect J.B. Pritzker, House Speaker Michael Madigan and the Democrats need to deliver on their promises — and not on the backs of the middle class. We’re tired of eating spinach.

— Ron Feldman, Roselle

## GOP should worry

Having long pursued policies certain to alienate all except true believers in Trumpian anti-American extremes, Illinois Republicans are worried, the Tribune’s Rick Pearson reports. (“Post-election autopsy has some Illinois Republican leaders fearing for the party’s future,” Nov. 11.)

These policies boil down to spewing and embracing hate and fear toward all non-Anglo-Saxons, followed by policies intended to subjugate the working class, especially unions, and disrespecting women by trying to dictate dominion over their bodies. They now find they’ve painted themselves into a corner, with future prospects ever dimmer.

When Haley Barbour left his chairmanship of the RNC in the late ‘90s, he warned Republicans to welcome diversity or become irrelevant. They were too comfortable with the temporary gains of President Richard Nixon’s Southern Strategy, embracing Dixiecrats and their hateful ways, to listen. Having gone too far, they are now unable to reverse course. Human nature rebels at the idea of getting chummy with avowed enemies bent on denying healthcare and safety nets like Social Security to average people, while favoring the wealthy.

In Illinois and elsewhere, the Republican Party may have written its own epitaph with meanness of spirit, vote suppression where its members thought they could get away with it, and a suffocating federal debt burden for our grandchildren. Time shall tell.

— Ted Z. Manuel, Chicago

## Public servants show up

The Republican standard-bearer and evangelical hero fails to show up — to give assurances after devastating disasters caused by climate change, to offer comfort after horrific mass shootings, to stand against the murder of journalists by despots, to protect us from interference in our elections, and most recently, to honor American soldiers who died serving their country.

While other world leaders braved the weather to attend a commemorative ceremony held at a U.S. military cemetery in France, the president of the United States was a no-show. Perhaps Donald Trump was worried his spray-on tan would run, or his carefully coiffed hair would suffer in the rain, or first lady Melania Trump’s high heels would sink with each step into the wet ground where our soldiers are buried.

Trump couldn’t brave a rainy day to show respect to those who fiercely fought and died defending our freedom.

The Trump family has avoided military service for five generations, a feat most of us can’t claim. Many of us have proudly served or have family members who have bravely served and sacrificed defending our democracy.

Once every vote has been counted, our newly elected public servants, joining their colleagues, can get to work serving their country — uniting us in common causes and for the greater good for all, protecting us from attacks on our democracy, defending our Constitution and restoring the integrity and strength of the United States.

— Jane Cox, Wheaton

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Can I still ask for a recount?

Kevin Magner Newell Jr., Chicago

Burn baby burn ... pension inferno.

Frank Chapman, Newburgh, Ind.

## We’ve been counting objects since we were toddlers. Why can’t we count votes?

BY STEPHEN L. CARTER

It’s now just more than a week after Election Day, which means we’re in recount season. In the governor’s and Senate races in Florida, possibly in the governor’s race in Georgia, and in smaller local races galore, officials are gathering to retabulate the ballots in contests where one candidate led by a razor-thin margin on election night.

It’s become a ritual of our democracy that when the outcome is close, each side usually accuses the other of trying to steal the election. In some cases, it’s obvious that we should double-check the count. Our mantra is, as it should be, to make sure every ballot is counted fairly and accurately. It’s a noble democratic goal. The trouble is, we don’t know how to accomplish it.

Seriously. We’ve been counting objects since we were toddlers playing with blocks, and we ought to be pretty good at it.

We’re not — at least when we’re counting ballots. The tally from election night (what cognoscenti have come to call the “preliminary” count) is almost certainly wrong. Let’s be very clear about that. Counting errors are a given, no matter what system is used. We humans miscount paper ballots, but machines aren’t much better. Ballots get mangled, they stick to each other, they get counted twice or not at all. So we count again. Of course we do. The trouble is that the recount — known as the “official” or the “certified” count — is also almost certainly wrong.

It’s true that recounts are often more careful than the preliminary tallies, but the complicated systems for checking ballots can themselves lead to potential errors. In one commonly used method, four auditors work together. The first reads the ballot aloud, the second checks to be sure the ballot has been read correctly, and the other two keep a hand count, pausing at regular intervals to be sure they are in sync. Other systems involve three auditors per ballot, or two, but no matter which we choose, it’s easy to imagine the count getting tangled.

And that’s exactly what the research suggests will happen. A widely cited study of New Mexico’s 2006 election found that machine counts and hand counts of the same ballots differed enormously, with agreement ranging from just above 50 percent to just below 80 percent — meaning that even in the best case, there was disagreement more than 20 percent of the time. The study also found that successive hand counts of the same ballots usually yield differing results.

This isn’t to say that either count is “right” — only that they differ. But let’s not leap to the conclusion that partisanship or corruption is to blame for the errors. Laboratory tests in which subjects tabulate ballots bearing the names of imaginary candidates without party identification also show high rates of disagreement about the number of votes for each.



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Judges Betsy Benson, left, and Deborah Carpenter-Toye check ballots during a recount at the Broward County Supervisor of Elections office in Lauderhill, Fla.

All of which is to say that we might never be able to get the correct count — if by “correct” we mean true and accurate totals of the number of ballots actually cast for each candidate. In other words, the second, “official” tabulation doesn’t give us the true numbers; it just gives us different numbers.

But of course we’ll keep doing recounts. We have to. Suppose that on Election Day, state officials announce that my candidate lost. If there’s no recount, the chances of my side winning are exactly zero. Now add a recount. Here the research is unclear, but let’s suppose the odds are overwhelmingly against the recount changing the result. I won’t care about that. All that’s necessary to make the recount worthwhile from my point of view is that there be a nontrivial possibility that the result will flip. When the margin of victory is less than 0.5 percent, research tells us that there is indeed a nontrivial probability that the official count will change the result. We just don’t know what the probability is.

But as long as the probability is nontrivial, the precise figure hardly matters. Suppose it turns out that, say, 95 percent of recounts produce the same winner announced on Election Day. This figure sounds quite overwhelming, until we realize that if the count is the same in 95 percent of the cases, then in 5 percent of the cases — 1 out of 20 — the count is different. And a 5 percent chance that my candidate wins is infinitely larger than a zero percent chance. So if my candidate loses a close election, it’s entirely rational for me to favor a recount.

We could avoid all of this if we were confident of getting the count right the first time. But we’re not. Sure, at the margin there are ways of reducing the error rate. For example, paper ballots are counted more accurately than the old-fashioned lever machines that have almost gone out of

use — and also more accurately than many electronic voting machines. No counting method, however, ensures that we will get the right answer when the election is close. We’ve been counting all our lives, but we still mess it up.

In truth, the only solution to the recount problem is not to have such close elections. If the outcome isn’t close, we don’t have to worry about the errors. We know that they exist, but we’re confident that counting again wouldn’t change the outcome. Nobody thinks the landslide winner cheated the loser.

But in our deeply divided country, narrow election victories and the attendant suspicion and anger look to be a part of the unruly present and, in the near term, the unruly future. (And, no, it turns out that we can’t motivate voters by warning them that the election will be close. Public knowledge that the outcome will be decided by a small percentage seems not to improve turnout.)

So we’ll keep doing recounts, and with good reason. Let’s not kid ourselves, however. Let’s be very clear about the two things that will always happen as a result.

We won’t ever satisfy the partisans whose candidate loses the second time around; they’ll believe to their dying day that the election was stolen by the other party. In a close election, we’ll never really know who “really” won. We’ll just know that the second, error-filled count decided. We can certainly decide to make a rule holding that this second count is the official one. But let’s not delude ourselves into believing that we’re going to get the numbers right. Because we’re not.

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## The fading of America

BY CHRISTOPHER DE VINCK

“The hall light bulb is out,” my wife said this morning. “Maybe you could go to Jones’ and buy, oh ... that’s right. The hardware store is gone.”

Not only is the hardware store closed for good, but America at the moment seems to be closing.

Robbie Jones was the proprietor of his grandfather’s and father’s hardware store that began business in 1929. And Robbie and his family lived in the house that was connected to the store for more than 43 years.

For the 40 years that I have lived here in Pompton Plains, N.J., Robbie was always there. In the summer the door to the store was always open. In the winter there was a Norman Rockwell feel about stepping inside onto the wood floors, feeling the heat, stomping the snow off our shoes and seeing Robbie at the end of the aisle behind the counter among hanging tools, photographs of the store throughout history and his booming, welcoming voice.

During Hurricane Sandy, credit cards didn’t work, people didn’t have cash, but they needed urgent supplies, so Robbie just opened his store and told people to help themselves and pay later.

Robbie was a volunteer fireman, a father, a husband, Santa Claus on the fire engine that wove its way through the town streets in December from house to house.

His daughter baby-sat for my three children; his two sons were police-



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Home Depot and other big box stores have doomed family-run stores.

men in town.

A place, a town, is made up of past history and present players on the stage walking to the Dutch Reformed Church on Sunday morning, sitting in the yellow school buses pulling up to the high school, swimming at the town lake, sprawling out on the blankets under the Fourth of July fireworks.

Robbie’s son Jeff said, “Everybody who has grown up in this community has a story that somehow comes back to Jones’ Hardware. There is a little piece of it in everybody.”

The original building was constructed in 1818. People joke that the hardware store was the second town hall. I thought of it as a second town-artist office where I and most everyone could tell Robbie about their sorrows and joys, and there was always a kind word in return, good

advice or a wise chuckle. The novelist James Baldwin wrote, “Perhaps home is not a place but simply an irrevocable condition.”

For 89 years my little community thought that part of the irrevocable condition was Jones’ Hardware Store, but then suddenly, all within 2 miles, new America encroached upon the little blue store: Home Depot, Lowe’s, Target and Walmart.

Robbie said his store suddenly became an afterthought. If Home Depot or Lowe’s didn’t have it, they would come to his place. Robbie’s business fell quickly by 35 percent, according to his estimate, and his costs doubled.

New America was swallowing up yet another old-world jewel.

Remember in John Steinbeck’s novel “The Grapes of Wrath,” how the Great Depression swallowed up the small farms as big business and the banks combined the land and were more interested in the growth of profits than they were in the growth of corn and communities? America is built on profit, but when money becomes the bedrock of a community, people in the community don’t care any longer about the names of their neighbors.

The store is closed. Robbie and his family are gone. The store, the house, the barn will soon be torn down and replaced with, sigh ... a bank.

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## PERSPECTIVE

# This is my lane: Advocating against gun violence is part of a doctor's job

BY DANIEL R. TAYLOR

As I rushed into the intensive care unit, the description I overheard was terse and chilling: "13-year-old, no past medical history, GSW to head — neurosurgery following."

I entered the child's room to find his weeping mother taping something on the wall behind his bed. The lights were low. The undulating hum of the ventilator and the low pitch of the drains protruding from her son's misshapen skull filled the room with sounds familiar to those of us who know what a "GSW" — gunshot wound — to the head really means.

Since his birth, I have cared for this child at our pediatric clinic, situated in one of the most concentrated areas of poverty, and of early mortality, in America. Violence is not unusual here in North Philadelphia. But no one ever gets used to it.

I could not give this mother what she wanted — to turn back time. Time before her happy, bright boy jumped into his cousin's car, excited about getting a haircut. Time before a bullet, aimed at someone else, struck her child's head at the temple and exited through the top of his skull, shattering bone and brain. Time when her boy's only physical problem was the thumb-sucking that made his teeth protrude.

What I could do was hold her hand and silently keep watch with her. With each ventilator-directed breath, the side of his head billowed out like a sail, lacking the protective temporal bone that had to be



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Police vehicles sit outside Comer Children's Hospital, where an 11-year-old was taken after being shot in the 10300 block of South Avenue N in Chicago on Jan. 31, 2018.

removed to relieve pressure on his injured brain. We looked together at his swollen face, at the plastic oxygen tube pushing against his teeth as his thumb once did.

This was not the first time my pager had summoned me to the intensive care unit to see a child and a family shattered by bullets. There was the 18-year-old, headed home after a hard-fought basketball game, stopped by three bullets to the back. The 12-year-old who took a bone-destroying bullet to the leg while walking home from school. The 3-year-old, playing with Barbie dolls on the porch, struck through the neck. The 17-year-old, a star football play-

er whose once-muscular legs are now atrophied from paraplegia. He had just walked out of a corner store, clutching a bag filled with treats for his younger brother, when a bullet struck his spine.

I am a primary care doctor, not a trauma surgeon. But mothers ask for me. They want me to explain the complex care that their children are receiving, which I gladly do. They want me to offer them hope, though so often I cannot.

They want a witness in a white coat to make sure that the ICU team knows their child is so much more than the GSW in Room 7, Room 3, Room 1. That their child was entirely

perfect until they were in the wrong place, at the wrong time, in a city where more than 140 children have been shot so far this year.

Back in Room 7, the mother sits with her knees curled up, her hand on her abdomen just where she first felt her baby boy kick and hiccup.

She told me what had been explained to her, that in the rush to save her boy, the piece of skull that was removed was not placed inside his abdomen — the usual procedure to preserve the bone so it might be replaced. I imagined the bloody bone, discarded in a metal bucket next to the operating bay that saved his life.

"Now they are going to have to make one to fit his head once the swelling goes down," she said. This is what she wanted to talk about, so I listened silently, knowing full well that no medical technology could replace what her child had lost.

I made sure that she had food, which she refused. Then I looked at the wall above my young patient's head and noticed what his mother had been doing when I arrived. Like nearly every mother I have visited over the years in the ICU, she had been putting up photos. Her beloved son in his football uniform. In his grade-school graduation cap and gown. With his little sister. As a baby.

The National Rifle Association recently tweeted something about doctors staying "in their lane" when it comes to advocating against gun violence.

Visiting my once healthy, happy patients in the ICU after their lives are altered or ended by a stray bullet is my lane.

And from that lane, I ask all of our elected leaders: Look at your own children's pictures that you keep in your home, at your desk, on your phone. Now imagine those photos taped above the bed in ICU Room 7. Imagine.

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## Sears gets an extra \$350M for holiday sales

Company nailed down another loan to stay open for start of season

BY LAUREN COLEMAN-LOCHNER AND JOSH SAUL  
Bloomberg News

Sears Holdings Corp. nailed down a commitment for another loan to keep its doors open as the critical holiday season begins.

Great American Capital Partners, a specialty finance company, agreed to lend \$350 million to the retailer, according to a court filing

Wednesday. The funding would come at a steep price, charging Libor — the rate banks charge each for short-term loans — plus 11.5 percent and a 3 percent closing fee.

Sears needs the cash to stay afloat during its most important selling period and buy time to develop a long-term survival plan. The company filed for court protection from creditors last month with only \$300 million to get it through the bankruptcy process, and initially said it needed a second round of so-called debtor-in-possession financing to stay in business.

“The holiday season, the weeks coming up, are really critical for the company and its ability to reorganize,” Sears lawyer Ray Shrock said in a Bankruptcy Court hearing Thursday.

Sears had been doing better than forecast in a budget filed with the Bankruptcy Court, though sales slipped last week when a supplier stopped production of some merchandise, Shrock said during the hearing. That issue has been addressed and Sears has reestablished terms with other vendors. “We have inserted a steady flow of goods,” he said.

ESL Investments, the hedge fund run by Sears Chairman Edward Lampert, had been in negotiations to provide additional funding when the company sought bankruptcy protection last month. Great American Capital Partners’ terms were “a little more expensive” than those discussed with ESL, but Shrock said Sears felt it was important to have financing from an outside party.

Lampert, who stepped down as CEO when Sears filed for bankruptcy, is working on a bid for some of the company’s best-performing stores, which could

involve swapping his debt holdings for the outlets. Lampert, through his hedge fund ESL Investments, owns the majority of Sears’s debt in addition to being the biggest shareholder of the Hoffman Estates-based retailer.

Great American, owned by the B. Riley Financial investment bank, provides financing and often serves as a liquidator when a retailer collapses. It was among the firms that helped dismantle Bon-Ton Stores and Gordmans Stores.

Chicago Tribune’s Lauren Zumbach contributed.



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TJ Riffell gently herds turkeys from a trailer towards a holding pen at Kauffmann Turkey Farms on Wednesday.

## How well do you want to know your turkey?

### Big food producers are getting in on the traceability trend

BY ALEXIA ELEJALDE-RUIZ  
Chicago Tribune

Thanksgiving season at Kauffman Turkey Farms in Waterman, Ill., is either the best or worst time to visit, depending on how you stomach such things.

Hundreds of clucking turkeys patter about — nervously? — in an outdoor pen, their pink heads snapping to attention when a tractor rumbles in hauling crates packed with more of their feathered peers. A man swishes at the turkeys with a long cloth to guide them into the plant where they will meet their fate. Some appear to make a break for

it and run in the opposite direction.

The Kauffman family turkey farm, founded in 1933 about 65 miles west of downtown Chicago, has been busy with visitors who want to buy their Thanksgiving birds directly from the farmers who raised them. It’s a practice that has gained popularity as consumers care more about the origins of their food, with more customers calling or making the trip in person to ask questions about what the Ho-Ka brand birds are fed, whether they are free-range and whether they are given antibiotics, said Angie Wilson, a secretary at the farm’s on-site retail store.

Recently a family traveled from Minnesota to buy a turkey at the 120-acre farm, one of the few in the region that dresses and sells its turkeys on site.

“A lot of people bring their kids because they want to see the turkeys,” said Susan Kauffman, who works in the shop alongside Wilson and whose husband, Robert Kauffman, is the son of the late founder, Howard Kauffman.

Visiting the family farm, which still uses 1960s-era technology in its plant, is a decidedly old-school way for people to learn more about where their Thanksgiving meal comes from. But many people don’t have the

time or stomach for the on-the-farm experience.

For those who don’t, there are an increasing number of options. One of the nation’s largest turkey producers is experimenting with using cutting-edge blockchain technology to connect shoppers with farmers even before they leave the grocery store.

Cargill, which produces about a quarter of all turkeys consumed during the holidays in the U.S., recently expanded a program it piloted last year that allows shoppers to trace their turkey to the family farm where

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**“We hear that this is what U.S. consumers are wanting. Here is the farmer’s story, let them speak to you.”**

— Deb Bauler, Cargill’s chief information office for its protein and salt division

## Another union adds concern over Boeing jet

United pilots become third group asking about existing issue

BY ALAN LEVIN, HARRY SUHARTONO AND JULIE JOHNSON  
Bloomberg News

A third U.S. pilots union is raising concerns about what it says is a lack of information provided by Boeing Co. on a safety system installed on the new 737 Max aircraft that is under a spotlight after last month’s crash off the coast of Indonesia.

The operations director at Lion Air, the carrier that crashed last month, also expressed frustration in an interview Thursday with what he called a lack of information on that safety feature. “There are no details” about the Maneuvering Characteristics Augmentation System in Boeing’s latest manual updates, said Zwingly Silalahi.

The Air Line Pilots Association, which represents United Continental Holdings Inc.’s flight crews, wrote to Federal Aviation Administration Acting Administrator Dan Elwell Thursday saying it was “concerned that a potential, significant aviation system safety deficiency exists” and asking for more details.

“There appears to be a significant information gap, and we want to ensure that pilots operating these aircraft have all of the information they need to do so safely,” wrote Captain Tim Canoll, ALPA’s president.

Two other pilot unions — the Southwest Airlines Pilots Association and the Allied Pilots Association at American Airlines Group Inc. — raised similar concerns Monday.

A safety system on the Max apparently pushed down the nose of a Lion Air flight near Jakarta shortly before it dove into the Java Sea on Oct. 29 with 189 people aboard, according to investigators in that country. Boeing says pilots could have dealt with the issue using an existing emergency procedure, but issued bulletins to carriers that was followed by an order to update flight manuals by the U.S. FAA.

Boeing said in a statement that it has provided two updates to airlines on the new safety feature and was confident in the safety of the 737

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## Major FDA effort targets teen smoking

Menthol cigarettes, flavored vapes will face crackdown

BY MIKE STOBBE  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — In a major new effort to curb smoking, a top U.S. health official pledged Thursday to try to ban menthol from regular cigarettes, outlaw flavors in all cigars and tighten rules governing the sale of most flavored versions of electronic cigarettes.

The restrictions are aimed at reducing smoking in kids: About half of teens who smoke cigarettes choose menthols, and flavored e-cigarettes have been blamed for an increase in teen vaping rates.

“I will not allow a generation of

children to become addicted to nicotine through e-cigarettes,” Scott Gottlieb, commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration, said in a statement.

Health advocates say a menthol ban would have greater impact on the health of Americans, but it would probably take years to put in place. The changes for e-cigarettes could kick in within a few months.

Battery-powered e-cigarettes are more popular among teens than regular smokes and are considered safer. But many versions contain potentially addictive nicotine, and health officials be-

lieve they set kids who try them on a path toward regular cigarettes.

Gottlieb called for additional steps to the marketing of e-cigarettes directly to kids and online sales to minors.

He also proposed beefing up measures to ensure that convenience stores and some other retailers do not sell e-cigarettes in kid-friendly flavors such as cherry and vanilla. They could still be sold in vape shops or other businesses that do not admit minors.

Smoking is the nation’s leading cause of preventable illness, causing more than 480,000 deaths

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FDA Commissioner Dr. Scott Gottlieb pledges to ban menthol from cigarettes to further push down smoking rates.

# Mondelez targeted by Greenpeace to save orangutans

BY ANURADHA RAGHU  
Bloomberg News

The maker of Oreo cookies has become the latest target by Greenpeace in its campaign to stop the destruction of rainforests for palm oil.

The environmental group accused palm oil suppliers to snack giant Mondelez International, which makes the famous black and white cookie as well as Cadbury chocolate bars, of

deforestation and destroying orangutan habitats in Indonesia. In response, Deerfield-based Mondelez told Bloomberg News it is actively working with suppliers to ensure palm oil is fully traceable and does not lead to deforestation, and is excluding 12 companies from its supply chain as a result of breaches.

Concerns over palm oil's environmental and social impact have led to increased scrutiny, with far-

mers accused of illegally using slash-and-burn methods to clear land for plantations, destroying rainforests and animal habitats as well as exacerbating water and air pollution.

That's resulted in governments and producers struggling to improve the perception and marketability of the tropical oil, and has prompted the creation of a sustainability roundtable that monitors the industry. Palm oil futures were little

changed on Thursday, after sliding to a 3-year low in the previous session.

Mondelez shares dropped 0.7 percent on Wednesday in New York.

Almost 25,000 hectares of orangutan habitat and 70,000 hectares of rainforest was destroyed between 2015 and 2017 in Indonesia, according to Greenpeace's analysis of deforestation by 25 palm oil producers that were cross-referenced with supply chain information

published by Mondelez and other brands, it said.

Mondelez, which says it accounts for about 0.5 percent of global palm consumption, is committed to "eradicating deforestation" in its palm oil supply and will continue to exclude suppliers that do not meet its principles, it said. At the end of 2017, 96 percent of its palm oil was traceable back to mill and 99 percent was from suppliers with policies aligned to ours, the com-

pany said.

"We're asking our direct suppliers to call on their upstream suppliers to map and monitor the plantations where oil is grown so we can drive further traceability," Mondelez said in an email response to Bloomberg. "We're also excluding 12 companies from our supply chain as a result of breaches."

Bloomberg's James Attwood contributed.



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Ambrose Padilla, left, and his brother Manuel, peer out the family van to gaze at the turkeys at Kauffman Turkey Farms.

## Traceable food trend grows

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it was raised. Select Jewel-Osco and Walmart stores in Chicago are among the 3,500 retail locations nationwide where the traceable turkeys are available, the company said.

About 200,000 of Cargill's Honeysuckle White brand turkeys have codes on their packaging that consumers can use — via text message or on the Honeysuckle White Web site — to learn more about the farm, including its history, how it treats its birds or family Thanksgiving recipes. Seventy farms in Missouri and Texas, out of the 700 farms that Cargill contracts with, are participating.

"We hear that this is what U.S. consumers are wanting," said Deb Bauler, Cargill's chief information officer for its protein and salt division. "Here is the farmer's story, let them speak to you."

The traceable turkeys are priced the same as regular Honeysuckle White birds. A third of Honeysuckle White's fresh turkeys are traceable this year, compared to 5 percent last year.

It represents a sliver of the overall turkey market. Some 45 million turkeys are eaten on Thanksgiving, the vast majority of them frozen, according to the National Turkey Federation.

The response to last year's pilot, which involved 60,000 turkeys from four farms, was positive not only from consumers but also from farmers who were excited to share their stories and strike "an emotional cord" with the people who would eat their birds, said Kassie Long, brand manager for Honeysuckle White.

Farmers opt into the program and decide what information they wish to share — though Cargill is careful not to overshare. The company's research shows that people don't want to know the harvest date or each macabre stage of the process, just that their turkey came from a good home, Long said.

"Consumers want to know that the people who are raising it are good people," Long said.

The use of blockchain,

which allows people along the supply chain to directly upload information to a secure virtual ledger that can't be altered, reflects a growing movement in the food industry to improve traceability for the purpose of safety and to protect against mislabeling and counterfeiting.

A group of 10 major food companies including Walmart, Kroger, Nestle, Tyson Foods and Unilever this year launched a partnership with IBM to create a blockchain to track how food travels from farms to tables across the globe, so that problems like food-borne illness can be swiftly identified.

There are challenges to the system, including ensuring that rural broadband is good enough that farmers can share information to the blockchain, but the technology holds great promise to lower the cost of traceability and improve access, said Andy Kennedy, interim director of the Global Food Traceability Center at the Chicago-based Institute of Food Technologists.

He applauds Cargill's use of blockchain to help connect everyday grocery shoppers to their turkeys' origins.

"You could go to a farmer's market and buy directly from a farmer, but it tends to be more expensive and frankly there isn't much supply," Kennedy said. "This is democratizing transparency and traceability."

Still, Euromonitor research analyst Dewey Warner is skeptical that using blockchain to trace the food supply will catch on widely in the short-term. Not only are there are obstacles such as unfamiliarity with the concept and high cost, there are also questions about much people actually care.

"A lot of consumers in surveys say they are interested in traceability but it doesn't translate to, 'I need this product to be traceable or I won't buy it,'" Warner said. In the long-term, however, traceability could follow the path of organics, which started as a niche market for those willing to pay more but now are purchased by the majority of

U.S. consumers, thanks to their prevalence and greater affordability.

Jim Slama, founder and CEO of FamilyFarmed, a Chicago-based nonprofit that advocates for locally grown and responsibly produced food, praised Cargill's efforts as a "step forward" and "a testament to what consumers are looking for."

But what matters most is that the farms raising turkeys — often large operations, even if they're family-owned — match the values of consumers who may want turkeys raised without antibiotics and with access to sunshine and pasture, Slama said.

"It's pretty exciting as long as the farmers have the attributes that consumers care about," Slama said.

How inclined shoppers are to buy a traceable turkey depends on how much they care about such things.

Lana Plecas, 60, of River North, cares a lot, and recently moved from cage-free eggs to pasture-raised eggs even though they're significantly more expensive, because they are better for the animals.

"I don't want the guilt," Plecas, a vegetarian, said as she shopped near the turkey bin at a downtown Jewel-Osco.

Lizzie Ireland, 28, is intrigued by the concept, though "part of me doesn't want to know too much about the turkey, like if it had a name." The Wicker Park resident is trying to be more conscious of where her food comes from, and, price being equal, said she would buy the traceable option and read the farm's story.

"It has to be convenient for me, which sounds terrible but it's the truth," she said.

But some consumers say they wouldn't take the time to look up a turkey's provenance.

"I am probably more likely to buy a brand that I trust, rather than type in a code," said Julie Jeseman, 31, of Wicker Park, who usually buys Perdue or Jennie-O turkeys.

Robert Kauffman, owner of the Kauffman Turkey Farm, is not part of Cargill's

traceable turkey program, but he sees the appeal.

"I want people to know that I care a lot about my product," said Kauffman, whose great-grandfather bought the land in Waterman after returning from fighting in the Civil War. "I have people who trust the way I handle my turkeys and I'm quite above board about that."

Not that the business is easy, said Kauffman, who raises about 70,000 turkeys a year and sells wholesale to grocers. Turkey prices have been down due to oversupply. Labor is difficult to come by because he relies on seasonal migrant workers, and they have increasingly been landing good year-round jobs elsewhere as the economy improves.

"We're shorthanded," Kauffman said as he gave a tour of his plant, which has barely changed since it was built in the 1960s.

Kauffman has 100 people working the assembly line during the busy holiday season, up from seven during other parts of the year. After slaughter, the turkeys hang from a mechanical line that moves like an overhead conveyor belt past workers in rain suits who pluck their feathers, rinse them down, remove their viscera and plunge them into a bin full of ice water to cool them down. A USDA inspector hovers behind workers in the dressing area, examining each bird as its innards are scooped out.

"This time of year is nuts, this is when we make all of our money," Kauffman said.

Secretaries at the farm's shop remembered when Ho-Ka was considered high-end, before small hobby farmers started selling turkeys at much higher prices than the \$2.99 per pound charged by the farm.

They have seen a shift in who is buying their turkeys, including more middle-class people who previously wouldn't have spent the money for a farm-fresh Thanksgiving bird, Wilson said.

"It's a real important meal," she said. "People don't want to skimp."

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## Chinese concessions fall short of trade demands by Trump

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Chinese officials have outlined a series of potential concessions to the Trump administration for the first time since the summer as they continue to try to resolve a trade war, according to three people familiar with the discussions.

The commitments fall short of the type of major structural reforms that President Donald Trump has been demanding, two of the people said, cautioning that a long road lies ahead in negotiations. One person said that talks between the world's two largest economies are continuing and constructive.

As a result, one of the people said, it raised doubts over how substantive a deal Trump could make with Chinese counterpart Xi Jinping when the two leaders meet later this month on the sidelines of the Group of 20 summit in Buenos Aires.

Most of the document appeared to be a rehash of previous changes already made by Beijing, such as raising equity caps on foreign investment in certain industries, according to one person.

It did not contain the sort of commitment to change industrial policies such as Xi's "Made in China 2025" that Washington has been seeking, according to one person familiar with the discussions.

Two other people familiar with the talks also said the Chinese offer was a sign of what they characterized as constructive discussions between the two sides ahead of the planned G20 meeting between the two leaders.

A Treasury Department spokesman didn't reply to an emailed request for comment.

At a briefing in Beijing on Thursday, a spokesman for China's Ministry of Commerce didn't respond to journalists' questions on whether China had sent a list of concessions.

Stocks posted modest gains in most of Asia on Thursday, while the offshore yuan rose 0.2 percent to 6.9328 per dollar.

Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin and Xi's main economic emissary, Liu He, spoke last Friday for the first time in months. Since then, lower-level discussions have been held and Larry Kudlow, the head of Trump's National Economic Council, on Tuesday said the two capitals were in touch "at all levels."

On the American side, the discussions are currently being led by Mnuchin and the Treasury, which has raised



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Sources familiar with the trade talks say the Chinese offer was a sign of constructive discussions before Chinese President Xi Jinping and President Donald Trump meet.

questions among some observers about the process.

Mnuchin is seen as an advocate within the administration of a deal, while others such as Robert Lighthizer, the U.S. trade representative, have been pushing to continue raising pressure on Beijing to try to push for more meaningful reforms.

Mnuchin also was behind a framework deal announced in May that Trump later backed away from amid criticism from Democrats and Republicans in Washington that he was going too easy on China.

"Mnuchin and Kudlow cannot create a trade deal. They are not capable of it," said Derek Scissors, a China expert at the conservative American Enterprise Institute, who pointed to the two men's lack of experience in difficult trade negotiations. "Until I see Lighthizer ordered into the fray I don't think there will be a trade deal."

Scissors, who has previously advised the Trump administration on its China trade stance, said in an interview Wednesday the most likely outcome of the Trump-Xi meeting at the G20 was a "cease-fire," or a deal to avoid any further escalation in tariffs while the two sides hold deeper discussions.

But he said the chasm between the two sides on issues such as Chinese industrial policy and intellectual property theft remained vast and that any post-G20 negotiations were likely to be difficult as a result.

Trade has been a key topic as leaders gather this week for regional summits in Asia. New Zealand Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern, who sat next to U.S. Vice President Mike Pence at a gala dinner in Singapore on Wednesday night, told Bloomberg TV in an interview Thursday that she used the opportunity to push the case for free trade.

## Major FDA effort targets menthol cigarettes, flavored vapes

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each year. The FDA currently bans sales of e-cigarettes and tobacco products to those under 18.

In 2009, the government banned a number of kid-friendly flavorings in cigarettes. But after an aggressive lobbying effort by tobacco companies, menthol was exempted.

Gottlieb's proposal for e-cigarette flavorings also ex-

empts menthol. He said menthol e-cigarettes may be an option for adults who turn to vaping products to quit regular cigarettes, and he decided not to push for an end to menthol flavoring in vaping products.

Smoking has declined for more than five decades. Some 42 percent of U.S. adults smoked in the early 1960s. Last year, the rate was down to 14 percent, according to the Centers for

Disease Control and Prevention.

Experts credit anti-smoking campaigns, cigarette taxes and smoking bans for most of the decline in the adult rate. But some say adult smokers switching to e-cigarettes have also helped in recent years.

The cigarette smoking rate is even lower among high school students — about 9 percent, according to the latest figures.

But e-cigarette use jumped 78 percent this year in high school kids and 48 percent among middle school kids, Gottlieb said, citing new survey data.

Some experts attribute the jump to newer versions of e-cigarettes, like those by Juul Labs Inc. of San Francisco. They resemble computer flash drives, can be recharged in USB ports and can be used discreetly.

"The increase in e-ciga-

rette popularity (among kids) is almost certainly not a function of flavors. All the flavors were out there already," said Kenneth Warner, a University of Michigan emeritus public health professor, and leading authority on smoking and health.

The FDA has taken earlier steps to investigate the marketing of e-cigarettes by Juul and other companies.

Getting out ahead of the FDA announcement, Juul

on Tuesday stopped filling store orders for mango, fruit, creme and cucumber pods and will resume sales only to retailers that scan IDs and take other steps to verify a buyer is at least 21.

Health advocates applauded the e-cigarette plans, but some said they did not go far enough. Some called for a complete ban of flavorings and a more aggressive regulation of e-cigarettes.

# Retail sales rose solid 0.8 percent in October

By **CHRISTOPHER RUGABER**  
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WASHINGTON — U.S. retail sales rose at a solid pace in October, though the gains were boosted by one-time factors such as hurricane recovery spending and higher gas prices. Retail sales rose a seasonally adjusted 0.8 percent last month, after two months of slight declines, the Commerce Department reported Thursday. Excluding gasoline sales, inflated by higher prices, sales climbed 0.5 percent.

The figures suggest that consumers are pulling back a bit on their spending, which is likely to slow growth in the final three months of the year. Americans had lifted their spending over the summer and fall at the fastest six-month pace in four years. Yet business spending on machinery, computers and buildings barely increased in the July-September quarter, leaving consumers shouldering more of the burden of maintaining growth. Economists saw Thurs-

day's report as evidence that Americans won't be able to spend as freely in the fourth quarter as they did in the previous two. Excluding volatile categories such as gas, auto and food services, retail sales rose just 0.3 percent. "This looks very much like the end of the boost from the tax cuts, and it strengthens our conviction that (economic) growth has peaked," Ian Shepherdson, chief economist at Pantheon Macroeconomics, wrote in a research note. Most analysts forecast



Retail sales rose a seasonally adjusted 0.8 percent last month, the Commerce Department says.

economic growth will slow in the final three months of the year, to a roughly 2.5 percent pace, after robust increases of 4.2 percent in the second quarter and 3.5 percent in the third.

Investors also registered their disappointment as they sold off stocks of retail companies, including Walmart, despite the fact that the company reported healthy earnings Thursday.

# 737 Max still under scrutiny

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Max family of jets. The company said it is "taking every measure to fully understand all aspects of this incident, working closely with the investigating team and all regulatory authorities involved."

Boeing extends "our heartfelt condolences and sympathies" to victims' families, it said.

"The bottom line here is the 737 Max is safe," Chief Executive Officer Dennis Muilenburg said earlier this week on Fox Business Network. "This airplane went through thousands of hours of tests and evaluations, certification, working with the pilots, and we've been very transparent on providing information and being fully cooperative on the investigative activity."

Pilots on the Lion Air flight were receiving erroneous speed readings, a problem that had occurred on three previous flights, according to the Indonesia National Transportation Safety Committee. They had radioed air-traffic controllers to say they intended to return to land.

A sensor that measured how high the plane's nose pointed relative to the wind also sent false signals to a safety system, prompting a computer on the plane to command a dive, according to the investigative agency.

After Boeing and the FAA highlighted how the Maneuvering Characteristics Augmentation System works and pointed to an existing emergency procedure to counter any malfunctions by it, pilots in the U.S. said they should have been given more information.

Lion Air's Silalahi said he is still waiting for more details about MCAS works. "As of now, we can only guide our pilots on things that are not related to MCAS, because Boeing manual has not told us how to deal with this," he said.



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# Lessons from Amazon growth

Seattle altered in ways NYC, D.C. won't be

By **SALLY HO**  
Associated Press

SEATTLE — As Amazon turns its attention to setting up new homes in Long Island City, N.Y., and Arlington, Va., experts and historians in Seattle say both places can expect a delicate relationship with the world's hottest online retailer.

The communities will be subject to outsized influence from a company used to getting what it wants and unfazed by blame, fairly or not, for widespread changes all around. Just look to the Pacific Northwest, where both Amazon and Seattle have transformed dramatically together and sometimes at odds over the past 24 years, prompting resentment among a certain crowd of wistful "mossback" natives.

But there is a key difference. The New York city and DC-area picks allow the company to strategically sidestep and diffuse many of the growing pains Amazon has been accused of inflicting on its Seattle hometown. That's because the pending moves will shift Amazon from the "MVP" employer role it plays here, to a mere "VIP" employer position in two of America's largest, most robust locales.

A Fitch Ratings analysis notes that 25,000 Amazon jobs would amount to less than 1 percent of the labor force in either New York's or DC's metropolitan statistical area.

In Seattle, Amazon's workforce has grown from 5,000 to 45,000 employees since 2010, while its physical footprint in the downtown core grew from 1 million to 8 million square feet today.

Matthew Gardner, chief economist with the Windermere Real Estate company in Seattle, estimates that Amazon's crew of highly-educated, well-paid techies makes up about 15 percent of downtown Seattle's total workers.

Amazon says it has infused \$38 billion into the city's economy between 2010 and 2016.

The downtown core today is a bustling employment center that is complemented with extra bus routes subsidized by Amazon, which claims half of its employees walk, bike or take public transit to work.

Critics also lament Seat-

tle's metamorphosis from a modest blue-collar region fueled by timber, fishing and factory jobs, to the city's status as a star tech hub.

Seattle's new concentration of highly-educated, well-paid techies infused in a post-Great Recession era has contributed to a vicious housing market. As a majority of them are young and single renters, Gardner said average city rents have increased by more than 70 percent since 2010, to nearly \$2,000 a month. Meanwhile, the average cost of a single-family house has increased by nearly 90 percent to an average price of \$844,000.

Anticipation that the online retail giant would open its new headquarters in a Northern Virginia neighborhood of hotels, high-rise condominiums and office buildings set off a flurry of real estate speculation — even before the official announcement from Amazon on Tuesday morning.

An analysis released Tuesday by Stephen Fuller, an economist at George Mason University who heads an institute focused on Northern Virginia's economic future, said that while Amazon would generate additional housing demand, the effects would be gradual and dispersed through the D.C. area.

The tension around Amazon's growth hit a peak this year as Seattle struggled to address its homelessness crisis. Amazon successfully fought a proposed city tax that would have helped fund more services. Local officials quickly bowed down to the city's top employer after Amazon threatened to pull development projects. The bitter battle further bruised CEO and founder Jeff Bezos' "corporate citizen" reputation and also overshadowed the growing, though relatively small portfolio of philanthropy Amazon has done in the city for homelessness.

For the first two decades in existence, Amazon.com's business blossomed quietly in Seattle, starting as a literary dot-com darling and expanding into the "Everything Store."

It's in the last five years that the acceleration of change has been so intense that the growing pains between Amazon and Seattle have been stark and visceral.

Knute Berger, a longtime Seattle columnist who has chronicled the city from a native perspective, recalls the days when Amazon hired local journalists and writers to produce high-

quality content to help sell books on its platform. But Amazon's widespread success was later seen as a threat on traditional bookstores and print publishing on the whole.

"At some point, they crossed the line from being a creative dot-com to 'The Man,'" Berger said. With all of this in the

rearview and looking forward to its new headquarter cities, Margaret O'Mara, a tech industry historian and University of Washington professor, said there's an opportunity for an Amazon fresh start. She urged the company to forge a new path as a community-conscious tech giant who will support local

taxes as needed.

"Building a neighborhood that's a really great place to be a tech employee but not built for anyone else, from a city's perspective, it's not the kind of sustainable development you want to have," O'Mara said.

The Washington Post contributed.

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			15 yr fixed	4.250	0.000	\$755	20%	4.412		
			10 yr fixed	4.125	0.000	\$755	20%	4.356		
			7/1 ARM (30yr)	4.375	0.000	\$755	20%	4.981	<b>708-416-3690</b>	
			30 yr jumbo	4.750	0.000	\$755	20%	4.802	www.centralfederalsavings.com	
			20 yr jumbo	4.625	0.000	\$755	20%	4.695		
<b>Gateway Capital Mortgage</b>		Rate: 4.500	15 yr fixed	4.000	0.000	\$595	5%	4.100		NMLS# 246585
			3/1 ARM	5.000	0.000	\$5	5%	5.100		
			5/1 ARM	4.875	0.000	\$5	5%	4.876	<b>888-595-7339</b>	LIC# 6760411
			7/1 ARM	5.000	0.000	\$5	5%	5.150	www.gwcmortgage.com	
			30 yr jumbo	4.750	0.000	\$50	20%	4.777		
			5/1 jumbo ARM	4.875	0.000	\$50	20%	4.888		
<b>Liberty Bank for Savings</b>		Rate: 4.750	20 yr fixed	4.500	0.000	\$999	20%	4.653		NMLS# 787575
			15 yr fixed	4.125	0.000	\$999	20%	4.319		
			5/1 ARM	3.750	0.000	\$999	20%	4.962	<b>847-737-9020</b>	
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SAVINGS UPDATE

**Can I prepay my mortgage?**

With mortgages being the longest-lasting debt for most Americans, paying that obligation off early is tempting. And if you consistently have money left over after paying bills each month, investing some of that surplus in your mortgage can indeed be a smart move.

But whether it's wise given your particular situation has to start with whether your mortgage allows it. Penalties for prepaying your mortgage were fairly common in the 1990s and early 2000s. They've since fallen mostly out of favor, but some lenders still impose them, especially for subprime mortgages.

So your first smart move before paying anything beyond your monthly obligation is to check your closing documentation or call your lender to find out if any type of prepayment penalty is stipulated. This is also a good question to ask if you're currently considering a new mortgage.

Once you've held a mortgage five years, the chances

are high that you're safe from prepayment ramifications. That's because the bulk of prepayment penalties target payoffs during the first two to five years of the loan. Paying off the debt in those early years by selling the home or refinancing can trigger the penalty.

But if you're beyond the five-year marker, or are you using a lump-sum inheritance or other windfall to pay off some, but not all, of your mortgage, most lenders will take no issue with this prepayment. Similarly, adding a little extra to your payment every month or making 13 mortgage payments a year instead of 12 also typically doesn't incur any penalties.

Whether mortgage prepayment makes sense for you depends on a variety of factors we'll address in a future article. But no matter that conclusion, understanding the rules in place on your current mortgage — or a new one you're considering — is a critical move.

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MARKET ROUNDUP

**Dow** High: 25,354.56 Low: 24,787.79 Previous: 25,080.50



Nasdaq	S&P 500	Russell 2000
+122.64 (+1.72%)	+28.62 (+1.06%)	+21.61 (+1.44%)
Close: 7,259.03	Close: 2,730.20	Close: 1,524.12
High: 7,274.26	High: 2,735.38	High: 1,524.29
Low: 7,072.36	Low: 2,670.75	Low: 1,491.66
Previous: 7,136.39	Previous: 2,701.58	Previous: 1,502.51

10-yr T-note	Gold futures	Yen	Euro	Crude Oil
-0.01 to 3.11%	+4.90 to \$1,212.80	+0.07 to 113.58/\$1	-0.0008 to .8812/\$1	+0.21 to \$56.46

Major market growth and decline

5-day % change			30-day % change			1-year % change		
DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P	DOW	NASD	S&P
-3.44	-3.61	-2.73	-3.36	-3.02	-1.39	+7.80	+6.86	+5.59

COMMODITY	AMOUNT-PRICE	MO.	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	SETTLE	CHG.
WHEAT (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Dec 18	503	509	503	505.50	+2.50
CORN (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Dec 18	366.75	371.75	366.50	367.50	+0.50
SOYBEANS (CBOT)	5,000 bu minimum- cents per bushel	Dec 18	884.25	897.50	883.75	888.75	+5.25
SOYBEAN OIL (CBOT)	60,000 lbs- cents per lb	Dec 18	27.58	27.77	27.57	27.69	+0.12
SOYBEAN MEAL (CBOT)	100 tons- dollars per ton	Dec 18	305.80	309.10	303.80	305.40	-0.30
LIGHT SWEET CRUDE (NYMX)	1,000 bbl.- dollars per bbl.	Dec 18	56.02	57.26	55.59	56.46	+0.21
NATURAL GAS (NYMX)	10,000 mm btu's, \$ per mm btu	Dec 18	4.672	4.800	3.882	4.038	-0.799
NY HARBOR GAS BLEND (NYMX)	42,000 gallons- dollars per gallon	Dec 18	1.5476	1.5837	1.5446	1.5566	-0.0040

LOCAL STOCKS

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

STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.	STOCK	XCHG.	CLOSE	CHG.
Abbott Labs	N	70.73	+1.32	Equity Commonwith	N	30.81	+0.04	Middleby Corp	O	117.83	+1.95
AbbVie Inc	N	90.14	+1.83	Equity Lifesty Prop	N	95.75	-0.80	Mondelez Intl	O	43.94	+1.18
Adtalem Global Educ	N	57.71	+0.69	Equity Residential	N	67.78	-0.98	Morningstar Inc	O	121.76	+1.18
Allstate Corp	N	89.29	+0.65	Exelon Corp	N	45.55	+0.33	Motorola Solutions	N	129.39	+0.66
Aptargroup Inc	N	104.79	+2.71	First Indl RT	N	31.39	-0.22	NiSource Corp	N	25.31	-0.28
Arch Dan Mid	N	46.13	-0.47	Fortune Brds Hm&Sec	N	43.04	+0.58	Nthn Trust Cp	O	97.46	+1.54
Baxter Intl	N	65.83	+2.00	Gallagher AJ	N	77.37	+0.95	Old Republic	N	22.04	+0.86
Boeing Co	N	341.57	-3.15	Grainger WW	N	306.11	+5.73	Packaging Corp Am	N	95.11	+0.77
Brunswick Corp	N	53.88	+1.21	GrubHub Inc	N	90.78	+2.91	Stericycle Inc	O	46.06	+6.61
CBIO Global Markets	N	109.71	+1.11	Hill-Rom Hldgs	N	92.75	+1.48	Teleph Data	N	34.83	-1.12
CDK Global Inc	O	49.88	-1.14	IDEX Corp	N	136.07	+2.33	TransUnion	N	62.20	+1.73
CDW Corp	O	88.56	+1.33	ITW	N	135.23	+2.02	Tribune Media Co A	N	38.60	-0.47
CF Industries	N	46.61	+1.58	Ingredion Inc	N	99.83	-2.39	US Foods Holding	N	32.27	+0.09
CME Group	O	191.56	+3.50	Jones Lang LaSalle	N	139.27	-2.19	USG Corp	N	42.61	-0.07
CNA Financial	N	47.10	+0.40	Kemper Corp	N	74.64	+0.70	Uita Salon Cosmetics O	O	311.81	-1.32
Caterpillar Inc	N	129.42	+4.32	Kraft Heinz Co	O	51.99	-0.65	United Contl Hldgs	O	91.98	+0.19
ConAgra Brands Inc	N	32.42	-0.22	LKQ Corporation	O	27.80	+0.09	Ventas Inc	N	60.43	-1.12
Deere Co	N	146.70	-0.52	Littelfuse Inc	O	184.52	+3.35	Walgreen Boots Alli	O	82.29	+0.77
Discover Fin Svcs	N	70.72	+1.53	MB Financial	O	45.31	+0.74	Waltrust Financial	O	78.14	+1.30
Dover Corp	N	86.19	+1.44	McDonalds Corp	N	183.56	-0.29	Zebra Tech	O	178.91	+5.65

MOST ACTIVE STOCKS

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Gen Electric	8.17	-1.15
PG&E Corp	17.74	-7.85
Bank of America	27.50	+0.69
Ford Motor	9.31	-2.3
EnCana Corp	7.77	...
Penney JC Co Inc	1.36	+1.14
AT&T Inc	30.12	-3.9
Alibaba Group Hldg	156.22	+5.78
Chesapeake Energy	3.73	+0.6
Weatherford Intl Ltd	.85	-0.1
Coty Inc	8.71	+0.1
Sthwstn Energy	5.45	-2.8
Oracle Corp	50.63	+1.79
Pfizer Inc	43.21	+0.30
Freepport McMoran	11.96	+0.2
VICI Properties	21.13	-0.31
Wells Fargo & Co	52.82	+0.67
Sprint Corp	6.12	-0.03
Nokia Corp	5.76	-0.03
Vipshop Hldgs Ltd	5.66	+0.31
Lloyds Banking Grp	2.83	-0.19
Petrobras	14.56	+0.32
Citigroup	64.60	+1.10
Exxon Mobil Corp	78.19	+0.80

LARGEST COMPANIES

Based on market capitalization

STOCK	CLOSE	CHG.
Alibaba Group Hldg	156.22	+5.78
Alphabet Inc C	1064.71	+21.05
Alphabet Inc A	1071.05	+16.47
Amazon.com Inc	1619.44	+20.43
Apple Inc	191.41	+4.61
Bank of America	27.90	+0.69
Berkshire Hath B	217.38	+1.35
Exxon Mobil Corp	78.19	+0.80
Facebook Inc	143.85	-0.37
JPMorgan Chase	110.07	+2.74
Johnson & Johnson	144.50	+0.25
Microsoft Corp	107.28	+2.31
Pfizer Inc	43.21	+0.30
Royal Dutch Shell B	63.78	+1.20
Royal Dutch Shell A	61.66	+1.26
Unitedhealth Group	264.94	-0.02
Visa Inc	141.84	+2.35
WalMart Strs	99.54	-1.99
Wells Fargo & Co	52.82	+0.67

LARGEST MUTUAL FUNDS

Based on total assets

FUND	NAV	CHG	1-YR %RTN
American Funds AMCPA m	32.18	+4.3	+8.5
American Funds AmrcnBAlA m	27.04	+1.6	+4.1
American Funds CptWldGrInCA m	147.50	+3.7	-2.3
American Funds CptlncBldrA m	58.58	+1.8	-1.9
American Funds FdmtlInvsA m	61.17	+6.3	+4.5
American Funds GrfAmrcA m	51.52	+6.3	+2.1
American Funds IncAmrcA m	22.57	+1.1	+2.9
American Funds InvCAMrCA m	39.47	+3.2	+5.4
American Funds NwPrspctVA m	42.82	+4.7	+1.1
American Funds WAMtInvsA m	45.16	+4.1	+9.1
DFA IntlCorEqInS	12.63	+0.2	-7.2
Dodge & Cox Inc	13.25	-0.2	-1.0
Dodge & Cox IntlStk	40.92	+0.18	-8.3
Dodge & Cox Stk	205.37	+2.07	+10.0
DoubleLine TtIRetBdl	10.31	+0.1	+1
Fidelity 500IdxInSPrm	95.66	+1.04	+8.5
Fidelity 500IndexPrrm	95.27	...	+7.6
Fidelity Contrafund	12.65	+1.7	+7.6
Fidelity ContrafundsK	12.65	+1.6	+7.7
Fidelity US8IdxInSPrm	11.06	-0.1	-2.0
Franklin Templeton Inca1 m	2.25	+0.1	+1.7
Metropolitan West TtIRetBdl	10.21	-0.1	-1.7
PIMCO IncInclSt	11.81	...	+6
PIMCO TtIRetInS	9.88	...	-1.4
Schwab SP500Idx	42.77	+0.47	+8.5
T. Rowe Price BCGr	104.82	+1.46	+11.6
T. Rowe Price GrStk	66.40	+0.92	+8.1
Vanguard 500IdxAdmrl	252.78	+2.74	+8.5
Vanguard DivGrInV	27.97	+2.1	+2.7
Vanguard EqInAdmrl	77.55	+0.80	+6.3
Vanguard GrdAdmrl	75.29	+0.95	+8.2
Vanguard HldAdmrl	90.90	+0.85	+11.3
Vanguard InTrInGdAdm	9.28	-0.1	-1.9
Vanguard InTrTEAdmrl	13.69	+0.2	-6.6
Vanguard InslIdxInS	249.39	+2.70	+8.5
Vanguard InslIdxInSPlus	249.40	+2.69	+8.5
Vanguard InslTSMInPls	60.43	+0.68	+8.1
Vanguard MDCpdxAdmrl	188.87	+1.98	+4.2
Vanguard PrrmCpAdmrl	142.62	+1.89	+11.6
Vanguard STInvmGrdAdmrl	10.39	...	+1
Vanguard SmCpdxAdmrl	70.78	+0.93	+6.1
Vanguard TrgtRtr2020Inv	30.90	+0.16	+1.0
Vanguard TrgtRtr2025Inv	18.18	+1.1	+1.1
Vanguard TrgtRtr2030Inv	33.02	+2.2	+1.4
Vanguard TrgtRtr2035Inv	20.29	+0.15	+1.6
Vanguard TtBMDxAdmrl	10.26	...	-2.0
Vanguard TtBMDxInS	10.26	...	-2.0
Vanguard TtInBdxAdmrl	21.82	+0.03	+1.7
Vanguard TtInBdxInS	32.74	+0.04	+1.7
Vanguard TtInBdxInV	10.91	+0.01	+1.6
Vanguard TtInSdxAdmrl	26.89	+0.19	-6.4
Vanguard TtInSdxInS	107.53	+0.75	-6.4
Vanguard TtInSdxInSPlus	107.54	+0.75	-6.4
Vanguard TtInSdxInV	16.07	+0.11	-6.5
Vanguard TtInSdxAdmrl	68.02	+0.76	+8.1
Vanguard TtInSdxInS	68.04	+0.77	+8.1
Vanguard TtInSdxInV	67.99	+0.76	+7.9
Vanguard WlngntAdmrl	71.62	+0.43	+4.2
Vanguard WlsInVAdmrl	63.07	+0.20	+9
Vanguard WndsrInAdmrl	66.70	+0.58	+6.2

TREASURY YIELDS

DURATION	CLOSE	PREV.
3-month disc	2.31	2.34
6-month disc	2.44	2.45
2-year	2.85	2.88
10-year	3.11	3.12
30-year	3.38	3.35

SPOT METALS

	CLOSE	PREV.
Gold	\$1212.80	\$1207.90
Silver	\$14.237	\$14.055
Platinum	\$845.30	\$833.80

INTEREST RATES

Prime Rate	5.25
Discount Rate Primary	2.75
Fed Funds Target	2.00-2.25
Money Mkt Overnight Avg.	0.57

FOREIGN EXCHANGE

A U.S. Dollar buys...

Argentina (Peso)	36.0412
Australia (Dollar)	1.3717
Brazil (Real)	3.7844
Britain (Pound)	.7818
Canada (Dollar)	1.3171
China (Yuan)	6.9391
Euro	.8812
India (Rupee)	71.795
Israel (Shekel)	3.7122
Japan (Yen)	113.58
Mexico (Peso)	20.2758
Poland (Zloty)	3.78
So. Korea (Won)	1125.65
Taiwan (Dollar)	30.77
Thailand (Baht)	32.91

FOREIGN MARKETS

INDEX	CLOSE	CHG./%
Shanghai	2668.17	+35.9/+1.4
Stoxx600	358.43	-3.8/-1.1
Nikkei	21803.62	-42.9/-0.2
MSCI-EAFE	1803.24	-14.4/-0.8
Bovespa	85973.06	+1059.0/+1.3
FTSE 100	7038.01	+4.2/+0.1
CAC-40	5033.62	-35.2/-0.7

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## OBITUARIES

ROY CLARK 1933-2018

## Country music star was guitar virtuoso, host of 'Hee Haw'

By KRISTIN M. HALL  
Associated Press

Country music star Roy Clark, the guitar virtuoso and singer who headlined the compene TV show "Hee Haw" for nearly a quarter-century and was known for such hits as "Yesterday When I Was Young" and "Honeymoon Feeling," has died. He was 85.

Publicist Jeremy Westby said Clark died Thursday of complications from pneumonia at home in Tulsa, Okla.

Clark was "Hee Haw" host or co-host for its entire 24-year run, with Buck Owens his best-known co-host. The country music and comedy show's last episode aired in 1993, though reruns continued for a few years thereafter.

"Hee Haw" won't go away. It brings a smile to too many faces," he said in 2004, when the show was distributed on VHS and DVD for the first time.

Clark played the guitar, banjo, fiddle, mandolin, harmonica and other instruments. His skills brought him gigs as a guest performer with many top orchestras, including the Boston Pops. In 1976 he headlined a tour of the Soviet Union, breaking boundaries that were usually closed to Americans. He also was a member of the Grand Ole Opry.

His hits included "The Tips of My Fingers" (1963), "Yesterday When I Was Young" (1969), "Come Live With Me" (1973) and "Honeymoon Feeling" (1974). He also was known for his instrumental versions of "Malaguena," on 12-string guitar, and "Ghost Riders in the Sky."

He was inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame in 2009 and emotionally told the crowd how moving it was "just to be associated yourself with the members of the Country



HAROLD FILAN/AP

Roy Clark, shown in Burbank, Calif., in 1974, one of the leading performers of country music on television.

Music Hall of Fame and imagine that your name will be said right along with all the list."

In his 1994 autobiography, "My Life in Spite of Myself," he said "Yesterday When I Was Young" had "opened a lot of people's eyes not only to what I could do but to the whole fertile and still largely untapped field of country music, from the Glen Campbells and the Kenny Rogerses, right on through to the Garth Brookses and Vince Gills."

Clark was guest host on "The Tonight Show" several times in the 1960s and 1970s when it was rare for a country performer to land such a role. His fans included not just musicians, but baseball great Mickey Mantle. The Yankees outfielder was moved to tears by "Yesterday When I Was Young" and for years made Clark promise to sing it at his memorial — a request granted after Mantle died in 1995.

Beginning in 1983, Clark

operated the Roy Clark Celebrity Theatre in Branson, Mo., and was one of the first country entertainers to open a theater there. Dozens of others followed him.

He was a touring artist as late as the 2000s. Over the years, he played at venues around the world: Carnegie Hall in New York, the Sporting Club in Monte Carlo, the Grand Palace in Brussels and the Rossiya Theatre in Moscow.

Clark was born in Meherrin, Va., and received his first guitar on his 14th Christmas. He was playing in his father's square dance band at age 15.

In the 1950s, Clark played in bands in the Washington, D.C., area. In 1960 he got the chance to front the band of country singer Wanda Jackson. He also performed regularly in Las Vegas. He got his first recording contract, with Capitol Records, in 1962.

In 1997 he released "Roy Clark's Christmas Memories."

## Chicago Daily Tribune

ON NOVEMBER 16 ...

**In 1864** the Union forces of Gen. William T. Sherman began their "march to the sea" in the Civil War.

**In 1873** W.C. Handy, the composer known as the "father of the blues," was born in Florence, Ala.

**In 1885** Canadian rebel Louis Riel was executed for high treason.

**In 1889** playwright George S. Kaufman ("You Can't Take It With You," "The Man Who Came to Dinner") was born in Pittsburgh.

**In 1933** the U.S. and Soviet Union established diplomatic relations.

**In 1959** the Rodgers and Hammerstein musical "The Sound of Music" opened on Broadway.

**In 1966**, at his second murder trial, Dr. Samuel Sheppard, of Cleveland, was acquitted in the 1954 killing of his wife, Marilyn. He had spent nine years in prison before his conviction was overturned because of pre-trial publicity.

**In 1973** President Richard Nixon signed the Alaska pipeline bill, hailing it as a

first step toward making the United States energy-independent by 1980. **Also in 1973** Skylab 3, carrying a crew of three, was launched from Cape Canaveral, Fla., on an 84-day mission.

**In 1981** actor William Holden was found dead in his apartment in Santa Monica, Calif.; he was 63.

**In 1982** an agreement was announced in the 57th day of a strike by National Football League players.

**In 1988** Estonia's parliament declared the Baltic republic "sovereign," but stopped short of complete independence.

**In 1992** the U.N. Security Council voted to authorize a naval blockade on the Danube River and the Adriatic coast to tighten economic sanctions on Yugoslavia.

**In 1997** China's most prominent pro-democracy campaigner, Wei Jingsheng, arrived in the U.S. after being released from a prison where he had served for nearly 18 years.

**In 2001** investigators found a letter addressed to Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., containing anthrax; it was the second letter bearing the

deadly germ known to have been sent to Capitol Hill.

**In 2004** President George W. Bush picked National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice to be his new secretary of state, succeeding Colin Powell.

**In 2005**, hoping to reverse the deterioration of pension plans, the Senate voted to force companies to make up underfunding and live up to promises made to employees. **Also in 2005** "This Is Your Life" host Ralph Edwards died in West Hollywood, Calif.; he was 92.

**In 2007** marchers surrounded the Justice Department headquarters to demand federal intervention in the Jena 6 case in Louisiana and stepped-up enforcement of hate crimes.

**In 2009** the body of Michael Scott, president of the Chicago school board, was found partially submerged in the Chicago River under a River North bridge. It was later determined Scott died of a gunshot to the head, and the death was ruled a suicide. Scott was 60.

**In 2012** bankrupt Hostess Brands, whose goods included Twinkies, Cub-Cakes, HoHos and Wonder Bread, asked a judge for permission to go out of business after a bakers' union strike. (The decision put 18,500 employees out of work.)

**In 2014** Islamic State militants released a video announcing the beheading of American aid worker Peter Kassig, who was captured in Syria in October 2013. **Also in 2014** Colombian army Gen. Ruben Dario Alzate and two aides were kidnapped by suspected rebels believed to be members of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia. The three were released two weeks later.

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## Barbour, Pauline E

Pauline E. Barbour, nee Howell. Age 76, November 14, 2018. Late of Homewood, IL. Cherished wife of Dennis Barbour. Loving mother of Cheryl McElligott-UrLarosa, James McElligott and Paula (Emilio) Villalobos. Grandmother of Brynn, Nathan, Lilah, Kendell and Violet. Great grandmother of Analisse, Joshua, Travis and Trey. Dear sister of Jeannette Howell, Tim C. Howell, the late Billy Howell and the late Stewart Howell. Sister-in-law of Roland (Beverly) Barbour. Dear aunt, cousin and friend to many. Pauline had 27 years of dedicated service to the Cook County Sheriffs Department as a Deputy Sheriff and Administrative Aid assigned to the Markham Courthouse. Resting at the **Tews-Ryan Funeral Home**, 18230 Dixie Hwy. Homewood Saturday from 3:00 until the time of services at 7:00 p.m. For info www.tews-ryanfh.com or 708 798-5300.

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## Berman, Joyce G.

Joyce G. Berman, nee Horwich. Beloved wife of Jeffrey Berman. Loving mother of Randall (Lisa Beckner) Berman, and Holly (Jake) Palmer. Proud Nana of Jillian, Alyssa, Brady, Madison and Megan. Dear sister-in-law of Betty (Dr. Max) Finkel. Cherished aunt of David, Jodi, and the late Wendy Finkel. Will be missed by many friends and extended family. Memorial service Friday 2:30 PM at **Chicago Jewish Funerals**, 195 N. Buffalo Grove Road (One block north of Lake Cook Road) Buffalo Grove. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers, memorials in her memory to National Parkinson's Foundation, www.parkinson.org. Arrangements by: **Chicago Jewish Funerals**-Buffalo Grove Chapel, 847.229.8822, www.cjinfo.com

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## Breslan, Michael G.

Michael G. Breslan, age 84. Cherished brother of Adrienne (Eugene) Trezzo and the late Mercedes (the late Ingolf) Magnus and the late William F. Breslan; husband of Mary Breslan; former husband of the late Lailani; loving father of Lydia (Michael) Pastore, Michael G., Jr. (Laurie) Breslan, Victoria (Steven) Golub and Shannon (Matthew) Strzynski; proud grandfather of Shannon (Andy) Ganger, James Nelson, Megan Nelson, Angelica Smith, Melissa (Vincent) Breslan, Michael Breslan, Michelle Breslan, Aiden, William and Nathan Golub and Alexandra, Quentin and Veronica Strzynski and the late Kelly Erin Beverley; great-grandfather of seven; fond friend and mentor to many. Proud member of Local 150 Operating Engineers for over 50 years; former President of Chicago and Cook County Building Trades. A Memorial Visitation will be held at the **Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home**, 10501 W. Cermak Rd., Westchester (2 blks West of Mannheim Rd.) on Monday, November 19, 2018 from 2:00 to 9:00 p.m. Funeral Tuesday 9:30 a.m. until time of Chapel Service 10:30 a.m. Inurnment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Memorials to Our Lady of Sorrow Basilica, 3121 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60612 appreciated. For further info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.

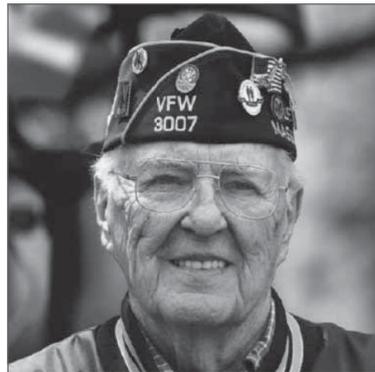
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## Bruno, Anthony Daniel 'Dan'

Anthony Daniel "Dan" Bruno, of Buffalo Grove, Illinois, 11-22-1927 to 11-12-2018. Beloved husband of the late Angie, nee Alex; loving and devoted father of Charisse; proud godfather and papa of Jeremy Wicklund; loving "papa" to the Wicklund Family; beloved son of the late Carmen and the late Mary (nee Fasano) Bruno; dear brother of the late Michael (the late Pat) and the late Concetta Bruno; Faithful master to his standard poodles, Schemer and Teddy. Dear brother in law, uncle and great-uncle of many. Employee of many years of Bearing Headquarters and Durkee-Atwood Company. Visitation Sunday Nov 18, 2018 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at **Steuerle Funeral Home** 350 S. Ardmore Ave, Villa Park, IL in state Monday Nov 19, 2018 10:30 a.m. until Mass time 11:00 a.m. at Shrine of Our Lady of Pompeii 1224 W. Lexington Street, Chicago, IL 60607 Interment Elmwood Cemetery, River Grove, IL. In lieu of flowers memorials to The Buddy Foundation, 65 W. Seegers Rd, Arlington Hts, IL 60005 For info 630-832-4161

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## Cairns, Pamela Susan-Xichel

Pamela Susan-Xichel Cairns died peacefully at home on Sunday, November 11 at age 61 after a six-month struggle with cancer. She used the time and energy available to her to encourage open and honest communications among family members, colleagues, and friends. She was determined to find opportunity in her condition, and to leave nothing undressed, if not resolved. It was a remarkable last chapter to a life of commitment to the health of the low-income communities, to the concerns and needs of women, and to social justice.



She received her Master's Degree in Health Services Administration at The Ohio State University in 1998. She became the CEO of Erie Family Health Centers in 1999 and served until 2006. "Under Pam's leadership, Erie Family Health Centers nearly doubled the number of patients served from 18,000 to almost 30,000, opened new sites, upgraded others and offered new services such as dental care," said Lee Francis the organization's current chief executive.

In 2010, she founded Leading Healthy Futures, a consulting company focused on assisting non-profit organizations in health services. Pat Marshall, President of SynerChange Chicago stated, "She was one of the most intellectually challenging and strategic thinking individuals I have known. She had a way of broadening everyone's perspective, because of her ability to see beyond the here and now, or what may have seemed obvious."

Pam was born on March 26, 1957 in Columbus, Ohio and grew up in Cleveland. She started her career in documentary film at New York University. Opportunities drew her to Mexico where she lived for five years editing film and serving as a translator. She was known by her nickname Xichel—the Mayan Goddess of the moon, fertility, and the healing arts. During her time in Mexico, she married and gave birth to Emily Batun. She later moved to Columbus and resumed her studies.

In 2011, she married Dan Swinney. They honeymooned in Tasmania, canoed in British Columbia, studied cooperatives in Scotland and Cuba, and shared other adventures. In addition to Dan, and daughter, Emily, Pamela is survived by son-in-law Mark Mudarth, and grandson Owen Mudarth; her father Don Cairns and wife Alice Cairns; her mother Davida Steinbrink; her brother Doug Cairns and wife Angie Cairns; her brother Tim Cairns and fiancé Kellie Steiner; her sister Heather Cairns and wife Ann Barton; and many nieces and nephews.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date.

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## Callaci, Carmella E.

Carmella E. Callaci, nee Rosanova, of Sugar Grove, formerly of Westchester, age 80. Beloved wife of Lee; loving mother of John (Jenny), Bob (Laura) and Leann Goodwin; proud grandmother of Kelsy, Justin, Matthew, Alexa, Logan, Carson and Andrew; dear sister of Donald (Rose) Rosanova. Family and friends will be received at the **Conboy-Westchester Funeral Home**, 10501 W. Cermak Rd., Westchester (2 blks West of Mannheim Rd.) on Sunday, November 18, 2018 from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. All to meet Monday at Divine Providence Church, 2550 Mayfair, Westchester for 10:00 a.m. Funeral Mass. Interment Queen of Heaven Cemetery. Memorials to the American Cancer Society ([www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)) appreciated. For further info 708-F-U-N-E-R-A-L.

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## Clarke, Eugene "Bobby"

Eugene "Bobby" Clarke, loving husband for 50 years of the late Margaret "Boots" Clarke, nee Ahern; father of Michael Clarke and Eileen (Charles) Hutchinson; grandfather of Megan, Michael and Molly Clarke and Kathleen, Sarah and Charlie Hutchinson; brother of the late Vincent Clarke.

Gene grew up on the North Side of Chicago, served active duty in the Navy from 1948-1950, graduated from Loyola University, Chicago, and had a career of over 40 years with Stewart Warner Corp., much of that time as Director of Marketing. Visitation Sunday, November 18, 2018, 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Funeral Monday, November 19, 2018, 9:15 a.m. from **Donnellan Family Funeral Home**, 10045 Skokie Blvd. at Old Orchard Road, Skokie, IL 60077 to Saints Faith, Hope & Charity Church, 191 Linden Street, Winnetka, IL 60093, Mass 10:00 a.m. Interment All Saints Cemetery. info: 847 675-1990 or [www.donnellanfuneral.com](http://www.donnellanfuneral.com).

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## Culley, Alan Lee

Alan Lee Culley, 72, passed away November 10, 2018, in Santa Rosa, California, surrounded by his five loving children and brother, Rick. Born to George and June Culley in Winfield, Illinois, he graduated from West Chicago High School in 1965 and College of DuPage in 1973. Alan, known to his many friends as Big Al or Leo, was a truck driver and transportation specialist. He once traveled from Chicago to San Francisco in 30 hours, and had hauled an army tank, a space shuttle for NASA, and hundreds of tons of fruits and vegetables from "coast to coast, border to border." Having crossed the U.S. hundreds of times, he knew someone in every town he went to, or made a new friend while there. He knew every state capital. He collected elk antlers in Wyoming, turquoise in Tucson, and fine wool blankets from Oregon. He was an accomplished amateur pyrotechnician. He had an exceptional appetite and enthusiasm for fine food and was often the life of a party. He was a generous host and knowledgeable tour guide. He was just as comfortable at a Waffle House in Missouri as he was in fine restaurants in Chicago or New York. He was very proud of his southern Illinois coal country family roots. He was a loving and proud father. Alan is survived by his beloved offspring, Cynthia Anne, George Ryan (Cindy), Gregory Richard (Ingrid), Patrick and their mother, Deborah Vincens Culley; his son Andrew and his mother Janet Oldfield; his grandchildren, Cory Logan, Patrick Antavas, Landon Lee, Rya Marie, and Kaitlin Jessica Culley; his brother Richard George Culley, his wife Connie, and their children William, Emily, Deryck, Luke, and Anna, all of New York state. He was also survived by and grateful to his Culley cousins who came to his aid during his last journey. In lieu of flowers, please celebrate Al's life and friendship with a great meal and a fine wine. He'll be with you in spirit. Visitation will be Saturday November 17th from 10:00 a.m. until time of funeral service 12:30 p.m. at Norris-Segert Funeral Home 132 Fremont St. West Chicago. Interment to follow at Glen Oak Cemetery in West Chicago. For info: 708-456-8300 or [www.cumberlandchapels.com](http://www.cumberlandchapels.com)

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Lotto ..... 01 06 11 30 38 40 / 25  
Lotto jackpot: \$20.75M  
Pick 3 midday ..... 849 / 4  
Pick 4 midday ..... 9209 / 8  
Lucky Day Lotto midday .....  
16 29 38 42 45  
Pick 3 evening ..... 472 / 6  
Pick 4 evening ..... 3828 / 0  
Lucky Day Lotto evening .....  
01 14 35 39 44  
Nov. 16 Mega Millions: \$122M  
Nov. 17 Powerball: \$124M

**WISCONSIN**  
Nov. 15  
Pick 3 ..... 228  
Pick 4 ..... 8168  
Badger 5 ..... 02 07 17 18 23  
SuperCash ..... 04 05 12 22 25 32

**INDIANA**  
Nov. 15  
Daily 3 midday ..... 248 / 8  
Daily 4 midday ..... 0759 / 8  
Daily 3 evening ..... 502 / 5  
Daily 4 evening ..... 5095 / 5  
Cash 5 ..... 12 23 28 35 39

**MICHIGAN**  
Nov. 15  
Daily 3 midday ..... 615  
Daily 4 midday ..... 2543  
Daily 3 evening ..... 903  
Daily 4 evening ..... 9977  
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## Cushman, Doris Lee

Doris Lee Cushman, nee Silverman, 91, beloved wife and best friend of Aaron for 71 wonderful years; loving mother of Gary Cushman, Amy Wilton (Tom Lichamer) and Pamela Cushman; cherished Grandma Dee Dee of Luke (Lindsey) Cushman, Taylor (Ted) Gamache, Kiely Cushman, Allison Hahn, Joey (Allison) Hahn, Kimberly (Justin) Piacenza, Tyler Hahn, Sabrina Wilton, AJ (Max) Iniguez and the late Troy Wilton; adored Great Grandma Dee Dee of Emery Gamache, Joe, Bradyn and Addison Piacenza and Eva, Bode, Mitzi, Adam and Frankie Hahn; devoted daughter of the late Nettie and Joseph Silverman; dear sister of the late Merle (the late Arthur) Roufa; treasured aunt, cousin and friend of many. Memorial service Sunday 2:30 PM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society. For information and condolences, (847) 255-3520 or [www.shalom2.com](http://www.shalom2.com)



Sabrina Wilton, AJ (Max) Iniguez and the late Troy Wilton; adored Great Grandma Dee Dee of Emery Gamache, Joe, Bradyn and Addison Piacenza and Eva, Bode, Mitzi, Adam and Frankie Hahn; devoted daughter of the late Nettie and Joseph Silverman; dear sister of the late Merle (the late Arthur) Roufa; treasured aunt, cousin and friend of many. Memorial service Sunday 2:30 PM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society. For information and condolences, (847) 255-3520 or [www.shalom2.com](http://www.shalom2.com)

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## Cygan, Jadwiga 'Heidi'

Jadwiga "Heidi" Cygan, nee Lapkowski, born in Latvia on November 18, 1925. Beloved wife of the late Tad Cygan, dear mother of the late Sigie and the late David. Funeral service will be held on Saturday, November 17, 9:30am from **Smith-Corcoran Funeral Home**, 6150 N Cicero Ave., Chicago to St. Hilary, 5601 N. California, Chicago, for Mass at 10:00am. Entombment Maryhill Cemetery. Visitation Friday 4-8pm at the funeral home. For info 773-736-3833 or visit Jadwiga's memorial at [www.smithcorcoran.com](http://www.smithcorcoran.com)

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## DelMedico, Anthony J.

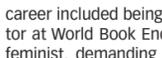
Anthony J. DelMedico, age 93, WWII Navy Veteran. Devoted husband of the late Dora nee Battisti; beloved father of Tony (Donna) DelMedico, Sharon DelMedico, James DelMedico and Donna (John) Serwetnyk; loving grandfather of Tony, Kristen and Michael; dear brother of Anna (the late Joseph) Giametta, Virginia (Sam) Storto, Frank (the late Maggie) DelMedico and the late Vincent (Janice) DelMedico; fond uncle and great uncle of many. Visitation Sunday, November 18, 2018 from 2:00 until 8:00 p.m. at **Cumberland Chapels**, 8300 W. Lawrence Ave., Norridge, IL 60706. Funeral services begin Monday 9:00 a.m. at the funeral home and will proceed to St. Celestine Church in Elmwood Park for Mass at 10:00 a.m. Entombment Elmwood Mausoleum. Info 708-456-8300 or [www.cumberlandchapels.com](http://www.cumberlandchapels.com).

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## DiCanio, Lila

Lila DiCanio, nee Katz, passed away peacefully Thursday, November 15, 2018, at home in Wilmette, surrounded by her daughters. Born in Chicago, Lila was a wordsmith from an early age, graduating from the University of Illinois, Champaign/Urbana in 1959 where she met her husband Tom, to whom she was married for 53 years. Her early



career included being the first female assistant editor at World Book Encyclopedia. She was an early feminist, demanding equal pay when she discovered that her male counterparts were making more money than she was - even though she had trained them. She threatened to quit if they didn't increase her salary and she won. After moving to Wilmette with her husband and two daughters, she made herself known to the local school board by getting involved in issues in the schools. She proudly wore her "Impeach Nixon" button around Wilmette and worked at various advertising agencies as a copy editor. She helped her husband publish the trade journal Floral & Nursery Times where she wrote a column for many years. In her later years, she remained active attending a support group for Alzheimer's where she always had advice to give, serving as an election judge, and volunteering at the Wilmette Public Library. She was thrilled that the Democrats took back the house. She loved movies, reading, WFMT, traveling, her view of the lake and had a wicked sense of humor. She never failed to mention how beautiful Chicago was when driving into the city. She was also an incredibly generous and loyal mother, grandmother, aunt and friend. She is survived by her daughters Laura (Zach) and Paula (Tom), four grandchildren, Hannah, Johnny, Annabella and Aaron. A memorial service will be held at **HABEN Funeral Home & Crematory**, 8057 Niles Center Rd., Skokie, on Sunday, November 18, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Memorial donations in Lila's name may be made to The American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK, 73123. Funeral info: 847.673.6111 or [www.habenfuneral.com](http://www.habenfuneral.com) to sign guestbook.

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## Dunne, William Hanly

Bill "Homerun" Dunne, age 68 of Downers Grove. Beloved husband of Lucy. Loving father of Maggie (Kevin) Heniff and Molly. Proud grandpa of Cavan. Dear brother of Marilyn (John) Grogan and Sister Patricia, D.C. Loving uncle, cousin and friend to many. Preceded in death by his parents, Edna and T. Russell, and brother Thomas. Visitation on Mon., Nov. 19th at 10:30 am until Mass at 11:30 am, St. Joan of Arc Church, 820 Division St., Lisle. Luncheon to follow. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Marillac St Vincent Family Services, PO Box 14699, Chicago, IL 60614 or [marillacstvincent.org](http://marillacstvincent.org)

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## Foley, Patricia

Patricia Foley nee Barron. Beloved wife of Eamon Foley. Cherished mother of Denis Foley, John Foley, Edward Foley & the late Kevin Foley & Thomas Foley. Devoted sister of Marie Barron, Catherine (the late Daniel) Fitzmaurice, Eileen (Thomas) Sayers & John Barron. Loving aunt of many nieces & nephews. Funeral Saturday 10:15 am from **Thompson & Kuenster Funeral Home**, 5570 W. 95th St., Oak Lawn to St. Gerald Church for Mass at 11:00 am. Interment St. Mary Cemetery. Visitation Saturday from 9:00 am until the time of prayers at 10:15 am. [thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com](http://thompsonkuensterfuneralhome.com) 708-425-0500

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## Gilbert, Gary Gordon

Gary Gordon Gilbert, of Mundelein, Illinois, born on August 12, 1966 in Highland Park, Illinois, to Barbara Gilbert and the late Earl Gilbert, passed away at age 52 on October 25, 2018. Gary served in the United States Air Force for 15 years. Gary is survived by his brothers, Scott (Tami) and Samuel; aunt and uncle, Joyce and Richard Hirsch; and cousins, David (Glynis) and Andy (Kathy) Hirsch.

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## Glomb, Philip E.

Philip E. Glomb beloved husband of Dolores nee Uher; loving father of Gregg (Kathleen), Nancy (Peter) Holzappel and Carolyn (Matthew) Tholl; devoted grandfather of 12; dearest great grandfather of 13 and one on the way; dear uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Sunday 1-7 P.M. Funeral Monday 9:15 A.M. from **Lawn Funeral Home** 17909 S 94th Ave Tinley Park Il 60487 to St Julie Billart Church Mass 10:00 A.M. Interment Resurrection Cemetery Funeral info (708) 532-3100.

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## Hofman, Walter S.

Walter S. Hofman, DDS, 86, beloved husband of Ellen, nee Peirce, for 55 1/2 wonderful years; loving father of Lisa (Jim) Goetz and Susan (Brian) Hochman; cherished Poppie of Alex and Grant Hochman; devoted son of the late Elsa and Paul Hofman; dear brother-in-law of the late Joan (the late Sam) Kalow; treasured uncle, cousin and friend of many. Walter was a proud and dedicated dentist in Streamwood and Hoffman Estates for over 57 years. Chapel service Monday, November 19, 10 AM at **Shalom Memorial Funeral Home**, 1700 W. Rand Road, Arlington Heights. Interment Shalom Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Bright Futures Foundation, 2500 Indigo Lane, Box 2600, Glenview, Illinois 60026. For information and condolences, (847) 255-3520 or [www.shalom2.com](http://www.shalom2.com)

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## Kruse, Roy Hans

Roy Hans Kruse, 77, renowned Chicago Architect passed away on November 13, 2018. Beloved husband of Marie. Loving father of Matthew Kruse, Jennifer Kruse, and Amy (Scott) Nixon. Beloved Grandpa of Rose, Claire and Jack Flanigan, Aidan and Annie Kruse and Benjamin and Emily Nixon. Dear Brother of Elaine Aicher and Fond Brother in Law. Dear Uncle to 12 nieces and nephews. Avid sailor and Commodore of Chicago Corinthian Yacht Club. Art and Symphony Enthusiast, History Buff. Eagle Scout. Graduate of IIT. Mentor to young architects. Best family handyman. Truly wonderful man and dearly loved. Memorial visitation, Saturday, November 17th from 3-8 p.m. at Drechsler, Brown & Williams, 203 S. Marion St. Oak Park and Sunday, November 18th from 3 p.m. until time of Memorial service 4 p.m. at United Lutheran Church 409 Greenfield, Oak Park. In lieu of flowers, donations to WTTW, Habitat for Humanity, Unity Temple Restoration Foundation in Roy's name. Funeral info: [www.drechslerbrownwilliams.com](http://www.drechslerbrownwilliams.com) or 708-383-3191.

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## Langlotz, Gregory E.

Gregory E. Langlotz, age 82, Army, of Volo, IL, beloved husband of Mary nee McCormick for 60 years. Devoted son of the late George and Jean Langlotz, loving father of Laura (Paul) Anderson, Susan (Mark) Peterson, Alan, Leslie (Jeff) Hartigan, Sharon Langlotz-Johnson, Peter (Lisa), loving grandfather of 12, great-grandfather of 5. Visitation will be 3-7 pm Sunday Nov 18th at **McMurrough Funeral Chapel**, 101 Park Pl. (Rt 176, 1 Blk East of Milwaukee Ave), Libertyville. Funeral Mass 10:00 am Monday Nov 19th at St. Mary of the Annunciation, 22333 W. Erhart Rd., Mundelein. In lieu of flowers, contributions to Mercy Home for Boys and Girls or House of the Good Shepherd. Interment private. Funeral info (847) 362-2626. Please sign the guestbook at [libertyvillefuneralhome.com](http://libertyvillefuneralhome.com)

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## Leengran, Diana

Diana Leengran, nee Brouse, 83, of Northbrook, passed away November 13, 2018. Beloved wife for 57 years of Wayne Leengran; loving mother of Karen (Timothy) Heslop, the late Glenn and Neil Leengran; proud grandmother of Lauren Heslop; cherished sister of the late Barbara Williams and dear aunt of Lori Colley and Holly Williams. Mrs. Leengran received her bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Michigan. She loved to sew and travel and was an avid reader. A memorial visitation will be held Sunday, November 18, 2018 from 3 pm until time of the service at 5 pm at **N.H. Scott & Hanekamp Funeral Home**, 1240 Waukegan Road, Glenview. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the University of Michigan, Latin Department, 2160 Angell Hall, 435 S. State Street, Ann Arbor, MI 48109. Funeral information 847-998-1020.

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### Lembesis, Marietta M.

Marietta M. Lembesis nee Tranchita, age 76 of Mt. Prospect. Beloved wife of the late Christ Constantine Lembesis; loving mother of Gina (Nick) Walter and Chris Anthony (Meredith) Lembesis; cherished grandmother of Joseph Cappello, Nicholas and Gianna Walter; great grandmother of Dominic Cappello; loving sister of the late Bardo (Midge) Tranchita; dear aunt of William Tranchita, Julie Galati, Anthony Tranchita and Joseph Tranchita; great aunt of Marianna Galati, Corey and Austin Tranchita. Visitation Sunday, November 18, 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at **Friedrichs Funeral Home**, 320 W. Central Rd., Mt. Prospect, IL 60056. Visitation Monday November 19, 12:00 p.m. noon until time of Funeral Mass 12:30 p.m. at St. Raymond de Penafort Church, Elmhurst Ave., (Rt. 83) & Lincoln St., Mt. Prospect, IL 60056. Interment Elmwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to PAWS Chicago, 1997 N. Clybourn Ave., Chicago, IL 60614. Funeral information (847) 255-7800 or [www.friedrichsfh.com](http://www.friedrichsfh.com).

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### Marren, Nancy M.

Nancy M. Marren, 78, Somonauk, IL formerly of Evergreen Park, IL, passed away Thursday, November 15, 2018. She was born August 16, 1940 in Chicago, IL the daughter of George and Wanda (Chrostek) Marc. She married Bernard "Bud" Marren on September 18, 1965 in Chicago, IL. She was a member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Somonauk. Nancy was a former member of the Lake Holiday Garden Club.

She is survived by her husband, Bernard "Bud" of Somonauk, IL; her children, Russell (Jeanne) Marren of Chicago, IL, Mary Ann (Scott) Hollenback of Oswego, IL, Kevin (Jennifer) Marren of Westmont, IL, and Christine Rizzo of Oswego, IL; six grandchildren, Eric, Michael, Gianna, Joseph, Sean, and Conor; two sisters, Virginia (Jim) Neuman of Wood Dale, IL, and Sue Klemmer of Norridge, IL; one niece Michele and one nephew Scott.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral Mass will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, November 19, 2018 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Somonauk, IL with Fr. Kevin Butler officiating. Burial will follow at St. John Catholic Cemetery in Somonauk. Visitation will be from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 18, 2018 at **Turner-Eighner Funeral Home** in Somonauk with a prayer service at 6:00 p.m. For more information or to sign the online guest book, go to [www.EighnerFuneralHomes.com](http://www.EighnerFuneralHomes.com)

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### McDonald

See Marietta Lembesis notice.

### Nedbal, Marlene

Marlene Nedbal, 80. Beloved wife of the late Kenneth Nedbal. Loving mother of Susanne Hovis, Kenneth (Rosanne) Nedbal, Elizabeth Huskey, John Nedbal, James (Tina) Nedbal and Matthew Nedbal. Caring grandma of Michael, Jessica, Jennifer, Kenny, Keith, Johnny, Megan and Samantha. Great-grandma of Jace, Jovi, Henry and Adeline. Beloved sister of Jane, John, Dennis and Judy. Also many nieces and nephews. Memorial Service at a later date. For info (630) 852-3595 or [www.modelldarien.com](http://www.modelldarien.com)

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### O'Neill, Mary Therese Coleman

Mary Coleman O'Neill, age 89, of Lawrenceville, GA, formerly of Lake Forest, IL, passed away on Thursday, November 1, 2018, at her home surrounded by her family. A Celebration of Life Mass will be held on Saturday, November 17, 2018 at 11:00am at St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church 7033 N. Moselle Ave., Chicago, IL 60646 (773-763-0206). The family will receive visitors from 10:00am-11:00am at the church before the mass. A going home reception and inurnment will follow. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The Cradle Society (847-475-5800) [www.cradle.org](http://www.cradle.org). Condolences may be sent to [www.wagesfuneralhome.com](http://www.wagesfuneralhome.com).

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### Phillips, William A. "Bill"

William A. "Bill" Phillips (Pelepchuk), 88, of Chicago passed away on November 14, 2018. Bill was an internationally known interior decorator, antique dealer, World War II Veteran, graduate of the Art Institute of Chicago, longtime member of ASID, and owner of William A. Phillips, Ltd., until his retirement. Mr. Phillips is survived by his loving sister Marion P.

Church, and dear friend Nadine Sweeney. He was preceded in death by his parents, Julius M. and Josephine Pelepchuk, brothers Julius Jr., and Mark P. Phillips. We would like to thank his caregiver Olga who helped make Bill's last two years ones that gave him joy through his ups and downs, as well as Jonathan and the staff of The Clare. Visitation Saturday from 10:00 a.m. until time of service, 11:00 a.m., at **Muzyka & Son Funeral Home**, 5776 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago. Entombment Elmwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to Salvation Army, 5040 N. Pulaski Rd., Chicago, IL 60630. For more information, please call (773) 545-3800 or visit [www.muzykafuneralhome.com](http://www.muzykafuneralhome.com)

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### Rao Hureau, Amrita

Rao Hureau, Amrita of Cambridge, MA, November 13, 2018. Beloved wife of Jonathan Hureau. Precious daughter of Pushpa Rao of Hillsdale, NJ. Loving sister of Rajiv Rao of Brooklyn, NY and the late Neisha Rao. Further survived by many other loving family members and their goldendoodle, Juneau.

A vivacious spirit known for her razor-sharp wit, beautiful smile, and fierce love for her family and friends, Amrita touched all who knew her and made them better for it. A graduate of Denison University and Columbia University, Amrita dedicated her life to public health, serving as an advocate for others battling the condition APS Type 1. Amrita was a lover of travel, fall, elephants, music, dance, and classic films, renowned for her encyclopedic knowledge of movie dialogue and ear for vocal mimicry. Her life is a testament to the power of love and kindness, and her spirit will live on through all who love her.

Visiting hours will be held at the **Keefe Funeral Home**, 5 Chestnut St. Arlington, MA on Saturday, November 17th from 3 to 6 pm. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend. Interment will be private. It has been requested that in lieu of flowers memorial contributions be made in Amrita's name to [www.apstype1.org](http://www.apstype1.org). For directions or to leave an online message of condolence please visit [www.keefefuneralhome.com](http://www.keefefuneralhome.com).

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### Remien, Mary Edith

Mary Edith Remien, 33, of Glenview, passed away suddenly November 14, 2018. Beloved daughter of Ann (nee French) and the late Harry Remien; loving sister of Elizabeth (Bryan) Haas; cherished aunt of Charles and her godson, George Haas; dear niece of Mark French, Michael (Claire) French, and Patricia (Steven) Whitehead; fond cousin of Steven Whitehead and Mary Pat French. She is also survived by her caring extended family and friends. Mary was a graduate of Glenbrook South High School, Purdue University and was currently pursuing her Masters in Education. Visitation will be held Monday, November 19, 2018 from 4 to 8 pm at **N.H. Scott & Hanekamp Funeral Home**, 1240 Waukegan Road, Glenview. Funeral procession from the funeral home on Tuesday, November 20, 2018 at 9:30 am going to St. Catherine Labouré Church, 3535 Thornwood, Glenview for Mass 10 am. Interment All Saints Cemetery. Funeral information 847-998-1020.

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### Rowe, Theodore Henry 'Ted'

Theodore (Ted) Henry Rowe, 89, passed away on Wednesday November 14, 2018 in Rancho Mirage, CA where he lived with his wife of 65 years, Myra. Father of Michael (Kim) Rowe, Robbie Rowe Tollin, Judith (Matt) Horwitch, and Caryn (Jon) Africk. Grandfather of Emily (Johnny), Jeremy and Annalise Rowe, Georgia and Lucas Tollin, Jack and David Horwitch, Bryan and Brady Africk. Brother of Blossom Weller and Maynard (Sharon) Rowe, and the late Lucille Briskin. Service Sunday 10 a.m. at The Chapel, 195 N Buffalo Grove Rd, Buffalo Grove (1 blk N. of Lake Cook Rd.). Interment Shalom Memorial Park, Arlington Heights. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in his memory to the Palm Springs Air Museum where he volunteered as a docent: [www.palmspringsairmuseum.org/donate](http://www.palmspringsairmuseum.org/donate) or to a charity of your choice. Info: **Goldman Funeral Group**, [www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com](http://www.goldmanfuneralgroup.com) (847) 478-1600.

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### Scheiderer, Mary Eileen

Mary Eileen (nee Heafey) Scheiderer, 70, resident of Naperville, beloved wife of the late Alan Scheiderer, loving mother of Marne Ninneman and William Ninneman, dear daughter of the late Patrick and the late Bridie (nee Keane) Heafey, cherished sister of Patricia Heafey and the late James Heafey, proud grandmother of Farrah and devoted aunt of James, Michael and Megan (Paul) Amelio and great-aunt to Alexander. She will be missed by many. Memorial Visitation Sunday November 18, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Hann Funeral Home, 8230 S. Harlem Ave., Bridgeview. Interment private. For more information call, 708-496-3344 or visit us online at [hannfuneralhome.com](http://hannfuneralhome.com)

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### Schiffman, Shirley

1922-2018

Shirley Schiffman passed away November 13, 2018, 18 days shy of her 96th birthday. She was preceded in death by her husband of 68 years, Phil.

Shirley is survived by children Diane Weitzman, Jerry (Kris), Michael (Pam) and Randy (Marita), grandchildren Scott Weitzman (Lauren), Lauren Zalay (Michael), Jori Fuller (Eric), Jennifer (Matt Collander), Michael and Matthew (Rachel), plus 6 great-grandchildren. Shirley reveled in family gatherings where all four generations swapped stories. She loved her wide circle of friends, Chicago sports teams, especially the Bulls, read voraciously, and even had every golfers dream, a hole in one! Her smile, wit and joy for life will be missed by all. Private ceremony. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to your charity of choice.

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### Smrz, James F.

James F. Smrz "Jim", Army Veteran; beloved husband of Noreen nee O'Connor; loving dad of James, Jeffrey (Jamie), Thomas (Carolyn), Kevin (Cassandra) and Matthew (Rebecca); cherished grandpa of Gavin, Ace, William, Carter, Ethan, Hudson, Georgia and Maxwell; fond brother of Annette (the late Robert) Edler and Louise (the late Robert) Miller; uncle of many nieces and nephews. Visitation Saturday 8:30 A.M. until time of prayers at 10:15 A.M. at **Modell Funeral Home**, 7710 S. Cass Avenue, Darien to Holy Trinity Church. Mass 11:00 A.M. Interment Clarendon Hills Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital appreciated. For info: (630) 852-3595 or [www.modelldarien.com](http://www.modelldarien.com)

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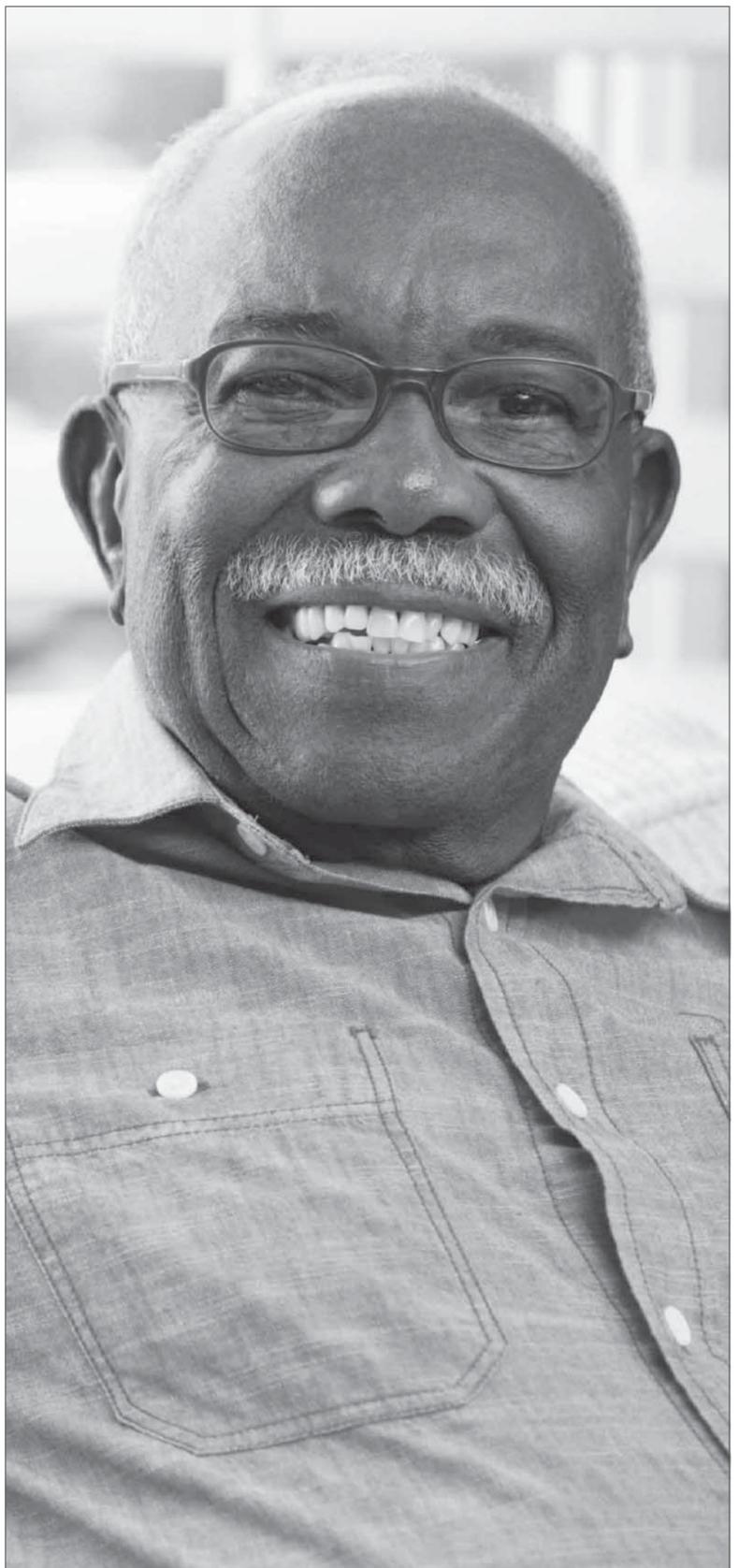
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## BUCKS on the RISE

New coach *Mike Budenholzer's* system giving possible blueprint as Bulls rebuild

MORRY GASH/AP PHOTOS

BY K.C. JOHNSON | Chicago Tribune

**D**irk Nowitzki owns the NBA record for 3-pointers in a season by a 7-footer, making 151 for the Mavericks way back in the 2000-01 season.

It's a record that the Bulls' Lauri Markkanen flirted with last season before falling six short, the third-most since Nowitzki also sank 148 during the 2002-03 campaign.

Through 14 games, Bucks big man Brook Lopez is on pace not only to break Nowitzki's record but shatter it. Freed to launch freely in new coach Mike Budenholzer's aesthetically pleasing offensive system, Lopez would sink 240 3-pointers if he maintains his current — and ridiculous — pace.



**UP NEXT | Bulls at Bucks**  
8:30 p.m. Friday,  
WGN-9, ESPN

"They figured out that what's best for him is giving him the one thing he's really good at and limiting him, not giving him too much responsibility," Bulls center Robin Lopez cracked.

The Lopez twins throwing shade at each other is normal. The Bucks flashing potential staying power for a deep playoff run is not. This is a franchise that hasn't advanced past the first round of the playoffs since George Karl rode Ray Allen, Glenn Rob-

Turn to **Bucks**, Page 5



In his first season in Milwaukee, coach Mike Budenholzer has the 10-4 Bucks flashing potential staying power for a deep playoff run. ABOVE: In 23-year-old Giannis Antetokounmpo, the Bucks have a transformative talent who will be an MVP candidate for years to come.

## Mirror images — so who will break?

Sunday's showdown will reveal how much Vikings mimic Bears

The Bears finally broke through in the NFC North on Sunday when they snapped a 10-game division losing streak by beating the Lions. The next step is learning how they stack up against the defending champion.

The Vikings come to Soldier Field on Sunday night with first place in the division at stake. Neither team has a victory this season over an opponent that currently has a winning record, so there is much to prove for both with the rest of the league wondering how good they are.

The Bears and Vikings mirror each other in a number of ways. Both quarterbacks have been playing well lately. Both running games have been inconsistent. Both pass rushes are revved up and the defenses are among the best in the league. The Bears are



**BRAD BIGGS**  
On the Bears

concerned about their kicker, and the Vikings already replaced the one they started the year with.

This game and the Week 17 rematch at U.S. Bank Stadium will go a long way toward determining the division champion, a team that is insured of having at least one home playoff game. Here are four things to know about the Vikings, who come off their open date with a tough four-week slate ahead as they are host to the Packers next week before road games against the Patriots and Seahawks.

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ADAM BETTCHE/GETTY

Vikings quarterback Kirk Cousins is completing 71.3 percent of his passes and has a career-best 102.2 passer rating.



**GAME 10**  
**Vikings at Bears**  
7:20 p.m. Sunday,  
NBC-5

**OPENING SHOT**  
**Steve Rosenbloom**  
So apparently the Bears don't want Cody Parkey flexed into prime time. More Rosenbloom, **Page 2**



## BLACKHAWKS

### Hawks, Kings struggle to rekindle the glory

Dominant just a few years ago, both sinking amid deep problems



**UP NEXT**  
**Kings at Blackhawks**  
7:30 p.m. Friday, NBCSCH

It wasn't too long ago that every NHL team feared the Blackhawks and Kings. Now they fear ending up like them.

Over four seasons from 2012 to 2015, the Hawks and Kings each made three appearances in the Western Conference finals and combined to win all four Stanley Cups. They were the two best teams in the NHL, they knew it and their organizations reflected their success.

The former powers are now working through similar issues: aging core players, salary-cap problems, head coaching turnover and a realization that making the playoffs is no longer a given.

Of the two teams, the Kings have had a considerably more dire season to date. When they face the Blackhawks at the United Center on Friday night, they'll be doing so as not only the team with the worst record in the NHL but with their direction considerably less certain.

They moved on two years ago from their Cup-winning coach Darryl Sutter and last week showed little patience after a 4-8-1 start and fired his replacement, John Stevens. This despite Stevens leading the Kings to the playoffs in his first season with a 45-29-8 record.

While the Hawks fired coach Joel Quenneville and suffered

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# TOP OF THE SECOND



STEVE ROSENBLIOM

## Fire Hoiberg? Use his words

If the Bulls are looking for a reason to fire Fred Hoiberg, or are looking for the millionth reason to do so, then Hoiberg himself just provided several in the wake of the Bulls' embarrassing 111-82 loss in Boston.

"We're trying to get our movement stuff in there," Hoiberg said. "But our offensive energy almost shuts down as much as our defensive energy. We're not getting down the floor. Or we've got two guys taking the ball out of bounds. It's about doing your job."

Can't install the team's "movement stuff?" Check.

No offensive energy. Check.

No defensive energy. Check.

Not getting down the floor. Check.

Two guys taking the ball out of bounds. Check.

In some places, the coach is responsible for making sure none of that happens. Here, Hoiberg can't stop any of it. I appreciate Hoiberg's honesty. That's what we ask of players, coaches and executives. But still, he wears a lot of blame with his explanations.

People will point to injuries as a reason for the Bulls' awfulness, especially those suffered by Lauri Markkanen, Kris Dunn and Bobby Portis, but look, teams can lose while giving effort and looking professional.

Can you say that of Hoiberg's team every night?

Can you say that of the players provided by the remarkably still-employed Gar Forman?

I'll hang up and listen for Michael Reinsdorf's inaction.

He's the Bulls president and the son of the chairman. Appearing recently on WSCR-AM 670, Michael Reinsdorf wouldn't say he expected a playoff spot this season as much as he was focused on judging player improvement.

That's reasonable. What isn't, however, is accepting players looking unprepared to do their job. That's on the players, the coach and the front office.

Maybe the Bulls have lost so much that management is numb to it and expects bad or lazy efforts.

Or maybe the Bulls have lost so much that it has become beneficial to them, what with drafting Wendell Carter Jr. in the top half of the lottery this year and Markkanen



ARMANDO L. SANCHEZ/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

How much blame should Fred Hoiberg take for the Bulls' failings with several players hurt?

in the same spot last year.

Or maybe both.

Whatever, I assume Hoiberg is safe until the Bulls secure one of the top three draft spots.

**Cameron Payne has been dropped** to third string because I guess there's nothing lower.

**Speaking of laughable**, let's check in on Jimmy Butler.

As we found out ad nauseam, the former Bull likes to make sure everyone knows how hard he works and what a great teammate he is and how he's just there to win, and blah, blah, blah while Hollywooding it up after having won nothing.

In his 76ers debut Wednesday, Jimmy Drama was a minus-10, nearly the worst on his new team, and the 76ers lost to a Magic team that entered the game with only a couple of more wins than the Bulls.

On the same night, the Timberwolves didn't seem to suffer from the loss of Butler's phony-baloney leadership, beating the Pelicans as Karl-Anthony Towns went for 25 and 16 and Andrew Wiggins scored 23.

That's two in a row without Jimmy Drama, and the Timberwolves' 29 assists marked more than they had in any game Butler deigned to play.

"We were just playing together," Towns said. "We did a great job getting the ball around, getting everyone involved. It was just about having fun and playing with love and enthusiasm."

And just like hitting all those shots against the Pelicans, the Timberwolves hit all their shots that sound like they were fired at Butler.

**What's up**, Keith Bogans?

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### ASK THE REPORTER BRAD BIGGS

## Enjoy it! Don't cap expectations



**Should Bears fans exercise some caution with huge expectations this season because of the quality of the teams**

**they have beaten? Or does the way they beat them outweigh those teams being bad?** @notaburnerlol

Bears fans have been eager to see the team return to relevance after seven seasons without a playoff appearance. With the team atop the NFC North at 6-3 and squarely in contention for a postseason berth, I don't think there is any reason to ask them to temper expectations. Everyone views the team, its success and the schedule ahead a little differently. There's no reason to put a ceiling on expectations, though. Let it play out and enjoy the process.

**When will Matt Nagy put in Benny Cunningham for Jordan Howard? I know there aren't a ton of holes, but Howard is dancing more than running like the downhill running back he used to be.** @pjonauskas

I don't think Cunningham is the answer to the issues in the running game. He's gotten a little more playing time on offense in the past couple of weeks but not as a replacement for Howard. I get it. Howard doesn't look real quick to the hole, and he certainly hasn't shed as many tackles this season as he did in his first two years. But in some instances there aren't holes that he's missing.

**What is the situation with Kevin White and his supposed healthy scratches?** @blakes812

White is healthy and has not appeared on the injury report and hasn't been active the last two games. There is nothing hidden to this. He's at the bottom of the depth chart.

**Post-Bears wins, can we get a moratorium on the amount of questions asking why Jordan Howard is not running the ball more?** @traderjoeyg

Only if we get a moratorium on Kevin White questions first.

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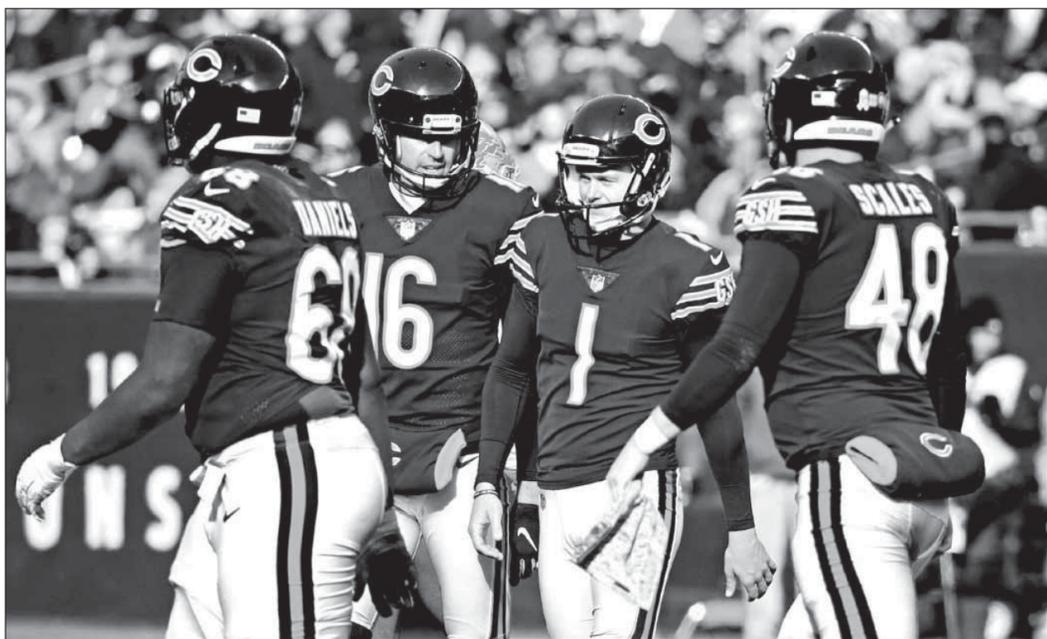
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## BEARS



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Missing four kicks by hitting the uprights Sunday against the Lions has made Cody Parkey (1) the center of attention.

## BEARS NOTES

# 'I believe in him'

Special teams coach believes Parkey will bounce back after debacle

BY RICH CAMPBELL  
AND COLLEEN KANE  
Chicago Tribune

Bears special teams coordinator Chris Tabor said Thursday he's excited for kicker Cody Parkey's opportunity Sunday against the Vikings to bounce back from hitting an upright on four misses in Sunday's victory over the Lions.

Tabor was at Soldier Field on Wednesday night for Parkey's practice session, and said he believes Parkey is capable of making the necessary tweaks to his swing.

"It's a little bit like a golf swing," Tabor said. "Everyone swings just a little bit different, and you have to get under the hood and figure out."

"I know what's under the hood with this kid. That's why I'm excited for him. I believe in him. ... I have confidence in him."

Asked if the night practice on the lakefront was a meaningful endeavor, Tabor said, "I thought it was, yeah. I think it is something that you can continue to do. It was good. You go down there and you kick and you're working on the el-

ements. You're in that venue, but at the same time, it was almost when we walked out, it kind of felt like you were 10 years old. You're just going to go out and play football. It was a good experience."

Parkey was expected to practice at Soldier Field again on Thursday night.

The focus on Parkey this week has been intense, including Jimmy Fallon poking fun on NBC's "The Tonight Show" and local TV stations sending helicopters above Soldier Field to film Parkey practicing. Tabor said he Parkey was handling it well.

"He understands," Tabor said. "But I'll say this about him. The good news is the way he prepares, he sets himself up to be successful. Last week, I have to admit: I've seen misses. I've never seen four misses hit the uprights before. You didn't see anything during the week. The way he struck the ball was really good."

"As disappointing as those misses were, they weren't all over the place. ... Every upright that it hit was the way the wind was blowing."

With all the questions

about Parkey this week and with the Bears playing two nationally televised games next week, is Tabor concerned with this storyline taking on a life of its own?

"I get it, from this standpoint: We've all been at home, 'Oh, the kicker missed it!' " Tabor said. "There are not a lot of people out there who can kick the ball. There have been kicking troubles all around the league, multiple teams, guys working out multiple guys. There's just not a plethora of players out there that can do that skill. I just think he stays the course. That's his strength."

**Centennial celebration:** As the NFL celebrates its 100th season in 2019, the Bears will hold their own series of events celebrating their century of football.

The Bears, then known as the Decatur Staleys, played their first game Oct. 3, 1920.

Events will start with the Bears100 Celebration Weekend June 7-9 at the Donald E. Stephens Convention Center in Rosemont. The 2019 team and coaching staff, Bears Hall of Famers and alumni will

attend the festival. Autograph sessions, photo opportunities, panels, interactive games and kids activities will be among the events. Tickets go on sale at noon Friday at [chicagobears.com/celebrationweekend](http://chicagobears.com/celebrationweekend).

The Bears also will donate \$1 million to charitable causes based on fan recommendations.

Next spring, the team will release "The Chicago Bears Centennial Scrapbook," written by Don Pierson and Dan Pompei, both former Tribune sportswriters. The book contains a rare interview with 95-year-old Virginia McCaskey, which Pierson said came from 14 or 15 hours of discussions.

The team unveiled a Bears 100 patch that the team will wear next season. McCaskey said the Bears are working on a classic uniform that will be unveiled next year. The team also will honor a different decade during each home game next season.

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## COMMENTARY

## Bears close eyes in the sky while Parkey kicks

BY PHIL ROSENTHAL  
Chicago Tribune

The Bears apparently want the media to watch Cody Parkey attempt kicks the way Bears fans do — with hands over their eyes.

In this case, it's the Bears' hands.

The team squelched coverage by WLS-Ch. 7 and WGN-Ch. 9 after the TV stations dispatched helicopters to the lakefront Wednesday night while Parkey practiced at Soldier Field.

Parkey's field trip from Halas Hall in Lake Forest to better acclimate to game environs ahead of Sunday's prime-time matchup with the Vikings followed four botched kicks in last weekend's 34-22 victory over the visiting Lions.

WGN managed to air a live shot of Parkey working on the turf with a long snapper and holder as part of a prime-time special featuring its morning news team before the Bears intervened.

Invoking its restrictions on practice video, the team effectively prohibited the stations from sharing their aerial coverage on the air or online.

A Bears spokesman said Thursday the team acted "after calls (Wednesday) night from competing local media complaining that we were not enforcing" the policy on practice coverage.

The spokesman declined to identify the rival outlet — or outlets — that objected.

It's not clear what strategic advantage an NFL opponent could gain through seeing Parkey practice.

The bedeviled kicker presumably is attempting to boot the ball through the uprights rather than strike the goal posts the way he did on two extra-point tries and a pair of field-goal attempts against the Lions. (Parkey did successfully convert two extra-point kicks.)

If anything, the sound of a helicopter might better approximate game-day situations than a stadium without the customary crowd of 60,000-plus spectators.

Parkey, who never had missed more than five kicks in a season, has missed seven through the first nine games this year, going 13-for-18 on field goals and 30-for-32 on extra points.

His four-goal-post performance made him the butt of jokes from ordinary fans to Jimmy Fallon on NBC's "The Tonight Show." Banning coverage in no way stemmed that.

"This is Chopper7 HD first over the scene at Soldier Field watching Cody Parkey practice," ABC-7 sportscaster Mark Giangreco tweeted Wednesday. "OH! HE JUST HIT OUR LANDING SKIDS!!"

Bears coach Matt Nagy had explained that sending Parkey to Soldier Field to practice was simply a matter of doing "whatever we need to do to make things as good as possible for any player on this team."

Parkey, however, didn't sound sold on its benefits Wednesday before heading into the city.

"I guess just check all the boxes you can, right?" Parkey said. "I mean, it can't hurt. Honestly, just check all my boxes, do everything I possibly can to make kicks. I do that every single week, and this is just adding a little extra something to that."

The fact the stadium is almost 40 miles from the Bears' practice facility, often a drive of an hour or more, may have been somewhat discouraging.

"Unfortunately," Parkey said, "we don't have a helicopter, I don't think."

Perhaps if the Bears were more accommodating with regard to coverage, some arrangement could be reached with a TV station for a lift.

## Week 11 picks

BY SAM FARMER  
Los Angeles Times

Last week: 9-5 (5-9 vs. spread)  
Season: 97-49-2 (68-73-7 vs. spread)



**BENGALS (5-4)**  
**AT RAVENS (4-5)**  
Noon Sunday  
Off (O/U off)

The Bengals won this game handily in Week 2, but both of these teams are struggling now. The Bengals aren't the same without a healthy A.J. Green, and sweeping a division opponent is really tough. **Ravens 24, Bengals 20**



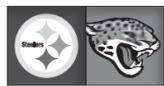
**COWBOYS (4-5)**  
**AT FALCONS (4-5)**  
Noon Sunday, FOX-32  
Falcons by 3½ (O/U 48½)

The Falcons at home are a different team, and they are poised to bounce back after an embarrassing showing in Cleveland. The Cowboys are ranked seventh on defense, but Matt Ryan is capable of finding the soft spots. **Falcons 27, Cowboys 20**



**BUCCANEERS (3-6)**  
**AT GIANTS (2-7)**  
Noon Sunday  
Giants by 2 (O/U 52)

Coming off that win on the West Coast, the Giants are looking OK on offense, and the Bucs defense is a mess. The Giants defense is nothing special, but it isn't going to lose this one for them. **Giants 28, Buccaneers 24**



**STEELERS (6-2-1)**  
**AT JAGUARS (3-6)**  
Noon Sunday, CBS-2  
Steelers by 5 (O/U 47)

This is a revenge game, and it comes at a bad time for the Jaguars, who have lost five in a row. The Steelers haven't forgotten last season or Jalen Ramsey's bold statements. The Steelers defense is on the rise. **Steelers 30, Jaguars 20**



**TEXANS (6-3)**  
**AT REDSKINS (6-3)**  
Noon Sunday  
Texans by 3 (O/U 42)

The Redskins offense is beat up and the Texans defense is starting to play better. The Texans secondary is a weakness, but the Redskins can't throw it on anybody. The Texans can move the ball on a good Redskins defense. **Texans 24, Redskins 17**



**TITANS (5-4)**  
**COLTS (4-5)**  
Noon Sunday  
Colts by 1½ (O/U 49)

Marcus Mariota is starting to look like he did back at Oregon. The Titans are fresh off a huge victory over the Patriots. Still, don't count out a hot Colts team that hasn't surrendered a sack in four games. **Colts 27, Titans 23**



**PANTHERS (6-3)**  
**AT LIONS (3-6)**  
Noon Sunday  
Panthers by 4 (O/U 50½)

The Panthers looks like a team that's going to stick around and be a wild-card team. Their defense isn't as good as it traditionally has been, which makes this more interesting. But the Lions are more flawed. **Panthers 28, Lions 24**



**BRONCOS (3-6)**  
**AT CHARGERS (7-2)**  
3:05 p.m. Sunday  
Chargers by 7 (O/U 46½)

Losing Denzel Perryman is tough for the Chargers, but they're still among the NFL's top five teams. They find ways to win every week. The Broncos can generate a pass rush, but this isn't their year. **Chargers 28, Broncos 23**



**RAIDERS (1-8)**  
**AT CARDINALS (2-7)**  
3:05 p.m. Sunday  
Cardinals by 5 (O/U 41)

Ugly game. The Raiders showed some flashes against the Chargers, and the Cardinals at least raised the Chiefs' heart rate a bit in Kansas City. If the Cardinals lose, that could be it for coach Steve Wilks. **Cardinals 21, Raiders 17**



**EAGLES (4-5)**  
**AT SAINTS (8-1)**  
3:25 p.m. Sunday, FOX-32  
Saints by 8½ (O/U 56)

Alvin Kamara and the Saints have hit their stride on offense and are especially good in the ear-splitting confines of the Superdome. The Eagles are struggling and look like a shell of last year's team. **Saints 31, Eagles 21**



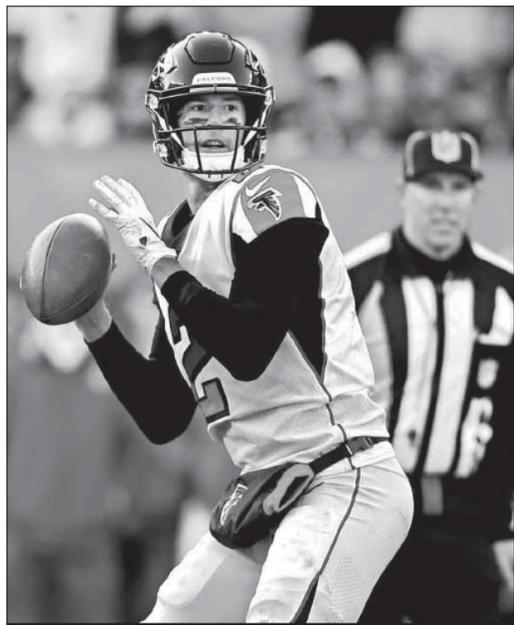
**VIKINGS (5-3-1)**  
**AT BEARS (6-3)**  
7:20 p.m. Sunday, NBC  
Bears by 2½ (O/U 44½)

This figures to be a great game in the Black & Blue Division, with the Bears riding a three-game winning streak and smothering on defense. The Vikings are more talented on offense, and that tips scale. **Vikings 24, Bears 21**



**CHIEFS (9-1)**  
**AT RAMS (9-1)**  
7:15 p.m. Monday, ESPN  
Rams by 3½ (O/U 63)

A midseason Super Bowl between two 9-1 teams. Whichever defense can get a few stops will determine the winner. The Chiefs might have had a slight edge in Mexico City, but being back in LA favors the Rams. **Rams 35, Chiefs 31**

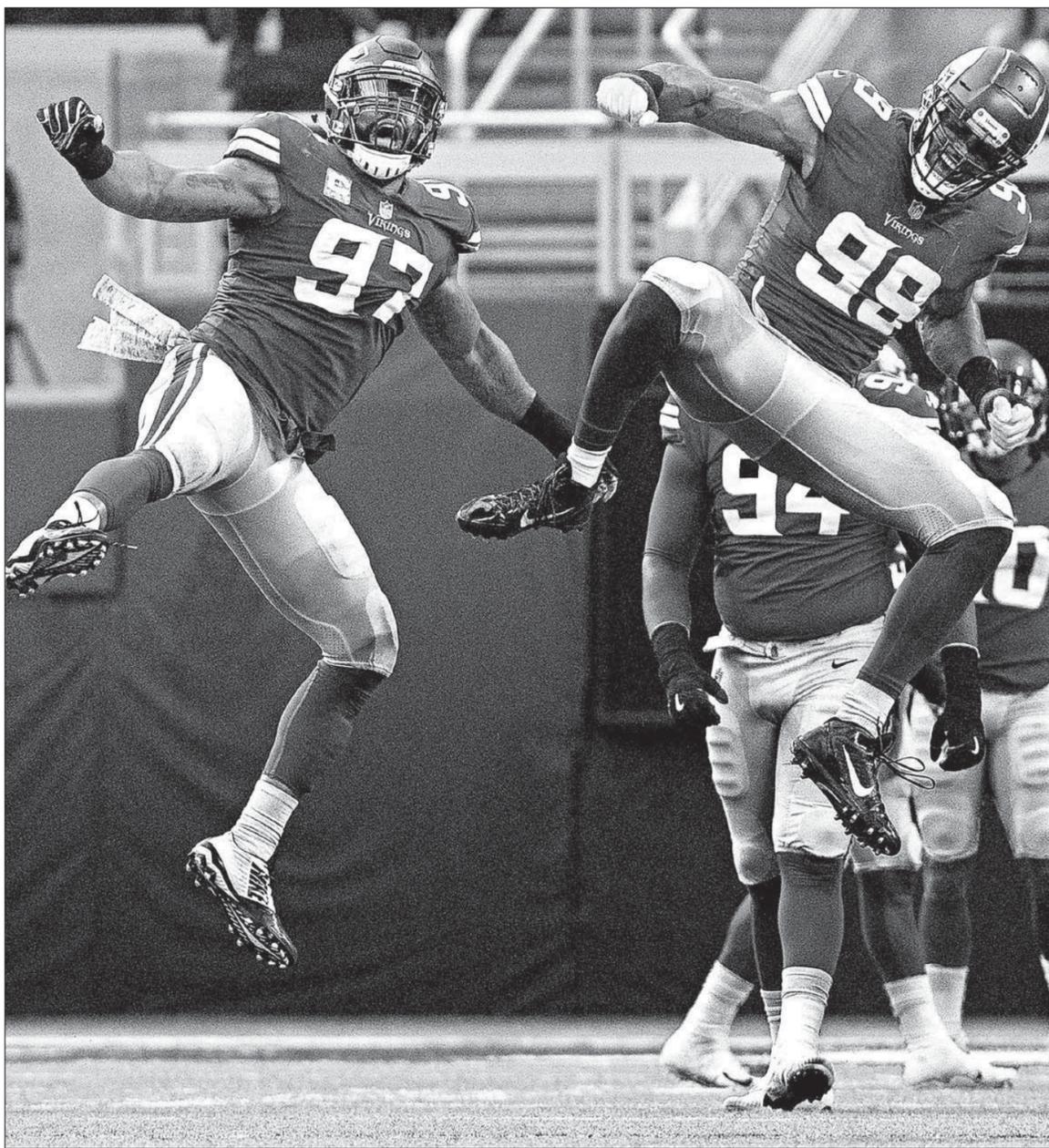


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QB Matt Ryan and the Falcons will host the Cowboys. RB Alvin Kamara and the Saints take on the Eagles.



## BEARS



The Vikings defense, led by Everson Griffen, left, and Danielle Hunter, is playing much better heading into Sunday against the Bears.

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# Vikes, Bears mirror images: Who'll break?

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## All in with Cousins

With their eyes on the Super Bowl, the Vikings went all in in March when general manager Rick Spielman won the Kirk Cousins sweepstakes, signing the quarterback to a fully guaranteed three-year, \$84 million contract. With better skill-position players surrounding him than he played with on the Redskins, he's completing 71.3 percent of his passes and has a 102.2 passer rating, which would be a career best. Expectations became Super Bowl or bust for a team that reached the NFC championship game with Case Keenum last season, getting blown out by the Eagles.

Cousins established an immediate bond with wide receiver Adam Thielen, who began the season with eight consecutive 100-yard games, something no other receiver ever has done. He is tied for the NFL lead with 78 receptions and is third with 947 yards.

Cousins has been better taking care of the football as his interception percentage is at 1.4 with only five picks. However, he has a reputation for giving defenses a couple of chances to make plays on the ball each game, and that would be dangerous against a Bears defense that leads the NFL with 16 interceptions. The Vikings will get a good indication whether Cousins is the quarterback they envisioned him to be over the next month.

## Cooking again

Running back Dalvin Cook, a second-round pick last year, looks like he finally is healed from a hamstring injury suffered in Week 2. The running game has been sporadic with Latavius Murray, but Cook is a multidimensional threat who can catch the ball out of the backfield and create matchup problems in space. His health gives new offensive coordinator John DeFilippo more options and in theory should take a little pressure off Cousins as Zimmer said Cook gives the Vikings a chance for a "few more home runs."

"Explosive player," Bears defensive coordinator Vic Fangio said. "He can break the big run. He had a 70-yarder here recently against (the Lions), so he's a threat to go the (distance) all the time. He's a really good all-around player."

## Line dancing

The Vikings were dealt a major blow when well-respected offensive line coach Tony Sparano died the week before the team reported to training camp. Tight ends coach Clancy Barone and assistant offensive line coach Andrew Janocko were made co-offensive line coaches and it created a challenging situation with the installation of DeFilippo's offense.

The Vikings used their fifth starting offensive line combination this season in their last game Nov. 4 against the Lions. Left tackle Riley Reiff has returned after missing three games with a foot injury.

Journeyman Danny Isidora has replaced former Bear Tom Compton at left guard. Impressive young center Pat Elflein missed the first three games of the season. Rookie Brian O'Neill has taken over at right tackle. The Vikings are probably as good as they're going to be on the line right now but could face issues against the Bears front seven.

## Tightening up

After the Eagles trounced them last season and the Vikings started this year by allowing a lot of points — 27.5 per game through the first four weeks — observers wondered what was wrong. They returned virtually everyone on that side of the ball and added defensive lineman Sheldon Richardson, but the once-mighty unit had lost a good deal of its luster.

Some wondered if the Eagles had generated a blueprint that with an offseason of study had helped opponents solve some of coach Mike Zimmer's pressure packages. The Vikings have adjusted and have been blitzing defensive backs more and linebackers less over the last month. They also have been getting outstanding pressure from the front four, allowing them to play more coverage as defensive end Danielle Hunter leads the NFL with 11½ sacks. Despite the early struggles, the Vikings defense is No. 1 on third down by a wide margin and is No. 2 in the red zone.

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## BASEBALL

# Yelich leaves Baez in dust in MVP race

Still, do-everything infielder carried team in breakout year



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On baseball

A finishing kick for the ages turned a tight National League Most Valuable Player duel with Javier Baez into a rout for Brewers outfielder Christian Yelich. Baez entered September as the player to beat, but Yelich outperformed his rival when it

mattered most, leading the Brewers past the Cubs in the NL Central and deservedly earning the MVP award.

Yelich was named the runaway winner Thursday in voting by members of the Baseball Writers Association of America, finishing with 29 first-place votes. The other first-place vote went to the Mets' Jacob deGrom, who won the NL Cy Young Award.

Baez finished a distant second, earning 19 second-place MVP votes.

In the American League, Gold Glove right fielder Mookie Betts of the World Series champion Red Sox also ran way with his league's award, garnering 28 of 30 first-place votes after batting .346 with 32 home runs and 30 stolen bases. He finished far ahead of Angels center fielder Mike Trout and Indians second baseman Jose Ramirez.

Neither Yelich nor Baez was in the MVP discussion when the 2018 season began, and Yelich was overlooked most of the year, playing on a team that got little national exposure until the postseason.

But in his final 35 regular-season games, from Aug. 23 to the divisional-tiebreaker game against the Cubs at Wrigley Field, Yelich hit .388 with 16 home runs and 48 RBIs, compiling a .500 on-base percentage and 1.368 OPS. He finished leading the NL with a .326 average, .598 slugging percentage and 1.000 OPS, along with 36 home runs and 110 RBIs, nearly winning the Triple Crown.

Yelich, acquired from the Marlins in January, became the fourth Brewer to be named MVP, following Robin Yount (1982, '89) and Rollie Fingers ('81) and teammate Ryan Braun (2011).

Baez had impressive numbers: a .290 average, 34 home runs and a league-leading 111 RBIs. But while Yelich turned it up a notch, Baez slowed down a bit in September, hitting .269 with four homers, 13 RBIs and a .791 OPS in the final month. He won the NL Silver Slugger award at second base and finished among the top three in Gold Glove voting, but the MVP award that seemingly was in Baez's grasp slipped through his fingers.

Still, in a Cubs offseason dominated by managerial and coaching intrigue and the regurgitating of their late-season fade, it's easy to forget what went right in 2018. Baez carried the Cubs for most of the season with a performance that rivaled those of the most recent Cubs MVPs — Ryne Sandberg in 1984, Andre Dawson in '87, Sammy Sosa in '98 and Kris Bryant in 2016.

As if his offensive numbers weren't enough, Baez stole 21 bases and repeatedly made spectacular plays at second and shortstop. He practically patented the swim-move maneuver on headfirst slides. Defensively, more than anyone in the game, Baez has turned the previously overlooked act of tagging baserunners into an art form.

"Jay is Jay," Cubs ace Jon Lester said in early August when the "MVP" chants began at Wrigley. "So you're going to expect a lot out of him. We've all seen him and what he has turned into as a baseball player. The expectation now is to see him put us on his back. He's fun to watch. With all the good things he does, you sometimes have to take the minor, minor bad things he does and move on."

All in all, it was a year in which Baez evolved from being a fun-to-watch player into one of the game's elite. He made his first All-Star appearance, starting at second base and leading off for the NL team.

"It was a tough year for us; it was a great year for me," he said after the Cubs' wild-card loss to the Rockies. "I still believe I can do a lot better. We'll see next year."

What can Baez do to have a better season?

"There were some little ups and downs where I stayed more down than in between," he said. "Just speeding up a bit. When I was going good, I got a little comfortable with my swing and kind of forgot about making adjustments. Those were my downs. But I think I can get more RBIs, more hits, more homers if we play more as a team."

One prominent Las Vegas betting website didn't even have Baez on the board for NL MVP candidates in July, so finishing second shows how much he grew in the minds of voters in the second half. And this surely won't be the last time Baez is in an MVP race. He turns 26 on Dec. 1 and has played only three full seasons, improving his power numbers every year since 2016, when he burst into national prominence as the co-winner of the NLCS MVP with Lester.

It wasn't the ending the Cubs or Baez had hoped for in 2018, but after the playoff loss at Wrigley, Baez said it would serve as a good lesson for him and his teammates.

"If you never fail, you don't know how you're going to get up," he said.

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## NFL NOTES

# Wilson turns it up late, lifts Seahawks

News services

After a shaky beginning, Russell Wilson got hot in the fourth quarter and kept the Seahawks in the middle of the NFC playoff race.

Wilson threw for 225 yards and his 15-yard touchdown pass to Ed Dickson with 5:08 left was the difference in the Seahawks' 27-24 victory over the Packers on Thursday night in Seattle.

In a key matchup in the battle for the two NFC wild-card spots, the Seahawks (5-5) snapped a two-game losing streak by overcoming an early 14-3 deficit. Wilson was shaky at times early game, but was outstanding in the fourth quarter, capping the winning drive by recognizing a blitz and hitting Dickson quickly for his second TD pass of the night. The Seahawks still have lost three straight games since the middle of the 2011 season.

Aaron Rodgers had a huge first half and threw for 332 yards, but the Packers (4-5-1) had just one scoring drive in the second half, helped by a 57-yard strike from Rodgers to Davante Adams. Rodgers threw

a pair of touchdown passes in the first half, but never got the ball back after the Packers punted with 4:20 left.

The Seahawks ran out the clock thanks to a pair of runs from Mike Davis.

**Bosa's status up in air:** Joey Bosa isn't sure if he will make his long-awaited season debut for the Chargers on Sunday against the Broncos.

The third-year lineman has practiced the last two days as he works his way back from a foot injury that caused him to miss the first 10 games. Bosa said before Thursday's practice that he is doing team and individual drills and that he feels good. But he also acknowledged that it will likely be a game-time decision if he plays this week.

"I'm just continuing on with the process today," Bosa said. "We're sticking to the plan right now, and that's to practice and take it one day at a time and see how it feels then."

Bosa first injured his left foot during training camp, which caused him to miss the preseason. He reinjured it during practice on Sept. 5. The Chargers said he has a bone bruise.

**Jackson miss practice:** Rookie Lamar Jackson missed practice because of an illness, adding greater uncertainty to the Ravens' quarterback situation ahead of Sunday's crucial game against the Bengals.

Starting quarterback Joe Flacco (right hip) missed practice for the second straight day, as expected.

That left Robert Griffin III, who hasn't played since the preseason, to take every repetition with the Ravens' first-team offense.

**Green has ALS:** Former Falcons defensive lineman Tim Green revealed he has Lou Gehrig's Disease.

Green, 54, who played eight seasons with the Falcons, wrote in a Facebook post Wednesday night that for the last five years he's been coping with "neurological problems" in his hands. He said doctors first thought the damage his elbows had received during his playing days in the 1980s and 1990s was the culprit.

The problems didn't go away after surgery and his voice also began to get weak before he was diagnosed with ALS.

## BLACKHAWKS



CHRIS CARLSON/AP

Anze Kopitar and the Kings are off to a rough start this season after winning the Stanley Cup in 2012 and 2014.

# Hawks', Kings' dynasties gone

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through an eight-game losing streak, they at least had a permanent replacement in Jeremy Colliton as well as a sense that there's a larger plan in place. The Kings have an interim coach in Willie Desjardins, losses in three of his first four games and an unhappy locker room.

"This is the most embarrassing thing I've ever had to deal with in my hockey career, that all of us have had to deal with in our hockey career," Kings defenseman Drew Doughty told the Los Angeles Times.

The Kings still talk of their championship window being open, but that's likely wishful thinking.

They have the oldest roster in the league and have won only one playoff game since winning their

second Cup in 2014.

Anze Kopitar is off to a miserable start with just four goals and two assists, and Dustin Brown missed the first 10 games after breaking his finger on a Kopitar slap shot in the preseason finale. Starting goalie Jonathan Quick and backup Jack Campbell both are out for up to six weeks with knee injuries.

The Kings barely have any available cap space this season and already have nearly \$73 million committed to just 14 players next season when the cap limit is expected to be a little more than \$80 million. They started to deal with their cap issues Wednesday by trading forward Tanner Pearson to the Penguins for Carl Hagelin, whose contract expires after this season. Pearson had two years left on his deal.

Even if the teams need awhile to return to their glory days, the memories will always remain. Colliton remembers watching the 2014 Western Conference finals when the Kings beat the Hawks in seven games, the finale ending on Alec Martinez's overtime goal.

"That's the best hockey I've ever seen," Colliton said. "Obviously, I was working with my Swedish team, but I was home, so I typically was able to watch most of the playoffs. I just remember texting some of my people back in Sweden and saying, 'Hey, wake up. You need to wake up. These games are unbelievable.'"

"It's been a special rivalry, so it'll be fun."

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## BLACKHAWKS NOTES

## 'One More Shift' set to honor Olczyk

BY JIMMY GREENFIELD  
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On a night the Blackhawks will help raise money for cancer awareness through the NHL's "Hockey Fights Cancer" initiative, the team also will honor cancer survivor Ed Olczyk when he takes the ice for "One More Shift."

Hawks players will wear lavender jerseys during warmups before Sunday night's game against the Wild, which then will be autographed and auctioned off. The money raised will help local cancer-related organizations.

Olczyk was diagnosed with stage three colon cancer last year and publicly shared his story while undergoing treatment. He was declared cancer-free in March.

Before the game, Olczyk will once again don a Hawks jersey and skate onto the United Center ice. Olczyk was the Hawks' first-round draft choice (No. 3 overall) in 1984 and scored 77 goals in five seasons with the team.

The Hawks' "One More Shift" program previously has honored players such as Al Secord, Ed Belfour, Steve Larmer and Jeremy Roenick, among others.



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Former Blackhawk and current TV analyst Eddie Olczyk, scoring in 1984, will be honored Sunday with "One More Shift."

**Party guy:** Hawks coach Jeremy Colliton got his first NHL coaching victory Wednesday night but it didn't chance his postgame routine.

"Just went back to the hotel, went to bed," Colliton said. "But it's a lot easier to come to the rink in the morning after a win. I'll say that."

**Adaptation:** Brent Seabrook and Duncan Keith haven't completely got down Colliton's new defensive system yet but he expects the veterans to be quick studies.

"Putting them together has helped because they're sort of learning it together at the same time," Colliton said. "And I see a

progression and just even having a conversation with them today that they're starting to feel more comfortable with what's available and what's not and how we want to play in certain situations. I think they're pretty smart guys, they've been around. They'll adjust pretty quickly."

**One-timers:** Marcus Kruger (left leg) is expected to come off injured reserve Friday to play against the Kings. ... The Hawks are carrying 23 players, including eight defenseman, and will need to make a corresponding roster move. Defenseman Brandon Davidson has been dealing with a right leg injury and could take Kruger's place on IR.

## BULLS

## BULLS NOTES

## Parker pleased with Bucks' strong start

By K.C. JOHNSON  
Chicago Tribune

Last July, the Bucks rescinded their \$4.3 million qualifying offer to Jabari Parker, a move that allowed their former No. 2 pick to become an unrestricted free agent.

Without that gesture, Parker wouldn't have been able to sign a two-year, \$40 million deal with the Bulls, who hold a team option on the second season. The contract structure benefited both the Bulls and Parker, which is why Parker and his agent, Chicago-based Mark Bartelstein, thanked Bucks management and ownership in a statement.

With the Bucks off to a 10-4 start without him, Parker is still a fan of his former organization.

"Those are my guys," he said. "I love to see them do well. I'm happy for them. It's very good."

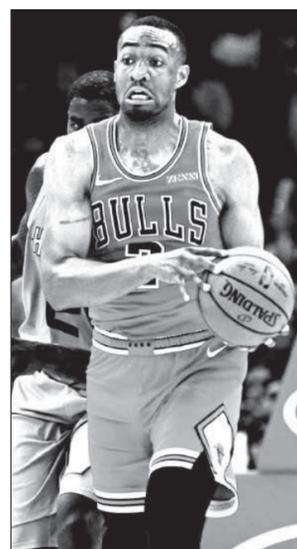
Parker was active in community service in Milwaukee and consistently speaks highly of the Bucks' medical and strength performance staff, which helped shepherd him through two rehabilitations from torn left ACLs.

**Piling on:** Wendell Carter Jr. won a high school state championship in Georgia and played for a 29-8 team that advanced to the Elite Eight in his lone season at Duke. He's used to winning.

So how is the Bulls' 4-11 record and rebuilding situation affecting him?

"It's part of the process, but it is difficult," Carter said. "One thing I did understand quite early is it's an 82-game season. We've got another game (Friday). Try to put this one behind us and just move forward."

"It puts a little chip on my shoulder, which is a good thing. Other than that, it hasn't really affected me much. I'm focused on getting better and trying to help us win."



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Jabari Parker, bringing the ball up against the Hornets last month, is happy that his former team, the Bulls, has started well.

**Boston 'T' party:** Rookie Chandler Hutchison drew his first technical foul for waving his hand in displeasure over a foul call.

"Anytime you motion like a wave in the direction of the official, I guess that's automatic," Hutchison said. "That's what (the official) said. But I was moving away. He said it was disrespectful."

"My guy cut. Initially, it was a foul. I wrapped him up a little bit, but he kind of threw my hand off. I think that's what got the ref's attention. With the time (left) and how many (points) down we were, I was surprised."

In the postgame locker room, teammates encouraged him to appeal for it to be rescinded and the \$2,000 fine waived.

"I'm going to look at the rule," Hutchison said. "Talk to my people about it. Obviously first one so I don't really know how it goes down."

## Bucks provide possible outline as Bulls rebuild

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inson and Sam Cassell to the 2001 Eastern Conference finals.

On Friday, the Bulls will get their first regular-season look at the Bucks under their new coach as well as their new arena, Fiserv Forum. The team doesn't appear to be merely an early-season fluke in a there-for-the-taking Eastern Conference.

Despite suffering their first home loss Wednesday to the Grizzlies, the 10-4 Bucks ranked first in point differential at plus-10.9 as of Thursday morning. They are second to the Warriors in offensive rating at 115.1 and own a blowout road victory over those same Warriors, the two-time defending NBA champions.

"I kept telling people they're going to be a team to reckon with," Celtics All-Star big man Al Horford said. "This doesn't surprise me one bit. They have a high ceiling."

In large part, that ceiling has been created by the star power of Giannis Antetokounmpo, a transformative talent who will turn 24 next month and be a most valuable player candidate for years to come. But Horford also speaks knowingly of the culture-changing ways of Budenholzer.

Horford became an All-Star and played for a 60-win Hawks team that advanced to the 2015 Eastern Conference finals under Budenholzer, whom the Bucks hired after not retaining Joe Prunty. As interim coach in place of the fired Jason Kidd, Prunty almost engineered a first-round upset of Horford's Celtics, a seven-game series loss.

"He has a great feel for the locker room," Horford said of Budenholzer. "I feel he has a genuine care for his players. He gets the most out of his players."

"He encourages you. He gives you confidence offensively. I know it helped me tremendously because with him I started shooting 3s. That's one of the things that he helped me with, giving me the confidence to shoot 3s and not worry about what anybody says or sees. He supports you in that way. I just think that makes him unique."

At 35, Jon Horst is the youngest general manager in the NBA. His offseason moves weren't limited to the hiring of Budenholzer, 49. He drafted Donte DiVincenzo in the first round, let Jabari Parker walk in free agency and signed Lopez, Ersan Ilyasova and Pat

Connaughton, floor spacers with the green light to create room for Antetokounmpo.

These signings represent the solid role players the Bucks value around Antetokounmpo. Their starting five of Malcolm Brogdon, Eric Bledsoe, Khriston Middleton, Lopez and Antetokounmpo features just Lopez as a (long-ago) lottery pick. Brogdon and Middleton are second-round selections.

As recently as 2013-14, the Bulls owned the worst record in the NBA at 15-67. That was Antetokounmpo's rookie season. Parker arrived as the No. 2 pick the following season, which ended prematurely when Parker suffered the first of two left ACL tears in December 2014.

Antetokounmpo's rise demonstrates the need for a transcendent star. But the fact he averaged only 6.8 points for a league-worst team and now is surrounded by solid, if unspectacular, pieces could provide hope for the Bulls' rebuild.

This assumes, of course, the Bulls already employ a player capable of making a similar jump. Zach LaVine and Markkanen are the two best candidates to reach perennial All-Star level. Drafting well and signing the right role players are essential as well.

At 6-foot-11 and possessing freakish athleticism — hence, the nickname "The Greek Freak" — Antetokounmpo isn't a bad player to inherit. Former general manager John Hammond, now with the Magic, drafted him 15th after players such as Nerlens Noel and Ben McLemore were off the board.

Parker witnessed Antetokounmpo's ascension first-hand.

"You can always see the determination of someone, the hard work," Parker said. "He's super passionate, always willing to work. Nothing has changed. He's a great teammate to play off of because he's so skilled but also unselfish. You always want to play with guys like that."

Most players also would want to play in Budenholzer's system. The Bulls lead the NBA in 3-pointers and rank second in attempts.

Robin and Brook talk every day. But they never talk basketball.

"It looks like he's having fun," Robin said.

Getting the green light for 3-pointers and winning games can do that for a team.

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## AUTO RACING

## Busch looks to build on legacy

A 2nd Cup crown will move him even further up ladder

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MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — Kyle Busch has been showered in confetti and has sprayed champagne in every victory lane in NASCAR.

So when the traditional pit stop for race winners in Phoenix underwent a makeover this season, the 2015 series champion knew his way around the site enough to have some gripes about the reconfiguration.

The fans cramped his party so much that their screams reverberated in his ears, and the setting was hardly ideal for the post-race pageantry.

Busch made a pitch worthy of his own HGTV home-improvement special.

"I don't know why people don't ask me what we need in victory lane," Busch said. "I go to enough of them. Just ask me what we need, all right? I'll fix them."

Few drivers in NASCAR history know how to win quite like Busch. He did it eight times in Cup races this season — he's closing in on 200 national series victories overall — and again represents Joe Gibbs Racing in NASCAR's final four.

If Busch takes the checkered flag in his No. 18 Toyota again Sunday at Homestead-Miami Speedway, he won't have a single complaint.

He'll be the NASCAR champion.

Busch has largely avoided the scandals and headaches that have hit the other contenders and simply went wire-to-wire as perhaps the best driver in the sport.

"He's very fiery and has a will to win that probably



CHRIS TROTMAN/GETTY

Kyle Busch has one Cup Series title, and he has a chance for a second with a win Sunday at Homestead-Miami Speedway.

isn't matched," crew chief Adam Stevens said.

His eight wins tied fellow title contender Kevin Harvick for the series high — and he could have knocked his Stewart-Haas Racing rival out of the championship picture with a bit of gamesmanship at Phoenix.

Busch could have eased off the gas and let Aric Almirola zip past for a win in an attempt to block Harvick from running for the title. It would have been a gutsy — and controversial — move few would have blamed him for attempting.

And if they did? Busch

would have accepted any scathing criticism, much as he has over the course of his career in which he's firmly entrenched as NASCAR's top villain.

But after a flicker of thought about the maneuver, Busch simply stepped on it. He's all about winning, so he took the checkered flag and now has a second Cup championship in sight.

No asterisks needed.

The 33-year-old Busch won the 2015 championship months after a broken leg and foot sustained in a wreck at Daytona cost him all but 25 races of the

season. He hasn't missed a Cup race since, though he's scaled back his race commitments in the Truck Series and second-tier Xfinity Series. Busch raced in seven Xfinity races and five Truck races because new rules — a sort of Kyle Busch effect — have limited the number a Cup driver can enter in lower levels.

His win at Phoenix gave him 51 in Cup (11th on the career list) and 194 in all three series. Richard Petty, a NASCAR Hall of Fame driver, has the record at 200. But all the King's wins were in the Cup Series.

Any way you count them, Busch seems to pass more NASCAR legends with each checkered flag.

"It feels good to be able to continue to climb up the ladder of the all-time wins list," Busch said.

Busch will race Sunday against Martin Truex Jr., Joey Logano and Kevin Harvick for the championship at Homestead. The highest finishing driver of the four will claim the title, and this format has shown that it typically takes a race victory to claim the Cup.

Busch won the race en route to the title in 2015. He

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finished third in the standings in 2016 and was series runner-up the last two seasons. With a win, Busch would join seven-time champion Jimmie Johnson as the only active drivers with multiple Cup titles.

"I think it would obviously be a continuation of my legacy in the sport and what I've been able to do and what I've wanted to accomplish here," Busch said. "You know, you want to be the best of the best. ... Two hundred wins, seven championships, whatever it is, you've just got to go out there and continue to collect your accomplishments and hopefully we can do that."

Busch battled a tire issue in the Daytona 500 and finished 25th before he started his drive toward the title. He had three second-place finishes over four races as an appetizer for a three-race winning streak at Texas, Bristol and Richmond. He also won at Charlotte, Chicago, Pocono, Richmond and Phoenix.

"When we've put ourselves in proximity to the front late in the race and had an opportunity to capitalize, we've been able to do it," Stevens said. "I wouldn't pin the favorite label on us, and equally, I wouldn't put it on anybody else."

Busch is vying for a title while sharing the journey with his wife, Samantha, as they try to have a second child through in vitro fertilization.

"We won't know anything until after Homestead," Busch said.

At that point, it could be time to slap a baby on board sticker on a championship car.

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## COLLEGE FOOTBALL



**TEDDY GREENSTEIN**  
Big Ten picks

## Are road favorites profit or poison?

Let's talk about road favorites. And let's talk about the first bad bet I ever made.

I was 13. My beloved New York Jets were 10-1. They were set to travel to Miami for a Monday night extravaganza. This was going to be huge. Validate us, Frank and Al!

A friend of my parents named Michael, who had a chauffeur and owned Manhattan, as far I was concerned, said he liked the Dolphins. Sure, they had Dan Marino, but they were 5-6. The Jets were two-point favorites. Way too low, right?

So we made a bet. I think it was for \$20. And I kid you not, the final score was Dolphins 45, Jets 3. Innocence lost.

Michael made me pay up, for which I am eternally grateful. It has served to remind me about the dangers of under-rating home-field advantage. Five Big Ten teams opened as road faves this week, though that number is down to four.

As always, picks are against the spread (from the VegasInsider.com consensus at noon Thursday), and selections are in bold.

**Northwestern (plus 1) at Minnesota:** So this is weird. The champions of the Big Ten West opened as a three-point favorite and were still minus 2½ on Wednesday. At last look the Wildcats are a one-point underdog. I hate going against America's Greatest Underdog™, but I already picked the **Gophers** and can't switch now. I'm wary of an NU let-down and the injury to ace cornerback Montre Hartage.

**Ohio State (minus 14½) at Maryland:** The Buckeyes actually resembled a top-10 team last week during the slog at Michigan State. But I'm picking on principle here: The **Terps** have been pretty good at home (3-2 against the spread), and the Bucks must be thinking about Michigan's impending visit to the 'Shoe.

**Michigan State (minus 1½) at Nebraska:** Easiest pick of the week. Michigan State has 21 players on its injury report, having lost even two punters for the season. Sparty has a lot of pride, but that **Huskies** offense is cooking.

**Penn State (minus 28) at Rutgers:** The all-time series is Penn State 26, Rutgers 2. We've seen more red on a Cook County school board. This is a game in which you sense James Franklin is dying to rub it in and impress New Jersey's four-star recruits, so we'll take **PSU**.

**Iowa (minus 14½) at Illinois:** Last week I declared I have no idea how to pick Illinois games. Then I backed the Illini plus 17 against Nebraska, and though they made a nice run at the back-door cover, they let me down as usual. AJ Bush Jr. is fun to watch with the ball in his hands, but the **Iowa** run defense is no joke.

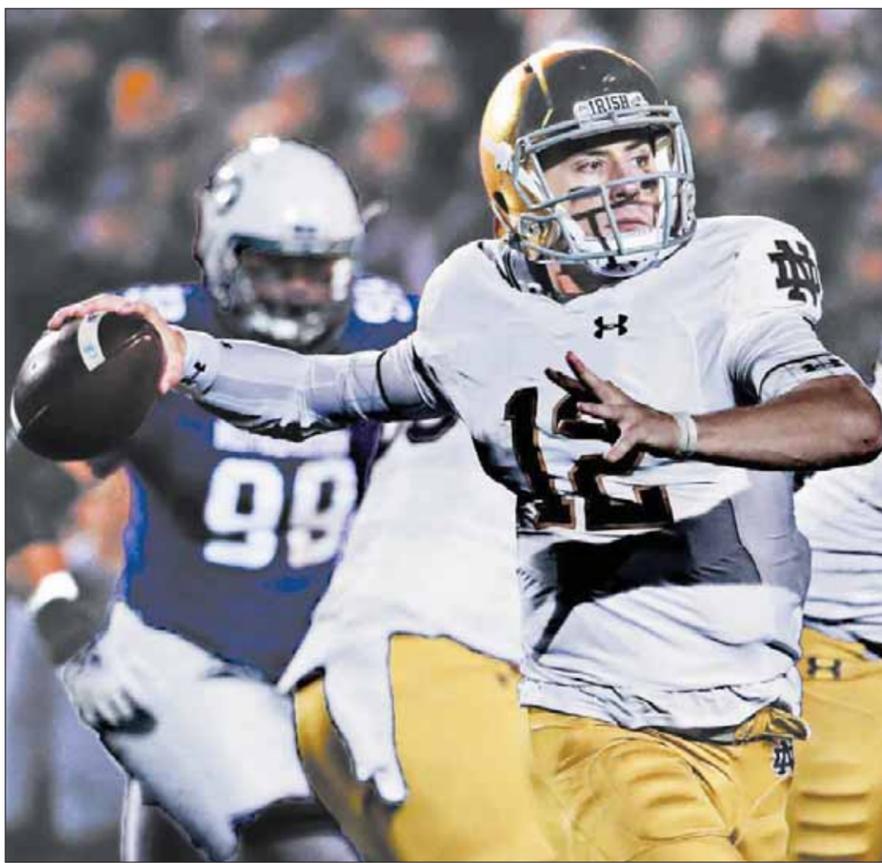
**Wisconsin (plus 4½) at Purdue:** Radio personality Dan Dakich tweeted Thursday that Jeff Brohm will be announced as Louisville's coach Nov. 26. This seems both sad and inevitable. Expect a **Boilers** bounce-back after the awful effort at Minnesota.

**Indiana (plus 28½) at Michigan:** Does the name Rickey Foggie mean anything to you? It does to Jim Harbaugh, who mentioned him this week. The 1986 Wolverines were 9-0 and playing on senior day the week before a trip to Ohio State. Foggie's Minnesota Golden Gophers pulled off an epic upset. The **Hoosiers** won't win Saturday, but I'll take 'em with all those points.

**Last week:** 4-2-1.

**Season:** 41-48-2.

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Ian Book's ability to move the pocket and throw on the run has helped Notre Dame spread the field.

### NOTRE DAME

# QB duel to pit Book, Dungey

Irish star's quick release vs. Orange counterpart's toughness

BY LAMOND POPE | Post-Tribune

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Notre Dame has scored at least 31 points in five of quarterback Ian Book's six starts. Syracuse can put up points too. The Orange are seventh nationally in scoring offense, averaging 44.4 points, and quarterback Eric Dungey has accounted for 26 touchdowns.

Book — who is coming back from a rib injury that sidelined him last week against Florida State — and Dungey will lead high-powered offenses into Saturday's game between the third-ranked Irish (10-0) and No. 12 Syracuse (8-2).

Chris Simms is quite familiar with the position. The former Texas and NFL quarterback is a studio analyst for NBC and will be on location at Yankee Stadium.

Book impresses Simms even before the redshirt sophomore takes his first snap.

"He's been the best thrower in pregame warm-ups in every game I've been to," Simms said in a phone interview. "I've been around quarterbacks my whole life and I love to watch them warm up. When I tell you there's one guy you can depend on that was throwing rockets and perfect spirals every throw during warm-ups, (Book) always caught my eye that way."

It has carried over into games. Book leads the nation with a 74.5 completion percentage and is fourth in passing efficiency with a 170.0 rating. He has thrown for 15 touchdowns with only four interceptions.

"One common thing I always look at with any good offense is having to defend the whole field," Simms said. "And that's what Ian Book does for Notre Dame."

"He's really special as far as movement in the pocket and buying time to make that throw down the field. He has incredible quickness that way and he can get the ball out of his hands in a hurry. There's a lot to be impressed with what Book's done to this point."

The big question this week is how Book will bounce back from the injury.



**GAME 11**  
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"I've had some bruised ribs myself," Simms said, "and underneath your armpit, when you're a thrower, there's incredible torque on that part of the body. If it's really tight or doesn't feel normal, it's just like anything else: It can make something that you're very natural and normal at feel not so normal. You're going: 'That's really tight. That really bothers me.'"

"Sometimes that can affect your mechanics because you're trying to find ways to throw the ball without it bothering you."

Irish coach Brian Kelly said Thursday he saw progress from Book throughout the week.

"Normal rust maybe on Tuesday," Kelly said, "but Wednesday he ran the offense effectively and today just settled in as if he had not had a week off."

Dungey poses a variety of problems for Notre Dame's defense. The 6-foot-4, 226-pound senior has passed for 2,193 yards and 14 touchdowns and has rushed for 690 yards and 12 scores.

"He's not the natural thrower that Ian Book is, but he's a very good thrower," Simms said. "It's his physicality that jumps out to me more than anything. His physicality and fearlessness are a big reason why this Syracuse offense goes."

Dungey holds or shares 16 Syracuse records, including career total offense (10,594 yards). Kelly also used "fearless" to describe Dungey.

"It's third-and-3 or third-and-4 in the zone read, and he keeps it and there's a guy standing right there," Kelly said. "You catch and tackle him, and he's going to fall forward for 4 yards."

"He's just a tough guy. And that toughness kind of envelops that entire offense. It's not a finesse spread offense. There is a toughness to it, and it comes from him."

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ADRIAN KRAUS/AP

Syracuse quarterback Eric Dungey's physical running style gives Notre Dame more to defend.

## MEDIA

## Tirico sees good things for Bears, Notre Dame



**PHIL ROSENTHAL**  
On media

It has been years since the Bears' postseason hopes survived longer into the fall than the Cubs'.

Thanks to Matt Nagy, Mitch Trubisky and company's development being ahead of schedule, NBC tweaked its schedule to give them a prime-time date Sunday with the Vikings.

In fact, with NBC also picking up the Rams-Bears game Dec. 9 and CBS carrying the Thanksgiving date with the Lions, three of the Bears' next four games will be on national TV.

NBC's Mike Tirico knows Bears fans will get into it on game night — "There's nothing like that energy in Chicago and Soldier Field when the Bears have something on the line" — but he hopes everyone appreciates how far they've come so fast.

"The Bears are relevant," said Tirico, who anchors NBC's "Football Night in America" prelude to the Bears-Vikings "Sunday Night Football" clash. "We're getting close to Thanksgiving, we're going to see the Bears on national TV and people are looking forward to seeing them."

"Let's not plan the parade yet. Let's not look at dates in January and see what the long-range weather forecast is for the lakefront, but enjoy (how far) this team has come perhaps quicker than others thought."

There has been a lot of that lately.

Tirico, NBC's play-by-play voice of Notre Dame football, concedes few before this season would have expected the Irish to be 10-0 going into Saturday's game at Yankee Stadium against his alma mater, Syracuse.

"The schedule looked more daunting than it's turned out to be," he said. "Michigan's been as good as people thought they would be, but that hasn't been the case for Stanford, Virginia Tech or Florida State."

"Still, Notre Dame has had a very, very strong season, especially when you consider that they didn't have their best quarterback and their best running back when they beat the best team on their schedule, Michigan."

Despite that season opener, there are some who think that if 9-1 Michigan has a strong showing in its remaining games and Notre Dame were to squeak past Syracuse and/or USC, the playoff committee might jump the No. 4 Wolverines ahead of the No. 3 Irish in the rankings.

"That's preposterous," Tirico said by phone. "If the College Football Playoff committee says that head-to-head is a key component when teams are similar, then there's no possible way undefeated Notre Dame could be passed by Michigan. If they were, it would take away all the credibility of this system."

The system, he allows, will remain "flawed" until it expands to eight teams instead of four, but that's for another time.

**Counting the votes:** A reporter lacking the self-confidence of WSCR-AM 670's Bruce Levine might have winced upon learning he was responsible for Cubs manager Joe Maddon's sole first-place vote — and five of Maddon's six points total — in Baseball Writers' Association of America balloting for National League Manager of the Year.

Here was a Chicago guy being the only gung-ho backer of the Chicago guy whose NL Central favorites failed to lock up the division title.

Plus Levine's radio station happens to be heavily invested in the Cubs as the team's flagship.

Levine, however, told WSCR hosts Mike Mulligan and David Haugh "it was a very smart vote."

"The guy arguably had the best season of his career with losing 40 percent of his starting pitching staff," Levine said Wednesday. "To win 95 games and get five wins out of (Yu) Darvish and (Tyler) Chatwood and no saves out of your closer after July 15, he was my manager of the year."

No other voter thought so. For what it's worth, the other Chicago voter for NL manager honors, Sahadev Sharma of The Athletic, had the Braves' Brian Snitker, the Brewers' Craig Counsell and the Rockies' Bud Black 1-2-3.

That's the order they finished overall with Snitker and Counsell divvying up all but two first-place votes, 17-11 for Snitker.

While fifth-place Maddon had Levine's full-throated backing, Black picked up an out-of-market first-place endorsement from the San Francisco Chronicle's John Shea.

**Joe Buck will be 59:** Fox has extended its multiplatform MLB rights deal through 2028.

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# — eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE —

# Anthony's fall shines light on future of NBA game

BY JERRY BREWER  
The Washington Post

On the opposite end of the Kevin Durant-Draymond Green quarrel, the NBA is witnessing a very gentle breakup between the Houston Rockets and Carmelo Anthony. The Rockets are almost apologizing for being on the verge of cutting Anthony loose after just 10 games. If they tried to let him down any easier, they would have to prepare a video tribute of the 49 field goals he made in their uniform.

"He's been great with us," Houston general manager Daryl Morey said of Anthony.

"Melo's been great here," point guard Chris Paul said.

"He's been super in whatever we've asked," coach Mike D'Antoni said. "Winning, losing, it's definitely not his fault."

It's not you, Melo. It's us. The timing is just bad. Hope you meet someone as great and super as you truly are. Let's hug it out and forget these 10 games ever happened, K?

Anthony — future Hall of Famer, No. 19 all-time scorer with 25,551 points — is getting dumped before dessert and being asked not to make a scene.

The hot takes are everywhere, and the consensus viewpoint paints Anthony as a victim of his selfishness. After struggling as a role player in Oklahoma City and Houston, he has been branded a failing, me-oriented player who can't adjust to the new NBA style of pace and space, ball movement and the elimination of midrange shots. It's the end that he deserves, many figure. But it's not that simple.

The sad part is that Anthony wants to conform, but the game doesn't know what to do with him anymore. It's easy to compare Anthony to Allen Iverson, who resisted change and suffered a rapid descent. Like Iverson, Anthony was an All-Star still scoring more than 20 points per game at age 32. By 34, Iverson was out of the league. The 34-year-old Anthony is now reportedly searching for another team, and it may be his last chance to reinvent himself. But the difference is that Iverson was defiant until the end. Anthony has accepted that change is necessary. Problem is, the sport is growing intolerant of diverse styles.

There's something troubling about that. For certain, Anthony deserves blame for not tweaking his game when he was younger and still capable of carrying a franchise. For certain, he wasted some years by not being in exquisite shape like his good friend, LeBron James. But Anthony can still be effective, and as he has aged, he has taken good care of his body. After the Oklahoma City debacle last season, he came to Houston with a humble approach and a desire simply to fit in on a championship contender. But he doesn't fit. He can still play basketball, just not perfect 2018 NBA basketball.

It speaks to how committed every NBA team is to playing a specific way. It's fun to watch; some indications are that offense has never been this far ahead of defense in league history. It's fun to analyze because, with all the statistical data available, there's no more assuming and guessing about anything. But it is worrisome that the game has become all about shooting 3-pointers and attacking the rim, with little respect for anything in between. While the game won't be worse off because a 16-year veteran is succumbing to Father Time, there should be some concern about the extinction of a great midrange scorer.

The analytics have shown that this is a low-percentage shot for most of today's players. But basketball is an evolving game, and defenses will adjust, the same as football teams have learned to defend spread concepts much better. It may take 10 years to see the effect, but you should be wondering what happens when defensive innovation thwarts pace and space, and the league is full of players who have been taught their entire lives to only care about deep jumpers and getting to the rim.

It seems foolish, long term, to send the message that shots taken between 10 and 20 feet from the



MARY ALTAFFER/AP

The Rockets announced that they will part ways with future Hall of Famer Carmelo Anthony after just 10 games this season.

basket don't matter.

Current NBA players grew up taking a lot of midrange shots, and they've changed, increased their range and learned to be selective. The next generation will take that as permission to abandon a huge chunk of space in the half-court. The fear is that many players won't have a key shooting skill that they can use as foundation. The fear is they will be chuck-or-dunk players and very little else. What's cool and free-flowing now could be detrimental down the road, depending on how well the game is taught at all levels.

A deep and stat-driven understanding of shot selection is fine. But in a game that shifts from era to era as with rule changes and the physical evolution of athletes, fundamental skills need to be

timeless.

The Golden State Warriors are a good example. While they shoot and make a lot of 3-pointers, you also see Durant, Stephen Curry and Klay Thompson showcase their all-around abilities when teams chase them off the 3-point line. Those stars are capable of making shots from anywhere on the floor, and when defenses run at them to limit the deep jumpers, they make a comfortable move and hit midrange shots that feel like layups to them.

It's hard to argue with the Rockets' recent success, especially during their 65-win campaign last season. But they died by the 3-pointer in Game 7 of the Western Conference finals a year ago. Their insistence on playing the percentages and refusing to adjust

may have cost them a championship.

And now the Rockets are expected to move on from Anthony within the season's first month, even though they say it wasn't his fault, even though Anthony was determined to make it work. He's an easy scapegoat for the Rockets' slow start. James and Dwyane Wade have used their social media platforms to make strong points about that. They still believe their friend can contribute to a winner. Anthony figures to get one more good chance, perhaps with Wade in Miami or with Philadelphia or with another decent team that could use an extra scorer.

This time, both Anthony and interested teams will have to choose wisely. He's struggling to transition. He needs consistent

touches. He needs to shoot off the dribble and get into a rhythm. He needs to be able to post-up, which is another highly inefficient play in today's game. And while it's easiest to scoff and say Anthony needs to retire, there's still value for that kind of talent on a well-rounded team that isn't as married to its system as it is making the most of the players it has.

Anthony knows the challenge. He has articulated it quite well in recent months. But he doesn't have a fossilized game just yet, not if the desire to change is there.

The aging scorer is trying to catch up, and if the game isn't able to reach back for him, you have to wonder if this new and exciting NBA is actually more rigid than we realize.

# — eNEWSPAPER BONUS COVERAGE —



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Three days after their verbal altercation, Warriors All-Stars Kevin Durant, left, and Draymond Green sit next together on the bench during Thursday's game against the Rockets.

## Green dismisses concerns over long-term issues

BY MARK MEDINA  
San Jose Mercury News

HOUSTON — Before anyone even asked a question, Warriors forward Draymond Green discussed the elephant in the room with the conviction and passion that matches his play.

In his first public comments since Green and Kevin Durant had a verbal altercation at the end of regulation of Monday's eventual loss to the Los Angeles Clippers, Green shared that he "spoke" with Durant and that "we're moving forward."

Green did not directly address calling Durant an expletive, criticizing him for his pending free agency or his one-game suspension in Tuesday's win over Atlanta. But with Green active for the Warriors' game on Thursday against the Houston Rockets, Green generally defended his on-court demeanor with Durant. The tensions began after Durant yelled at Green for not passing him the ball after grabbing a rebound during a tie game with six seconds left before committing a turnover as the buzzer sounded in regulation.

"There is no secret I am an emotional player," Green said. "I play with emotions on my sleeve. I play with that same emotion. Sometimes it gets the best of me. If it doesn't work in my favor, I'm going to live with it because it works in my favor to the good. That's my resume. My resume and the team resume speaks to us more than it doesn't. So I'm never going to change who I am and I'm going to approach the game the same way it always do. We'll continue to move forward."

The Warriors held a team dinner on Wednesday night, which is typical on trips. Warriors coach Steve Kerr said he spoke to Green privately and to the team before Thursday's morning shootaround. Though Kerr declined to share any details, he described the mood during shootaround as "pretty quiet."

When the Warriors opened up the end of morning shootaround to the media, Green and Durant appeared cordial and completed their shooting workouts at the same basket. Durant did not speak to reporters after morning shootaround. But Kerr maintained he "feels extremely confident in this team's ability to get through any adversity."

"I know the character of the group. I know the history of this group," said Kerr, whose team has won three NBA titles in the last four years. "It's way too strong and way too powerful to be upended by the type of adversity that can



The Warriors insist the friction between Durant, left, and Green will not affect their pursuit of another title.

hit any team in this league. We're going to get through this."

After all, the Warriors defeated the Rockets here in Game 7 of the 2018 Western Conference Finals before winning their second NBA championship in consecutive seasons. Green and Durant also had on-court arguments during his inaugural season two years ago.

"I've read a lot about how 'Is this the end of the run? Is it over. Did I ruin it? Did I force Kevin to leave?'" Green said, rhetorically. "At the end of the day, as I have said before, whatever Kevin decides to do, whatever Klay Thompson decides to do, we've had great years together. I support everybody whole heartedly 100 percent. As a man and human being, you have the right to do with whatever you want in your life. I'll never question that."

Green did question one thing, though. He dismissed any concerns on whether his verbal altercation with Durant would disrupt the team's chances in winning its fourth NBA title in four years or convince Durant to leave next

offseason if he plans to decline of his \$31 million player option to become a free agent. One Warriors staffer walked out during morning shootaround and jokingly said within ear shot of reporters, "break it up; it's all over."

"Nobody in this organization, from a player, not myself, not Kevin, not anybody else, is going to beat us. So if you are one of them 29 teams in this league, you gotta beat us," Green said. "We are not going to beat us. We're going to continue to do what we do. I'm sorry if that ruins everybody's stories. I know everybody's got a job to do. I apologize for ruining y'all stories, if it did. But if this only makes Kevin, myself, the rest of my teammates stronger, that's what it's going to do. You think you saw something before, good luck with us now. We're not going to crumble off an argument. We're going to move forward."

One way Green wants to move forward: not answer any more questions about anything involving his disagreement with Durant. Green delivered an opening state-

ment for about two minutes on this situation, but declined to answer a follow-up question regarding the front office's stance. The Warriors suspended him for one-game without pay because of Green's language toward Durant. The Warriors then had a team discussion in the locker room, though the team said the substance of those conversations did not influence their decision to suspend Green.

"Anybody want to talk about basketball?" Green said. "I spoke on what I spoke about, if anyone want to talk about basketball. I'll take some basketball questions. But that's all I've got to say about that."

Green spoke indirectly, though, on his basketball philosophy that determines when to be a playmaker, find an open teammate or pass to one of the Warriors' top scorers in Durant, Stephen Curry or Klay Thompson. After Green grabbed a rebound in Monday's game against the Clippers with six seconds left, he sprinted toward the other court and did not pass a

trailing Durant after calling for the ball. Green also did not see an open Thompson before fumbling the ball as time expired.

"Ball movement is always important, whether we got a matchup we like, whether a guy got it going, ball movement is always going to be important," Green said in general terms. "Obviously there are going to be times you have to scrap that. A lot of times down the stretch, we scrap that. Durant is going to have the ball. Steph is going to have the ball. Klay is going to be finding his shot. A lot of times down the stretch, we scrap it. But throughout the course of the game, you want to have that ball movement and flow to keep everyone else in a rhythm and not allow the defense to key on those guys. Down the stretch, you have to go to your guys and they have to get you a bucket."

As for the ensuing argument between Green and Durant?

Kerr maintained "it's private" on how the Warriors determine when it is appropriate for Green to exert his fiery demeanor and when he crosses the line. But Kerr has long maintained Green's on-court intensity and honesty provides more long-term and short-term benefits than consequences.

"Draymond has a huge heart. He's a champion. He's a winner," Kerr said. "He's so passionate that at times he can go over the edge. He always comes back. I know he's going to come back and he'll be his usual competitive and passionate self. We're going to move on."

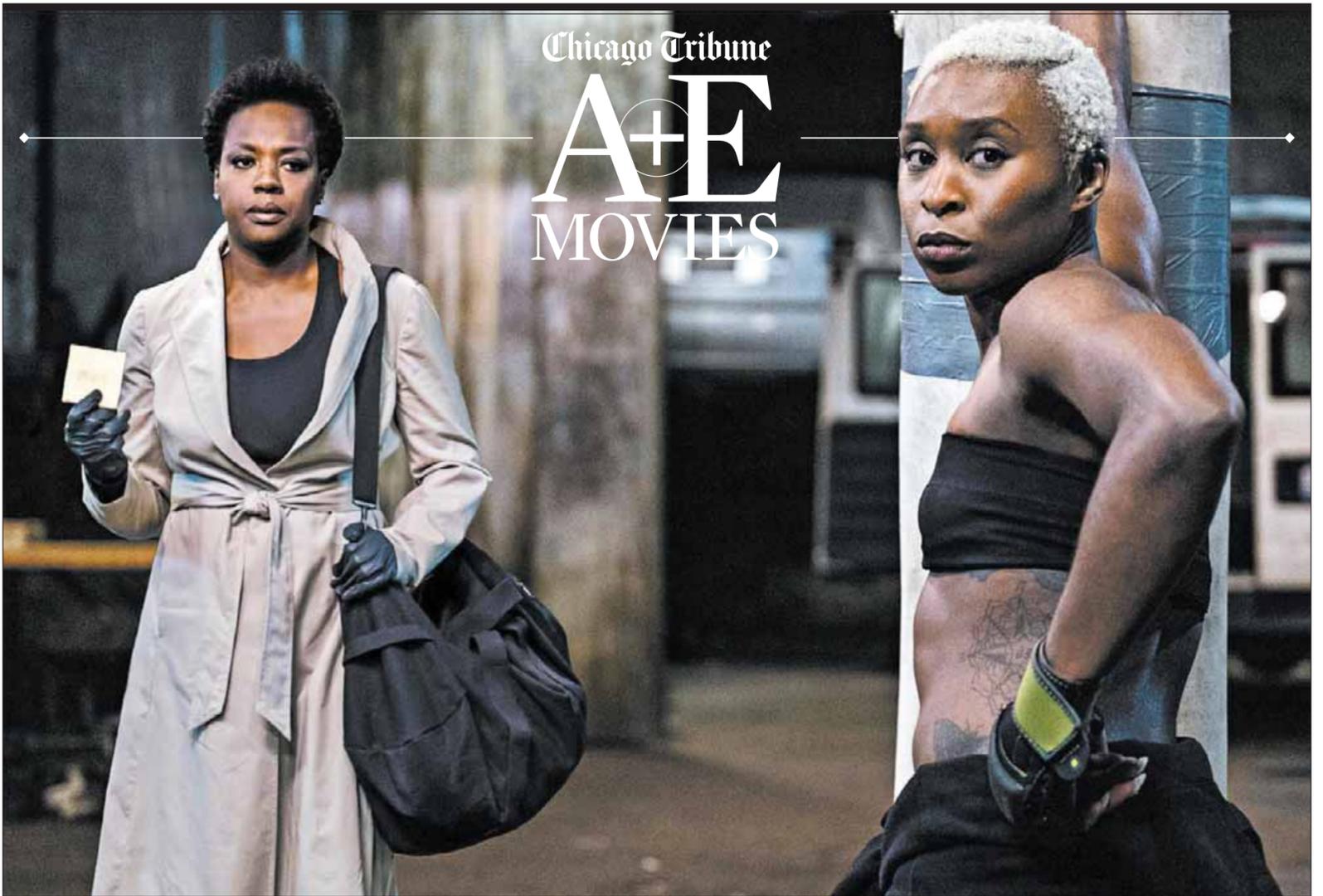
Kerr appeared ready to move on by keeping his sense of humor. He joked he might filibuster his interview so no one asks any questions about Durant and Green. Kerr also joked that Rockets fans "might cheer" for Green during lineup introductions because of his spat with Durant. He dismissed whether this episode could strengthen the team, though, highlighting any other unpredictable events that could include injuries or personality conflicts.

"I'm not going to sit here and pretend everything is rosy tonight and everything is going to be fine," Kerr said. "This will unfold and we're going to be fine and are going to be at full strength and we're going to be ready to roll. But we're human like everybody else. We have to deal with stuff. So we'll deal with it."

And so far, Kerr said he likes how the Warriors have dealt with it.

"The foundation is the key to everything," Kerr said. "We have a strong foundation and that's why we're going to be fine."

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Viola Davis, left, and Cynthia Erivo team up in a heist attempt in the riveting Chicago-set thriller "Widows."

'WIDOWS' ★★★★★

# CHICAGO'S FIERCE UNDERBELLY

In this pulp fiction, Viola Davis takes on every rat in the city, and wins

BY MICHAEL PHILLIPS | Chicago Tribune

I can't speak for all of them, but Chicagoans will watch the terrific and unexpectedly soulful crime drama "Widows" one way, while everybody else experiences a separate but related movie.

Either way, it works, and never in ways you can entirely anticipate. Director Steve McQueen's first feature since winning the Academy Award for "12 Years a Slave," this is commercial pulp fiction of a high order, splendidly acted right down to the smallest bit roles.

More sensitive, image-minded locals may resent the snake pit of corruption on view in "Widows," packed as it is with slithering politicians, rampant gun violence, schemers, criminals and sociopaths. Whatever; it's a free country, more or less.

But not since "The Fugitive" has a thriller relished the city's cinematic possibilities so effectively. This tightly packed adaptation of the 1983 British

miniseries (already Americanized in an earlier, Boston-set version starring Mercedes Ruehl) has the visual sense to exploit many different and relatively underfilmed Chicago locations, vividly. And screenwriter Gillian Flynn, McQueen's co-writer, hands a prodigious ensemble cast led by Viola Davis every opportunity to humanize the behavior,

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## Dogs, puppies and more dogs

A look at all the canine film content you could ever want from Netflix



NINA METZ  
Chicago Close-up

I've always been curious why cable channels like Animal Planet or Nat Geo Wild have yet to fully exploit a certain niche. I'm talking about programming that entirely centers the relationship between humans and their pets. You can find plenty of good series about veterinarians or animal rescue groups on these channels — but there are other stories to be told as well. Sometimes there is drama enough simply in a story about a person and their dog.

Filling that gap is new Netflix documentary series "Dogs," developed by producer Glen Zipper with director Amy Berg, focusing each of its six hourlong episodes on a different story. They are all good. Full stop.

But only two stand out as exceptional examples that capture the nuances of the human-



NETFLIX

Kenichi Nagase travels from Japan to California for a grooming competition in the Netflix documentary series "Dogs."

canine bond. And just as importantly, the personality of the dog in question.

Episode 1 ("The Kid with a Dog") is primarily a story of the humans at its center. A sixth-grader named Corrine has epilepsy and soon she will be paired with a service dog who can alert others when a seizure is happening.

The episode is actually a really complicated and well-told story. It's not only about epilepsy itself (which can affect mood and behavior) but also the family

dynamics at play. Corrine is finally matched with her dog late in the episode and because of that, you get little sense of who the dog actually is.

Mom and Dad had promised their two girls this would be a family dog. But: "The child has to be the dog's everything," the family is told during a training session — that means Corrine's sister can't give the dog treats. Or play with him. Not really. He has a job and he's Corrine's dog only.

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GENE SISKEL FILM CENTER

A pair of museum thieves (Gael Garcia Bernal and Leonardo Ortizgris) try to convince an artifacts dealer (Simon Russell Beale, left) to buy their loot in "Museo," now playing at the Gene Siskel Film Center.

'MUSEO' ★★★ 1/2

## Caper of the biggest art theft in Mexican history

BY MICHAEL PHILLIPS  
Chicago Tribune

Most heist movies build up to the big score. The more daring and unpredictable examples of the genre, Jules Dassin's "Rififi" high among them, steal first and ask questions later, following their characters' impulses down a crooked path away from the scene of the crime, destination unknown.

"Museo" takes the latter route. A witty, stylish, fancifully philosophical second feature from Mexico's Alonso Ruizpalacios, the film spins a bracing tale based on the real-life Christmas Eve 1985 theft of 140 Mayan and Mesoamerican artifacts from Mexico City's National Museum of Anthropology. It plays a two-week run starting Friday at the

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# CELEBRITIES

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Chris Stapleton took home four awards at the Country Music Association Awards on Wednesday night.

## Stapleton cleans house at the CMAs

Chris Stapleton won the most awards Wednesday night at the 2018 Country Music Association Awards.

But Keith Urban surprisingly won the top prize — entertainer of the year — moments before the three-hour show wrapped.

Urban's actress-wife, Nicole Kidman, was in tears as the singer walked onstage to collect the award at the Bridgestone Arena in Nashville, Tenn.

"Baby girl, I love you so much," he said. "I'm shocked beyond shocked."

Urban last won entertainer of the year in 2005 and also beat out Luke Bryan, Jason Aldean and Kenny Chesney for the prize.

Stapleton won four awards, including male vocalist and song of the year.

Stapleton also won the performance of the night: His supergroup featuring Mavis Staples, Maren Morris, Marty Stuart and his wife gave a soulful and powerful performance of "Friendship," a song made famous by Pop Staples, the iconic singer's late father. They then performed "I'll Take You There," jamming onstage along with a choir.

Carrie Underwood worked triple duty as co-host, performer and nominee at the CMAs. She won female vocalist of the year.

Kacey Musgraves, the only woman nominated for album of the year, won the prize for "Golden Hour."

— Associated Press



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**Elba's daughter Globes ambassador:** Actor Idris Elba's daughter has been chosen as the Golden Globe ambassador to assist with the awards ceremony. The Hollywood Foreign Press Association announced Wednesday that 16-year-old Isan Elba will assume the ambassador title for the 76th annual Golden Globe Awards in January. Her 46-year-old father was named Sexiest Man Alive by People magazine last week.

**Boy band blues:** The agency for K-pop superstars BTS apologized Wednesday for a band member wearing a T-shirt depicting the explosion of an atomic bomb juxtaposed with the celebration of Korea's 1945 liberation from Japan at the end of the World War II. "We would like to again offer our sincerest apologies to anyone who has suffered pain, distress and discomfort due to our shortcomings and oversight in ensuring that these matters receive our most careful attention," the band's agency, the Big Hit Entertainment, said in a statement.

**Baby for "Bachelor" alums:** Race car driver Arie Luyendyk Jr. and fiancée Lauren Burnham announced Wednesday they are expecting their first child. Luyendyk had proposed to Burnham at the end of Season 22 of "The Bachelor." The couple plan to get married in January.

**Nov. 16 birthdays:** Actress Marg Helgenberger is 60. Singer Diana Krall is 54. Actress Martha Plimpton is 48. Actress Maggie Gyllenhaal is 41. Comedian Pete Davidson is 25.



# ASK AMY

By AMY DICKINSON

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## Moving home brings awkwardness

**Dear Amy:** Over 10 years ago, when I was a young newlywed, I saw a picture of all my close high school friends at a bridal shower for my best friend. I was not invited. It hurt, and I cut most of these women out of my life because of it. I'm not proud of it. It seems trivial and embarrassing to ghost them.

I've moved several times and have made wonderful lifelong friends since then. Now, as a funny twist of fate, I'm back and living in my small hometown.

Running into these old friends has brought up this exclusion and the way I've in turn ghosted them. In retrospect, I realize that they were really not true friends. Some of them were outright emotionally abusive. Being excluded from the bridal shower was just the straw that broke the camel's back. My gut was telling me it was time to be done with them.

After running into some of these women lately, I've received messages from them saying they miss me. They wonder what happened and why I've kept my distance. Now I am unsure of how to answer.

I have no desire to be friends with these women again. I have filled my life with good, authentic people. I don't want to keep on ignoring them, but I also don't feel like dredging up the past. How do I respond?  
— Not Missing Them

**Dear Not Missing:** If you are brave enough to own your truth, then one statement would probably take care of this: "Honestly, I was hurt years ago when I was excluded and not invited to Tammy's

shower, and as the years have gone by, I've pretty much lost interest."

If you don't want to be honest about why you are keeping your distance, then you need only be neighborly and cordial when you see or hear from these people. Cordiality does not imply friendship, nor does it tie you into further engagement.

If they contact you to say they miss you, you can respond, "Thanks. It's great to be back home." If they make a bid for further contact or friendship, you can say, "Thank you, but I don't think so. I've moved on, and it's all good."

**Dear Amy:** My partner had an affair with the head of HR at our company (we all work at the same place). After a painful six-month separation and two years of working on our relationship, things are good with us.

I sometimes run into the homewrecker at work, and I can't seem to let go of my disgust for her. I've wondered if talking to her might help me let go of the hurt feelings and, frankly, hatred I feel for her. Time hasn't seemed to help. I don't know how to react when I see her. Currently, we just glare at each other.  
— Pained Co-worker

**Dear Pained:** I'm assuming the head of HR violated the most basic company policies when she chose to have an affair with your partner. I'm also assuming you can't do much about it in terms of reporting, without possibly ruining your partner's career.

Communicating with her about this affair might have a negative impact on

both of your careers. And I'm wondering, realistically, what you might gain from telling this person how you feel about her. In fact, I admire your restraint up to now.

Look at the hard work you have put in to forgive your partner. Dig deep and understand that your rage is still holding you hostage. You should work on releasing your anger, overall, but continue to dislike her from a distance.

And a note to HR professionals: Workplace questions sent to me over the years reveal that this profession overall seems to have a poor reputation. I understand that questions sent to me represent a very skewed sample, but this question is one example of why workers might believe that Human Resources personnel don't advocate for them.

**Dear Amy:** Regarding "Done Mom," whose 18-year-old daughter's 30-year-old boyfriend lives with them and contributes nothing, I think suggesting six months is way too long.

Six more months of enabling is crazy. She needs to go to the local courthouse and file paperwork to evict that boyfriend. A therapist waiting in the wings will help her daughter to cope.  
— Therapist Who Has Seen it All

**Dear Therapist:** Yes, delaying this is just drawing out the enabling. Thank you.

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# Dogs

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This new piece of information does not go down well, as Corrine's sister quietly walks out of the session and processes what this means for her. Like I said, it's a really good hour of television — it's just not particularly focused on the dog part. At least, not as much as you might expect for a series called "Dogs."

I found Episode 4 ("Scissors Down") to be unexpectedly bracing if entirely removed from my personal philosophy, about two dog groomers from Japan who fly to Pasadena, Calif., to compete in a dog grooming competition. I'm more of a "If the dog is clean and brushed and its fur isn't matted, the rest is just humans treating pets like dolls" kind of person. All the participants seem to genuinely like and care about dogs, but something about the event feels sour.

Consider one American groomer who is exasperated with the dog that's been supplied to him: "My dog decided that he's too nervous to go to the bathroom around me, so I've had to keep taking him back to his owner to get walked, and he's already exhibiting a couple signs of being a weirdo so we'll see how it goes. But I've had weirdos on the table before and we still make 'em pretty, so ..." Yeesh.

Compare that to Tokyo-based groomer Kenichi Nagase, whose demeanor really grabbed me — he's exceedingly quiet and gentle and sweet and calm with the dogs. It bowls you over. And he's the only one casually being affectionate with the dog while waiting for the judge's results.

The strongest episodes of the series are Episode 2 ("Bravo, Zeus") and Episode 3 ("Ice on the Water").

The former is about a young man from Syria named Ayham, now living in Berlin and desperate to reunite with his Siberian Husky, Zeus. For the past two years the dog has been living with one of Ayham's closest friends, who is also trying to leave Syria and whose temporary guardianship of Zeus is incredibly touching. The dog is playful and is a favorite of the neighborhood kids; he's also fascinatingly watchful of the landscape as he finally begins his journey.

"Ice on the Water" is the episode that really stayed with me. Ice is a yellow Lab who belongs to



Danny Robertshaw and Ron Danta are a couple running a dog rescue from their South Carolina home.



In one episode of "Dogs," we meet Zeus, a playful Siberian Husky.

a fisherman and restaurateur named Alessandro. They live in a gorgeous village on Lake Como in Italy. There's just the right balance here, in terms of story emphasis, between human and canine. And you get a good sense of the their daily life together — and the importance of the dog in it.

Ice accompanies Alessandro for those long solitary hours out on the boat — "Can you see if they are there?" Alessandro asks about any nearby fish in the water and Ice actually turns around and looks over the edge of the boat — but the dog is also genuinely part

of the family, sitting on a chair at the dinner table when they eat meals.

"He's my lookout while I do the heavy work, keeping an eye on anything suspicious," Alessandro says. The man is quietly but absolutely besotted with this dog. *I get it.* "I can concentrate because he makes me feel safe." Periodically, Ice will go off and patrol the village and it's here you get a sense of his personality. We see him charge through the woods. Stop to smell the air. An alert look on his face. And then he's off again. He has a purpose and he knows it.

There's no doubt Ice has an inner life.

Episode 5 ("Territorio de Zeguates") is filmed at the Costa Rican dog rescue of the same name, which translates into "Land of Strays" and it is free range — the dogs aren't kept in kennels, but allowed to wander the 300 acres of farmland allocated to the rescue.

You might be familiar with the group — there are viral videos of hundreds of dogs at Territorio de Zeguates seen happily running through the hilly green acreage. Those clips don't capture just how daunting the work is. The founders are absolutely overwhelmed, with more than 1,200 dogs at the shelter at the time of filming.

Money is a constant concern, as are the challenges of keeping the grounds as clean as possible and giving adequate medical care to that many dogs. The human component focuses primarily on two hired workers who experience major health issues while on the job; all of it is tough. So tough. But I had so many questions that went unanswered: What are the logistics of caring for 1,200 dogs? Is there feces everywhere? How do they ensure that the dogs mostly get along?  
The physical, emotional and

financial demands of running a rescue are also at the forefront of an excellent new documentary film from director Ron Davis called "Life in the Doghouse" (available Tuesday on iTunes, Amazon Prime and Google Play) about Danny and Ron, a longtime couple who run a dog rescue out of their home in South Carolina. At the time of filming, they are caring for 71 dogs in their home.

It's a lovely 4,400-square-foot brick house that sits on a huge plot of land. The house itself has been sectioned off into zones. The front bedroom is for puppy litters. The living room is for larger dogs. A sun porch has been turned into a quarantine room. And though it appears many of the dogs sleep in crates at night, they're mostly free to wander about as they please during the day. "Don't blame the shelters," Ron says of the euthanasia that inevitably befalls unclaimed dogs in municipal shelters, "blame the community that doesn't neuter or spay their pets — or abandons them."

The guys have employees who help run things and they all work hard to keep everything clean, which means everything you'd expect — plus 18 loads of laundry mainly consisting of pet bedding that's tossed in a commercial-grade washer everyday.

Ron is originally from Chicago. He's the taller of the two and has the deep sonorous voice of a newscaster. Danny is the former horse show champ who is quieter and more noticeably introspective. He is also allergic to dogs and horses. Doesn't stop him. They've been together 27 years; their rescue has been around for the past 15. It has completely engulfed their lives (it's overwhelming just to see it) but they've adopted out more than 11,000 dogs in that time.

As a couple, they are terrific screen company — so much so that they should be anchoring their own TV series. They're photogenic but they aren't performing. They don't try to please the camera. They're just themselves.

And their dogs — both their personal pets and their rescue denizens — seem awfully content with their surroundings. Director Davis goes with the perhaps on-the-nose but wonderfully lump-in-your-throat choice of Cat Stevens' "I Love My Dog" for the closing credits.

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Octavia Spencer, from left, Rose Byrne, Tig Notaro and Mark Wahlberg in "Instant Family."

**'INSTANT FAMILY' ★★ 1/2**

## Packed dramedy hits sweet spot

BY KATIE WALSH  
Tribune News Service

Director/co-writer Sean Anders really takes the "instant" part of his new family dramedy "Instant Family" to heart. The film drops us right into the lives of Pete (Mark Wahlberg) and Ellie (Rose Byrne) with little fanfare, as if to say to the audience, "Catch up guys, we've got a lot of story to tell."

It's not too difficult to pick up what Anders is putting down, as Pete and Ellie are the kind of nice, upper-middle-class, fast-talking, attractive white couple who frequently populate this kind of film. They're missing one thing: kids. They've never met a challenge they couldn't tackle, so off to foster parenting class they go. They just don't know how big of a challenge they're in for.

Anders, who is known for the "Daddy's Home" movies and other broad comedies, drew largely from his own experiences as an adoptive parent for the script, which he co-wrote with John Morris. He and his wife adopted a set of siblings, and that's exactly what Pete and Ellie do after cautiously approaching a group of teenagers at an adoption fair. The sassy,

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**Running time:** 1:59

defiant Lizzy (Isabela Moner) makes an impression, and it turns out she comes with two incredibly cute and incredibly difficult younger siblings, Juan (Gustavo Quiroz) and Lita (Julianna Gamiz).

Anders smartly punctures any representational issues in the tightly packed script. When Pete worries about looking like a "white savior" to kids of color, the sardonic social workers Karen (Octavia Spencer) and Sharon (Tig Notaro) sarcastically offer to write "whites only" on their file, much to the couple's chagrin. And yet, it does end up being a white savior story in a way — the married, well-off white couple does end up being more equipped to handle raising three kids than their mother, Carla (Joselin Reyes), who struggles with addiction and incarceration and doesn't feel ready to take on the kids, no matter how much Lizzy wants to be reunited with her.

Moner gives perhaps her fiercest and most complex

performance yet, as a foster teen who is more adult than kid and has a harder time accepting a "new" mom and dad. She truly sells the sorrow and ache Lizzy feels for her own mother, while struggling to accept that she needs the support Pete and Ellie are offering to her and her siblings.

It's not all heart-wrenching fights and impossible issues. "Instant Family" is also incredibly funny, deftly using humor to address any potential social issue blind spots. Speaking of blind, there's a running gag about one of the other foster parents, a stern woman named October (Iliza Schlesinger), who unknowingly wants to enact her own version of "The Blind Side." Anders stacks the supporting cast with scene-stealing character actresses like Margo Martindale and Joan Cusack, while Spencer and Notaro deserve a spinoff series for their smack-talking social worker duo.

While the pace of "Instant Family" can be relentless, with the supporting cast and a whole lot of authenticity, Anders hits that sweet spot of hilarious and heartwarming, where the sweetness and tears are well-deserved, and earned.

**'THE FRONT RUNNER' ★★★**

## An '80s political scandal, quaint in modern context

BY ANN HORNADAY  
The Washington Post

"The Front Runner" chronicles 21 tumultuous days in 1987 when the worlds of politics, journalism and entertainment tilted on their respective axes, a seismic shift in priorities and protocol that converged on one man. Gary Hart, a former U.S. senator from Colorado, who had narrowly missed running for president in 1984, was preparing another campaign in spring 1987, this time with the wind at his back and the polls in his favor.

As a title card says at the beginning of this perceptive, carefully calibrated drama, a lot can happen in three weeks. Adapted by Jason Reitman from Matt Bai's book "All the Truth Is Out," "The Front Runner" plunges viewers headlong into the bewildering jumble of entitlement, idealism, unintended consequences and still-unresolved issues that transformed Hart from a high-minded statesman to tabloid roadkill with dizzying speed.

This is a movie that intends to raise far more troubling questions than it answers, encouraging the audience to emerge from the story, not with certainty but rather the notion that even solid moral reasoning can incur a grievous cost. Most confoundingly, it sheds no light on Hart himself: a man who steadfastly insisted on maintaining his own privacy, whose impressive intellect was couched within an aloof, withholding persona, remains a cipher, the missing core of a movie that's nominally about him, but can't seem to get a bead on its own protagonist.

That makes "The Front Runner" less of an emotional than a mental exercise, albeit an engaging and



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Hugh Jackman plays presidential candidate Gary Hart in the docudrama "The Front Runner."

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**Running time:** 1:53

provocative one. Adopting an approach reminiscent of Robert Altman and Michael Ritchie's "The Candidate," Reitman has designed his movie to be an intensely subjective swirl of voices, points of view and densely layered perspectives. Reitman isn't as interested in Hart — played in an awkward, subdued performance by Hugh Jackman — as the vortex of activity around him: the cadre of young advisers and volunteers marshaled by campaign manager Bill Dixon (J.K. Simmons), the gaggle of reporters Hart leads to Red Rocks to announce his "campaign of ideas," the serene cabin in Troublesome Gulch where he lives with his wife, Lee (Vera Farmiga), and their kids.

It's not as if the marriage has always been ideal: The Harts have been separated before, and when the candidate makes a last-minute decision to cancel a trip to the Kentucky Derby to join a swampy Southern fixer named Billy Broadhurst for some R and R in Florida, no alarm bells go off. But

when reporters at the Miami Herald receive a tip that Hart embarked on an affair on a trip to Bimini, then stake out the candidate's Washington townhouse for proof, disaster ensues. Hart tries to brazen it out thinking that the old rules will apply. Meanwhile, a new form of TV infotainment feasts on a telegenic scandal, white-shoe newspapers find themselves playing catch-up in unsavory games of innuendo, the Hart campaign implodes and the name Donna Rice becomes an inextricably tied to her era's biggest "zipper story."

"The Front Runner" is careful to give everyone, especially women, their say about male politicians being held accountable after decades of good-ol'-boy courtesy and cozying up. But Reitman and Bai leave plenty of room for doubt, including the infamous back door through which Hart insisted Rice left on the night the Herald spied on him.

Most profoundly, the filmmakers put Hart's story squarely in the context of the present, when the norms and traditions that were evolving in 1987 now seem like the quaint artifacts of an era supplanted by destruction and shamelessness.

## PARENTS GUIDE Advice about films kids may want to see in theaters or opening soon

BY KATIE WALSH | Tribune News Service

**'FANTASTIC BEASTS: THE CRIMES OF GRINDELWALD'**  
PG-13

**What it's about:** The sequel to "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them," the characters set off to stop the evil Grindelwald from his magic fascist plot.

**The kid attractor factor:** The fantastical world, creatures and magic.

**Violence:** Some magical fight scenes and peril with big giant beasts and blue bonfire monsters.

**Language:** None.

**Sexuality:** Some flirtation.

**Drugs:** None.

**Parents advisory:** Too scary for littlest kids, but magical fun for most ages.

**'THE GRINCH'**  
PG

**What it's about:** A faithful adaptation of Dr. Seuss' book, this animated feature follows the holiday grump as he attempts to steal Christmas and learns to open up.

**The kid attractor factor:** The beloved story, animation and humor.

**Violence:** Some harrowing sleigh and sled rides and bonks, but nothing intense.

**Language:** None.

**Sexuality:** The Grinch shakes his booty in exercise shorts?

**Drugs:** None.

**Parents advisory:** Holiday cheer for the whole family, with a classic story and great messaging. Not to mention the animation is wonderful.

**'INSTANT FAMILY'**  
PG-13

**What it's about:** A couple foster a set of three siblings and end up with an instant family.

**The kid attractor factor:** This is mostly appealing for women, but kids and teens might be into the family-friendly humor.

**Violence:** Some house demo, a couple of injuries, fights, etc.

**Language:** Some strong language.

**Sexuality:** Conflicts about sexuality, including sending explicit photos, older men pursuing younger women, etc.

**Drugs:** References to drug use, including meth.

**Parents advisory:** Probably won't appeal to too many kids, but fine for most ages. Too sexually mature for younger children.

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'GREEN BOOK' ★★ 1/2

# Journey of discovery out on the open road

BY MICHAEL PHILLIPS  
Chicago Tribune

Can two New Yorkers share a turquoise Cadillac on a tour of the Deep South without driving each other crazy?

Apologies to the opening credits of the TV sitcom "The Odd Couple," but that's the pertinent question in "Green Book," a different (yet familiar) odd-couple heartwarmer directed by Peter Farrelly of "Dumb and Dumber" and "There's Something About Mary" fame. A crowd-pleasing hit at the Toronto International Film Festival in September, the movie may not be accurate history (welcome to the movies!). It may not even be particularly interested in one of its two main characters, for various reasons.

But with actors as wily as Viggo Mortensen and Mahershala Ali, plus a ringer we'll get to a minute, the quality of the material matters less than usual.

In 1962, the African-American concert pianist and recording artist Don Shirley embarked on a concert tour of the Midwest



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Viggo Mortensen, left, as Tony Vallelonga and Mahershala Ali as pianist Don Shirley.

and the South, chauffeured by Italian-American Tony Vallelonga. Shirley's record label hired Vallelonga — better known as "Tony Lip" around the Bronx, and in the vicinity of the Copacabana nightclub where he worked as a bouncer — to serve as the driver. In many towns the performer was legally barred from staying in hotels wide open to whites. The AAA-style "Negro Motorist Green

Book," a guide to affordable lodging for black motorists traveling in institutionally segregated times, gives director Farrelly's cheerfully fictionalized account its title.

To play Tony Lip, Mortensen bulked up considerably. When he's behind the wheel of the '62 Caddy, it's like watching a big car driven by a slightly smaller one. Mortensen, not known for broad or even subtle

comedy (the movie favors the former), works hard at behaving like a semblance of a real person in a real place and time. Some of the details catch your eye, such as the way he fishes a Lucky Strike out of a half-smoked pack while doing something else, or his method of folding an entire pizza into a handy wiseguy-sized bite.

The movie's Bronx sequences may not look or

feel anything like anything within 500 miles of New York City (they shot the picture in New Orleans). But we're not in the land of realism here. Farrelly works well with actors, but Tony's friends and family skirt one sort of caricature, while the Dixie racists making the road tour difficult for Shirley and The Lip edge toward another.

"Green Book" relies almost entirely on the interplay between Mortensen and Ali. It's a car-based journey of discovery, begun on a note of mutual wariness, ending on an affirmative flourish of true friendship. The movie sets its chosen tone at the beginning, establishing Tony Lip's ingrained, casual-seeming prejudice with lingering close-ups of Mortensen throwing away drinking glasses used by a

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**Running time:** 2:10

couple of African-American repairmen working in the family kitchen. The movie charts one lovable lug's enlightenment, while Shirley himself remains a remote, diffident enigma — the fastidious, uptight Felix to Mortensen's Oscar Madison.

The movie's lean toward Tony Lip and his universe is no surprise, given that the script comes from Nick Vallelonga (Tony's son), director Farrelly and Brian Currie. On the other hand: The focus gives the fabulous Linda Cardellini (as Dolores, Tony's wife) some welcome screen time. The actress lends easy warmth and honestly earned sentiment to the Bronx scenes, and when she, Ali and Mortensen finally share a scene in the finale, hearts will warm and tears will flow. Director Farrelly knows a narrative gold mine when he sees one. And he knows enough to stay out of his actors' way.

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WARNER BROS.

Eddie Redmayne plays Newt Scamander in the newest "Fantastic Beasts" release.

'FANTASTIC BEASTS: THE CRIMES OF GRINDELWALD' ★★

## A lukewarm fantasy from Redmayne and Depp

BY MICHAEL PHILLIPS  
Chicago Tribune

Without overpraising the charm of "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them," or undervaluing the baseline proficiency of "Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald," I must report: It took J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter-adjacent franchise exactly one film for the shrugs to set in, even with all those fine actors up there amid expensive digital blue flames.

Partly it's the story Rowling's telling, and partly it's the way it's told. When last we saw "magizoologist" Newt Scamander (Eddie Redmayne), in 1926 New York, he and his fellow magic-world denizen, Tina Goldstein (Katherine Waterston), led the way in capturing the Dark Wizard fascist on the rise, Gellert Grindelwald, one of several characters introduced in much older incarnations by Rowling's Harry Potter series. In this film, he's played by Johnny Depp in S&P mode: Serious, and Pausing a lot.

Captivity doesn't suit this icy blond thug, always

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**Running time:** 2:14

purring about his plans to remake the world in the "pure-blood" nationalist image. "The Crimes of Grindelwald" opens with his escape, by dragon-powered stagecoach, and proceeds from New York to London to Paris. Grindelwald's old friend turned sworn enemy, Dumbledore (Jude Law), kibitzes from the sidelines, while Newt, Tina, Jacob (Dan Fogler) and Tina's mind-reading flapper sister, Queenie (Alison Sudol) join forces.

Sort of. There's a considerable amount of squabbling and separating and relationship trouble alongside the rest of the calamity in Rowling's screenplay. Does Newt's heart belong to Tina, to Leta (Zoe Kravitz), to his many beasties or what? All of them, really, and this is Rowling's great strength as a fantasist: She knows how to complicate already complicated feelings and sympathies.

The chief riddle in "The Crimes of Grindelwald" concerns the true identity of the Hogwarts Hitler's prized possession, Credence Barebone (Ezra Miller).

The director David Yates has four "Potter" outings behind him, and he's in line for the entirety of the "Fantastic Beasts" series. The film has its moments, usually small ones. When Rowling flashes back to Hogwarts for scenes of young Newt and Leta discovering fellow outsiders in each other, it's a welcome respite from the pounding noise levels and scare tactics dominating the rest of the picture.

In all: OK. For the record, the climax — a baldly allegorical political ally echoing both the Third Reich and the current U.S. president's get-togethers — goes on and on, as if it were wrapping up the franchise, instead of part two out of five.

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'SADIE' ★★★

## Budding sociopath will stop at nothing

BY JOE LEYDON  
Variety

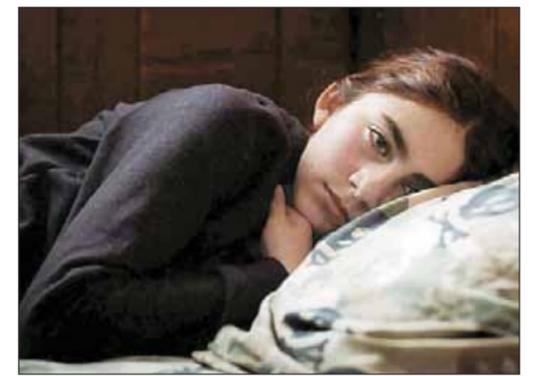
The eponymous protagonist at the chilly heart of "Sadie" is a troubled 13-year-old girl who is driven to extremes by her unyielding notions about what constitutes loyalty.

Of course, Sadie — rivetingly played with tamped-down intensity by newcomer Sophia Mitri Schloss — would no doubt dispute that description, if only because it implies she's not in full control of her actions at every moment. She'd have you know that if anyone or anything is doing any driving, well, she's the one at the wheel.

Equal parts coming-of-age story and slow-burn thriller, writer-director Megan Griffiths' quietly absorbing and methodically disquieting drama is a genuine rarity: a sympathetic portrait of a budding sociopath.

Sadie lives with Rae (Melanie Lynskey), her mother, in a dreary Midwestern trailer park where, sooner or later, everybody knows everybody else's business. The wintry cinematography of T.J. Williams Jr. accentuates the overall air of dead-end gloom.) Perpetually sullen, Sadie nonetheless nurses a fierce affection for her faraway father, a soldier she hasn't seen during the several years he has pulled multiple tours of duty in Afghanistan. She treasures the letters she receives from him, and romanticizes dad as a hero, making excuses for him whenever Rae notes that she hasn't received any mail from him in a very long time.

Strictly speaking, Sadie isn't a loner. Indeed, she's downright affable with at least two of her neighbors:



FACETS

Sophia Mitri Schloss plays a troubled teen in "Sadie," written and directed by Megan Griffiths.

**No MPAA rating:** With profanity, sexual abuse, substance abuse

**Running time:** 1:36

Deak (Tee Dennard), a self-described "old coot" who encourages her woodcarving, and his daughter, Carla (Danielle Brooks), a sassy bartender who's Rae's friend and confidante. Francis (Keith L. Williams), Carla's young son, is Sadie's classmate and, apparently, only friend. Although they tentatively share a kiss or two, Sadie doesn't want a boyfriend; rather, she wants someone to protect. The first time she defends Francis against a bully, she pulls the kind of clever trick that might generate laughs in a routine teen-skewing comedy. When she deals with the bully a second time, however, the laughter catches in your throat.

Sadie is obsessed with violent video games — a cliché, perhaps, but Griffiths shakes the cobwebs right off it — and she writes essays laced with descriptions of bloody mayhem (clearly wish-dreams of her father's battlefield valor) that upset, among other people, Bradley (Tony Hale), her school's guidance counselor. His disapproval is one of the reasons Sadie can barely contain her contempt for the guy. The other, more important reason: Bradley, sensing Rae's discontented loneliness, has been dropping by the trailer park far too often

for Sadie's taste.

As it turns out, much to Sadie's satisfaction, Rae doesn't want anything from Bradley other than casual friendship. Unfortunately, Rae is appreciably less resistant to the charms of Cyrus (John Gallagher Jr.), a newcomer to the trailer park. Sadie soon realizes that, in order to guarantee that her mother remains faithful to her father, she must respond decisively and, if necessary, ruthlessly.

Lynskey compellingly conveys each of the attributes — loving concern, embittered resentment, maternal fretfulness, emotional neediness — that define Rae as an individual. Better still, she underscores just how much mother has in common with daughter.

Ultimately, Rae's bad judgment proves far less alarming than Sadie's cold-blooded manipulation. Throughout most of the movie, the girl sports a pullover hat that gives her a vaguely androgynous look. Twice, however, she literally lets her hair down, and the impact is startling: On both occasions — especially the second — Sadie clearly is exploiting her nascent sexuality to intimidate.

Here and elsewhere, Griffiths and Schloss tease and disquiet you with the possibility that Sadie will stop at nothing to get what she wants. But even that's not sufficient to fully prepare you for what happens when they make good on that threat. Or for what happens next.

## Museo

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Gene Siskel Film Center. And while "Museo" resembles the new heist thriller "Widows" in no discernible way, shape or form, it's a treat to have two movies of this quality on the same theme, opening the same week in Chicago.

Gael Garcia Bernal served as executive producer on the heavily fictionalized "Museo," and he's precisely what the film needs on screen as well. He plays Juan, a restless middle-class resident of suburban Satellite City. He studied to be a veterinarian, as did his best friend, Wilson (Leonardo Ortizgris), but nothing came of it. Wilson

narrates "Museo," with a tone suggesting quiet repentance.

But first comes the thrill of larceny. Juan works as a museum photographer's assistant, and one day on the job, the heist comes to him in a flash: These noble remnants of proud, ancient people must be freed!

Escaping his boisterous family's Christmas Eve celebration (which he manages to screw up by telling the kids there is no Santa Claus), Juan meets Wilson at their agreed-upon time. Wilson, who has a dying father in his care at home, isn't the smooth criminal type. Neither is Juan, really, but he uses his resentments and family grudges as motivational fuel for the museum heist of the century.

The heist itself, daz-



GENE SISKEL FILM CENTER

Gael Garcia Bernal, center, served as executive producer on the heavily fictionalized "Museo," and he's on screen as well.

zingly edited, comes around the 30-minute mark. Halfway through "Museo" director and co-writer Ruizpalacios, working with Manuel Alcalá, shifts gears and becomes a pliantly comic road

movie, setting Juan and Wilson off in search of a fence to handle their goods. The trip takes them to Acapulco and a meeting with a British dealer (Simon Russell Beale, superbly shifty). There are

**No MPAA rating** (some language and nudity)

**Running time:** 2:08

**Playing:** Now through Nov. 29, Gene Siskel Film Center, 164 N. State St.; siskelfilmcenter.org. In Spanish and English with English subtitles.

plenty of freewheeling inventions afoot, including interludes with Bernal and an after-hours stripper romping on the beach.

There's also a surprising amount of conversation regarding the provenance and ownership of most priceless museum artifacts, stolen here, relocated there, in ethically dubious circumstances. The film's shift in focus and rhythm at the midpoint may throw some

viewers off track. It worked for me, though. "Museo" is the work of a genuinely creative directorial talent, and the early family scenes, richly detailed and shrewdly acted, provide just the right emotional context for this squabbling, indecisive gang of two.

Composer Tomas Barreiro reworks themes from a 1939 historical epic called "The Night of the Mayas" and Silvestre Revueltas' music for that picture. The orchestrations are grandly epic, gently mocking and oddly affecting, often all at once. Those qualities apply to "Museo," too.

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## WATCH THIS: FRIDAY



Tim Allen

**"Last Man Standing"** (7 p.m., FOX): Mandy (Molly McCook) is pretty much ready to throw in the towel with her dream of becoming a designer, after a series of rejections sends her into a depression in the new episode "Dreams vs. Reality." The situation prompts Vanessa (Nancy Travis) to look back at her own career path, which doesn't do much to cheer her up, either. Mike (Tim Allen) decides he'd better step in to help the women in his family.

**"Dynasty"** (7 p.m., CW): Determined to make a clean break with Liam (guest star Adam Huber) and move on with her life, Fallon (Elizabeth Gillies) bends over backwards to prove to Culhane (Robert Christopher Riley) and his family that it is her true love in the new episode "That Witch." After a paranoid Alexis (Nicollette Sheridan) sabotages their holiday plans, Blake and Cristal (Grant Show, Ana Brenda Contreras) fight to keep their budding romance alive.

**"The Cured"** (7 p.m., Showtime): Writer-director David Freyne's 2017 horror drama opens in Ireland, five years after a plague called the Maze Virus cut a devastating swath across Europe, transforming its victims into violent zombies. While a cure subsequently was devised, it proved effective only for about 75 percent of survivors. The others, labeled the Resistant, are nearly feral, and compassionate policies to keep them alive while another cure is sought are increasingly opposed.

**"Thoroughbreds"** (7:25 p.m., Cinemax): Screenwriter Cory Finley made his directorial debut with this 2017 pitch-black comic thriller that follows Lily (Anya Taylor-Joy), a high-school student, and her sociopathic friend, Amanda (Olivia Cooke), as they plot to hire a young drug dealer (Anton Yelchin) to murder Lily's abusive stepfather (Paul Sparks).

**"Z Nation"** (8 p.m., 10 p.m., Syfy): In the new episode "Doc's Stoned History," Doc (Russell Hodgkinson) uses z-weed to treat George's (Katy O'Brian) injury, then embarks on a rambling historical narrative about the Founding Fathers and the Bill of Rights, with the highlights acted out by Sketchy and Skeezy (Mark Jacob Carr, Doug Dawson). Later, he joins Warren (Kellita Smith) and the others as they go to the bakery that invented bizkits in search of the secret ingredient.

**"Van Helsing"** (9 p.m., Syfy): Mohamad (Trezza Mahoro) struggles to break out of his prison, while Sam (Christopher Heyerdahl) comes closer to achieving his ultimate destiny in the new episode "Hunted Down." Axel (Jonathan Scarfe) escorts survivors from San Francisco to hopeful safety in Denver. Elsewhere, Scab and Ivory (Rowland Pilubny, Jennifer Cheon) assume control of the Daywalker horde.

## TALK SHOWS

**"The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon"** (10:34 p.m., NBC): Actor Benicio Del Toro; singer Mariah Carey; Mariah Carey performs with Ty Dolla \$ign.\*

**"The Late Show With Stephen Colbert"** (10:35 p.m., CBS): Actor Timothée Chalamet; Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor; comic Graham Cay.\*

**"Jimmy Kimmel Live"** (10:35 p.m., ABC): Actress Melissa McCarthy; comic Dennis Miller; The Milk Carton Kids perform.\*

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BROADCAST	<b>CBS</b>	2	MacGyver (N) ©		Hawaii Five-0: "Lele Pu Na Manu Like." (N) ©		Blue Bloods: "Stirring the Pot." (N) ©		News (N) ♠
	<b>NBC</b>	5	Blindspot (N) ©		Midnight, Texas: "I Put Spell on a You." (N) ©		Dateline NBC (N) ©		NBC 5 News (N) ♠
	<b>ABC</b>	7	Fresh Off the Boat (N)	Speechless (N) ©	Child Support (N) ©		(9:01) 20/20 ©		News at 10pm (N) ♠
	<b>WGN</b>	9	blackish ©	blackish: "Pilot." ©	WGN News (N) ©	NBA Basketball: Chicago Bulls at Milwaukee Bucks.			
	<b>Antenna</b>	9.2	Alice ©	Alice: "Pilot." ©	B. Miller	B. Miller	Coach ©	Coach ©	Murphy
	<b>This TV</b>	9.3	*(6) Slackers (R,'02) *		Easy Money (R,'83) **	Rodney Dangerfield. ©			Meet Wally ♠
	<b>PBS</b>	11	Chi. Tonight: Review (N)	Washington Week (N)	Check, Please! (N)	Hidden Chicago	Great Performances (N) ©		Great Performances ♠
	<b>The U</b>	26.1	7 Eyewitness News (N)		The Game	Engagement	Broke Girl	Broke Girl	Seinfeld ©
	<b>MeTV</b>	26.3	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	WKRP Cincinnati	Hogan Hero	Hogan Hero	C. Burnett
	<b>H&amp;I</b>	26.4	Star Trek ©		Star Trek: Next		Star Trek: Deep Space 9		Star Trek ♠
CABLE	<b>Bounce</b>	26.5	Scandal ©		Set Up (R,'11) Curtis "50 Cent"	Jackson, Bruce Willis.			Fire With ♠
	<b>FOX</b>	32	Last Man Standing (N)	The Cool Kids (N) ©	Hell's Kitchen: "Last Chef Standing." (N) ©		Fox 32 News at Nine (N)		Flannery Fired Up
	<b>Ion</b>	38	Law & Order: "Vendetta."		Law & Order: "Gaijin." ©		Law & Order ©		Law ♠
	<b>Telem</b>	44	La sultana (N) ©		Falsa identidad (N) ©		Señora Acero (N) ©		Chicago (N)
	<b>CW</b>	50	Dynasty: "That Witch." (N)		Crazy Ex-Girlfriend (N)		CSI: Miami ©		Chicago ♠
	<b>UniMas</b>	60	*(5:30) Fútbol (N)		Spider-Man 2 (NR,'04) ***	Tobey Maguire, Kirsten Dunst. ♠			
	<b>WJYS</b>	62	Kenneth Cox Ministries		Joyce Meyer	Robison	Paid Prog.	Paid Prog.	Monument
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	<b>AE</b>		Live PD: Rewind (N) ©		Live PD: "Live PD -- 11.16.18." (N) (Live) © ♠				
	<b>AMC</b>		*(6) Escape Plan (R,'13) **		*(8:35) Under Siege (R,'92) ***	Steven Seagal. © ♠			
<b>ANIM</b>		Tanked: Unfiltered (N) ©		Tanked (N) ©		Scaled (N) ©		Tanked ♠	
<b>BBCA</b>		*(6) Cliffhanger ('93) ***		Cliffhanger (R,'93) ***	Sylvester Stallone. ©			Norton (N) ♠	
<b>BET</b>		*(5:32) The Wash ('01) *		*(8:05) 2 Fast 2 Furious (PG-13,'03) **	Paul Walker, Tyrese. ♠				
<b>BIGTEN</b>		College Basketball (N)		College Wrestling: Wisconsin at Nebraska. (N) ©				The B1G	
<b>BRAVO</b>		Buying It Blind (N) ©		Sweet Home (N) ©		Get a Room w/Carson (N)		Buying ♠	
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<b>ESPN2</b>		College Basketball (N)		College Football: Memphis at SMU. (N) (Live) ♠					
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<b>FREE</b>		*(5) Mrs. Doubtfire ***		Toy Story (G,'95) ****	Voices of Tom Hanks.			700 Club ♠	
<b>FX</b>		*(6) The Secret Life of Pets		The Secret Life of Pets (PG,'16) ***				SpiderMan ♠	
<b>HALL</b>		It's Christmas, Eve (NR,'18)		LeAnn Rimes. ©		Switched for Christmas (NR,'17) © ♠			
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<b>LIFE</b>		Christmas in Mississippi (NR,'17)		Jana Kramer. ©		(9:03) The Flight Before Christmas ♠			
<b>MSNBC</b>		All In With Chris Hayes		Rachel Maddow Show (N)		The Last Word (N)		11th Hour (N)	
<b>MTV</b>		Ridic. (N)	Ridic. (N)	Ridic. (N)	TooStupid	Too Stupid	Too Stupid	Ridiculous. ♠	
<b>NBCSCH</b>		Pregame (N)	NHL Hockey: Los Angeles Kings at Chicago Blackhawks. (N) (Live) ©			Postgame			
<b>NICK</b>		Hotel Transylvania (PG,'12) **	Andy Samberg. ©			Friends ©	Friends ©	Friends ©	
<b>OVATION</b>		*(6) A Few Good Men (R,'92) ***	Tom Cruise. ©			Cape Fear (R,'91) ***	Nick Nolte ♠		
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<b>SYFY</b>		*(6) Harry Potter-Phoenix		Z Nation (N) ©		Van Helsing (N) ©		Z Nation ♠	
<b>TBS</b>		Batman v Superman: Dawn of Justice (PG-13,'16) **	Ben Affleck. ©			ELEAGUE			
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<b>TLC</b>		90 Day Fiancé: "Extended: I Know What You Did." (N)				90 Day (N)	American Gypsy Wedding		
<b>TLN</b>		Camp Meeting				Life Today	Dare	7th Street	
<b>TNT</b>		Sully (PG-13,'16) ***	Tom Hanks. ©			Act of Valor (R,'12) **	© ♠		
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<b>VH1</b>		Wedding Crashers (R,'05) ***	Owen Wilson, Vince Vaughn. ©					Knocked ♠	
<b>WE</b>		Marriage- Reality Stars		Marriage- Stars (N)		Love After Lockup (N) ©		Marriage ♠	
<b>WGN America</b>		*(6) Ocean's Eleven (PG-13,'01) ***		Ocean's Thirteen (PG-13,'07) ***	George Clooney. ♠				
PREMIUM	<b>HBO</b>	(7:15) Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy		Real Time, Bill (Season Finale) (N) (VICE) © ♠					
	<b>HBO2</b>	Camping ©	Sally4Ever	Axios ©	(8:35) Love, Simon (PG-13,'18) ***	Nick Robinson.			
	<b>MAX</b>	*(6) Silence (7:25) Thoroughbreds (R,'17) ***			Judge (N)	Mike Judge	Italian ©		
	<b>SHO</b>	The Cured (R,'17) Ellen Page. ©			(8:35) Boxing: ShoBox: The New Generation. (N) © ♠				
	<b>STARZ</b>	*(6:01) Scream 3 ('00) **		Outlander: "Do No Harm." (8:58) Fantastic Four (NR,'05) **					
<b>STZNC</b>	*(6:33) Bulletproof ('96) *		Grown Ups (PG-13,'10) *	Adam Sandler.		(9:45) Joe Dirt ('01) **			

## 'MARIA BY CALLAS' \*\*\*

## Opera superstar, in her own words

By ANN HORNADAY  
The Washington Post

For anyone going through withdrawal after seeing "Bohemian Rhapsody," may I present for your consideration "Maria by Callas"? In this immersive, often deliciously sensuous documentary portrait of the late opera star Maria Callas, viewers are treated to another rise-and-fall story of a great but tortured artist, this one punctuated by the occasional real-life bed of roses and pleasure cruise.

For those too young to know who Maria Callas was, a trip to YouTube or Wikipedia will bring you up to speed: Long before Luciano Pavarotti and Plácido Domingo, she was

that rare opera singer who was also a household name, as famous for her striking beauty and effortless glamour as for her tonal range and lyrical interpretive skills. To observe the New York-born Callas arriving in Rome or Milan or Paris or New York, in a cloud of furs, flowers, poodles and pearls, is to understand the fundamentals of diva style, imitated but never equaled by such successors as Madonna, Rihanna and, most recently, Lady Gaga.

Callas's command of her own persona is on regal, extravagant display in Tom Volf's film, in which the director uses the subject's own words — from letters, diary entries, television interviews and her own



SONY PICTURES CLASSICS

Opera singer Maria Callas found true love with Aristotle Onassis (left), with whom she carried on a legendary affair until he met Jacqueline Kennedy.

memoirs — to narrate a succession of ravishing, rarely seen images, including some of her most famous (and notorious) performances, and candid footage of costume fittings

and home movies.

What emerges is a portrait of a woman of extraordinary natural gifts and work ethic, who was pressured to become a superstar by her mother and then

her husband, instead of a conventional homemaker and mother. "Destiny is destiny," she says resignedly at one point. "There's no way out." When she falls ill and cancels perform-

MPAA rating: PG

Running time: 1:53

Playing: Now at the Music Box, 3733 N. Southport Ave., [www.musicboxtheatre.com](http://www.musicboxtheatre.com). In English, French and Italian with subtitles.

ances, or is fired from the Metropolitan Opera because of conflicts with its director, the viewer wonders if it's not her way of retreating from a profession she never truly chose in the first place.

Callas finally finds true love — if not the conventional domestic bliss she craved — when she meets Aristotle Onassis, with whom she carried on a legendary love affair until he met Jacqueline Kennedy. That triangle forms some of the most compelling material in "Maria by Callas," which is at its best when it simply watches her sing and, in her words, attempt "to reach those heavens where it's all perfect harmony."

## Widows

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brutal or otherwise.

Described one way, "Widows" sounds like a rougher version of "Ocean's 8." In the intercut opening sequences, we see Veronica (Davis) in bed with her husband, Harry (Liam Neeson), in a pristine, white-walled condo on Lake Michigan. A kiss smashes into a flash-forward of screaming tires and a robbery gone wrong.

Harry is a thief. He and his crew steal \$2 million from Manning (Brian Tyree Henry), an 18th Ward operator running for alderman against the long-established, Daley-esque Mulligan family. The heist goes south in a hurry; Harry and his men lie dead in the first few minutes of "Widows," leaving their widows to deal with the fallout.

The silky, threatening Manning wants his money back, and he gives Veronica — who used to work for the



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Michelle Rodriguez, left, and Elizabeth Debicki in "Widows."

Chicago Teachers Union, we're told — a tight deadline to come up with it, or else. Working from detailed plans for another job left behind by Harry, Veronica must bury her grief long enough to get her own gang together. Elizabeth Debicki plays the Polish-American widow, Alice, one of the movie's few lighthearted flourishes; Michelle Rodriguez is Linda, who doesn't miss her criminal husband any more than Alice misses

hers.

A crucial fourth member emerges in hairdresser Belle, portrayed by the riveting Cynthia Erivo, whose innate toughness is established in a single shot of her running for her bus. Flynn, author of "Gone Girl" and "Sharp Objects," creates with McQueen a densely layered city of very few angels. The Mulligans, insecure son and racist, powerful father, are played by Colin Farrell (overdoing

his version of the Chicago vowel sounds) and Robert Duvall. Theirs is not a happy family, but then, they don't really deserve happiness.

There are moments in "Widows" when you struggle to make certain narrative connections, mostly to do with money and graft and who got what from which constituent. But Flynn's tart wit and McQueen's sleek visual assurance keep the movie from

MPAA rating: R (for violence, language throughout and some sexual content/nudity)

Running time: 2:09

settling for plot alone. As Manning's thug brother, Daniel Kaluuya is visibly thrilled to trade his low-key observer's role in "Get Out" for a stone-cold killer. He doesn't overdo it, or underdo it; he just does it, brilliantly.

That's the level of acting we're talking about here. Other supporting roles are filled by the likes of Carrie Coon (as a reluctant widow) and Jackie Weaver (Alice's enterprising mother). Davis is precisely what "Widows" needs at the top: Someone to believe, fully, in the solitary moments of grief and rage and fear, all of which make the action beats matter.

McQueen and cinematographer Sean Bobbitt filmed all around town, from Garfield Park to Englewood to Logan Square.

My favorite shot is a simple extended take of Mulligan visiting a South Side vacant lot, delivering a quick speech on neighborhood revitalization and reinvestment. He steps off the makeshift podium, slinks into a waiting limo with his chirpy yet steely assistant (Molly Kunz). The dialogue continues. We don't see their faces; the camera's on the car hood. Block by block, the neighborhood becomes wealthier and wealthier until we stop at the Mulligan headquarters. The shot's not flashy; it's merely perfect.

"Widows" doesn't imagine a documentary version of Chicago; it's more about creating a contemporary mythic Chicago, where the underworld is the world. For all its cynicism, the movie floats on a darkly exhilarating brand of escapism. It's one of the year's highlights in any genre.

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### Horoscopes



**Today's birthday** (Nov. 16): You have the advantage this year. Creative arts and communications flower with focus. Accept unexpected support. Your muses harmonize and inspire you this winter, leading to shifting career priorities. Expand your boundaries this summer before a communication puzzle appears. Share and contribute with all your heart.

**Aries** (March 21-April 19): Today is a 7. Love, romance and partnership flower, with Venus direct in Libra. Take your relationship to the next level. Collaborate to realize a dream. **Taurus** (April 20-May 20): 8. Prioritize exercise, meditation, walks in nature, healthy foods and stress reduction. Put your heart into your work and it flowers, with Venus direct in Libra. **Gemini** (May 21-June 20): 8. Love gets easier to find now that Venus is direct. Indulge fun ideas, passions and creativity. Practice your arts and talents. Play your favorite game. **Cancer** (June 21-July 22): 8. Beautify your home and surroundings. Strengthen bonds with family and housemates, with Venus direct in Libra. Express love and gratitude. **Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22): 8. Profit through your writing, communications, arts and stories. Express creativity, love and beauty, with Venus direct in Libra. Share from your heart. **Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): 9. Focus on your creative talents, and rake in the bucks. It's getting easier to make money, with Venus direct in Libra. Generate works of beauty. **Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): 9. You're especially attractive, with Venus direct in your sign. Love is your magic power, so take advantage to create what you've always wanted. **Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): 7. A barrier dissolves, with Venus direct. It's easier to visualize success and imagine health, happiness and harmony. Savor peaceful planning. Invent a beautiful future. **Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): 8. Friendships flower anew, now that Venus is direct. Team, group and community efforts get farther. Harmonize with kindred spirits. Create beautiful music together. **Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): 8. Career matters flower, with Venus direct in Libra. Apply artistry and creativity for rising attention. Blend passion into professional projects. Put your heart into your work. **Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): 9. Discover a subject of your passion. Travels and studies blossom, with Venus direct. Explore and study arts, music and culture. **Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20): 9. Money flows in with renewed vigor now that Venus is direct. Focus with your partner to grow family finances. Work together for what you love.

— Nancy Black, Tribune Content Agency

**The Argyle Sweater** By Scott Hilburn

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**Bliss** By Harry Bliss

"This may be the catnip talking, but you are the most beautiful thing I have ever seen."

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**Bridge**  
Both vulnerable, North deals

<b>North</b>	♠ AK 5	♥ 8 6	♦ 7 5 3 2	♣ A J 6 4
<b>West</b>	♠ Q 9	♥ 9 7 2	♦ J 10 9	♣ K 10 9 5 3
<b>East</b>	♠ J 8 4	♥ Q J 10 5	♦ K Q 6	♣ Q 8 7
<b>South</b>	♠ 10 7 6 3 2	♥ AK 4 3	♦ A 8 4	♣ 2

Aggressive bidding saw North-South land in an ambitious game contract. A 3-2 trump split would give South four trump tricks, four side suit winners, and a heart ruff — only nine tricks. South determined that he would need to score five trump tricks to bring home his contract, and he set out to do just that.

Declarer won the opening diamond lead with his ace, led a club to dummy's ace, and ruffed a club. He cashed dummy's ace and king of spades before ruffing another club. South took a deep breath, cashed his ace and king of hearts, and ruffed a heart in dummy.

That was nine tricks in the bank with the lead in dummy. South led dummy's last club and scored his 10 of spades "en passant". Should East discard on this trick, South would ruff the club for his tenth trick. If East ruffed high, instead, South would discard and enjoy his last trump later. 10 tricks either way and a well-played hand!

It took imagination and careful planning to take 10 tricks on this deal. It looked easy as we watched South do it. We think many players would have missed this line of play. Not you, of course. Right?

— Bob Jones  
tcaeditors@tribpub.com

**The bidding:**

<b>North</b>	<b>East</b>	<b>South</b>	<b>West</b>
1♦	Pass	1♠	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♣*	Pass
2♠	Pass	4♣	All pass

\*New minor forcing  
**Opening lead:** Jack of ♦

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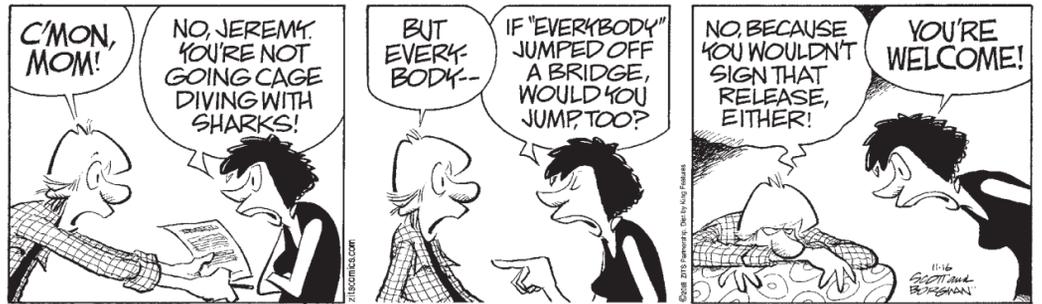
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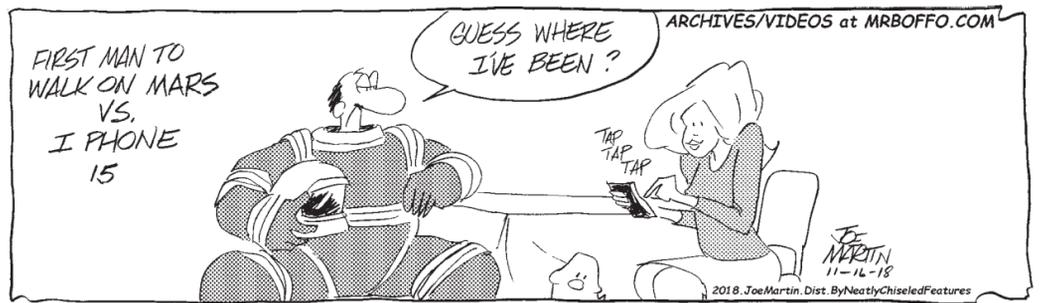
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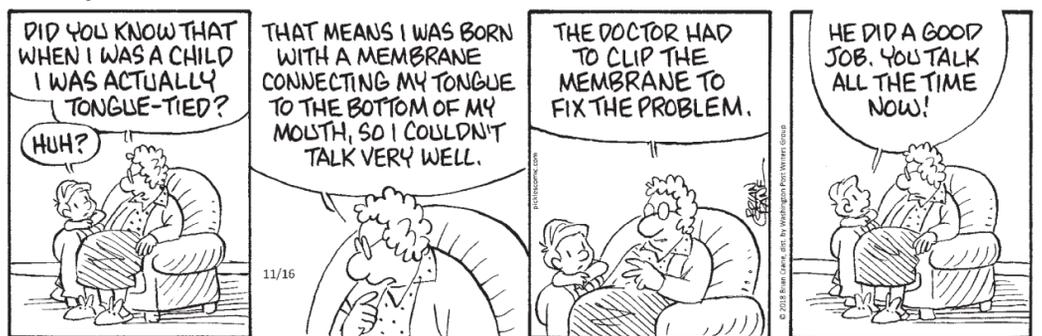
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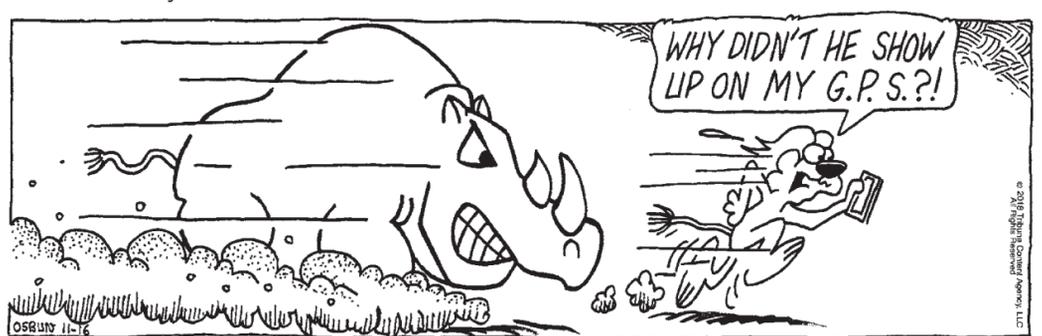
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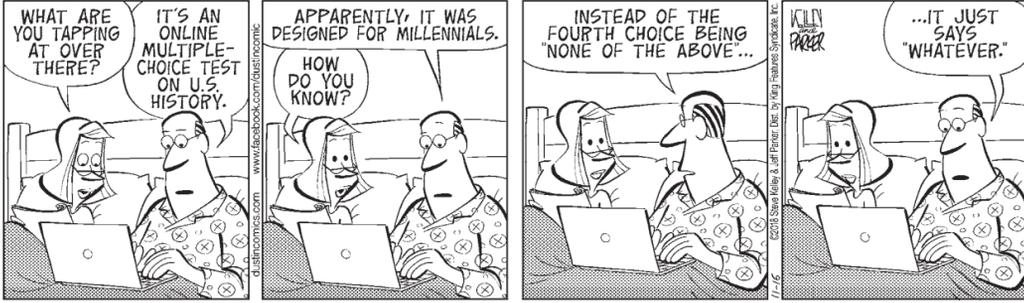


### Prickly City By Scott Stantis



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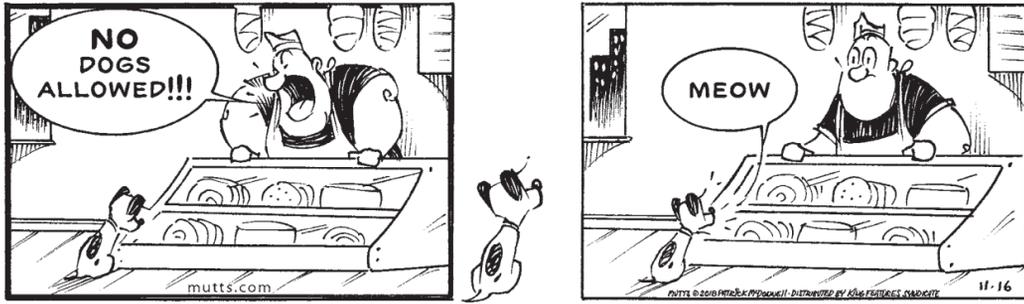
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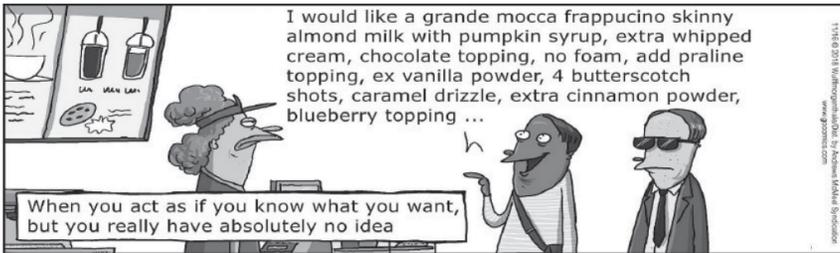
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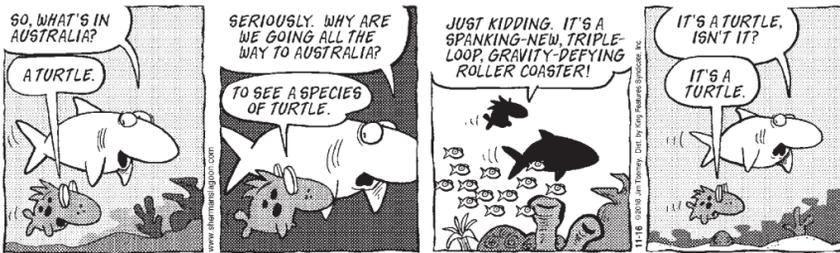
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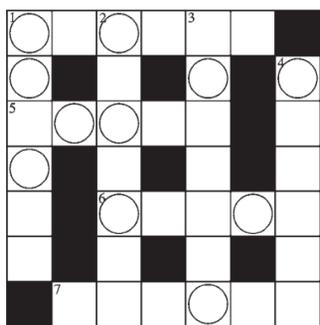
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**Trivia Bits**

**In Greek mythology, which deity was born fully grown from the head of Zeus?**  
 A) Apollo  
 B) Artemis  
 C) Athena  
 D) Hermes  
 Thursday's answer: "One Hundred Years of Solitude" is the masterwork of Nobel Prize winner Gabriel Garcia Marquez.

**Jumble Crossword**



- ACROSS**
- CLUE**
- Rider
  - Encounter
  - Nebraska city
  - Topped out
- ANSWER**
1. KEJYOC  
 2. CRINU  
 3. MOAAH  
 4. KAPDEE
- DOWN**
- CLUE**
- Linked
  - Destructive storm
  - Reserve
  - Proclaim, usher in
- ANSWER**
1. NIJDOE  
 2. YCLNOEC  
 3. RARKMEA  
 4. REHDLA

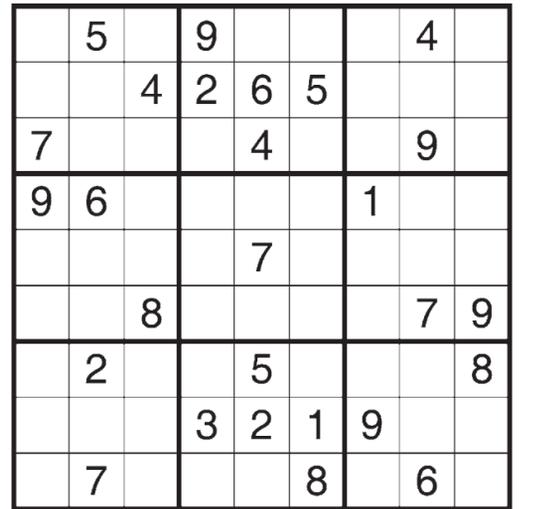
How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

**BONUS** ○○○○○○ ○○○○○○○○○○

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**Sudoku** 1 2 3 4

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2	1	7	4	5	6	9	8	3
9	6	4	2	3	8	1	5	7
5	8	3	1	9	7	2	6	4
4	9	5	7	8	3	6	1	2
6	2	8	9	1	4	3	7	5
7	3	1	5	6	2	4	9	8
3	5	9	8	2	1	7	4	6
1	7	6	3	4	5	8	2	9
8	4	2	6	7	9	5	3	1

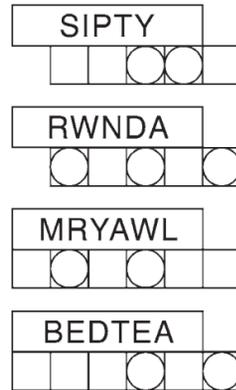
Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box in bold borders contains every digit 1 to 9.

**Thursday's solutions**

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**Jumble**

Unscramble the four Jumbles, one letter per square, to form four words. Then arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by this cartoon.



Answer here



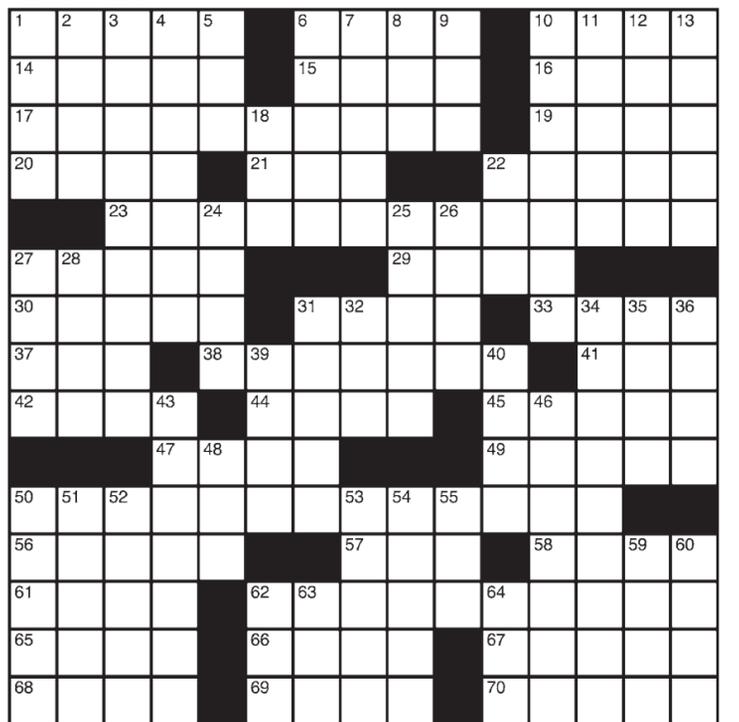
**Thursday's answers**

Jumbles: LOTTO PRONE INVOKE PATCHY  
 Answer: When young Rube Goldberg wanted to catch a mouse, he built a — CON-TRAP-TION

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**Crossword**

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**Across**

- "\_ simple, duh!"
- Gobi container
- Pollutants targeted in Great Lakes cleanups
- "Sorry, bro"
- Brits' foul-weather gear
- Devastated sea
- Novice hiker's predicament?
- Taboo
- DUI-fighting org.
- Card game shout
- Dairy prefix
- Relief pitcher?
- Spot for a springbok
- Allay
- "Cats" source
- Stopped working
- Snarky retort
- Cheshire can
- Flipped ... and what four puzzle answers are?
- Where Charlemagne reigned: Abbr.

- Extended account
- Sources of some barrels
- Salty expanse
- Boone, to his buds
- Put oil and vinegar on, say
- Showoff with gags?
- Swashbuckling Flynn
- Employ
- "¿Cómo \_\_\_?"
- Digitize, in a way
- Tenement for one on the lam?
- Director Gus Van \_\_\_
- Barb
- "A Fish Called Wanda" Oscar winner
- Petro-Canada competitor
- Erelong
- Worked with osier

- Silent
- Palmas: Canary Islands city
- Western tip of Alaska
- Closing documents
- Expressed, as farewell
- Checks out
- Oscar-winning director Kazan
- Gives a hand
- Press
- Grad's award
- Nest egg choices
- Bogs
- Early Atari offering
- Frank: 2010 financial reform bill
- Enlarge, as a house
- First name in Disney villains
- Verizon subsidiary
- "Siddhartha" author
- Black-and-white cetaceans
- Mission opening?
- Supercharger
- Steamboat Springs alternative
- Fresh
- Piece of music
- Impersonated
- Woods gp.
- Stauden' " — Helden' "
- Pedigree-tracking org.

**Thursday's solution**



- Down**
- Cornerback's coups, briefly
  - One-third of a WWII film
  - Wrapping tightly
  - Got married
  - Olive \_\_\_
  - Acid type
  - Ivanhoe, e.g.
  - Post-OR stop
  - Nile biter
  - Cure-all
  - Bunch of baloney
  - Linguistic group that includes Zulu
  - Single-master

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# CHICAGO WEATHER CENTER

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FRIDAY, NOV. 16    NORMAL HIGH: 48°    NORMAL LOW: 32°    RECORD HIGH: 73° (1952)    RECORD LOW: 6° (1959)

## Snow ends, sun comes out — then snow returns

### LOCAL FORECAST

**HIGH** 43    **LOW** 31

■ The sun will break through late morning into afternoon but a low pressure clipper system will swing through our area from the northwest bringing snow or a rain snow mix Friday night.

■ Overnight periods of snow will move east but remnant cloudiness will hang around early in the morning. Late morning sun gives way to increasing cloudiness during the afternoon. Temperatures rise into the lower 40s.

■ Chance of wet sticking snow or a rain/snow mix overnight.

■ Westerly winds 10 to 20 miles per hour.

### NATIONAL FORECAST



Cloudiness and occasional sticking snow came to our area Thursday — accumulations of 1 to as much as 2 inches in some locations, as low pressure moved from the Ohio Valley north through Indiana. Heavy snow fell downstate, with 8 inches reported near St. Louis, while 5.3 inches in Springfield brought the state capital's total for the month to 9.4 inches, making it the snowiest November on record at that site.

Some remnant cloudiness will persist early Friday morning, then the sun will break out, only to be dimmed by increasing cloudiness later in the afternoon ahead of the next weather system. Clouds thicken with a good chance of a wet, sticking snow overnight — possibly accumulating to 1 to 2 inches before ending from the west later in the day Saturday.

### SATURDAY, NOV. 17

**HIGH** 36    **LOW** 29

Snow continues before noon under cloudy skies — accumulations 1-2 inches possible. High temperatures in the middle 30s. Becoming partly cloudy overnight. North to northwest winds.

### SUNDAY, NOV. 18

**HIGH** 36    **LOW** 24

Scattered clouds with abundant sunshine. Chilly with afternoon highs in the middle 30s — some 10-12 degrees below normal for this date. Increasing clouds from the north overnight. Westerly winds.

### MONDAY, NOV. 19

**HIGH** 36    **LOW** 27

Clouds increase during the day with highs again reaching into the middle 30s. Cloudy overnight with a chance of light snow north toward morning. West-northwest winds.

### TUESDAY, NOV. 20

**HIGH** 37    **LOW** 28

Mostly cloudy with a chance of light snow north — partly sunny south. High temperatures in the middle 30s north to around 40-degrees south. Clearing skies overnight. Westerly winds.

### WEDNESDAY, NOV. 21

**HIGH** 43    **LOW** 30

Mostly sunny with highs 40 to 45. Clear skies overnight. West to southwest winds.

### THURSDAY, NOV. 22

**HIGH** 46    **LOW** 34

Mostly sunny — temps warm into the middle to upper 40s, the warmest day in over 2 weeks and the first day this month with potentially above normal temperatures. Clear skies overnight. SW winds.

### ASK TOM

Dear Tom,  
I was wondering why snow is white?  
— Megan S., Aurora

Dear Megan,  
Visible sunlight consists of the full spectrum of wavelengths that are visible to us. Our brains interpret specific wavelengths within that spectrum as specific colors, but when all wavelengths are blended together we see white. Most materials absorb some of the sunlight that falls on them, but also reflect some of it, and it is the wavelength of the reflected light that reaches our eyes, that gives the material its color. Snow reflects nearly all of the sunlight that falls on it because the complex structure of snow crystals results in countless tiny surfaces that efficiently reflect light. The little sunlight that is absorbed by the snow is absorbed uniformly over the entire visible spectrum, thus giving snow its white appearance.

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## November 2018 off to a snowy start; more snow Saturday

**OVER THE PAST 60 YEARS:** November 2018 tied for 3rd snowiest at O'Hare\*  
 November 1-15 snow tallies:  
 #1 1959 6.0"    #2 1997 3.3"    #3 1995 1.9"    #4 2014 1.4"

\*NOTE: Weather observation at the city's "O'Hare" site has been archived since 1958.

**CHICAGO SNOW CHANCES**

5% FRIDAY	50% FRIDAY NIGHT	75% SATURDAY
12% SATURDAY NIGHT	5% SUNDAY	10% MONDAY

**NEW SNOW SWATH**  
Times by which 2" of new snow may have accumulated

**THURSDAY CITY SNOWFALL**

MIDWAY	O'HARE
1.4"	0.9"

**Greater Chicago area snowfalls Thursday**

Portage, Ind.	2.8"
Hobart, Ind.	2.5"
Paddock Lake, Wis.	2.4"
Peotone	1.8"
Merrillville, Ind.	1.5"
Schaumburg	1.4"
Munster, Ind.	1.3"
Downer's Grove	1.3"
Hebron, Ind.	1.0"

**NEW NOVEMBER SNOWFALL RECORD!**  
(The month's only half over)  
**9.4"**    Previous Nov. snowfall record: 9.2" (1951)  
 Normal for a full November: 0.6"

**SPRINGFIELD, ILL. RECORD!**

**ATMOSPHERIC SET-UP FOR SATURDAY SNOW**  
 Saturday jet streams

- 18,000 ft. wind speeds
- 70 mph
- 80 mph
- 105 mph

**CHICAGO DIGEST**

**THURSDAY TEMPERATURES**

LOCATION	HI	LO	LOCATION	HI	LO
Aurora	34	21	Midway	35	30
Gary	34	30	O'Hare	35	26
Kankakee	32	27	Romeoville	34	27
Lakefront	35	32	Valparaiso	36	29
Lansing	33	28	Waukegan	35	26

**CHICAGO PRECIPITATION**

PERIOD	2018	NORMAL
Thu. (through 4 p.m.)	0.07"	0.11"
November to date	1.23"	1.56"
Year to date	43.90"	33.05"

**CHICAGO SNOWFALL**

PERIOD	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Thu. (through 6 p.m.)	0.9"	1.4"
Season to date	1.9"	1.9"
Normal to date	0.4"	0.4"

**LAKE MICHIGAN CONDITIONS**

FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Wind	W 12-26 kts.    N 15-27 kts.
Waves	2-4 feet    2-4 feet
Thu. shore/crib water temps	40°/46°

**U.S. SNOW COVER**

NOV. 15	2018	2017
Area covered by snow	24.6%	9.4%
Average snow depth	0.8"	0.6"

**TRACKING THE COLD**

SINCE OCT. 15	O'HARE	MIDWAY
Sub-32° highs	1 days	1 days
Subzero lows	0 days	0 days

**CHICAGO AIR QUALITY**

Thursday's reading	Moderate
Friday's forecast	Good
Critical pollutant	Ozone

**FRIDAY RISE/SET TIMES**

PLANET	RISE	SET
Mercury	8:28 a.m.	5:21 p.m.
Venus	4:17 a.m.	3:02 p.m.
Mars	1:04 p.m.	11:36 p.m.
Jupiter	7:20 a.m.	4:54 p.m.
Saturn	10:00 a.m.	7:09 p.m.

**BEST VIEWING TIME**    **DIRECTION**

Mercury	Not visible	
Venus	6:00 a.m.	17° ESE
Mars	6:15 p.m.	35.5° S
Jupiter	Not visible	
Saturn	5:30 p.m.	13.5° SW

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### MIDWEST CITIES

FRI./SAT.	FC	HI	LO	FC	HI	LO
<b>Illinois</b>						
Carbondale	su	50	30	cl	54	33
Champaign	pc	38	24	sh	38	28
Decatur	pc	37	24	sh	39	28
Moline	pc	43	31	sh	37	35
Peoria	pc	40	28	ss	37	25
Quincy	su	48	32	cl	42	27
Rockford	pc	39	29	ss	33	20
Springfield	pc	38	24	sh	38	26
Sterling	pc	40	28	ss	35	21
<b>Indiana</b>						
Bloomington	cl	41	26	pc	46	33
Evansville	su	46	25	pc	48	36
Fort Wayne	sh	38	29	ss	39	29
Indianapolis	sh	39	26	cl	43	32
Lafayette	sh	38	26	sh	38	29
South Bend	ss	38	29	ss	35	24
<b>Wisconsin</b>						
Green Bay	cl	38	26	pc	31	15
Kenosha	pc	39	30	ss	34	22
La Crosse	pc	38	29	pc	30	13
Madison	pc	37	27	pc	32	15
Milwaukee	pc	38	29	ss	33	20
Wausau	sh	32	21	cl	26	9
<b>Michigan</b>						
Detroit	ss	38	33	rs	36	26
Grand Rapids	ss	40	32	ss	35	22
Marquette	pc	39	30	ss	34	22
St. Ste. Marie	ss	36	24	ss	26	18
Traverse City	ss	38	30	ss	32	23
<b>Iowa</b>						
Ames	pc	44	25	sh	28	16
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Anchorage	sh	35	33	sh	37	35
Asheville	pc	55	29	su	61	32
Aspen	pc	48	23	pc	42	21
Atlanta	pc	55	35	pc	62	37
Atlantic City	pc	51	36	su	50	35
Austin	su	70	46	pc	73	52
Baltimore	su	46	36	su	49	35
Billings	rs	41	14	su	27	21
Birmingham	pc	59	35	pc	64	40
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Boise	su	51	32	pc	49	25
Boston	rs	45	37	pc	47	35
Brownsville	su	58	34	sh	76	67
Burlington	rs	37	33	sh	38	25
Butte	su	57	32	pc	52	38
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Cheyenne	su	54	33	pc	57	33
Cincinnati	pc	43	27	cl	46	33
Cleveland	ss	38	34	sh	40	32
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Minneapolis	cl	35	20	su	25	11
Mobile	su	62	43	pc	67	47
Montgomery	pc	59	36	pc	65	42
Los Angeles	pc	64	37	su	62	40
New Orleans	pc	63	47	su	70	52
New Orleans	pc	67	47	su	76	57
New York	pc	47	37	pc	49	36
Norfolk	su	55	38	pc	56	38
Ola, Okla.	su	62	40	pc	56	30
Omaha	pc	52	27	su	39	29
Orlando	su	66	49	su	76	57

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## ON THE TOWN

## Back in the mix

Swamp Dogg does his version of a Rihanna record

BY GREG KOT | Chicago Tribune

**S**wamp Dogg was in no hurry to put his personal stamp on the Auto-Tune trend (or is it a scourge?). The prolific 76-year-old pioneer of greasy, warped R&B spent decades hearing artists experiment with voice-altering technology and enjoy hits with it. Finally, he decided, his time had arrived.

"I was listening to the radio and joking with my production partner,

Turn to **Dogg, Page 2**



DAVID MCMURRY

## TAKE 10

BY JESSI ROTI | Chicago Tribune

**1. Lost Girls Vintage x Flats Pop-up Market:** Traveling vintage purveyor, Lost Girls hosts its winter market complete with over 10 local vendors, food from Antique Taco and drinks by Cocktail Courier. Free admission. 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. FLATS - The Bush Temple, 108 W. Chicago Ave. [tinyurl.com/y9ctdz73](http://tinyurl.com/y9ctdz73)

**2. MSI After Hours "Naughty or Nice?":** Back for its second year, this event is "adults only," inviting guests to sip on spiked hot chocolate while visiting museum exhibits, including "Christmas Around the World" and "Holiday of Lights." \$30; includes free parking and more. 7 p.m. Friday. Museum of Science and Industry, 5700 S. Lake Shore Drive. [tinyurl.com/y7uzm2a2](http://tinyurl.com/y7uzm2a2)

**3. Bob Dylan — Electric:** Fans of the legendary musician can check out this exhibit showcasing his influence on American culture, music and literature. Items on display include the '64 sunburst Fender Stratocaster famously played at Newport Folk Festival and Dylan's collection of prose and poetry published in 1971's "Tarantula." Opens Friday through April 30. \$8-\$12. American Writers Museum, 180 N.



ALICE OCHS/GETTY

Bob Dylan plays a Fender Stratocaster electric guitar for the first time on stage as he performs at the Newport Folk Festival.

Michigan Ave. Second Floor. [tinyurl.com/y8sedq8q](http://tinyurl.com/y8sedq8q)

**4. "Dr. Seuss' How the Grinch Stole Christmas! The Musical!":** Everyone's favorite holiday curmudgeon gets the musical treatment, featuring classic songs "You're A Mean One, Mr. Grinch" and "Welcome Christmas." Tickets start at \$44. Opens 7 p.m. Friday, with multiple performances through Nov. 25. Chicago Theatre, 175 N. State St. [tinyurl.com/ycfw69wh](http://tinyurl.com/ycfw69wh)

**5. Black Alphabet Film Festival:** Chicago's premiere Black LGBTQ film festival showcases its winning entries including "Saturday Church," "The Invincible Osiris Jackson," "Challenging the Call," "Kismet" and others. \$10-\$30. Showings take place beginning at 5 p.m. Friday at Malcolm X College Auditorium, 1900 W. Jackson Blvd.; and 11 a.m. Saturday at the Reva and David Logan Center for the Arts, 915 E. 60th St. [tinyurl.com/ychrsft](http://tinyurl.com/ychrsft)

**6. Chicago Christmas Tree Lighting:** The 105th annual tree lighting takes place in Millennium Park, with star of "Hamilton" Miguel Cervantes serving as the evening's emcee. Appearances from Santa, as well as musical performances by cast members from Emerald City Theatre's "Twas the Night Before Christmas" and musicians from the Grant Park Music Festival. Fireworks shoot off at 6:30 p.m.! Free. 6 p.m. Friday. 201 E. Randolph St. [tinyurl.com/y8xegt6z](http://tinyurl.com/y8xegt6z)

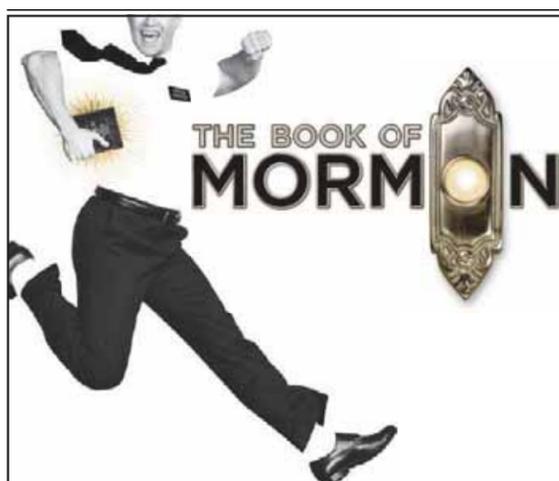
**7. Mystery Science Theater 3000 Live:** Fans of "Mystery Science Theatre 3000" can catch its live 30th anniversary tour featuring original host and creator Joel Hodgson back in the red jumpsuit as Joel Robinson for the first time in 25 years. Expect a cheesy B-movie, hilarious improv and wisecracking robots. Tickets start at \$43. 7 and 10 p.m. Friday. Athenaeum Theatre, 2936 N. Southport Ave. [mst3k.com/tour](http://mst3k.com/tour)

**8. Angel Davanport:** Local hip-hop outfit The Rapper Chicks' own Angel Davanport debuts music from her new solo release "Sore But Grateful." Also at Empty Bottle with Doomtree's P.O.S. and Astronautalis as they celebrate their project Four Fists. \$18 adv/\$20 doors. 9 p.m. Friday. Empty Bottle, 1035 N. Western Ave. [tinyurl.com/ybjtep6j](http://tinyurl.com/ybjtep6j)

**9. 10 Years of GlitterGuts:** Beloved Chicago photographers GlitterGuts mark 10 years of documenting the city's culture and countercultures with a party featuring live performances from ShowYouSuck and Sally Marvel, DJ sets, a gallery showcase, and of course, a portrait booth. Free. 5-11 p.m. Sunday. Reunion, 2557 W. North Ave. [tinyurl.com/y77jtx8l](http://tinyurl.com/y77jtx8l)

**10. Randolph Street Holiday Market:** Get a jump on the holiday shopping rush with over 125 vendors across three floors in the Plumbers Hall building. A mix of modern and vintage housewares, fashion, decorations, art, hostess gifts and more will be available to purchase. General admission \$10/\$12 at the gate. Friday's preview shopping party, \$25. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday-Sunday. 1341 W. Randolph St. [randolphstreetmarket.com](http://randolphstreetmarket.com)

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# TURN IT UP

BY GREG KOT



## In the mix

Dogg, from Page 1

MoogStar, that every mother----- sounded like the same person,” Swamp says. “But they were all on the top of the charts. I figured I’ve been running on another track by myself for so long, that it was time for us to do what they used to call ‘commercial.’ ‘Make it sound like Rihanna, d-----.’ I wanted to be in the crowd for a change.”

Swamp next connected with producer Ryan Olsen (of experimental groups Polica and Gayngs) and Bon Iver’s Justin Vernon, who further warped the tracks that would comprise the singer’s latest album, “Love, Loss and Auto-Tune” (Joyful Noise).

“Ever since Roger (Troutman) introduced it (the voice-altering talk box) in his primitive way (with the group Zapp in the late ’80s), I’ve been crazy about that sound,” Swamp says. “It was a great, great sound. When Tupac did ‘California Love’ (with Troutman on talk-box vocals), that put the icing on the cake for me. I’ve made 20 some albums, I sold two. After a while, you don’t mind being considered a sell out. Me listening to other people, that’s not selling out. You get to be this age, you have some things you wanna try. I always knew I wanted to do it, but this time I found the right guys to do it with.”

While visiting Vernon’s studio, he also recorded a track for a Mouse on Mars album, though he’s not really quite sure how it all went down.

“Justin’s got like four studios up there on his property and somebody in each studio recording stuff,” he says. “It’s like walking through General Motors, guys all working on stuff over here, over there, you don’t know what it is. I’m on that Mouse on the Moon (Mouse on Mars) album, and I didn’t know those two German guys were gonna do that. But they gave me (a songwriting) credit. I love it. No matter how many records I make, I always want to make another. I get caught up.”

Before he renamed himself, Swamp Dogg was carving out a journeyman career as Jerry Williams, a hit-and-miss songwriter, performer and talent scout in the ’50s and ’60s. The story goes he dropped acid and had a vision for creating an alter-ego who would spend his career blowing up convention.

“I dropped acid, it’s true, but not voluntarily,” he says. “There were some quote-unquote ‘friends’ who set me up. This birthday party that wasn’t a birthday party was a set-up to get me high to see how I would



ERIK MADIGAN HECK

Swamp Dogg took a while to hop onboard with Auto-Tune, but now his latest album is titled “Love, Loss and Auto-Tune.”

**When:** 8 p.m. Friday

**Where:** The Promontory, 5311 S. Lake Park Ave. West

**Tickets:** \$20-\$32; www.promontorychicago.com.

react. They wanted to watch someone freak out. Nevertheless, a lot of creative things came out of me right then.”

Swamp Dogg debuted in 1970 with the aptly titled album “Total Destruction to Your Mind,” followed by another cult classic, “Rat On!,” which featured an image of the preening singer astride a giant white rat. It has been described by the humorless as the worst album cover of all time, but Swamp isn’t having it. He gleefully shares the information that a giant rat tale is now painted along the walls of his pool in California.

The singer laughs easily, but beneath the warped arrangements, disruptive experi-

mentation and ribald, larger-than-life lyrics on “Love, Loss, and Auto-Tune” lurk songs of heartache, exactly as advertised. One-of-a-kind covers of tunes that shaped young Jerry Williams while growing up in Virginia frame the album.

Swamp gives the Hoagy Carmichael classic “Stardust” a slow-burn reading with finger-snaps and dissonant keys.

“I sang ‘Stardust’ as a kid, and it was a time in my life when I realized how much I love records – I loooooove records,” the singer says. “At the bottom of our Victrola was a little section of doors, where you kept your records, and I would sit on the floor and just open that door and smell that shellac and, man, it was the greatest smell in the world. It still is. I would eat them ... if I wasn’t lactose intolerant.”

Another formative influence was “Answer Me My Love,” a ballad that Swamp and his collaborators transform into a smudged, surreal plea. It was a hit for Nat King Cole in 1954 while Swamp was in

high school, and it led to a disappointment that suits the album’s downcast theme.

“The choral director wanted someone to sing that song for an assembly and I wanted it badly,” Swamp says. Instead it was assigned to a friend, William Smith, who went on to have a music career as a singer and sideman.

“Smitty, he sang the hell out of it, I must admit,” Swamp says. “But I was hurt, and I’ve been hurt all my life about that one moment. Finally when I was doing this album, I thought it’s time had come.”

Greg Kot co-hosts “Sound Opinions” at 8 p.m. Friday, 7 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday on WBEZ-FM 91.5.

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### LOCAL SOUNDS

## The ‘Jackmaster’ now practices ‘gospel house’

BY BRITT JULIOUS

Chicago Tribune

Don’t call it a comeback.

The Farley “Jackmaster” Funk audiences once knew is a changed man, and has been for a long time. He is more family-oriented and explicitly spiritual. He is more righteous and regimented. But more than anything, the Farley Williams of 2018 is more determined than ever.

His mission? To transform the dance floor from just a place to break a sweat into a transformative religious experience.

Most audiences would question the connection between the stereotypical hedonism of nightlife with a connection to spirituality but for Williams, there is more of a connection than you would think.

Since house music was first born in Chicago, it has grown into a massive umbrella term used to describe a variety of different dance-oriented genres and sub-genres. One such sub-genre includes “gospel house,” a term used to describe a sound that blends the traditional four-on-the-floor rhythms of house music with the stylistic structures of old-school Christian records. Although the sub-genre has been around for many, many years, it began to gain traction in the last two decades, with new school tracks like the Uber-popular “Work it Out” by Karizma (if you’ve been anywhere near a dance floor or watched a tv commercial in the last two years, you’ve likely heard the track).

But Williams has been one of the leading figures of the sound since the beginning.

The road to his current career resurgence was not always smooth sailing. After years of success in the ’80s and ’90s, he began losing gigs across the globe due to his new turn toward the gospel house sound. “I went out trying to bring the gospel to secular clubs and ended up losing 99% of my work because I didn’t have a trailblazer in front of me,” he began. “I was the one setting new ground.” Bookers and promoters were unsure what to do with the new Farley, though audiences never seemed to be turned off by the sound.

The last decade was a turnaround for the DJ and producer. He cites 2007 in particular as a moment when the stars aligned. “I had to learn how to still do my job while being a Christian,” said Williams. Promoters finally understood the sound he was playing, and Williams toned down the “fire and brimstone” of his earlier efforts into something more palatable for the average music consumer. “You can win more people with sugar than to hit them with a bag of salt all the time,” he said. The result has kept him busy ever since.

Now, he will take those same intentions



FARLEY JACKMASTER FUNK

Farley Jackmaster Funk wants to take house music to a religious place.

**When:** 4 p.m. Nov. 25

**Where:** Thalia Hall, 1807 S. Allport St.

**Tickets:** \$12. www.rbm.frontgatetickets.com

to a larger room with a group show titled “Last Night a DJ Saved My Soul.” Part of Red Bull’s month-long music festival in Chicago, the show is fully dedicated to the gospel house song. Although created by Red Bull, Farley was the true curator of the show, inviting a mix of friends and colleagues operating in the genre, including Ann Nesby from the Sounds of Blackness, DJ Pierre, and Bryon Stingily. And unlike a regular nightclub, this show begins during the day, ensuring folks of a variety of different ages and curfews can make an appearance and feel the spirit. “I was ecstatic being a Christian,” he said. “I want to see more events like this happen where we show people it’s ok to party if you’re a Christian.”

Williams is hard at work on a new album, with plans to play or premiere many of the tracks during the live show. He hopes it appeals to the many “church heads” (as he branded them) in the room that day. “It’s a movement I want to create,” he said.

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# Festival still opening up boundaries of Latin music



**HOWARD REICH**  
On Music

How fitting that the grand finale of this year's Chicago Latino Music Festival will be a free concert in more ways than one.

For when festival artistic director Elbio Barilari, managing director Gustavo Leone and other Chicago musicians conclude the 13th annual event Sunday afternoon, they'll be playing free-ranging music at a free-admission concert in a high-profile venue: the Cindy Pritzker Auditorium at the Harold Washington Library Center.

The idea is to welcome as wide a range of listeners as possible to the pleasures of Latin American music.

That, of course, is what this festival has strived to do since its inception, enlightening us on the stylistic range and artistic significance of music often overshadowed by its European counterparts.

"I think in the 13 years, the festival – together with other things happening in Chicago – helped change the perception of Latin American music," says Barilari.

"Fifteen years ago, people were not really that aware of Latin American classical music, except for Villa-Lobos and Ginastera, and usually the same pieces by them.

"I think people interested in this type of music are more aware now that there is a huge number of treasures from the baroque to now. Not just because of the festival, but programmers were more sensitive to other music," adds Barilari, citing the Grant Park and Ravinia music festivals.

The Chicago Latino event, however, has brought these efforts into especially high relief, stretching conventional assumptions on the meaning of Latin American music. This year's event, for instance, ranged from guitarist Fareed Haque's jazz-tinged collaboration with the Kaia String Quartet (at the Old Town School of Folk Music) to Fulcrum Point's exploration of electroacoustic music from Mexico (at Constellation) to classical guitar music played by Ivan Resendiz and Eduardo Fernandez (at Instituto Cervantes).

So how exactly do Barilari and colleagues define Latin American music?

For the purposes of the festival, he says, they seek to encompass music from Latin America or created by Latin Americans in the United States, Spain and Portugal. Looking back a few centuries, there's have enough unexplored repertoire to fill uncounted festival performances.

For Sunday's concert, multi-instrumentalist Barilari will partner with Leone, playing synthesizer, plus trumpeter Victor Garcia, percussionist Ruben Alvarez, pianist Javier Red and bassist Sam



JOSE M. OSORIO/CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Elbio Barilari, right, and Gustavo Leone will perform Sunday during the Chicago Latino Music Festival.

**When:** 2 p.m. Sunday

**Where:** Harold Washington Library Center, 400 S. State St.

**Tickets:** Free; [www.latino-musicfest.org](http://www.latino-musicfest.org)

Bradshaw in what Barilari refers to as "landscapes" – meaning canvases of improvised sound.

"It seemed like a nice idea to end the festival with this more open concert," says Barilari.

But Barilari's efforts have not been confined to the festival. Virtually every time I've tuned in to "Fiesta," Barilari's program airing 7 p.m. Saturdays on WFMT-FM 98.7, I've learned of compositions I'd never encountered before. The combination of unearthed repertoire plus Barilari's knowing commentary on the music has

proved consistently enlightening.

Then, too, Barilari teaches music at the University of Illinois at Chicago. And earlier this year, he and musician Julia A. Miller bought Chicago's legendary Delmark Records label from founder Bob Koester. They wasted no time releasing new sounds, including "New Latin American Music for Guitar and String Quartet" from Fareed Haque and the Kaia String Quartet; and "Paquito Libre," featuring reedist Paquito D'Rivera, pianist Darwin Noguera and Volcano Radar.

"I'm happy to have been a part of showing the Chicago community those treasures," says Barilari.

"Sometimes our own Latin American community is not aware of the treasures coming from their

countries."

Barilari and colleagues are changing that.

## Ari Brown

The formidable tenor saxophonist carries forth Chicago tenor traditions dating back generations, yet Brown's music also looks unflinchingly toward the future, thanks to the questing nature of his improvisations. He'll lead his quintet. *8 and 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 4, 8 and 10 p.m. Sunday; at the Jazz Showcase, 806 S. Plymouth Court; \$20-\$35; 312-360-0234 or [www.jazzshowcase.com](http://www.jazzshowcase.com).*

## Inon Barnatan

Pianist Inon Barnatan launches the fourth annual Skyline Piano Artist Series presented by Northwestern University's Bienen School of Music. He'll play scores

by J.S. Bach, Handel, Rameau, Couperin, Ravel, Ligeti, Barber and Brahms. *7:30 p.m. Friday at Galvin Recital Hall, 70 Arts Circle Dr., Evanston; \$30 general; \$10 students with valid ID; 847-467-4000 or [www.concertsatbienen.org](http://www.concertsatbienen.org).*

## Dee Dee Bridgewater

The larger-than-life singer usually performs in comparably sized venues, making this performance in an intimate room a rare opportunity to hear her close up. *7 and 9:30 p.m. Friday at SPACE, 1245 Chicago Ave., Evanston; \$25-\$65; 847-492-8860 or [www.evanston.space.com](http://www.evanston.space.com).*

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## POP MUSIC PREVIEW

## Joy Williams' tuneful life goes on

It took time to recover after end of Civil Wars

BY ALLISON STEWART  
Chicago Tribune

Joy Williams had a successful career as a Christian singer before joining forces with singer-songwriter John Paul White to form the Civil Wars. White and Williams released two pristine country folk albums and won multiple Grammys before their chilly, slow motion breakup in 2014, a parting both artists have long been loath to discuss.

In 2015, Williams rebounded with "Venus," an atypically beat-heavy solo album that examined the death of her father, the breakup of her band, and the turmoil in her marriage. A rustic, mostly cheerier follow up, "Front Porch," is set for release sometime next year.

Williams is laying the groundwork for the new album with a tour that comes to the Old Town School of Folk Music on Saturday. In a recent phoner from her home in Nashville, her three month-old daughter Poppy in her lap, Williams talked about her new, less complicated life as a solo artist.

The following are excerpts from that conversation:

**On life immediately after the breakup**

I moved to LA — I needed to do something different, with a change of scenery. But after a few years, and after doing the acoustic version of "Venus," I remember thinking, "I think this is really where my heart is." We moved back to Nashville, and all these aspects of rootedness or groundedness started forming. As I took some time to take (son) Miles to school, and walk around in the fall weather with the leaves falling, I started writing again. It was a process of returning to myself. "Venus" was an expression of clearing my head in a way, and "Front Porch" was my way of coming back to me.

**On writing the songs for "Venus" in the midst of that really bad rough patch**

I was recovering from the duo splitting,



ANDY BARRON

Four years after the breakup of the Civil Wars, Joy Williams navigates life as a solo artist.

and tension that came in all kinds of areas (from) that, and trying to raise a small boy in the midst of that, and moving to a different city, and my dad passing away from cancer. As I moved through a lot of the paths I needed to walk to heal, I was putting stuff in my backpack along the way

that I wanted to write about. As I was healing, there was more celebratory things to write about.

**On that album's mixed reception**

I know for me that making "Venus" was a part of healing a season that was really

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**Where:** Old Town School of Folk Music, 4544 N. Lincoln Ave.

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painful for me. I knew I had to make something that sounded different, it was just part of my process. I'm really proud of the way "Venus" turned out, but I know it threw people for a loop who'd known me from the duo.

**On how she writes songs now**

Writing about love, the hard-fought-for kind, that is so worthwhile. And finding your voice and remembering your worth and your value and the spine that you've been given, and how I had to find my own voice again, I didn't feel like there was a dearth of things to talk about. I'm glad to say that this (new) record feels really fun to sing live. It's not just moving through the tough stuff.

**On whether life as a solo artist is preferable, because no one can break up with a solo artist**

That's an interesting point. I suppose if I'm a solo artist, nobody can leave, but I do feel like my band is a part of my family now. I don't necessarily think of myself as this lone woman on the hill. I'm thankful to be at the helm of the ship, but I prize the people that I get to work with. That collaboration is important to me, and I think it brings out the best in me.

**On whether her audience is comprised of thwarted Civil Wars fans**

It's this eclectic group of people, but I love that. It's exactly what I was talking about when I wrote the record. I want everybody who hears this to feel welcome, that's what the front porch is all about. You can't feel stuffy on the front porch. No matter who you are or where you come from or what your story is, you're welcome here.

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## POP MUSIC PREVIEW

## Tanya Tucker is country music royalty, and don't you forget it

BY STEVE KNOPPER  
Chicago Tribune

Every day, Tanya Tucker goes into her closet and looks at her late father. Well, he died in 2006, so it's actually a papier-mache replica of his face, which she once made "at a little place called rehab," she says in a phone interview. "My sister even said it was a pretty good one of him. There's not many days I don't take a minute or more to grieve. I go in and tell him how much I miss him. He was the nucleus of not only my life, but of course my career."

Tucker, the veteran country star who turned 60 last month, has spent her career effusively crediting her father, Beau, who booked her in western bars when she was 11. Beau Tucker was an Oklahoma-born character -- early in Tanya's career, he lost the family's entire savings while gambling -- but his daughter remained unflinchingly loyal. "I had a real good daddy. He was tough on me but he wasn't abusive. Without him, none of this would ever happen. I totally believe that," Tucker says, in a rambling half-hour phone interview from her Nashville home. "I feel like I had a great childhood. It was different than most, but I didn't ever feel like I missed out on anything or that I didn't get to do the things that normal kids did."

Born in Seminole, Texas, Tucker's unusual childhood materialized when she was 9 and her father asked if she wanted to be a normal person or a country singer, as she once told the Tribune. She had taken saxophone lessons when she was 6, and was barely a teenager when she recorded demos of "For the Good Times" and "Put Your Hand in the Hand." Her father got them into the hands of Nashville producer Billy Sherrill, she recorded "Delta Dawn" when she was 15, and the song was an instant 1972 smash, her on-stage signature to this day.

The breakthrough gave Tucker a career as a singer with a powerful and relatable voice, on early '70s hits like "Love's the Answer" and "What's Your Mama's Name," as well as a public image as a teenage sexpot in super-tight clothing. A famous Rolling Stone cover story at the time, "Hi, I'm Tanya Tucker, I'm 15, You're Gonna Hear From Me," opens not with Tucker but with a 39-year-old male fan transfixed with Tucker's navel at a concert in Altoona, Pa.

Tucker didn't handle success in the healthiest way. She signed a \$1.4 million record deal, endured a physically abusive relationship with older country star Glen Campbell. She spent time at the Betty Ford Clinic. (Tucker became famous for her romances, dating country legend Merle Haggard, actor Don Johnson and former Bears lineman Tommy Thayer. "I knew Ditka and all those boys," she says. "I

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used to go to Chicago every week and had a great time. Harry Caray taught me how to sing "Take Me Out to the Ball Game.")

In 2015, the outspoken Tucker lovingly described her relationship with Campbell in a Tribune interview. At the time, he was suffering from Alzheimer's Disease, and Tucker said of his longtime wife, Kim: "She don't like me, but I have nothing against her." After his death last year at 81, Tucker recorded a charity single as a tribute, "Forever Loving You," which prompted Kim Campbell to publicly accuse her of "exploiting my husband."

"I got word that she didn't like it," Tucker says. "But if the tables were turned -- if someone loved my husband and wanted to bring a little more awareness -- I would welcome her. I have no animosity towards her."

In the '80s, she willed herself into a comeback, beginning with the 1986 hit "One Love at a Time," and has been steadily touring ever since. "In the '70s, it was exciting. I wasn't making any money. I was building my career, my fan base," Tucker says, rambling from topic to topic in her thick, weathered southern accent. "In the '80s, I just reconnected with my fans, and gathered a few more -- now I want to gather a bunch more! I'm not satisfied."

Tucker is most animated when discussing her upcoming projects. She just met with her friend Kid Rock in his double-wide trailer in Nashville and they discussed touring together. She'll appear in a video by country veteran Bill Anderson, "Waffle House Christmas." She plans to go into the studio in January with singers Brandi Carlisle and Shooter Jennings to work on a new album, due in 2019. And she's trying to release an album she has been working on for years, titled "Messess." "If I could do every album I wanted to do, it'd take me 50 years," she says. "I want to do a duet album, a classic album with classic songs, of course a Christmas album and I want to do 'Tanya Sings the Hag.' And maybe a spiritual album.

"Hell," she adds, "I'm busier than a one-legged man in an (butt)-kicking contest, I'm telling you! I need about three or four more hands and about six more pair of feet. But I'm doing what I can do."

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TANYA TUCKER

# WEEKEND DINING

## JUST OPENED



Owner Sophie Huterstein and chef James Martin at The Darling in the West Loop.

## Food, drink and vaudeville acts

BY JOSEPH HERNANDEZ  
Chicago Tribune

The Darling has transformed the former dual-level Won Fun/2Fun space, which was red-tinted and had a street-food vibe, into an old-school, cozy lounge fit for a Scottish manor. Gone are the red and gold dragon accents, paper lanterns and industrial nightlife chic, replaced instead with plaid wall panels, a “secret” entrance through a flower shop, tufted leather couches and book-lined shelves.

The Darling, unlike many of the bars and restaurants along Randolph, will host regular vaudevilian-style acts in the bar. Live musicians, drag queens, magicians, dancers, drum lines — you name it, owner Sophie Huterstein hopes to bring them in.

“It feels like a renaissance,” said Huterstein. She sought to create a space where wine and dining can happen alongside entertainment, strategically staged on discreet performance spaces hidden behind clever design elements. “Why not stay in one spot that’s hospitable and take in a show while you’re eating?”

Behind the menu is chef James Martin, formerly of A10.

“Between the flower shop, the music and the performances, I think people question how the food is going to be in a place like



The Darling Buds of May cocktail

this,” said Martin. “I want to be sure to hit them with flavor — match the entertainment and bar experience with my food.”

There are decidedly Spanish and Germanic influences on the menu, as in crispy octopus, saffron-dusted shrimp toast, and roasted sausages with potato rosti. Share-

able platters (ranging in price from \$24 to \$48) are heaving feasts to behold. A seafood platter feels like a seafood tower tipped over, crowded with crabcakes, shrimp cocktail, cold-smoked mussels and whipped smoked trout. Even vegetarians have something to write about, with a plate of roasted hearts of palm, seasonal mushrooms, charred broccoli and avocado, and chickpea cakes.

The cocktail program is a mix of classics and proprietary drinks. Classics include a boulevardier, an Old-Fashioned and the Kensington Court Special, made with vodka, apricot liqueur, and passion fruit, lime and orange juices, and created at London’s Savoy Hotel in 1940. (Huterstein is from Britain.) House drinks bear whimsical names like the Darling Buds of May, a floral rum cocktail garnished with a bright bouquet of flowers printed on rice paper.

The cocktails will be served in ornate glassware, perhaps an extravagant expense in other cocktail bars but a necessary one here, says Huterstein.

“It costs more to have crystal-cut glassware, but it’s worth it to have a stunning product,” she said. “If you’re going to honor us by joining us and spending money with us, it’s our job to wow you.”

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— Grace Wong

## WHERE TO EAT NOW

Restaurant reviews and profiles from Tribune food critic Phil Vettel, staff reporters and freelance writers. Reviewers make every effort to remain anonymous. Meals are paid for by the Tribune.

**Quilote** This bilevel Logan Square Mexican restaurant wants to be your round-the-clock dining destination — your local morning cafe, casual lunch-hour taqueria, trendy neighborhood dinner spot and even late-night bar. It mostly succeeds, with considerably good tacos and some of the best tortas in the city. The basement mezcal bar is a great place to drink. Open: Breakfast, lunch, dinner and late-night Wednesday-Monday. Prices: Tacos \$4; tortas and entrees \$11-\$24. 2456 N. California Ave., 312-878-8571. — Nick Kindelsperger

**Ramen Shinchan** Shinchan is a fine example of southern Japanese cuisine. It’s there that I encountered Chicagoland’s finest bowl of tonkotsu ramen — the bloodstream-haltingly rich and savory broth cooked from pork bones. The chef’s treatment of tonkotsu is classic, no culinary twists or dialing down for Western palates. Open: Lunch and dinner Tuesday-Sunday. Prices: Entrees \$8-\$12. 1939 S. Plum Grove Road, Palatine, 847-496-4189. — Kevin Pang

**Revival Food Hall** Featuring 14 impressive food stalls and a cocktail bar, Revival is easily the best place to eat lunch in the Loop. Try hot chicken sandwiches at The Budlong, poke bowls at Aloha and more. Open: Lunch and early dinner Monday-Friday; bar until 9 p.m. Monday-Friday. Prices: Entrees \$8-\$15. 125 S. Clark St., 773-999-9411. — Nick Kindelsperger

**River Rost** Well-known chefs Tony Mantuano and John Hogan are behind this riverfront restaurant. The sized-for-two roasted entrees are the stars, including an insanely good chicken. Open:

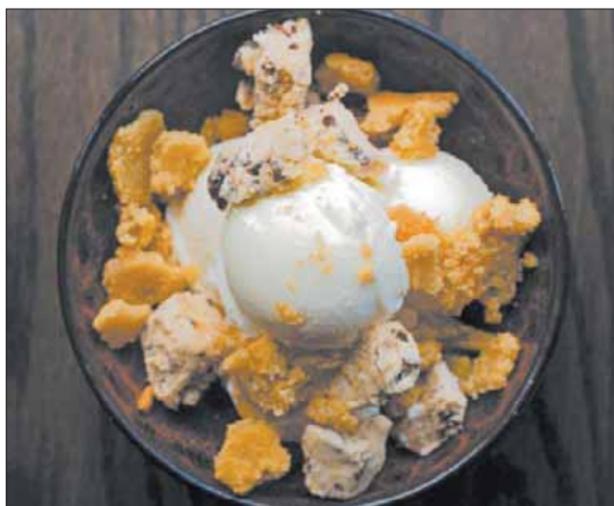
Dinner daily, lunch Monday-Friday, brunch Saturday-Sunday. Prices: Entrees \$22-\$25, entrees-for-two \$39-\$42. 315 N. LaSalle St., 312-822-0100. — Phil Vettel

**RPM Steak** This chic, sleek steakhouse exceeds expectations in so many ways I can scarcely list them all. There are superior cocktails in the bar, which offers great people-watching; a dizzying array of beefy options, from grass-fed steaks to A5 Japanese wagyu; superb seafood; and a memorable chicken. Dinner-jacket-clad servers are utterly professional. I feel more sophisticated eating here. Also somewhat underdressed. Open: Dinner daily. Prices: Entrees \$23-\$155. 66 W. Kinzie St., 312-284-4990. — Phil Vettel

**Sable Kitchen & Bar** Sable has struggled with its identity, with a number of staff shuffles in recent years. Amber Lancaster, a French-trained chef who has worked at Alinea and Moto, then as a private chef, has turned it around. Her menu is an appealing mix of Mediterranean influences — dishes that easily match Sable’s still-excellent cocktail program. She’s making gradual progress, like with her pillowy ricotta gnudi, aided by a soothing onion broth and chanterelle mushrooms. Open: Breakfast and dinner daily; brunch Saturday and Sunday. Prices: Large plates \$14-\$38. 505 N. State St., 312-755-9704. — Phil Vettel

**Salero** “Midwest, inspired by Spain,” is chef Ashlee Aubin’s thumbnail description of this West Loop “tapas-free zone.” In a 50-seat dining room hung with warehouse lights and a front bar with a few counter-height tables, a Spanish-heavy wine list is augmented by a well-chosen selection of sherries. Open: Dinner daily, lunch Monday-Friday. Prices: Entrees \$23-\$36. 621 W. Randolph St., 312-466-1000. — Phil Vettel

**Sal’s Trattoria** Allen Stern-



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**Roister** This boisterous, messy, decidedly un-Alinea restaurant from the Alinea group offers food from Andrew Brochu, nearly all of it cooked on a 6-foot-high open hearth. Dishes have no common denominator except Brochu’s fearless use of acidic and fermented flavors. To finish your meal, don’t miss the milk and cookies dessert, above. Fair warning: The dining room is loud. Reservations are made via online tickets, but some walk-in dining is possible. Open: Dinner daily, brunch Friday-Sunday. Prices: Entrees \$31-\$59. 951 W. Fulton Market. — Phil Vettel

weiler (Butcher & the Burger) is the chef behind this Lakeview charmer. A single-page, budget-conscious menu offers the usual suspects, plus more offbeat efforts. Open: Dinner Tuesday-Sunday. Prices: Pasta and main courses \$18-\$28. 2834 N. Southport Ave., 773-857-1401. — Phil Vettel

**Sepia** Stars abound among the entrees at Sepia, the older sibling to the highly successful Proxi, both owned by Emmanuel Nony. Executive chef Andrew Zimmerman and chef de cuisine Adam Zoscsak offer their takes on New American cuisine. Sarah Mispagel’s pastry work doesn’t disappoint. Service is spot on and eagerly conversant on the menu and wines. Open: Dinner daily; lunch Monday-Friday. Prices:

Entrees \$24-\$38; tasting menu \$95. 123 N. Jefferson St., 312-441-1920. — Phil Vettel

**S.K.Y.** At S.K.Y. in Pilsen, out-of-towner chef Stephen Gillanders (formerly of Lettuce Entertain You’s Intro) wows with fine-dining finesse. Gillanders shows a deft hand with heat, which he employs the way other chefs use acidity. The highlight of his fried chicken (a boneless, skinless thigh), is the twice-fermented hot sauce poured tableside against a levee of creamed corn. Open: Dinner Wednesday-Sunday; brunch Saturday and Sunday. Prices: Main courses \$19-\$28. 1239 W. 18th St., 312-846-1077. — Phil Vettel

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**Somerset** Lee Wolen gives his seasonal American cooking a less formal, more rustic touch in this Gold Coast charmer in the Viceroy Chicago (nee Cedar Hotel). Fans of Wolen’s work at Boka know to look for signature ingredients such as octopus and whole-roasted chicken (the latter served Sunday-supper style, with side dishes), but keep an eye out also for beef tartare. The ever-reliable Meg Galus contributes stellar desserts. Entrees \$23-\$55. Breakfast, lunch/brunch, dinner daily. 1112 N. State St., 312-586-2150. — Phil Vettel

**Steadfast** The most ambitious restaurant to hit the Loop in a long time is a small-plates American spot. There’s a lot to love: the complex cooking of chef Chris Davies, the superb bread and dessert from pastry chef Chris Teixeira, and impressive charcuterie. Open: Dinner Monday-Saturday, lunch Monday-Friday. Prices: Entrees \$24-\$39. 120 W. Monroe St., 312-801-8899. — Phil Vettel

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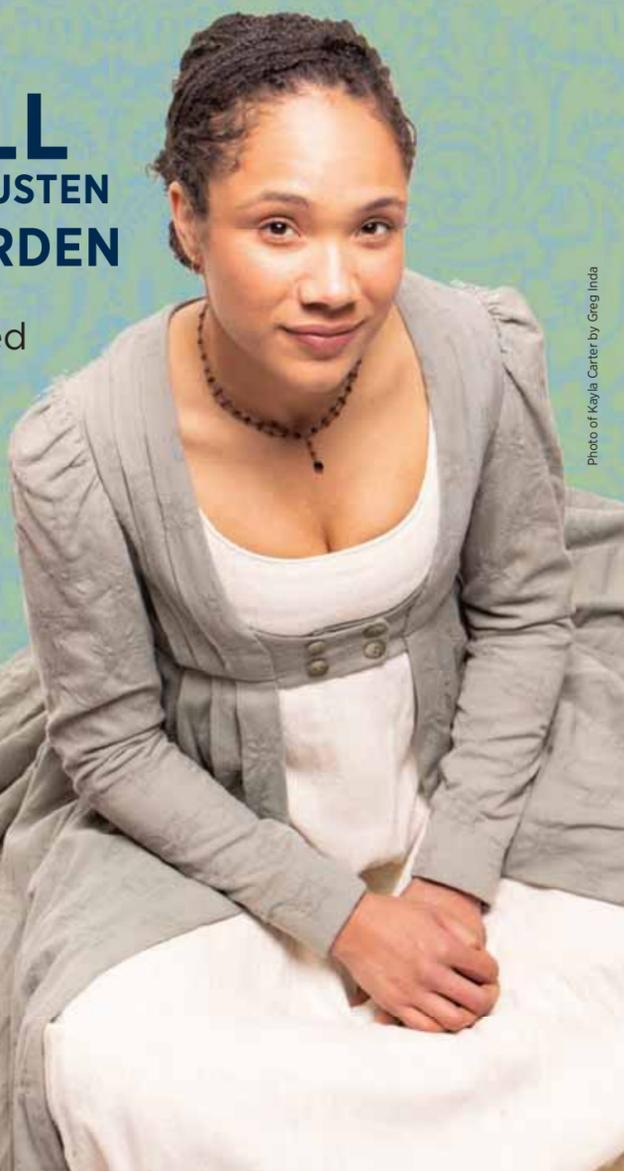


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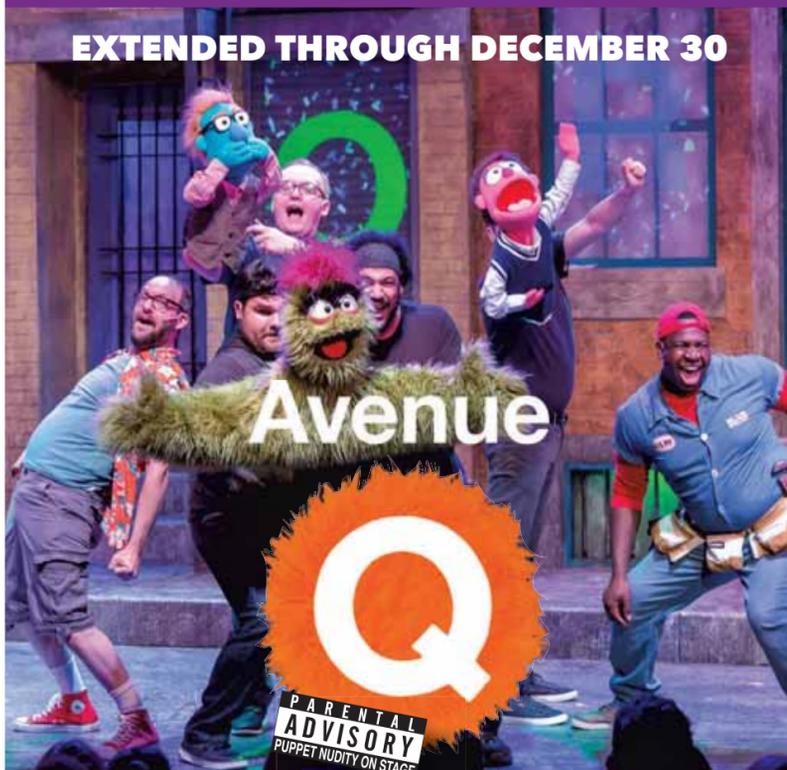
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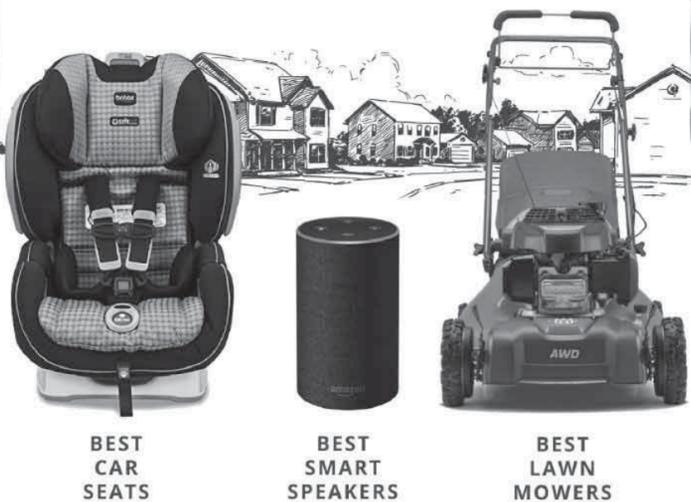
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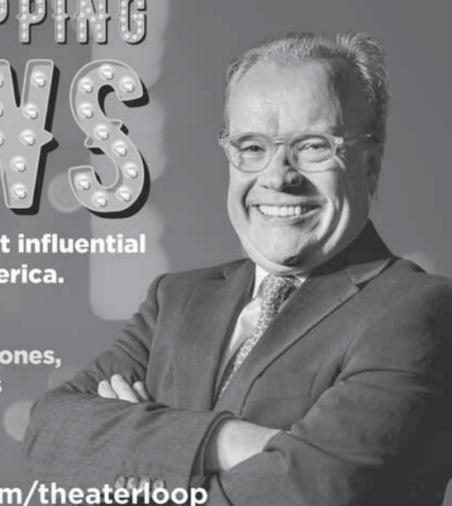
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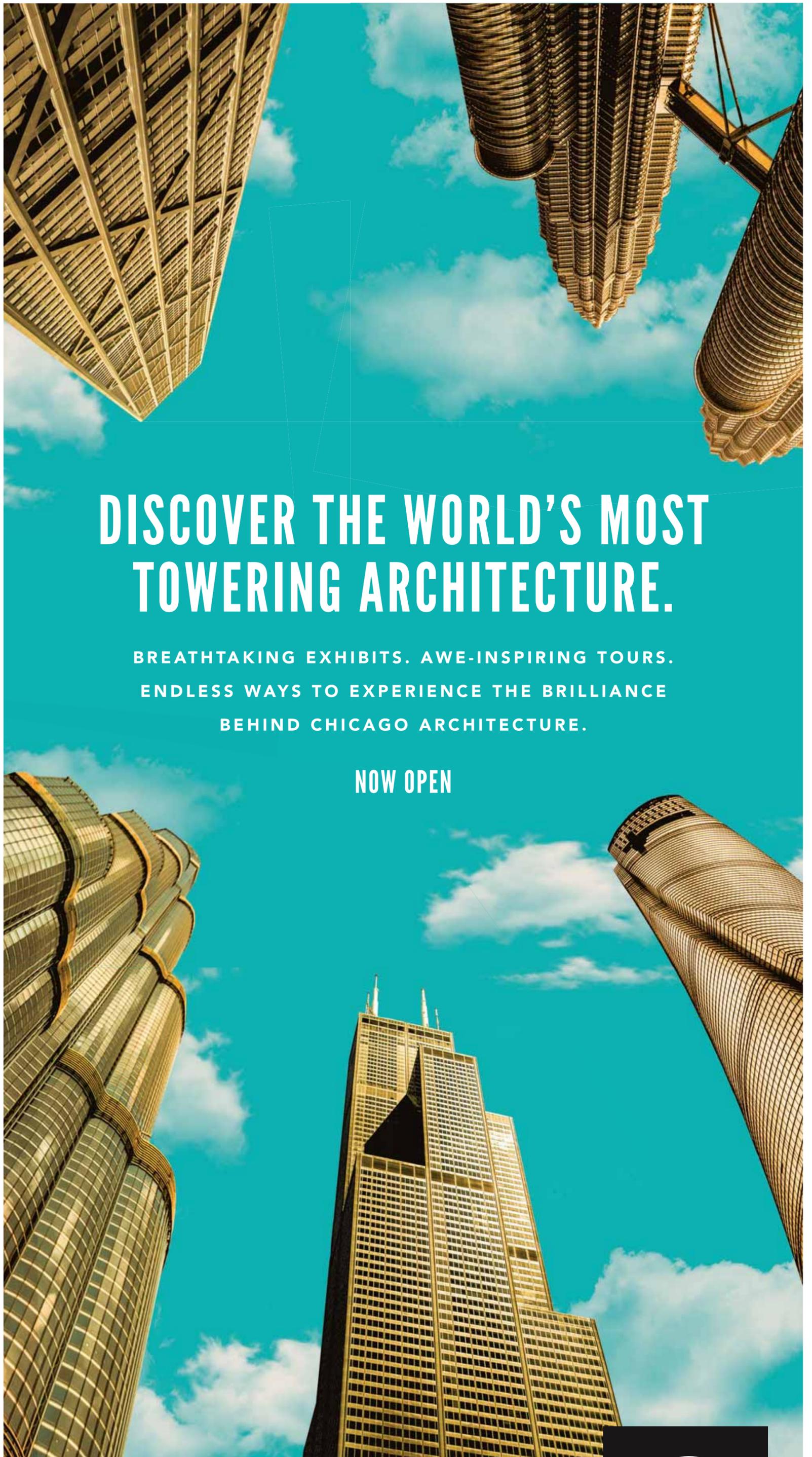
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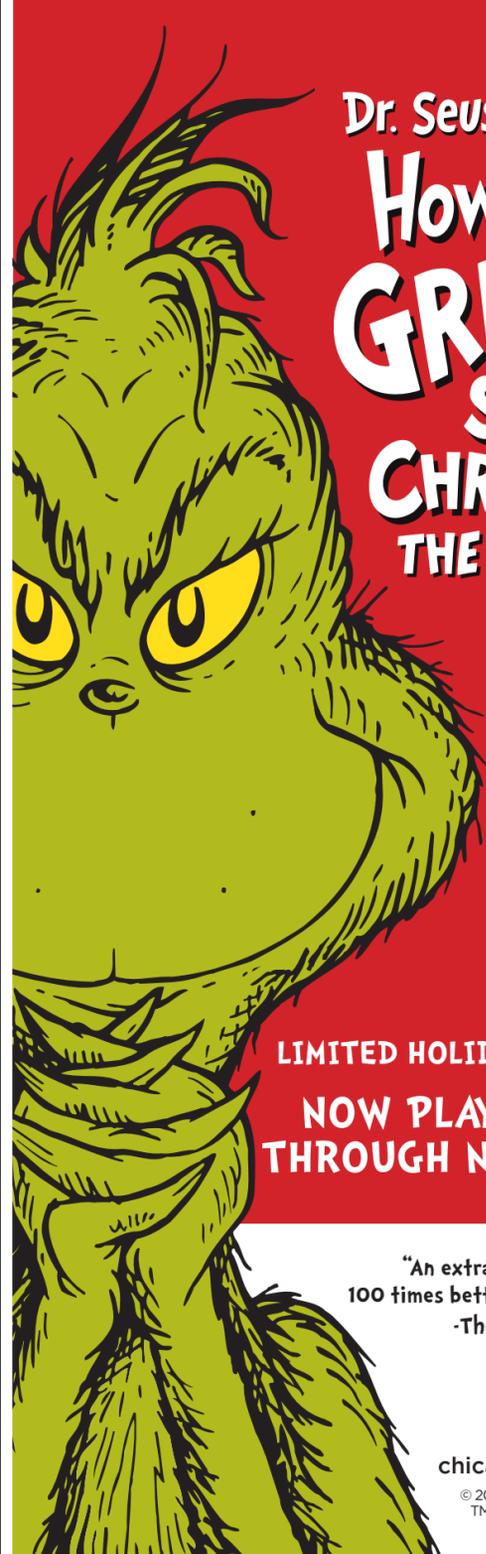
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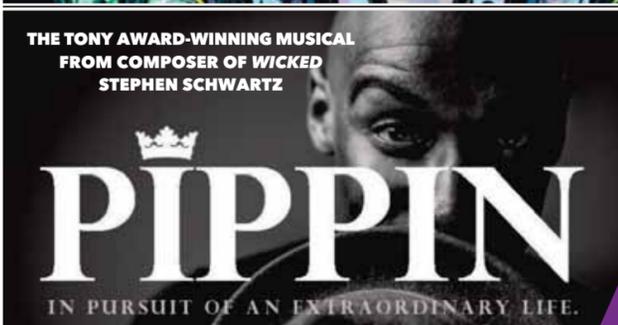
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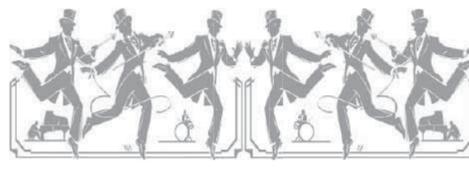


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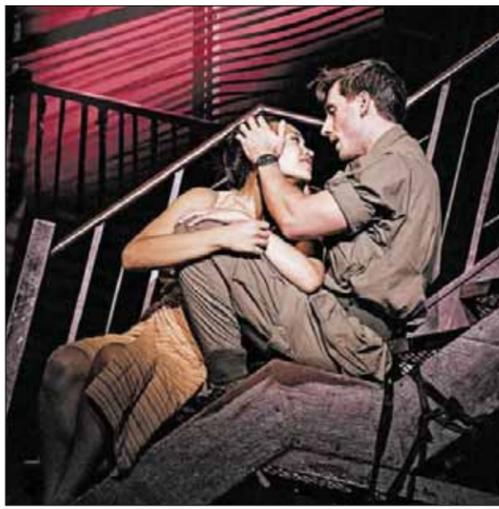
## 'Miss Saigon,' tour is the end of era

"We will never," said Cameron Mackintosh, sounding unusually wistful, "be all together doing this again."

Mackintosh — often known by the sobriquet "Mister Producer" — and the most successful British theatrical entrepreneur of his generation — was talking from Providence, R.I., where he was together with Claude-Michel Schönberg and Alain Boublil, the French duo responsible for creating "Les Misérables," one of the most successful musicals of all time.

But the "this" in Mackintosh's comment referenced "Miss Saigon," the second of Schönberg and Boublil's twin hits and a show that opened on Broadway in 1991 with an advance of \$24 million, regarded as a phenomenal sum at the time. Known for its simulation of a helicopter landing during the fall of Saigon, "Miss Saigon" was both a re-telling of Giacomo Puccini's "Madama Butterfly" and the peak of the so-called mega-musical blitz of the 1990s, the last gasp of the pre-digital era when shows from London competed to wow North American audiences with colossal amounts of spectacle.

By October 1992, "Miss Saigon" was at the Auditorium Theatre in Chicago; Chicago had the first post-Broadway production in the United States. The show lasted 312 performances in an era when shows in Chicago did not tend to be long-running engagements, which explains why Mackintosh calls Chicago one of his favorite markets and "a city that really responded to the show." Indeed, the



Emily Bautista as Kim and Anthony Festa as Chris in the touring production of "Miss Saigon."

lucrative engagement at the Auditorium transformed the finances of the Auditorium, which soon was to battle unsuccessfully for its independence from Roosevelt University, which had asserted its rights to control the theater, now officially known as the Auditorium Theatre of Roosevelt University. Three years later, the original Nicholas Hytner production returned to Chicago for a reprise engagement, raking in another \$9 million.

And in 2000, the 17 trucks that housed the show rolled back into the Auditorium one more time.

All of these Chicago presentations did not stint on anything seen by audiences in New York and London. This was the Mackintosh signature — no cheapening out on the tour. "Miss Saigon" delivered "Miss Saigon" in every city.

The Chicago history of

"Miss Saigon" hardly ends there. There was a controversial non-union tour (licensed but not produced by Mackintosh) and, eventually, locally produced stagings of the show at both the Marriott Theatre in Lincolnshire and the Paramount Theatre in Aurora.

But the production that opens Friday at the Cadillac Palace Theatre is the work of Mackintosh once again.

This is not the original Hytner production, but a staging by Laurence Connor, whom Mackintosh describes as "a gifted director" and the man he has most entrusted to bring his mega musicals into the 21st century. The lyrics — which Mackintosh felt needed "freshening" after all these years — have been enhanced by the Chicago theater artist Michael Mahler. "We wanted someone from a different generation," Mackintosh said. "Michael did a fantas-

tic job."

I've seen this version of "Miss Saigon" twice already — once in London's West End and once on Broadway. Although it uses less physical scenery — no show tours in 17 trucks anymore — it delivers a fully comparable immersive spectacle to the production that Chicago so loved in the 1990s, while also updating the staging.

To a point. There is now a significant amount of articulate critical opposition to "Miss Saigon," a show that some view as reductive and stereotypical, affording no agency to its Vietnamese characters and perpetuating pernicious stereotypes. The show is, of course, a French romantic fantasy; it is the work of two liberal Frenchmen looking at the piece through the eyes of one of colonial powers who created the geopolitical milieu that caused the strife the piece illuminates. As Mackintosh notes, the creators intended the show to be deeply critical of both French colonialism and America's involvement in Vietnam; it is especially satirical toward the latter, critiquing America from a European perspective. "Miss Saigon" is very much about how the French felt about America (and themselves) in the 1990s; it never claimed to be an authentic Vietnamese story.

But that does not assuage all of the cogent objections, and it should not be expected to do so. Nor does the show's singular track record of hiring more Asian-American actors than any other musical in history. Those critics point to the painful casting controversies at

the show's inception, when the white British actor Jonathan Pryce was cast on Broadway as The Engineer. On the other hand, its defenders note that Asian-American audiences have been highly supportive of the piece throughout its history — a reality that you could see in New York. Neither side is likely to change its mind.

Mackintosh says that this production of "Miss Saigon" features "the very best cast I have ever seen," and he waxes lyrical about the new young performers he has discovered. These days, of course, all of the Vietnamese roles are played by actors of color.

But the touring cast is new, and it features the longtime Chicago actress Christine Bunyan, who sings the famous ballad, "The Movie in My Mind." "Christine is so good," Mackintosh says, "we changed the show to fit what she was doing."

I suspect this will be the last "Miss Saigon" to be seen in Chicago for a long time; it has the feeling of a last hurrah, certainly at this level. Mackintosh, a famously hands-on and demanding producer, said that while he cannot anticipate the future he does know that "we won't all be in the room" anymore. If you're not a fan, you know by now not to go. If you are, this is the end of an era.

"Miss Saigon" plays through Dec. 8 at the Cadillac Palace Theatre, 151 W. Randolph St.; 800-775-2000 and [www.broadwayinchicago.com](http://www.broadwayinchicago.com)

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## OPENINGS

### Friday

**"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat":** The Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice classic tells the Old Testament story of Joseph and his brothers. Through Dec. 23 at Citadel Theatre Company, 300 S. Waukegan Road, Lake Forest; 847-735-8554 and [www.citadeltheatre.org](http://www.citadeltheatre.org)

**"Mansfield Park":** Based on the Jane Austen book, Fanny Price must learn to navigate life on her aunt and uncle's wealthy estate. Through Dec. 16 at Northlight Theatre, 9501 Skokie Blvd., Skokie; 847-673-6300 and [www.northlight.org](http://www.northlight.org)

### Saturday

**"The Steadfast Tin Soldier":** Inspired by the story by Hans Christian Andersen, a little tin soldier is accompanied by live musicians. Through Jan. 13 at Lookingglass Theatre, 821 N. Michigan Ave.; 312-337-0665 and [www.lookingglasstheatre.org](http://www.lookingglasstheatre.org)

**"Rightlynd":** The play by Ike Holter is set in Chicago's 51st Ward. Through Dec. 23 at Victory Gardens, 2433 N. Lincoln Ave.; 773-871-3000 and [www.victorygardens.org](http://www.victorygardens.org)

### Sunday

**"Miracle on 34th Street":** Santa encounters a skeptical little girl during the season of sharing and caring. Through Dec. 23 at Theatre at the Center, 1040 Ridge Road, Munster, Ind.; 219-836-3255 and [www.theatreatthecenter.com](http://www.theatreatthecenter.com)

**"The Woman in Black":** Susan Hill's ghost story is set in an isolated mansion. Through Feb. 17 at Royal George Theatre, 1641 N. Halsted St.; 312-988-9000 and [www.theroyalgeorgetheatre.com](http://www.theroyalgeorgetheatre.com)

### Monday

**"Arcadia":** Characters from two different time periods enter and exit the same room. Through Dec. 16 at the Greenhouse Theatre, 2257 N. Lincoln Ave.; 773-404-7336 and [www.prometheatheatre.org](http://www.prometheatheatre.org)

### Wednesday

**"It's a Wonderful Life: Live in Chicago!":** American Blues Theater presents a live radio broadcast, featuring the town of Bedford Falls. Through Jan. 5 at Stage 773, 1225 W. Belmont Ave.; 773-327-5252 and [www.americanbluestheater.com](http://www.americanbluestheater.com)

## CHRIS JONES RECOMMENDS

### "A Shayna Maidel" ★★★★★

Barbara Lebow's 1980s play "A Shayna Maidel" is a much richer work than I ever realized, especially in director Vanessa Stalling's exquisitely acted production at TimeLine Theatre. On its face, this is a simple story of the reconciliation of a father and his two Jewish, Polish-born sisters, one of whom survived a concentration camp, the other who escaped the Holocaust and came to America. But you don't escape anything, of course. Through Dec. 16 at TimeLine Theatre, 615 W. Wellington Ave.; \$40-\$54 at 773-281-8463 or [timelinetheatre.com](http://timelinetheatre.com)

### "Avenue Q" ★★★★★ 1/2

"Avenue Q" is once again a long-running hit in Chicago. "Warning, puppet sex" once again appears on the Mercury Theater's marquee on Southport. Director L. Walter Stearns' production has been extended all the way through November; he's letting Princeton, Kate Monster, Gary Coleman, Christmas Eve and the rest of the gang in the show by Jeff Whitty, with music by Jeff Marx and Robert Lopez, run on and on and on. Open run at Mercury Theater Chicago, 3745 N. Southport Ave.; \$35-\$65 at [www.mercurytheaterchicago.com](http://www.mercurytheaterchicago.com)

### "Blue Man Group" ★★★★★ 1/2

"Blue Man Group" has been playing at Briar Street since 1997, a remarkable run of 20-plus years. Open run at the Briar Street Theatre, 3133 N. Halsted St.; \$49-\$69 at [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)

### "Downstate" ★★★★★

Playwright Bruce Norris's intellectually rigorous new play will be remembered as one of the more incendiary productions in the history of the Steppenwolf Theatre Company. "Downstate," which is a co-production with the National Theatre in London and is blisteringly acted under the direc-

tion of Pam MacKinnon, dares to ask that audience to gather and debate the not-so-gentle proposition that sex offenders are people too. His play is set entirely in a group home located in an unnamed Illinois community southwest of Joliet. Through Nov. 18 at Steppenwolf Theatre Company, 1650 N. Halsted St.; \$20-\$99 at 312-335-1650 or [www.steppenwolf.org](http://www.steppenwolf.org)

### "Gaslight District" ★★★★★

The best work in the new Second City e.t.c. Stage revue "Gaslight District" engages at an equal level with the paying customers in the seats. For example, there's a terrific Uber Pool bit mocking the faux communities that emerge in the traffic-snarling world of shared rides. And cast member Jasbir Singh Vazquez plays a guy who shows up at the offices of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, requesting his own deportation. Open run on the Second City e.t.c. Stage, 1608 N. Wells St. in Piper's Alley; \$21-\$48 at 312-337-3992 and [www.secondcity.com](http://www.secondcity.com)

### "Gypsy" ★★★★★

If you doubt that the passion of one gifted performer can raise the game of an entire young cast, you have not seen E. Faye Butler as Rose in the fabulous new Porchlight Music Theatre production of "Gypsy." Director Michael Weber has nailed the scenes that matter the most. Through Dec. 29 at the Ruth Page Center for the Arts, 1016 N. Dearborn St.; \$34-\$61 at 773-777-9884 or [www.porchlightmusictheatre.org](http://www.porchlightmusictheatre.org)

### "Hamilton" ★★★★★

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### "Frankenstein" ★★★★★

"Frankenstein" is Court Theatre's collaboration with Manual Cinema, the remarkable Chicago company that creates silent movies before your eyes. If you've not seen Manual Cinema before, you'll likely be blown away by the artistry. "Frankenstein" posed some challenges. Not only are the creators (Drew Dir, along with Sarah Fornace as Mary Shelley and Julia VanArsdale Miller as the Creature) trying to tell the story of "Frankenstein," they very much want to foreground Shelley's own story. The piece is a tad too long, and if you don't know the original story you might get lost. But you'll still be compelled, I think, by the fresh ideas. Through Dec. 2 at Court Theatre, 5535 S. Ellis Ave.; \$50-\$74 at 773-753-4472 or [www.courttheatre.org](http://www.courttheatre.org)

### "Hello, Dolly!" ★★★★★

Before we get into trains and parades passing by, galloping waiters and all the rest of that glorious Broadway mishegoss as the splendid 2017 Broadway revival of "Hello, Dolly!" lands in Chicago, how does the tour compare to Broadway? Atop the title it reads Betty Buckley. Buckley is, of course, a serious actress whose comedic capability is rooted in truth. This could not be a more different performance from the original star, Midler. Yet I enjoyed them both — for entirely different reasons. Through Nov. 17 at the Oriental Theatre, 24 W. Randolph St.; \$27-\$108 at 800-775-2000 and [www.broadwayinchicago.com](http://www.broadwayinchicago.com)

### "In the Canyon" ★★★★★ 1/2

We fans of Calamity West have long been waiting for that play, the one that propels her talent forward. "In the Canyon," which

matches West with the right kind of humanistic, story-oriented director in Elly Green, is that play, I think. We start in 2007; a young woman (the terrific Liz Sharpe) has just had an abortion and finds little love from her partner or her roommate. By the end of intermission, we're in 2027 and past abortions mean present subpoenas. Multiple characters come and go in these scenes and they're not always easy to track, but this is a rush of an Orwellian dystopian drama for progressives. Through Nov. 24 at Broadway Armory Park, 5917 N. Broadway; \$5-\$25 at [www.jackalopetheatre.org](http://www.jackalopetheatre.org)

### "Southern Gothic" ★★★★★

A house has been built inside the Windy City Playhouse on Irving Park Road. Not the usual stage set. As you walk into the theater for the play "Southern

Gothic" by Leslie Liautaud, you're asked to enter what looks like a real house, replete with a lime-green kitchen, created by set designer Scott Davis for director David Bell's production. You and your 27 fellow audience members join four couples whose political and personal travails make up a play set entirely during a fraught dinner party in Ashford, Ga., in 1961. Thanks to this truthful cast, it all works spectacularly well. Through Dec. 9 at the Windy City Playhouse, 3014 W. Irving Park Road; \$65-\$85 at 773-891-8985 and [www.windycityplayhouse.com](http://www.windycityplayhouse.com)

### "Bitter Earth" ★★★★★

In the most powerful moment in "Bitter Earth," a new two-character play by Harrison David Rivers, we see a young white man berating his African-American lover for what he sees as shameful political inac-

tion, especially when it comes to matters of race. "You're a double-minority," the exasperated guy says. His lover, played at About Face Theatre by the resonant Sheldon Brown, stares back at him. How can his own partner not see the great cost of his merely surviving in this world? This is a sometimes indulgent piece but one evidencing a talented writer with a poet's touch and a fast-beating heart. Through Dec. 8 at Theater Wit, 1229 W. Belmont Ave.; \$20-\$38 at 773-975-8150 or [www.aboutface.org](http://www.aboutface.org)

### "Witch" ★★★★★

The Faustian myth — wherein some ambitious dude sells his soul to the devil — is one of literature's most popular themes. In Jen Silverman's most interesting "Witch," which has its world premiere at Writers Theatre in Glencoe, Faust becomes Elizabeth, a woman who has an especially strong motivation to sell her soul to the devil, given that everyone in her community already believes her to be a witch. How does the equation change when the Faustian bargain must be made by a woman? Through Dec. 16 at Writers Theatre, 325 Tudor Court, Glencoe; \$35-\$80 at 847-242-6000 and [www.writerstheatre.org](http://www.writerstheatre.org)

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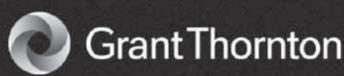
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Chevrolet will offer the 2019 Colorado RST, which stands for "Rally Sport Truck," with a handful of exterior upgrades but no performance-oriented changes. The Colorado RST builds upon the LT trim, with exclusive exterior features such as a "Chevrolet" lettered front grille design, black body side moldings, and various black badging on the tailgate, such as the RST, Colorado, and Chevrolet bowtie logos. The RST also becomes the first Colorado to come with 20-inch wheels, which will have a low-gloss black finish.



While Chevrolet states that the Colorado RST is "street-focused," the 2019 Colorado Z71 Trail Runner is definitely geared toward off-road use. The Z71 Trail Runner adds underbody protection from the range-topping ZR2 trim, such as rocker protection and aluminum skid plates, while also including a set of beefy Goodyear Duratrac tires and the lettered front grille. Of course, the Z71 Trail Runner includes all of the standard Z71 features, such as the automatically locking rear differential, 4.10 axle ratio, hill-descent control, front off-road recovery tow hooks, and an off-road-oriented suspension.

Both models will be available in either 2-wheel drive (2WD) or 4-wheel drive (4WD). The standard power plant for both special-edition models is a 2.5-liter 4-cylinder with 200 horsepower and 191 lb.-ft. of torque, which pairs to a 6-speed automatic transmission for 2WD models and an 8-speed automatic for 4WD models.

However, a Chevrolet spokesperson noted that the vast majority of these special-edition models will utilize the optional 3.6-liter V6 making 308 hp and 275 lb.-ft. of torque, while the 2.8-liter 4-cylinder Duramax diesel engine with 186 hp and 369 lb.-ft. of torque is also available as an option for both. Regardless of driven wheels, the V6 pairs with an 8-speed automatic transmission and the diesel engine pairs with a 6-speed automatic. The spokesperson also claims that the Duramax engine is more likely to be found in the Z71 Trail Runner than the RST, noting that it is a popular engine for off-roading purposes.

Though pricing and a specific release date aren't finalized yet, you can expect to see both the Colorado RST and the Colorado Z71 Trail Runner at Chevrolet dealerships in early 2019.

— Kevin Barr, *New York Daily News*

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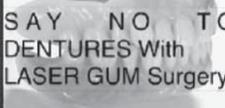
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**IN THE INTEREST OF**  
**Briyanna Pickett**

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Lashawna Johnson (Mother) AKA Lashawna Johnson

JUVENILE NO.: **18JA00914**

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Sabrina Broughton (Guardian)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **September 14, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXK** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Kimberly Lewis** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **12/10/2018**, at **10:00 AM** in CALENDAR 8 COURTROOM H, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, an adjudicatory hearing will be held upon the petition to have the minor declared to be a ward of the court and for other relief under the Act.

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DOROTHY BROWN, CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
**November 16, 2018**

### LEGAL NOTICES GOVERNMENT/EDUCATION

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

**IN THE INTEREST OF**  
**Evelyn Carter**

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Alicia Carter (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: **13JA01102**

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, **Unknown (Father) and Alicia Carter (Mother)**, respondents, and to **All Whom It May Concern**, that on **October 15, 2018**, a petition was filed under the Juvenile Court Act by **KIM FOXK** in this court and that in the courtroom of Judge **Kimberly Lewis** in the Cook County Juvenile Court Building, 1100 So. Hamilton Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, ON **12/10/2018**, at **11:00 AM** in CALENDAR 8 COURTROOM H, or as soon thereafter as this case may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to terminate your parental rights and appoint a guardian with power to consent to adoption.

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**October 16, 2018**

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

**IN THE INTEREST OF**  
**Eva Thomas AKA Eva Thomas AKA Eva Carter**

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Alicia Carter (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: **13JA01101**

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**IN THE INTEREST OF**  
**Evelyn Carter**

MINOR(S) CHILD(REN) OF Alicia Carter (Mother)

JUVENILE NO.: **13JA01102**

**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

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